

Santiam Water Brought in, Feeder Mains Being Completed

City System's Revenues Rise

New Customers and More Consumption Add to Income, Revealed

Early 1938 will bring to a close the greatest development program the youthful Salem municipal water department will undertake for many years. By April 1, Manager Cuyler Van Patten believes, construction of the feeder main across the city, mostly on 12th street, will have been completed and along with it an extensive tributary system of cross feeders and loop mains along the eastern edge of the city.

The department's biggest event in 1937 aside from completion of the new Stayton Island water supply and the Salem-Stayton \$645,000 pipeline, was its sharp gain in gross revenues. During the 11 months ending November 30, the department's gross income increased by \$10,964.80 over that for the same period in 1936. New customers, heavier water consumption and more accurate billing made possible by reconditioning of all meters in the system were contributing factors to this large rise in revenue.

As a result of the revenue rise, in part, the department is expected to earn sufficient profits to permit its investing around \$30,000 annually in new mains to bring the system ultimately to the ideal as outlined in detailed plans which the water commission now has on file. This ideal plan is intended to provide a system adequate to supply the city when its population reaches 50,000 people.

During 1938 the water department will pay \$79,780 in bond interest, set aside \$20,000 in a sinking fund to provide for redemption of the last \$100,000 block of bonds, sold, due in 1942. Approximately \$60,000 is already invested in securities to be used in meeting first maturities of bonds in the \$2,200,000 earlier issues beginning in 1940.

The outstanding city government advancement of 1937 will go down in history as the bringing of North Santiam river water, naturally filtered, 17 miles into the city. Officially this new water was turned into the system October 20, unofficially about October 20.

Adult Education Proving Popular

More Than 1900 Enrolled in 94 Classes Over Most of County

People in Marion county are responding very well to the courses the adult education-recreation program is offering, points out Earl Litwiler, the county supervisor. To date the enrollment total more than 1900 for the 48 courses being given in 94 different classes. Thirty-two instructors are serving 21 communities. Comparisons with figures for last year show substantial gains for the first term of this year.

A wide variety of subject matter is provided, ranging from the handicraft type, such as basketry and woodworking through courses like problems of democracy and public speaking to the academic type represented by cultural backgrounds, English and German. Metal working is a new course which is attracting considerable attention. It is being given at a shop located at 220 River street in Salem.

Many of the classes are now closed for the holidays but all will soon be opened with the beginning of the new year. Some new classes will be provided including one in aviation which it is planned will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights in Salem. Any one interested in learning more about these courses, which are made available by the city and county schools, should call at the office of the city school superintendent in Salem. The telephone number is 9137.

