

ST. ALBANS BRIDGE PLANS FORWARDED

ACT ON OTHERS

Advisory Board of Public Works Staff Submits Three Projects

\$200,000 ON FORESTS

\$425,000 Proposed for on Span; Report Sent To Washington

Three projects, including the proposed construction of a \$425,000 bridge across the Kanawha river at St. Albans, were forwarded to Washington on Thursday by the state advisory board of the federal public works administration, to be accepted or rejected as part of the federal public works program.

The other two projects are the state conservation commission's proposal to purchase cut over lands for state forest purposes, and the application of the city of Shinnston for a water system loan. The three are the first to go to Washington from West Virginia.

In a brief announcement of the action of the board, which met here Wednesday, L. M. O'Neale, its engineer, said the specific recommendations of the state board concerning the projects would not be made public. In other words, either a favorable or an unfavorable or possibly a conditioned recommendation could accompany the board's report to the deputy administrator at Washington.

Would Build Toll Bridge

Of the three projects reported Thursday, the St. Albans bridge calling for an expenditure of \$425,000 is much the largest. Briefly the proposal calls for the construction of a highway bridge across the Kanawha from an extension of Third street in St. Albans, connecting U. S. route No. 60 and state route No. 25. A self-liquidating project, it would be operated by the city as a toll bridge. An undergrade crossing in Third street already has been constructed by the city as part of the general plan.

The state conservation commission's greatest project contemplates the purchase of several large tracts of cut over lands, for which a \$200,000 grant is sought. The tracts are tentatively selected, but final selection would await approval of the grant and would be made by the state and national forest commissions.

The third project would provide a new water supply for the city of Shinnston. The city at present has a modern purification plant, but its supply is drawn from the waters of the West Fork river, which has a high acid content. The project includes the building of a dam on Robinson run to impound a sufficient quantity of water to supply the city. The water would be transported to the present purification plant, operated by the city. About \$43,000 would be necessary for the project.

35 Applications Handled

Commenting on the board's progress with other projects, Mr. O'Neale said that although the first of the engineer examiners reported on September 1 and the second on September 8, 25 of the 35 applications on hand have been gone through.

"Twenty-two of these were found lacking in legal, technical and financial information they had to be returned to applications for revision," Mr. O'Neale said.

"The board and its staff," he continued, "are doing everything in their power to speed up these applications and will follow them closely in Washington in an effort to secure prompt action there. Applicants for loans will save the board of enormous amount of time and also prevent delays in putting applications through if they will be careful to follow instructions and submit applications strictly according to such instructions. The state engineer will be very glad to cooperate with anybody wanting information on this subject."