Amount not Definite, With Four Different Bills Up Before Solons

Information has reached the statehouse that at least four bills proposing reduction in the motor vehicle license fees, will be dropped into the hopper when the legislature meets early this month. That many bills have already been

One of these bills was sponsored by Senator Dunne of Multnomah county, and provides for a flat \$5 annual license fee for passenger automobiles. This bill also makes provision for increasing the fees on trucks and busses, and would boost the gasoline fuels tax from four to five cents per gallon. Dunne estimated that his plan would provide money sufficient to ample funds for highway maintenance and administration, and leave a substantial surplus for

new road construction. Dunne declared that his proposal had received favorable consideration by a majority of the legislators and other persons interested in a revision of the motor vehicle fee schedule.

Meier Committee Has Different Bill

Another proposal has been offered by the so-called committee on revision of motor vehicle licenses, which was appointed by Governor Meier last March. This committee also has recommended a drastic reduction in motor vehicle fees, increase of the gasoline fuel tax, and elimination of considerable proposed road construction by the state highway department. 31 of 38 Burglaries Which Revenues from truck operations would be increased more than \$300,000 annually under the proposal submitted by the commit-

A so-called 10 point program has been suggested by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, who administers the motor ; hicle license law. Hoss would reduce the automobiles to \$3, increase the crimes solved, according to the reports at police headquarters, as fees applying to trucks and busses, and eliminate certain administrative functions with a substantial saving to the taxpayers. Hossaid he was opposed to increasing hight the gasoline tax in excess of four

Senator Burke of Yambill cours in which losses were sustained, eral different crimes. ty originally announced that he not yet cleared up. Arrests cleanwould favor a reduction of 50 period up 31 of these crimes. Thirty minor arrests. There were 735 of e at in motor vehicle Heense fee. bix other burglaries, in which these, 112 for drunkenness, 111 He is opposed to any increase in there were no losses, were invest of juveniles, 21 for drunken drivthe gasoline fuels tax ..

Senator Spaulding has let it be cent perfect. Of 107 automobile known that he favors a flat \$5 reported stolen here in 1932, cits Police are Placed annual license fee for passenger police have recovered 105, either | Under Civil Service automobiles, slowing up in high- locally or by contacting other dea material reduction in the num- thieves were brought about durher of engineers and other per- ing the year. sons employed in the state high- | Of larceny cases reported, 10% addition of a short wave radio reway department. Spaulding served from automobiles, 38 from rest- ceiver purchased by the officers, as a member of the state high- dences and 13 from business to obtain reports from Portland; way commission early in the Meier administration. Senator Brown of Marion county was expected to support Spaulding's proposal in case it reaches the floor of the

Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, recently stressed the dangers attending a reduction of the motor vehicle license fees in excess of 33 1-3 per cent. He declared that any reduction greater than 33 1-3 per cent would play havoc with the state highway department finanthe state to continue its program clared that it already was apparent that bonds would have to be care of the existing highway department obligations.

Reports last week indicated that all bills dealing with motor pils higher. ferred to a special committee of of taxes, the directors will stall the two houses of the legislature instead of being sent to the joint committees on reads and high-

Legislators argued that this plan would expedite the legislalive business, and give the regular roads and highways committees an opportunity to consider other important motor vehicle problems.

# Tax League is the clear financially if taxes are considered but actually there was Plan in Polk \$100,000

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 31-R. ectors cut their 1932-33 budget M. Walker, member of the budget | \$16.984.72, including teacher salcommittee of Polk county, has ary reductions, but were able to called a meeting of Polk county | show only a \$4515 decrease in the taxpayers in Dallas Thursday tax levy under the six per cent morning, January 5. The purpose | limitation. of the meeting is to form a Polk Litigation on Tuition county Tax League for the benefit | Law Bothers District

# Steady Growth in Boy Scouting Throughout Cascade Area Noted

Enrollment Gains 32 per Cent; Solicitation for old Clothes Most Recent Service Performed for General Public Good

standing feature of Boy Scout made, the first in concert, the sec- Paying Off Deficit work in and around Salem last ond in the Armistice day parade Other objectives for 1933 are ecutive O. P. West pointed out and the last, at the scout dinner payment of the heavy 1932 deficit, last week. The number of boys and statehouse court of honor raising in full the budget for this enrolled increased 32 per cent, last month. troops 35 per cent and advancearea, which consists of Marion, court the largest number of ed for earning merit badges and Polk and Linn counties.

