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 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'Neal, 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 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. 29. A self-incorporating project would be operated by the city as a toll bridge. In an upgrade crossing in Third street already has been constructed by the city as part of the general plan.

The state conservation commission's grant project contemplates the purchase of a tract of 35 acres of cut over lands, for which a $200,000 grant is sought. The tract is 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 separated by the city. About $43,000 would be necessary for the project.

25 Applications Handled

Commenting on the board's progress with other projects, Mr. O'Neal said that although the first of the examiner applications was received on September 1 and the second on September 4, 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 applicants for revision," Mr. O'Neal 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 speed up action there. Applicants for loans will save the board the embarrassment of having to delay applications through if they will be careful to follow instructions and submit all information on the subject."

The state engineer will be very glad to cooperate with any inquiry concerning the subject.