Organized Labor Makes Progress

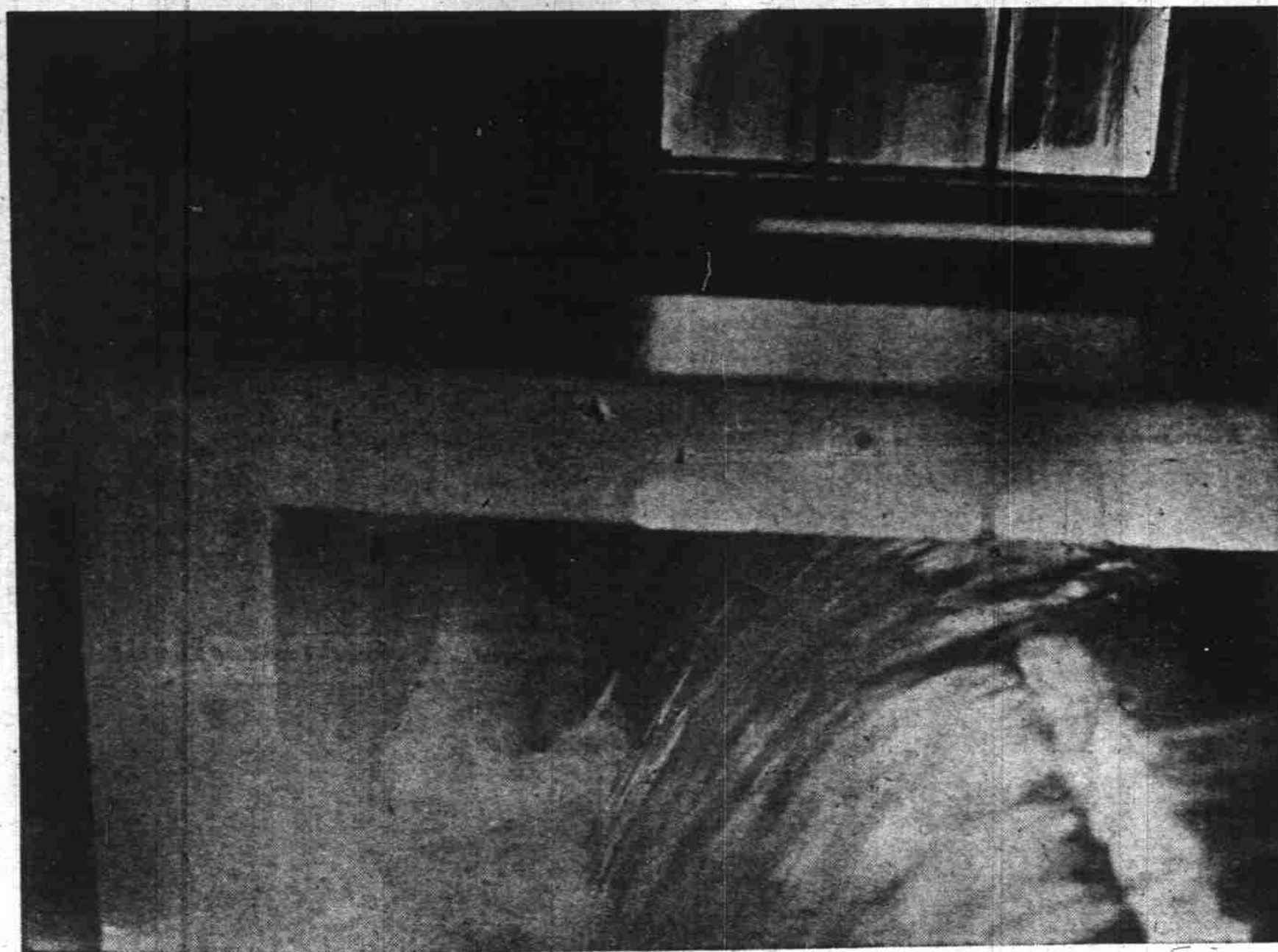
Several new Unions Start Activities in 1937; Aid Car Donated

Forty local labor unions massed their efforts in Salem during the year just ended to bring about a decided rejuvenation in the capital city's unionism. At the same time the employer-employee situation remained relatively peaceful when contrasted with conditions in other Oregon cities.

Headed by Herbert E. Barker as president, the Salem Trades and Labor council, the city's central labor body sponsored several new unions, including the latest, the cannery workers, improved its new labor temple, 255 Court street, in facilities and interior finish and as civic gestures donated the Ployd H. McMullen first aid car to the fire department and conducted one of two Roosevelt birthday balls held to raise funds to aid infirmities established by the city.

Local 932 of the Retail Clerks Protective association and local 324 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, two of the largest locals in Salem outside the paper mills, expanded their

Pure Water From Santiam Pours Into Salem's New Reservoir



What the crowds saw when Salem's gravity water system was dedicated October 30; pure, cold water from the Santiam pouring into the new reservoir. Tests since that time have demonstrated to doubters that the quality of the water is all that the city bargained for.

Radio Service Here Growing

Statesman Programs Add to Interest; Network Tie-up Beneficial

For more than four years Salem has had its own radio station; bringing entertainment and news to the entire Willamette valley. When the station was first founded the call letters KSLM were selected as appropriate due to the SLM meaning Salem.

KSLM has endeavored always to present the finest programs possible, and since affiliating with the Mutual Broadcasting system's coast-to-coast network, this aim has been well upheld. Harry B. Read, president of Oregon Radio, Incorporated, owner of KSLM, acts as general manager. Mr. Read has had some 15 years experience in the broadcasting industry, and is familiar with its many ramifications. He recently disposed of his Portland station in order to devote his full time to KSLM.

Mr. Read recently made an eastern trip in order to place an application before the federal communications commission in Washington, D. C., for an increase in the power of KSLM. The application is being acted upon, and in a short time definite news will be available, according to Mr. Read.

KSLM has always strived to bring all outstanding local events to the listeners. Remote control lines are installed in nearly every point of vantage in the city. Among the many features regularly broadcast locally are the following: Mickey Mouse club; wrestling matches; boxing; football; basketball; softball; symphony concerts church services; banquets; dances; outstanding speakers from various points; and the Hollywood Buckaroos.