Most recent solicitation the boys and turned over to Com- | years. munity Service for distribution.

their third law, "A Scout is Help- crowd that attended, estimated at cade area council here on January ful" by directing convention visi- 3000 persons. Innovations were 20, are: retire outstanding bonds, allow tors. On Memorial day, July 4, the night lighting, announcer can onel Clifton Irwin of Salem, Cusample funds for highway maintain Armistice day and the merchants' and Indian program offered by onel Clifton Irwin of Salem, Cusample funds for highway maintain fall and spring openings and bar- students from Chemawa Indian ter Ross of Sfiverton, A. S. Jensen gain day festivities, the scouts as- school. An even better rally pro- of Monmouth, Dr. F. R. Braveau sisted in directing traffic. Scout Band Here is

Recently Organized of scouts locally is the Boy Scout | North fork of the Santiam river | Bishop, honorary vice-presidents; last August. The organization the objectives of Cascade area commissioner; O. P. West, scout now has over 30 members. Three

Involved Losses are

Solved, is Record

headed by Chief Frank A. Minto.

closed the past year with a high

in charge of the new bureau of

tigated.

report of Sergeant Asa C. Fisher, required by law.

had but seven out of 38 burglarie- cases one arrest cleared up sev-

Housing Problem in Schools is

grow more serious. Rumblings of

this nature were heard at several

board meetings during 1932 and

the enrollment, which crowded

the schools in 1931, was 60 pu-

debtedress of the district is rapid-

ly approaching the zero point, a-

the end of the 10-year building

problem of the directors last year

with the high school tuition suit

and an aggravated secret society

flareup running second. The dis-

trict ended the calendar year in

Faced with decreasing county

At the behest of the taxpayers,

and state school income, the dir-

Finances continued the major

program approaches.

Meantime the bonded in-

Growing; Building Demand Eyed

Bonded Indebtedness of Local District is

Diminishing; Deficit due to Unpaid

Taxes Occurs

end in view. But litigation over

the high school tuition tax rend-

ered important income and ex-

ed until November and December

The board apparently remedied

the so-called "evil" influences ex-

erted in the high school student

body when last May it required

up their affiliations, and expelled

solding meetings and initiations.

ter in the 1932 June election.

as in the past.

The honor courts were excep- tion to be held February 10 and ments in rank 173 per cent. As tionally well attended by the pub- 11 in Salem armory. The exposithe year ended there were 684 lic and participated in by the tion, a new idea here, will show scouts and 35 troops in Cascade scouts in 1932. At the statehouse the scouts doing the tasks requirscouts ever to receive awards was also exhibits of finished work. Scouts engaged in many out- recorded, 127. Throughout the J. T. Delaney headed the area standing public services and ac- year 1140 advancements were council as president in 1932. in Salem last month for old cloth- 1931. As a result a much smaller lips, commissioner; Willard Wirtz, ing for relief work. Clothing and percentage of scouts in the area treasurer; A. S. Jensen of Monshoes by the ton were collected by are tenderfeet than in former mouth, J. Clyde Gibbs of Dallas,

Success of the scouts' annual vice-presidents. During the many conventions field rally, held at Sweetland Officers for 1933, to be installlast year the scouts lived up to field last May, was counted by the ed at the annual banquet of Cas-On Memorial day, July 4, the night lighting, announcer car Irl S. McSherry, president; Colgram is planned for 1933.

camp, held for three weeks at pendence, vice-presidents; W. W. One of the newest undertakings | Camp Santiam, on the Little | Moore, Milton L. Meyers and C. P. band, under direction of H. N. above Mehama, was 68 boys, an Willis Clark of Salem, treasurer; Stoudenmeyer, which was started increase of 28 over 1931. One of W. L. Phillip sof Salem, reelected council for 1933 is purchase of executive.

ber, such as the burglaries of the

Little French shop and Bishop's

Salem is comparatively free of

night street crime, the report

Few Holdups Are

Reported in City

clearing up six of these.

