

Bond Maturities Faced and Met; Warrant Debt Is Held to no Gain

Cooperates With Hunters' and Fishers' Groups
The chamber helped in the organization of the Hunters and Anglers association and has cooperated with the Isak Walton league. And in order to attract sportsmen to Salem, has issued weekly fishing report which has

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The improvement in 1934 receipts came despite a reduction from \$75 to \$10 in the annual plumbers' license fee. Bushnell believes his 1934 receipts will very nearly pay all building department costs since he has used all of his office expense fund.

One new machine, a twister was purchased and installed during the year just closed.

While giving no definite reasons for his indications, L. C. McLeod, president and manager left the impression at the end of the old year that prospects for 1935 are brighter than in some seasons.

A constant growth in the city's population has been manifested by two tests: The first, the growth of the school census from 6619 boys and girls in 1930 to 73233 in 1934. The second, the rapidly increasing housing shortage in the city. A thorough-going checkup in December of housing facilities here showed less than 150 vacancies, many of these in residences hardly suitable for occupancy. Apartment houses are uniformly filled. With only eight new houses constructed in Salem during the past year, the necessity for added residential quarters is becoming very apparent. Building has advanced considerably in the last few years, the total population being up to \$182,000 in 1933. These are small figures compared to the marks of \$2,700,000 a year in 1926 but the trend is upwards. Leaders in the city feel the upturn in building must continue. With the Marion County Better Housing committee urging construction and repair with low-rate money from the federal government, a sizeable upturn in building seems certain for 1935.

In retrospect, the picture of Salem in 1934, is heartening. Its business, educational, agricultural life has gone on and shown considerable improvement. There have been no epidemics of disease to afflict each householder. The community has been blessed by pleasant weather and freed from drought and storms which harass the residents of so many communities. The tourism industry, a city of culture and of progress, where any citizen would be glad to take up his abode. As 1935 enters, citizens of the community may be truly grateful for the year of accomplishment now closed and soundly optimistic that another year of improvement is at hand.

For 1935, the prospect for acquisition of a water system and constructing an improved supplies with the condemnation trial in federal court or outright purchase of the existing plant by the city.

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