

OPEN HOUSE ON AT "Y" TODAY

New Year's Musical Program Tonight Will Climax Full Program

Open House at the Y. M. C. A. on Court street will be in full swing all day today. The program will commence at 2:30 p. m. under the direction of Dean Roy R. Hewitt, chairman of the group in charge.

Music by the Y. M. C. A.'s Salem Symphony orchestra will be played at 4 p. m. in the men's lobby following the reception. Refreshments will be served at 4:30 under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Sprague.

Tournament finals for young men, junior high and high school boys are scheduled in ping pong and billiards for 3 and 7 o'clock, in the junior division lobby.

Gymnasium exhibitions by all ages of boys apparatus games, basketball, commencing at 2:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. At 4 o'clock, a handball exhibition will be given; at 4:30, a swimming meet for small boys; at 5, a volleyball exhibition.

The evening will open at 7 o'clock with the Scotch bag pipers in the men's lobby. A musical program is also scheduled for 9 o'clock under the direction of Verne Wilson.

The high point of the evening is to be the swimming exhibition in the "Y" tank. The boys' Life Saving Corps, the Senior Mixed Life Saving Corps, 20 boys from the junior division, eight girls of the "Y" classes, and a collection of individual stars will take part under the leadership of Charles Gill.

The types of exhibits that will be shown will be underwater swimming, trick swimming, races, life saving, dives, funny dives, fancy dives, and other events of swimming.

A New Year's musical program will take place Friday night at the regular 8 o'clock musical hour of the Y. M. C. A. Friday night programs.

5 TOPICS UP FOR STATE LAWMAKING

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tion and unemployment relief, but it stands out nonetheless as a principal business in eight far-flung commonwealths. Arkansas Plans Complete Government Reorganization

Arkansas among the eight, has the most drastic job. It houses, in the 80-day session beginning January 12, to effect a complete reorganization of its government.

Oklahoma plans further reorganization of its government with the elimination of lesser boards and departments. Wyoming legislators have much the same hope. Alabama's next government is expected to recommend departmental changes. Arizona may create the office of lieutenant-governor and abolish that of legislative examiner.

Consolidation of departments, a trend definitely noticeable, also faces North Carolina. Other states in which the hope for government reform is felt are New Jersey and Maine. In the latter state the legislature will have before it a complete survey for consolidation and reorganization.

Blue laws, some dating back to the eighteenth century, will be challenged determinedly in four eastern states—Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Maine.

Liberalization of Laws in Maryland the laws, written with the pen of pre-Revolutionary Puritans, promise indeed to become a major matter before the legislature. In 1920, the laws were liberalized to permit the sale of gasoline and confectionery on the Sabbath, but they still prohibit public performances and gamblers' labor. In Baltimore particularly the laws are strictly enforced. The Baltimore council, however, has indicated it will support efforts of liberalization.

There is hardly a state which if it passes precedent, will fail to write legislation that might be classified broadly as "different."

New Hampshire would muzzle rumor mongers whose tongues menace the business of banking. New York state proposes to investigate New York City.

California would prohibit married women from working if their husbands are able bodied and employed. New Mexico would abolish the job of her \$25,000 "water boy", as the democrats dub Francis C. Wilson, New Mexico's interstate river commissioner.

Arizona wants a port on the Gulf of Lower California with a right of way to it through Mexico.

Several states, particularly, Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire, propose to do something about billboards. Wyoming would repudiate the primary in favor of the contention system.

Michigan will re-argue the merit of capital punishment and the whipping post. A New York-to-Boston express highway will be considered in Connecticut.

States in which prohibition, in one phase or another, will be a subject of lawmaking are: Missouri, West Virginia, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, California, Wyoming, Colorado, New Jersey, Delaware, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

What Was Best Thing Done in Salem in 1930 and What's Needed Most in 1931? Here Are Varied Answers

A. W. JONES, deputy county assessor, said: "I believe one of the outstanding forward movements in Salem the past year was the start toward organization of a community chest. Unless this care is exercised, there is bound to be duplication. From the standpoint of city and government, for 1931 I would like to see some kind of managerial form of government realized, for this system would properly handle thousands of dollars."