Growth again was the out-public appearances have been the camp site, on which the lease

year, and the merit badge exposi-

earned, in contrast with 417 in Other officers were W. L. Philand Clare H. Jarvis of Silverton,

of Dallas, L. H. Wright of Stayton Attendance at the summer and Rev. H. G. Hansen of Inde-

prowl cars with swift, up-to-the-

The greatest addition in prosect for 1933 is that of police radie for giving orders to the three prowl cars, one traffic car and the emergency car. Application for a transmitting license aiready has

## shows. Only eight holdups were ported and arrests were made earing up six of these. An average of four complaints reported and arrests were made The Salem police department, were investigated and calls answered each day. One automobile accident was investigated by rerecord of activities and a nearly quest on an average of every two clean slate in point of major days. Motorists filed 826 accident

Only 2.7 Miles of Surface The numerous arrests made on Laid in 1932; Peak of records. This report will be sub- felony charges during 1932 were mitted to the city council Tuesday as follows: fletitious checks 23, Activity was 1928 stick-up- six, burglary 19, larceny

As the year ended, the police 57, miscellaneous 11. In many Traffic law violations led in the ing. 23 for possession of liquor, 2.7 miles of new pavement at a 16 for check vagrancy. 27 for incost of \$15.051

miles of new concrete and asphalt way construction operations, and partments. Twelve arrests of auto during the year included its going | year saw but slight let-up in operations but in 1930 came a drop to duction of personnel from 22 to 18 but 6 miles of new hard sur-

in the city engineering department for 1933. Bridges generally are in good condition and sewers adequate. A few small wooden bridges may need replacing and several cross streets may be paved.

For 1932, the chief street operation was paving of the approaches to the new, wide Commercial street bridge over North Mill creek, from D to Belmont, 922 feet, at cost of \$11.738. The only other new paving jobs done by the city were one-block stretches on Demands for new school build- the board attempted to complete Gaines and Wilbur streets which ings to replace present antiquat- the budget before the start of the cost a total of \$3318. ed ones and for additions to other fiscal year, July 1, and appointed Two Major Jobs

directors in the face this year as its citizens committee and held a Done by Contract the housing problem continues to public meeting in April with that Two other major jobs were done on contract basis: Resurfacing of High street between Court and Marion; and partial paving of Cherry avenue from Highland ave-

> uation now seems unruffled although it is freely admitted that walking to school in the street. certain of the societies are still No major sewer improvements were made during the year. Re-At the school election next pairs were numerous, however, une, two board positions will be and kept a few men at work most filled, those now held by Dr. H. of the time. As the year closed, H. Olinger, chairman, and Mrs. one crew was busy replacing a 30-Roy S. Keene. Mrs. David Wright foot length of main-line sewer and Dr. B. F. Pound succeeded E. which had collapsed at Nebraska L. Wieder and Mark D. McCallis- avenue and Garnet streets.

houses, the police cleared up 73, development of the bureau of recor nearly 50 per cent, by arrest. ords, and replacement of two The crimes cleaned up included ninute vehicles. all major ones up to mid-Decem-

per cent nearer a standstill in 1932 than in 1931, according to Hugh Rogers, city engineer and street commissioner. During the past year the city crews laid only

No major projects are in sight

pense items so uncertain that the nue to the city limits. budget-making finally was delay-

The past year marked a rapid growth in number of feet of concrete sidewalks laid. No definite figures are yet available but at nearly every council meeting sheaves of sidewalk ordinances were read. One of the big city jobs all society members with their was laying a sidewalk along the parents to sign affidavits giving north side of 19th street from Virginia street to Nebraska avenue, seven boys from school. The sitthus giving Englewood school children no longe an excuse for