Statesman on Air Some time ago, The Oregon Statesman and KSLM signed an agreement for reciprocal benefits. With this agreement KSLM acquired four outstanding programs. On Monday evening Ron Gemmel, sports editor, reviews the world of sports. Tuesday night, Ralph Curtis, news editor, presents a general news review under the title "Just Think". News of the Willamette valley is presented on Thursday night by Genevieve Morgan; and each Friday morning Miss Baxine Buren tells of latest strides made in home economics. A well balanced series of programs of interest to all persons in this vicinity. Much favorable comment has been received both by the station and The Oregon Statesman.

With the advent of the Mutual-Don Lee broadcasting system to the northwest, KSLM was selected as one of the releasing stations. This affiliation enables the station to present many outstanding programs and personalities from the entire world. The Oregon Statesman publishes the schedules of KSLM each day, and this allows listeners to follow their favorite programs.

The staff of KSLM is headed by the production manager, Tommy Hoxie, who has been in the broadcasting industry for over eight years. He was first heard activities to such an extent both organizations took private office space in the Breyman building and now conduct their business from there.

The clerks' union spread its banner over much of the grocery business in midyear and also took many of the smaller retail stores of other types. After picketing two and putting on the unfair list others of the organized restaurant operators of the city during the fall and early winter months of 1937, the Cullinary alliance, local 452, agreed to submit its differences to arbitration. The three-man board of arbitration will hold its third and possibly final meeting January 5.

Tonnage of Walnuts and Filberts Is Higher, Demand Widens but Price At Bottom; Co-op Payroll Is \$12,000

The Salem Nut Growers' Cooperative association, 220 Hood street, enjoyed a fair increase in tonnage for the 1937 season and markets were exceptionally fine, with all shelled nuts moving out in quick time—but offsetting to some extent this rosy picture is the fact that the market price was at the bottom-most level for any year since this unit was started in 1924.

As a matter of fact, the nut market is off just one-half over the years from 1924 to 1926, though today the plant wages run into figures a full 33 per cent greater than in 1924 to 1926. The best large Franquettes in the three years starting in 1924 sold for 32 cents a pound with lesser grades bringing down to 22 cents. The 1937 crop finest large Franquettes brought 16 cents per pound, with lesser grades down to 11 cents.

Two promising new markets, in Calgary and Alberta, Canada, were opened this year, while the principal markets receiving Salem-grown walnuts and filberts were all the northwest states, Salt Lake City, Denver, and all the larger central west and eastern cities. New York and Boston have been the best markets. The 1937 crop was marketed in the shell, though about 25 tons were cracked for marketing, mostly in 25-pound cartons. The season this year opened September 6 and the plant will close operations on shelled work about the middle of January.

About \$12,000 in wages have been paid by this plant for 1937, with virtually every cent of this returned to Salem trade channels. At peak of operations, the crews numbered 85 persons. Membership grows Under direction of Manager M. P. Adams, also secretary and treasurer of the co-op, this modern plant has been maintained at high efficiency.

Membership has grown, until now 513 filbert and walnut growers enjoy the privileges of the association. These growers represent a combined acreage of about 6500, of which approximately 4500 acres are in walnuts and about 2000 in filberts. The grower-president is A. L. Page of Jefferson, and E. J. Allen of Woodburn is vice-president of the association. So far this season, the co-op has paid a 5 cent per pound advance to both walnut and filbert growers.

Leslie Vaughn is another member of the operating staff. Les is an up-and-coming young engineer, and has at times filled in as announcer during emergencies.

Albany Youngster Is Seriously Hurt When Struck by Automobile ALBANY — Wallace Reeser, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reeser, was seriously injured Monday afternoon when he was hit by an automobile driven by Charles Duncan.

Wallace is at the general hospital, where he is reported to be suffering from a fractured skull, and possible internal injuries. The accident happened as the boy was running along the road to get a cow back to the pasture. Duncan picked up the injured boy and took him to the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Reeser live on Route 1 a few miles from Albany. Mr. Reeser is butter maker at the Albany creamery.

Chamber Real Asset to City

Results of Its Labors in Past Year Recounted; Benefits General

By W. W. CHADWICK

President, Chamber of Commerce

When serving on the board of directors of the chamber, I never appreciated what the chamber of commerce was really doing. Matters of importance that came under my department were of course referred to me, but I little realized that every day and every hour, the chamber is working on civic matters, all for the benefit of Salem.

When I assumed the duties of president of the chamber January 1, 1937, I soon discovered that every day the president of the chamber was called upon to discuss chamber affairs and to refer to the board matters that required board action.

There are many activities that somehow do not make for publicity. It often happens that the chamber cooperates.

