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Approval Given Bridge Project

Government Grants Per- mit for Span at St. Albans

Army department approval of the application of the St. Albans-Nitro Bridge company for permit to construct a bridge over the Kanawha river at St. Albans was given yesterday by Harry Woodring, assistant secretary of war.

The company is to surrender its permit to the city of St. Albans and its rights-of-way, and the city hopes to build the bridge with a federal grant of \$365,000.

Application for this grant already has been filed.

Plans for the bridge were first submitted in 1923 and the permit was issued then to the company which hoped to finance the construction and recover their money through tolls. Rights-of-way were obtained and preliminary work was done toward the construction of piers before financial difficulties interrupted progress on the project. Four years ago the company obtained a two year extension of their permit which finally lapsed in 1930.

For the sake of expediency the case was revived in the name of the company in order that there would be a minimum of delay in placing the application for a new permit before the army board of engineers.

A public hearing was conducted at St. Albans on June 12 at which time no protests were filed against the project from the standpoint of navigation.

The bridge which the city of St. Albans hopes to build is to be identical with the plans for the one the private company proposed.

The structure, if built, will connect state highways Nos. 60 and 25.