Gain in Membership Made Since Midyear; Relief Task Accomplished

Salem Lions club ended the ear 1932 with 40 members, an increase of 14 over midyear, and chalked up a number of civic and charitable services to its credit Prospects for the organization now are considered good and further growth in membership and widening in activities are antici-

The club wound up its 1932 activities by provisioning four fam- Salem people and did no little ed to eliminate the 'gypo' contraclies with a total of 20 persons at Christmas time. In addition to supplying them with food, the club members took one child each and furnished him with appropriate toys and clothing. "Night in Spain"

Program Success

A portion of the funds for this which was one of the largest solem armory was filled with dancers and spectators for the affair. Between-acts entertainment was provided by the club members. The revealing of the identity of "The Mysterious Madame Who?" climaxed a week of her appearances at Willamette valley clubs to advertise the ball.

Other organizations, also, benefited through Lions club services. Club committees during the year solicited funds for the Boy Scouts and Red Cross and sold tickets for the American Legion drum corps benefit program at Sweeland field in Septembber.

The latest activity the club has undertaken is revising the large sign at the municipal auto camp which informs visitors of the distances to various cittes. Newmyer Head of

Club at Present

In September the club staged an old-time members meeting at which District Governor Ed Shea of Portland spoke. Fifteen former members attended and six later rejoined the organization. At present, four charter members are active, Dr. W. B. Mott, Harry W. Scott, Merrill D. Ohling and C. Leland Smith. Present officers are: W. R.

Newmyer, president; O. D. Olson, first vice-president; M. S. Cheek, second vice-president; Barcley A. Newman, third vice - president; Ralph H. Kletzing, secretarytreasurer: directors, J. G. Marr, Jr., Merrill D. Ohling, Dr. W. B. Mott, Arthur W. Gardner and C. Leland Smith, past president, preceding Mr. Newmyer.

the Marion hotel each Thursday

## First of Program Series Presented

HOPEWELL, Dec. 31-A proram, interesting and humorous, was given at the Fairview schoolhouse December 29. It was the first of a series to be presented and was attended by a full house. The main feature was a negro minstrel by the young men of the community. Lunch was served. The next entertainment will be

short play the last of January. Friends were surprised to learn of the marriage of Clifford Stephens and Marion Bice, which had taken place November 19.

## FRUIT CENTER HERE

Salem is in the center of a disrict with 100,000 acres planted in fruits and these are U. S. cenus bureau figures. Acreage in fruits reported were as follows: Marion county, 51,851 acres; Yamhill, 41,540; Polk, 86,825; Linn, 28,315, and Lane county, 15,738 aores.

the past five years were as fol-

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1938		٠	٠									8.7	\$	15,051
1981												5.3		23,865
1980												6.0		28,629
1929				•								72.6		258,796
1928												86.7		304,038
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## **Building Congress Chapter Here** Reports Highly Successful Year

Much Accomplished, Widespread Outside Recognition Given to Program Conducted Locally

letting of a contract for the Ore-

firm, and under cfrcumstances

"The chapter has not lost sight

tion and better workmanship and

its members labor to give the

home owner a dollar's worth of

work for every dollar received,"

Schoettler's statement concluded.

The officers of Salem chapter,

Oregon Building congress, are: R.

W. J. Liljequist, lumberman, vice-

president; L. R. Schoettler, build-

ing material dealers' credit man,

secretary, and T. M. Barr, plumb-

Representative directors are:

Lyle Bartholomew, architects;

Chester Cox, bankers; Ed Viesko,

bricklayers; Peter S. Dewitt, car-

H. L. Bosler, electricians; Law-

Directors at large: Earl C.

Bushnell city building inspector;

George E. Cooper, W. J. Lilje-

er, treasurer.

this direction was not in vain.

"The Salem chapter of the Ore- through considerable effort obgon Building congress has com- | tained material for their informapleted a successful year in 1932." tion on the letting of federal conannounced L. R. Schoettler, sec- tracts in this state. Thursday's retary, yesterday. "It has accom- papers carried an account of the plished more and received more outside recognition for its efforts | gon City postoffice to an Oregon than any chapter in the state, other than the mother chapter in that make the Salem chapter Portland, and in many things has members feel that their work in surpassed the parent.

