

"Why I Like to Live in Salem," is Popular Student Essay Subject

Exceptional Articles Written by Young People Stress Desirability of Permanent Residence in This Section — Strong Chamber of Commerce Aids Materially in Promoting Fundamental Business and Industrial Interests—Assistance to Directors of Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., First All American Owned Plant in the Nation, Marks High Point of Accomplishments During 1925—Booklet "Come to Oregon," Representative of This Section, Strikes Sudden Demand, Necessitating Third Edition—New Settlers Seek Information Daily — Chamber Officials Active.

THE name of our city is Salem, located on the Willamette river, in the northwestern part of Oregon. It is one hundred miles by road, sixty miles by air to the coast.

Salem is the capital of Oregon. All of the state's business is transacted here. Such as the legislature, supreme court and numerous others.

The climate is mild. Abundance of rain in the winter months, and very delightful summers. The soil is cultivated, and the land is gently rolling.

The scenery of Salem is very beautiful. Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson and Mt. Adams can be seen from many locations of the city.

thousand. Most of the people are United States citizens.

We have a good water system, which furnishes enough water to protect our homes with the aid of our large fire company.

We have police protection all over our city.

Taking all of these in consideration this is why I like to live in Salem.

There are several reasons why I like to live in Salem.

First is its location in the Willamette Valley which is surrounded with beautiful scenery. The mountains of the Cascade range are in plain sight along which are several high peaks as Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson and the

I have been in Salem four years. I like to live here because the climate is pleasant. It is neither too hot in the summer nor too cold in the winter.

The roads are good in Salem and the surrounding country. One can drive a car the whole year round. I can go to the coast in a short time.

I am glad I have such a good school to go to, and such a nice teacher.

There is a good college to which I hope I can go when I am old enough.

I like to live here because there is a good library where I can go and get good books when I wish. I enjoy the band concerts that

SALEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SETS RECORD WITH ACTIVITY

Aid in Establishing Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., Outstanding Accomplishment: 700 Meetings Are Held.

Material assistance in establishing the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., in Salem has been the outstanding accomplishment of the Salem chamber of commerce during the past year.

It was largely through the efforts of the chamber that more than \$200,000 worth of stock was subscribed to by residents of Salem vicinities. In addition to this considerable stock was sold in Portland.

Issuing of the third edition of the "Come to Oregon" pamphlet, considered by many to be the best pamphlet on the Willamette Valley, was another accomplishment of the chamber during the year. So great has become the demand for this pamphlet through the east that the chamber could easily unload them, it is said, as fast as they could be printed.

The chamber of commerce is the center of information for all the tourists and travelers coming through Salem. Issuing of pamphlets and maps and information of scenic stopping places has been a prominent task of the chamber.

Another phase of chamber work to reach large proportions during the year was the answering of questions from people from practically every part of the United States about conditions of farming in the Willamette Valley.

During the year between six and seven hundred meetings, civic and committee, have been held in the rooms of the chamber of commerce. The chamber's rooms are the only ones in the city available for the meetings of civic clubs.

Salem Business and Professional Women's club has been assisted by the chamber, which allowed the club the use of the auditorium twice a month for meetings until it has a hall of its own.

Building up of the Marion County Community Federation was another task in which the chamber helped. There are now over thirty communities in Marion county in the organization.

plowed with a tractor, followed by a subsoil plow, preparatory to planting forty acres in orchard and small fruits.

During the past season \$4,856 worth of potatoes, flax, beans, corn, grain and hay were produced on the farm.

Two bodies of fir timber, one on the south line back of the building-site, the other on the east end of the farm, add much to the beauty of the location. Of fir are great numbers of cedar trees which add to the attractiveness and beauty of the place.

When completed, a paved roadway will extend from the Pacific highway to the main entrance of the administration building and back around the quadrangle in

front of the cottages. An elaborate scheme of landscaping with ornamentals and trees has been provided by Professor Peck of O. A. C.

It is hoped that the new institution will be accorded a kindly place in the estimation and hearts of the splendid peoples of this commonwealth, to the end that the boys committed to its care for their welfare and training may be received back again with kindness and a fair chance to continue in well-doing; to many of them the institution gave the first chance they ever had to begin to "make good." A much larger measure of moral reform may be expected from the new institution than has been possible

from the unhappy congregate plan of the old plant.

STAY IS DENIED

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 30.—(By Associated Press).—The state board of pardons and paroles today declined to take any action on the petition for a stay of execution of Will Lawrence, Muskogee, Okla., man condemned to hang January 6 for the slaying of Haze Burch, Phoenix policeman.

