

Private Construction Volume is Greatest Here Since 1930

Lightning Strikes Youth But He Recovers Quickly

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 25.—(P)—Raymond Reuter, 19, recovered consciousness and walked to a farmhouse for aid after a lightning bolt struck him, singed the back of his head, blistered his back and ripped his clothes and shoes open.

Houses Rising All Over City

Large Share of New April Permits Provide For Dwellings, Seen

That 1936 is proving a lively private as well as public construction year for Salem was revealed yesterday by a survey of city building department records. Private construction permits alone this year have exceeded the total value of all permits issued at the city hall in the first four months of any previous year since 1930.

Inclusion of the \$960,439.75 in permits for school and state buildings makes 1936 already the highest year on record.

April to date has brought in building permits for new stores and houses and repairs to old structures amounting to \$44,352.50. Of this sum \$31,590 came in the form of permits for 10 new houses.

Private construction of all sorts since January 1 has totaled \$148,233. Only in 1930 and 1929 did all building permits exceed this sum. Next to 1936, since 1930, stands 1931 with \$141,365.23 in permit values.

Demand Continues

The prospect for the future is bright, with real estate agents still reporting a demand for new, modern homes and with numerous rumors of impending business building operations being heard. Among the possibilities in the way of business and office construction are the proposed office building to be leased to the state, a new Montgomery Ward and company department store building and a business building at North Liberty street.

Nearly \$18,000 worth of building permits were issued in Salem last week. They included a \$2500 store building and five new houses estimated to cost \$13,585. The following table compares permits issued for private construction only this year and those for all types of permits in the first four months of previous years:

1936	\$148,233.00
1935	78,467.00
1934	72,120.00
1933	48,726.00
1932	77,217.55
1931	141,265.23
1930	275,185.10
1929	345,314.00

Average Cost of Houses Is Higher

The average new house has gained in cost this year over those constructed in Salem in 1935. The rise is attributed not alone to an increase in material and labor costs but in large part to construction of larger, more substantial homes.

Whereas the 49 houses for which permits were issued last year averaged \$1776 per unit, the 41 residential permits taken out this year average \$2170.44.

Five permits for new houses last week pushed ahead of the entire 12 months of 1935 in construction values. In 1935 permits for houses had a total value of \$87,945. This year to date, for fewer houses, they amount to \$88,988.

Crash Injury Fatal

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 25.—(P)—Injuries incurred yesterday in an automobile accident resulted fatally today for Mrs. Marie Rider, 54, Sandy. Mrs. Emerson Shafer, Bend, also seriously hurt, was believed recovering.

Hubbard Award Climaxes Lincoln Ellsworth Career



Presentation of the Hubbard gold medal of the National Geographic society by President Roosevelt to Lincoln Ellsworth climaxes the long and notable career of the polar explorer. In announcing Ellsworth as the recipient of the medal, which will be presented at the White House on April 15, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, president of the society, cited the Arctic and Antarctic explorations of Ellsworth from 1925 to 1926, mentioning in particular the Antarctic flight last fall when Ellsworth and his co-pilot were lost for a month and a half. Only 12 have received the Hubbard medal, the select list including explorers Richard E. Byrd, the late Roald Amundsen and Charles Lindbergh. Ellsworth is the son of a rich industrialist but scorns luxury, was born in Chicago but prefers the solitude of unexplored places. He is married to the former Mary Louise Ulmer of Pottsville, Pa., herself a flyer, and lives in New York.

Carson Asked to Play Cupid Again

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(P)—Major Joseph K. Carson, found himself asked to play Cupid for the second time today.

Two weeks ago a Berkeley, Cal., woman requested him to aid her in finding a mate. He sent the address of two men, one in Spokane and one in Portland.

Babes Are Born

SILVERTON, April 25.—A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Casper Overross at the Silvertown hospital Friday. This is the Overross' first child. Before her marriage Mrs. Overross was Miss Ethel Knight. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Otjen at the hospital Friday. Mrs. Otjen will be remembered as Elizabeth Wart.

Labor Demand Is Growing Steadily

Farm and Woods Jobs Are Open Throughout State John Cooter Reports

An increasing demand for both farm and woods labor throughout the state was reported here yesterday by John E. Cooter, farm placement director for the U. S. employment service. Wages, he said, also were following the upward trail.

Cooter urged qualified agricultural and timber workers who are out of work to register at once with the various offices of the Oregon employment service.

"Just in the last week our calls for fallers and buckers have risen rapidly and we very much need lists from which we can refer experienced men to these jobs," Cooter said. "We also are getting many labor orders for hop hoeing, general farm work and woodcutting."

The average farmhand wage being offered now is \$25 a month with board and room, Cooter reported. A month ago the average was \$20 and two months ago only \$15. Dairyhands are being offered from \$35 to \$45 a month, generally with housing provided for the worker's family.

Cooter declared that in actual cash return the woodcutting jobs were the best paying. Last week he handled calls for pulp cutters at \$1.75 for hemlock and \$2 for spruce. Fuel wood cutting offers run from \$1.25 to \$1.50. In many instances equipment is furnished the cutters. Cooter averred an experienced cutter could earn at least \$2.25 a day.

The Salem employment office yesterday reported 15 farm jobs available at \$20 to \$25 a month and board and room. A large number of woodcutting calls also were unfilled.

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Hit-Run Steamer Charge Is Filed

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(P)—A federal court suit sought \$2,100 today as a result of a collision between the ship Anniston City and a tug. Defendants are the Isthmian Steamship company and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, cited as owners and charterers respectively of the Anniston City.

Plaintiffs are J. T. Littrell, J. G. Brown and H. J. Spier, who alleged the Anniston City failed to stop and render aid.

Two Vancouver Prove Confusing

(P)—Two Vancouver on the Pacific coast proved too many for a traveler on Northwest airlines. He arrived here aboard a Canadian Airways plane from Seattle and was surprised when confronted with customs officials.

He was told he was in Vancouver, B. C., instead of Vancouver, Wash., and took the next plane south.

Burg Plans Long Trip

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—(P)—Amos Burg, Jr., said today he planned to start from Seattle in

Portage Is Required on Columbia as Unusually Swift Current Prevails

BONNEVILLE, Ore., April 25.—(P)—Unusually swift current in the Columbia river necessitated portage of boats today for the first time in 46 years. The current prevented fishing boats, from Astoria, from reaching the ship locks of Bonneville dam.

The boats were trucked to quieter water seven miles upstream. The river was still rising today. Work on all except raised portions of the Bonneville program was halted several days ago.

June in a 25-foot boat to study and film the Haida Indians on Queen Charlotte Islands and other tribes of British Columbia and Alaska. He is a Portland lecturer.

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