

## URGES PARKS ALONG HIGHWAYS OF STATE

SAVIDGE TO ASK AUTHORITY FROM LEGISLATURE TO PROMOTE PLAN.

Commissioner Clark V. Savidge of the state land department will urge the coming legislature to grant him authority to reserve state lands along public highways for park purposes. He would limit these parks to five acres in area and lay them out with an eye chiefly to preserving the best types of big fir trees for which the Puget Sound region is noted, but which are rapidly becoming scarce except in more remote sections where they are rarely seen by tourists. Commissioner Savidge also believes the highway parks would aid greatly to the convenience and delight of automobile touring parties as favored spots for rest and luncheon. To fit in with the plan the state owns several tracts of land, the commissioner states, along Hood Canal, which would be admirably adapted to scenic purposes and for camping sites. He enumerates Section 36, Township 23 north, Range 4 west, which touches the canal and is sit-

uated on the highway northeast of Hoodport, and also Section 16 in Range 3, which fronts on the canal and is crossed by Eagle Creek, lying along the Olympic highway three miles northeast of Lilliwaup. On the Sunset highway the state owns a section in the high Cascades between Kachess and Keechelus lakes and there are several attractive park camp sites along the Columbia highway.

**High School Contractors Enjoined.**  
Upon the motion of the Maryland Casualty company, an order was issued by the local superior court this week, returnable January 13, temporarily restraining the Olympia school board from paying Hendrickson & Co. of Seattle, contractors on the new William Winlock high school, the remainder of the money due on the work. The company has also brought suit against the contractors to recover funds due creditors.

Miss Elizabeth McElroy entertained informally at tea at her home at Seventh and Washington streets Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Susan Haley of Corvallis, Ore., who was the holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Haley, at the Mitchell. The guests were young women of the city who attended the local high school, when Miss Haley was a student two years ago.

## TO DEFINE POLICY ON RECONSTRUCTION

STATE-WIDE CONGRESS TO BE HELD AT TACOMA JANUARY 9 AND 10.

Every interest in the state of Washington is invited to send representatives to the reconstruction congress to be held in Tacoma January 9 and 10, in a call issued by Mayor Hanson of Seattle. The proposed meeting is the result of an informal conference at Tacoma last Friday attended by representatives of commercial, civic, industrial, social and economic organizations from all parts of the state. Mayor Hanson, chairman of the Tacoma conference, was authorized to call the state meeting.

The invitation is sent to all commercial organizations, central labor organizations, farmers' organizations, good roads associations, land settlement associations, federated women's clubs, social welfare organizations, and all reconstruction congresses, and to all mayors of incorporated cities and all county commissioners, of each and every city and county of the state of Washington, and to each and every state executive and legislative officer of the state of Washington, and to each and every state educational institution, and to all other organizations interested in civic development of reconstruction problems.

The formal call reads in part: "The state of Washington is now confronted with the serious and important problems of reconstruction, readjustment and state development. Never in the history of this state have its citizens faced such a momentous and critical era as is now presented. The necessity of immediately readjusting the nation and ourselves from a war to a peace basis presents such serious problems to us as will require in their solution the united co-operation of all our people.

"War industries have suddenly ceased; soldiers and sailors are daily, in large numbers, being released from the military forces of the government. Private capital and enterprises will naturally be cautious, owing to the uncertainty of price levels, to resume the industries of the past. We face a period when thousands of our men and women may be unable to find employment.

"The federal government has indicated that it conceives the solution of the readjustment problems to be the inauguration of a large government improvement program, including the reclamation and settlement of waste lands of the nation. It is incumbent upon the state of Washington to take up and dovetail with the federal plans a program of state development."

The call is signed by Mayor Hanson, chairman, and Stuart Rice, secretary, and the names of those who attended the informal conference are indorsed as follows:

Clark V. Savidge, commissioner of public lands; E. F. Benson, state commissioner of agriculture; Vaughn Tanner, attorney-general; B. W. Coiner, Senator Ralph Metcalf, Senator Walter S. Davis, Representative James H. Davis, O. G. Ellis, Mayor C. M. Riddell, Mrs. C. P. Balabanoff, E. M. Hayden, Torger Peterson, Thomas F. Murphree, Erven H. Palmer, Representative E. H. Guie, Senator William Wray, Frank Terrace, Fred Nelson, Lucy R. Case, J. J. Wettrick, Col. Howard A. Hanson, I. Curtiss Parker, Prof. Stephen I. Miller, R. T. Whitling, C. N. Reitze, Fred W. Graham, G. R. Sumpter, Gordon C. Corbaley, executive secretary of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce; Carl E. Croson, N. B. Coffman, R. R. Somerville, A. M. Storch, Representative Fred L. Wolff, Eli Rockey, Representative J. C. Hubbell, E. M. Gillette, R. K. Tiffany, J. A. Ford, Frank W. Gullbert, William Bouck, Laura S. Bouck, A. F. Marsh, James Marshall Methow.

## RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

Contributed by MISS LOUISE AYER, Secretary Olympia Chapter.

Since the censorship was lifted the letters from our boys abroad have increased greatly in interest. One, after describing the trip from New York to Italy and thence to France, continues:

"Early on the morning of the 12th of September a very heavy barrage commenced and at 4:30 the St. Mihiel sector began to be wiped out. It was a walk away and we had practically nothing to do. Worked from around Point-a-Mousson and Thiaucourt, evacuating to Toul.

"On the 25th we moved to the Argonne front. Went into Camp des Belges. It was an abandoned Belgian camp and there was the little chateau from where I wrote so often. Our first field hospital was at Neuville-on-the-Aire river and by very bitter fighting Jerry was slowly driven back.

"The front lines went just beyond Grand Pre where they stopped for a rest. But how the engineers and transport men, etc., worked establishing communication and bringing up supplies! New railroads would spring into being, German lines (narrow gauge) would suddenly find little engines marked 'U. S. A.' puffing along them.

"On the morning of November 1 we saw the barrage that all were awaiting impatiently. But Jerry was wobbling badly. The morning of the 3rd we started 'moving up.' All day we labored in an endless chain of traffic. The country was open and as far as the eye could see was an unbroken line. The dead were unburied and far to the north Frita was going fast—the Yanks rode in trucks to keep up.

"At night we reached Themorgues, just south of Buzancy, which in turn is south of Sedan. Things were in great confusion. There was nothing to eat, dead horses and men were in the fields and streets and all was a sea of mud. We started back with a load of slightly wounded at 12:30 a. m. and got back to Cheppy at 10:30 a. m.

"In one place where the road had been badly shelled by a large gun there were about 20 large trucks ditched in just a few hundred feet. Some were clear upside down. But at this time we were relieved and on November 7th started back to Toul to be with the second army.

"We evacuated into Toul from hospitals to the north and were intended to help in the drive on Metz that started just before the armistice became effective. Now we are at a hospital just out of Toul and as far as I know will be here for the next war.

"So ends my story. It is a very small part of a very big thing, but with two service bars and a service stripe suppose I could carry a bluff, aided by the glamor of time, if so many millions had not shamed me by their greater deeds of which we can never know the whole.

"The Red Cross has just served cocoa and cookies, warming my heart mightily. Three cheers for the Red Cross and Salvation Army! I want to say that the Salvation Army, as well as the Red Cross, has rendered a service to the doughboy which will give it a place in the sun that it has never occupied before.

"Bob is in the hospital and this evening most of the section called on him with the phonograph and the section quartette. I spent most of my time talking to Tommie who have been released from Germany.

"One attractive young fellow showed a group of severe burns on his leg that have rendered him unable to work for more than two months. He got them by putting little mustard plasters on his leg, leaving them there until blisters formed, and then removing the skin and rubbing in pepper and a dozen other things. When ready to bandage he poked each with a knife so that when the bandage was removed they had the appearance of abscesses.

"Why did he do it? To keep from going into the mines of Germany. It worked O. K., but when the news of the armistice came he could not get it well, so now is having a rest in the hospital here. There are quite a few prisoners here now and they truly represent the horrors of war. They are most grateful to the Red Cross and doubt if they would be eber today were it not for the food that it has given."

### "GO TO HELL," SAYS HOOVER.

U. S. Food Administrator Refuses to Talk to Huns Seeking Food.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Food Administrator Hoover, in Europe, arranging relief for the people of the war-devastated territories, has refused in emphatic terms to discuss German food conditions with Baron von der Lancken and Dr. Reith, who sought a meeting with the food administrator.

In answer to a message for a conference, Mr. Hoover sent this message:

"You can describe two and a half years of arrogance toward ourselves and cruelty to the Belgians in any language you may select and tell the pair personally to go to hell with my compliments. If I do have to deal with Germans it will not be with that pair."

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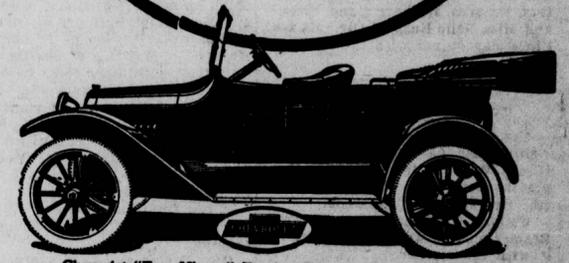
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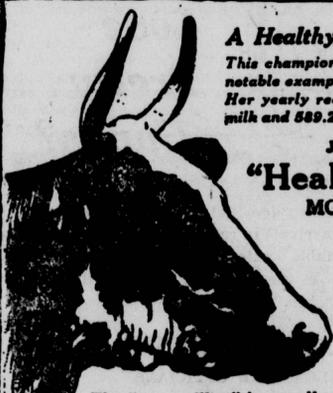
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