PORTLAND TEAM LOSES

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—The Edmonton ice hockey team defeated the Portland Rosebuds in a fast game here tonight by a score of 3 to 2.

DETAIL MAP OF SALEM, OREGON



are held in the Willson park twice a week in the summertime.

There are many places of interest in and around Salem that I like to see, and take my friends to see when they come to visit me. Among these are the state hospital and grounds, the state house and penitentiary and their grounds, the pheasants in a cage near the penitentiary, the blind school, the deaf school, and the tuberculosis hospital.

I like to live in Salem because the state fair is held here every year and it is both entertaining and helpful.

I like to live in Salem so well that I know I possibly couldn't get it all in 250 words.

I hope I may live in Salem un-

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State Industrial School at Woodburn

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and completeness to the attractive features found in the other buildings of the plant.

The boys have yet to provide the buildings for the swine and poultry, and a loafing shed for the dairy herd. This last will be built from the material obtained when the old farm house and barn that have stood by the highway on the west end of the farm for a half-century have been razed.

The farm consists of two hundred and seventy-three acres of good land. A strong force of boys is engaged in ditching and laying tile through the undrained portions. Suitable fields are be-



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The birds of Salem are wonderful, robins, canaries and blue jays are chiefly found.

The buildings are beautiful. There are homes of all kinds. Three hospitals, a number of churches and grocery stores. There are seven grade schools, two junior high, one school for deaf, dumb and blind, one senior high and two colleges.

There are several kinds of transportation, such as boats, trucks, air and rail.

We have industries such as two paper mill, one flax mill, two brick and tile yards and six canneries.

The population is about twenty

Three Sisters. Besides the mountains there are many beautiful resorts which can easily be reached by the best of roads. The Willamette river flows close to the city and it gives much recreation such as fishing, boating and swimming, besides there are many places for picnics on its banks.

Salem has very good schools, consisting of six grade schools, two junior high schools, and one senior high school. The Capital Business college furnishes the opportunity for a business education. Then there is the university giving one a complete college course. So it is possible to complete your education at home.

Salem is known as the Cherry City. It is situated in a most prosperous district, where all kinds of fruits, vegetables, berries, grains, nuts and other products grow. These products may be finished products due to the many mills, as the paper mill, woolen mill, the saw mill, linen mill. The canneries handle the many fruits. Therefore it cuts down living expenses and furnishes employment for the people.

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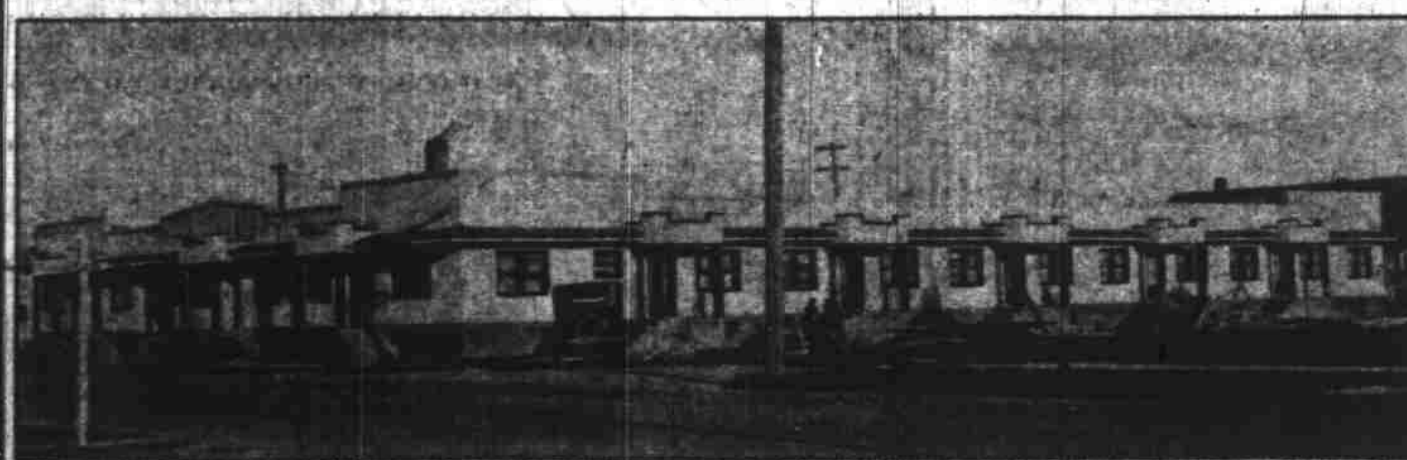


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