MRS. ERNEST BONEBRIDGE: "The erection of the beautiful state office building was a splendid piece of work done during 1930. One of the more essential needs for 1931 is an improved system of lighting, beyond the business district—the abolishment of the 'old arc light' and a more adequate system be installed."

MRS. MILDRED R. BROOKS, county recorder, said: "The steps taken toward organization of a community chest is one of the best things that has happened in the city the last year. For the new year, I believe we should follow out the policy started and make charity work systematic and business-like."

MRS. W. L. STALEY: "Salem people are to be commended upon the interest shown in home beautifying, encouraging landscape gardening, etc.—beautification of highways, etc.—I feel there is an immediate need for more and better equipment for children's playgrounds—especially more tennis courts for the older group."

W. W. HILL, janitor at the courthouse, said: "Move toward a municipally owned water plant is the best thing the city has done the past year. I hope they speed it up in 1931. Delay breeds danger. I voted for the municipal ownership in 1910 and been wanting it ever since."

R. J. HENDRICKS, retired publisher, says: "The most important thing Salem did in the old year was to vote for the purchase of the water system. The most important things she can do this year is to close up that matter, and keep on keeping on in the way she has been going; further increasing the industries on the land and in the city; getting more factories, including canneries and packing houses; developing her linen mills and the flax industry that backs them—with primary flax treating plants in all the small cities and towns. And becoming more water and power minded; securing more irrigation, better water in the Willamette, and the harnessing of the water powers running to waste."

MRS. JOHN STIMPSON: "To me the 'booster' idea promoted by the Salem Lions club, in elevating the financial depression in Salem was a big step towards commercial advancement in 1930. For 1931 I should like to see the merchants of Salem carry a stock of staple commodities sufficient to enable buyers to spend their money in Salem, rather than taking their money out of the city."

MRS. MERRILL OHLING: "The steps taken toward municipal ownership of the city waterworks, providing the program under way is carried out as planned, was a big undertaking during the year 1930. More equipment and closer supervision of children's playgrounds throughout the city is needed for 1931."

LE ROY BAKER, operator at Elsinore theatre, said: "Entire conditions in and around Salem is evinced in the more than half million dollar investment of Warner Brothers in their purchase of two theatres here. We are looking for a great year in 1931."

MRS. ELLA S. WILSON, secretary of the state fair board: "The spirit of giving as exemplified during charity work just before Christmas seems to me to be one of the finest of Salem's accomplishments in 1930. I believe the telephone and electric companies, too, should be commended for their work in removing unsightly poles and placing many of their wires underground. For 1931, the Western States exposition to be held here in connection with the state fair seems to be an outstanding project."

MRS. WILLIS J. ROUGHTON: "The erection of the beautiful new bridges throughout the city is undoubtedly a big accomplishment in the city of Salem during the year 1930. A step toward civic improvement for 1931 would be the planting of a hedge to beautify the cemetery on the Pacific highway south of town, which would leave a more pleasant memory than at present, perhaps in honor of Salem pioneers who are buried there."

W. F. HICKEY, Railway Express Agency, Inc.: "The growth of the cannery business in and around Salem has been one of the most advantageous developments in this community in recent years. The attracting of more industrial payrolls to Salem seems to me to be the most desirable step during 1931."

ROBERT E. SMITH, manager of the High street market: "Additional industrial payrolls for Salem seems to me to be most desired during 1931, although I really believe there are but few people who can sincerely complain of conditions as averaged through this past year."

V. G. BOYER, county clerk, said: "To me, the North Santiam highway was the outstanding thing of 1930. And for next year I think Salem needs a satisfactory water system worst of all."