For instance: When there was danger of having the new postoffice constructed of an unsatisfactory sandstone, the chamber called a meeting to see what could be done. As a result, this committee thought there might be one chance in ten of getting a marble building. And through the work of the chamber and Senator McNary, we now have a marble postoffice.

Farmers Assisted

Many people do not know it but the chamber is doing a fine job of cooperating with farmers. Of the 15,000 who attended meetings held in the chamber during 1937, more than 10,000 were from farmer groups. These were big and important meetings and the chamber was glad to offer a fine auditorium for such meetings.

In matters of civic importance, the chamber has been active the past year. It had full charge of the ceremonies dedicating the new postoffice. Had charge of the ceremonies dedicating the new mountain water system. And when there was a demand that legislators be recognized socially last January, the chamber put on a reception for all legislators and friends. And this courtesy was appreciated.

Early in the year, there was a Willamette flood control meeting with an attendance of 400 in the auditorium and the chamber helped in publicity that brought men to Salem from all parts of the valley. The chamber has charge of that important meeting.

Help Appreciated

Loganberry and prune growers, hop growers and those engaged in the fox and fur industry and those in the Jersey cattle business all appreciate the many courtesies of the chamber. The public in general hears very little of these meetings. Yet they are all fine community service.

At one time there was real danger of losing the office of the chamber. The chamber communicated with right parties and the office remained.

And then the social security office. Other cities wanted this office but there was a real need here in Salem, due to our many industries. The chamber presented the real need of the office in Salem, and it is now here. This was again a real community service.

When a request came from KGW for Salem to be represented in a 15 minutes broadcast, the event was sponsored by the chamber with Senator McNary and Mayor Kuhn as speakers.

Salem has not been very convention-minded during the past few years, yet the chamber succeeded in bringing to the city for 1938, and in cooperating with those interested, these conventions: Oregon State Bar association, State Baptist convention, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Motor Court Trade association. Other many come.

Grange Is Invited During the past month the chamber has been working to bring the National Grange in its annual meeting to the city. Every provision and assurance given the National Grange executive committee required, has been met by the chamber. The national executive committee will meet in January to decide.

It is the little things that count, and the chamber with its office information files, has been of great service to our citizens. It has been a fine experience to serve as president of the

Will Head Chamber During 1938



Barkley A. Newman, who takes over the reins as Salem chamber of commerce president this week. He will preside for the first time at the chamber luncheon Monday noon.

Winds up Year 1937 Paving Work Highest, 8 Years

15,937 Square Yard Area Completed; \$32,754 Is Total Outlay

The city of Salem made more paving improvements during the year 1937 than it has for eight years, according to figures disclosed by City Engineer Hugh M. Rogers. During 1937 the city paved 15,937 square yards at a total cost—including 2,828 lineal feet of curbing, the improving, grading and paving—of \$32,754.89.

Figures for 1929 show that \$258,795.65 was spent for paving improvements, the last "big year" in street improvements. Since that time the \$22,754.89 spent last year is tops—\$28,629.02 being expended in 1930, \$22,864.99 in 1931, \$15,051.44 in 1932, \$5,362.12 in 1933, none in 1934 or 1935, and \$1,572.25 in 1936.

Total length of the pavement laid last year was 5442 lineal feet.

Sites paved included: Bush to Owens streets in the alley of Fairgrounds; road; 14th from B to D; Perry from 21st to 23d; Owens from Liberty to Commercial; Summer from Leslie to first alley south of Leslie; and Waller from 12th to Bush's pasture.

150,000 Tourists Come More than 150,000 tourists spent \$20,000,000 in Oregon in 1937 to place the tourist crop among the state's major industries. The average tourist stayed 9.5 days.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

START 1938 RIGHT

—with Office Supplies from Needham's; we maintain a complete line of date books, journals and ledgers, file folders and the hundred and one needs you require in your business at the start of another year.

Needham's Book Store

465 STATE PHONE 5802

May the New Year

Be a Happy and Prosperous One

We also wish to extend our thanks for your patronage during the past year.

The Smoke Shop

GEORGE HULL 363 STATE GORDON HULL

New Year Greetings

From Salem's Manufacturer of High Grade Mattresses

CAPITAL

Bedding Co. Inc. 3030 Portland Rd.

The Best of Health

In the coming year is our wish for you!

To keep in the best of health consult your doctor regularly. If he prescribes for you bring the prescription to us for prompt, reliable filling.

Schaefer's Drug Store

130 N. Commercial Phones 5197-7023