"The first act of the congress "Gypo" Contractor was to sponsor the Salem Work | Elimination Sought Promotion campaign, which was successful in creating many thou- of the public and its rights during sands of hours of work for needy | the year. It has constantly laborpart in relieving distress last win- tor and the unscrupulous workter," he continued, in a general man and his shady methods and report of the chapter's activities. inferior materials. . . . The congress stands for better construc-While much of the \$110,000 of work pledged would have been done anyway, there was enough work actually created by this campaign to make a material difference in the amount of work availundertaking was earned by the able. While part of the amount Lions "Night in Spain" charity pledged was never reported comball held early in November, pleted, a partial check shows that D. Slater, gravel dealer, president; most was done, and that a big cial events in the city in 1932. Saper centage did 50 or 100 or even 200 per cent more than pledged.' Promotion Aided

In Nearby Cities During the spring, the local ongress group made visits to Corrallis and McMinnville to assist in starting and carrying on work 'promotion' campaigns in those penters; H. C. Carl, contractors;

The chapter's next undertaking rence Simon, hardware dealers; was sponsorship of the Build Sa- H. F. Thomas, lumber dealers; em day parade, a move to ac- R. D. Slater, masonry dealers and quaint the public with the home | manufacturers; Carl Armpriest, products available here and urge metal trades; Robert Hutcheon, home buying. The parade was ar- painters; Clay Larkins, plasterers ranged also to educate the public and lathers; T. M. Barr, plumbconcerning the low cost of build- ers; Karl Becke, real estate men; ing in 1932. The outcome was one P. H. Bell, loan companies. of Salem's largest parades. It resulted in increased building operations, Building congress members agree, and played no little quist, Frank P. Marshali, T. T. part in country construction, Mackenzie, L. R. Schoettler. which has been more active than that in the city.

"The congress has constantly hroughout the year worked to educate the public that, if the town is to grow and Salem men in need of work to receive that work, Salem people must be employed on Salem building," Schoettler pointed out; "and with the exception of one or two cases, the work has been done by bonafide Salem residents.

"The chapter has interviewed our senators in congress and

# FIND WIDE MARKET

developed its production of woven products and expanded its markets. Among its popular lines To Hopewell Folks are toweling, fancy towels, napkins, lunch cloths. and suitings. In addition it manufacturers yarns and twine from Oregon grown flax,

Liberal use has been made of color in its woven linens. Very beautiful patterns of piece goods have caught the eye of buyers and the lines are carried in many leading stores of the coast. Among recent orders are those for linens in several Portland restaurants, where the colors are chosen to match the general color schemes.

Foreign competition has curtailed the market for yarn, but new outlets are being obtained for the finished goods. A good demand has been found for its linen suiting cloth.

# Happy New Year

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Special Demand for Books, Educational Notably Works, Reported

The Salem public library finds true the statement made by the American City for October, 1932. that 'now, even more than ever, public libraries are used and need-People have increasingly turned to the library during the year not only for recreational reading but for reading along lines of vocational education and intellectual development. The library's collection of books and pamphlets now number about 30 .-390. These sources of information at the people's disposal have been

tilized widely. During the year 1932 over 155 .-800 volumes have circulated. This is an increase in use over 1931 of 13,900 volumes, November was an unusually busy mouth with a cirulation of 14,919 books which approximated half of the library's collection. On one day in Novemher the highest circulation for one day was recorded when 1206 books circulated.

Half of Population Now Uses Library

Over 3200 patrons have registered for cards during the year. The use of the library has extended to 14.250 patrons, or over half of Salem's population. The free privilege of taking books is granted to residents of Salem and o students in school in Salem. Out-of-town patrons are granted library privilege upon payment of

Salem public library is open daily for the circulation of books and for reference from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. It is open Sunday from 2 until 5 p. m. for reading and reference only.

During the school year many hildren enjoy the story hour, which is held every Saturday morning at 10.



New Year's



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