ROBERT D. GRAY, insurance man, said: "The best thing in Salem the past year was the vote to take over the water works. I would like to see this new year the mountain water from the Santiam or Marion lake to the city. Power enough could be developed from the mountain waters for the community and the bonds could be retired in 15 or 20 years. One of the worst things that ever happened to Salem has been its water and the bad reputation it has."

F. T. WRIGHTMAN, deputy sheriff in the tax collecting department, said: "One of the best things that has happened to Salem is the opening up of the North Santiam highway. Next year couldn't see anything better than a reduction of taxes. Provision should be made to create a sinking fund to get water down from the Santiam."

DR. E. A. C. SMITH, Hollywood druggist: "Erecting P. M. Gregory as mayor of Salem and voting to purchase the water plant were the two outstanding achievements of 1930. Both moves were ideal from every standpoint, and can be improved only by a favorable ballot toward the purchase of the gas and electric system."

MRS. RICHARD SLATER: "The work thus far done toward the improvement of the city water works, is a fine step in the right direction—and it is hoped that the good work may continue. For 1931, the erection of the proposed hotel—thereby aiding the unemerged industry besides being a boost for Salem in general."

LEIF BERGSEVIK, district manager Portland Gas & Coke company: "In my opinion, Salem is almost ideally situated at present and should enjoy a highly prosperous year during 1931. Taking all things into consideration, business during the past year has been most exceptional."

A. C. BOHRNSTEDT, real estate man, said: "From a civic standpoint the work on bridge and sewer projects in the past two years has been as beneficial as anything. Draining the southeast part of town the past year has increased desirability and salability there. Personally, for the new year I am interested in completion of the county club district in the Alderbrook section. I think more and more people are going to suburban sites to live, and are going to live where they play because of the automobile."

JACK W. SMITH, manager Ambassador apartments: "We have lived in Salem only a short time, but already are much impressed with the cooperative spirit which has allowed the city to make such noteworthy strides the last few years. It is a wonderful city in which to live. Every indication points to a fine year in 1931."

REV. J. MARK COMER, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist church, said: "The things I would like to see most for Salem for the new year is a check-up on the charities that all such relief might be distributed from a central body and duplications thus be avoided. I hope we have made a start at this year."

J. F. ULBRICH, Salem realtor, said: "The greatest thing that could happen to Salem in 1931 would be a program to improve a large number of old homes in the city that would help not only the individual but the city."

MRS. JACK ELLIOTT: "I believe the work carried on and accomplished by the Marion County Health Clinic was a project worthy of mention in Salem in 1930. It is my wish to see the budget increased sufficiently to meet all the required needs for further progress and development throughout 1931."

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

WARNER'S ELSINORE Today — Conway Tearle in "The Truth About Youth."

WARNER'S CAPITOL Today — Al Jolson in "Big Boy."

HOLLYWOOD Today — Nana and Garroll in "The Devil's Holiday." Friday — Gary Cooper in "A Man From Wyoming."

GRAND Today — George O'Brien in "Salute." Friday — Double Bill, Ted Lewis in "Is Everybody Happy?" and Rih Tin Tin in "The Man Hunter."

Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Arizona—it has been proposed that the tax be increased. Kansas alone presents a sentiment for reduction.

She Didn't Know He Had Temper; So Asks Divorce

For the past three years Oscar H. Zeller insisted that she get a job and had refused to furnish milk for their minor children. Lella Marie Zeller says in part in divorce complaint filed in circuit court here yesterday.

The complaint alleges cruel and inhuman treatment, including furious rages into which he is alleged to go over trifling matters. She says he has a violent temper, a fact which she did not know when she married him in Kelso, Wash., December 29, 1922.

He nagged her so much that she had to leave home, the complaint states. She asks custody of the child and \$25 a month support money.

Party Honors 16th Birthday

PLEASANT VIEW, Dec. 31.—A number of Miss Leone Cook's friends gathered at her home Saturday evening to do honor to her 16th birthday.

The evening was spent in playing games and, at a late hour, refreshments were served. Those present were the Misses Nellie Barber and Josephine Gilstrap, Willet Jones, Mozart Tappan, Wallace Chandler, Willard Bear, Jim Dwyer, Kenneth Bear, Sam Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Brougher of Salem and Mrs. Brougher's mother, Mrs. Addie Smith, Scott's Mills, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, Sunday.

SMALL THREE CHARGE Theft of pillow-slips was charged against Harvey Becker when he was brought into justice court yesterday on a larceny charge. The case was continued and Becker, not furnishing bail, was lodged in the county jail.

Too Late to Classify

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CITIZENS HITS MERGER PLANS

Chairman Charges Consolidation is Result of High Finance

(Continued from page 1) Ohio, the New York Central and the Nickel Plate lines, High Finance at Root of Consolidation

Citizens issued two formal statements during the day. "I have received information," he said in his second, "that the railroad consolidation plan entered into by the New York Central, the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Pennsylvania and the Van Sweringen is more the result of high finance than it is in the public interest."

"It is reported that some of the high finance practiced by the railroads during the past few years has reacted against their financial interest, that while they should have been endeavoring to operate and manage railroads efficiently they have really engaged in great financial undertakings and this proposal is more of a proposal to help them out of their financial difficulties than it is in the public interest. Worse Than Politics

"It is really too bad that high finance and permanent railroad consolidation should be proposed at the expense of human misery. It is in reality worse than politics at the expense of human misery, because politics is a transient affair, while the proposed undertaking seems to intend to tie the public up with it in perpetuity."

"While I hesitate to criticize the ethics of the president of the United States, the issuance of this statement by him in my judgment is most unethical. "In the concluding paragraph of the president's statement he says 'the plan of course must be submitted to the Interstate Commerce commission who have the independent duty to determine if it meets with every requirement of public interest.' "In view of the president's support of the plan it is questionably whether the 'independent duty' of the commission can be ascertained. Everyone knows that these commissioners owe their positions to the president of the United States and while it is the duty of the senate to confirm these appointments, no name can get to the senate without first having been selected by the president of the United States."

"There is rapidly growing a public opinion that the president determines the ethics of these independent commissions and such opinion will not be dissipated by the issuance of the present statement by the president."

Possibility that the Pacific highway between Salem and Portland will be widened to 20 feet as part of the state highway commission's 1931 program is seen in request for Engineer Klein to gather information on widening the Salem-Gervais section of the highway.

The shorter project has not been put up for bids yet, but it is assumed that it will be. Definite word as to construction to be used on the job and other details will not be forthcoming until Klein has made his survey. The highway is now 16 feet wide.

The grade will be widened in some places, kinks straightened and some hags built up.

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Dancy Ends His Telephone Work After 39 Years

W. H. "Jack" Dancy, for more than 39 years employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, retired from service last night under the pension plan operated by the corporation. Mr. Dancy has been district manager for the telephone company here for several years.

He assisted in constructing the high voltage electric transmission line between Portland and Oregon City in 1892. This was the longest line of its kind in the United States at that time.

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Halt Million is Ready to Pay on Veterans' Bonds

The state treasurer has deposited at the Chase National bank of New York City, fiscal agent of the state of Oregon, \$508,316, with which to pay the principal of \$500,000 on Oregon veterans state aid bonds and interest thereon for the period October 1, 1930, to January 1, 1931. This payment reduces the total of Oregon veterans state aid bonds from \$27,250,000 to \$26,750,000. These bonds were issued in the amount of \$29,000,000. The total bonded debt of the state is now \$59,529,540. The debt includes Oregon district interest bonds aggregating \$5,173,760, Oregon state highway bonds of \$10,468,750, Oregon farm credit bonds of \$459,000 and Oregon veterans state aid bonds of \$26,750,000.

3 RACES IN SUIT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Members of three races appeared in court today in connection with his divorce suit of woman. Through her attorney, Willis O. Tyler, a negro, Mrs. Tony charged her Chinese husband, Tim Tong, failed to support her. The divorce was granted.

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