

Gas Company Makes Deal With County

An agreement covering the terms on which line and service extensions and connections will be permitted when they involve temporary tearing up of county road property was submitted Monday to the Marion county court by the Portland Gas and Coke company.

According to the agreement, reported to have been worked out between C. I. Lansverk, land agent of the company, County Judge Leroy Hewlett and Engineer N. C. Hubbs, no permit will be required from the county when construction of customers' service connections do not involve excavating of hard-surface roadway.

The county will be furnished with a sketch of the installations, however, when this occurs, and when laying of new transmission pipe or service connections through hard pavement is projected. In the latter cases permits will be necessary.

Changes in the alignment of roads and vacations of roads will be reported to the gas company in order that the latter may make necessary adjustments without interruption of service to its customers.

Former Salem Girl Killed

Word reached Salem Monday of the death of Christine Conmy, 12 year old daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. B. Conmy, formerly of Salem, now of Tacoma.

The girl was killed instantly on a Tacoma street Saturday when an unattended automobile ran over her. The car, a mail truck, was double-parked on a hill. Christine was waiting for her father on a corner when the accident occurred.

The Conmys made their home in Salem for two years and left for Tacoma in February when Lt. Col. Conmy was transferred to Fort Lewis.

Second Contract Of Kay Mill Is Almost Done

Within the next two or three weeks the Kay Woolen mill will complete its second of three defense contracts, according to K. H. Pickens, secretary-treasurer of the company. The contract calls for 30,000 heavy army blankets.

About 400 blankets a day are being turned out by the plant, which is handling the largest defense project so far let to a Salem firm. Approximately half a million pounds of wool, 40 per cent of which comes from Willamette valley sheep, is used each day. About 160 men are employed.



by JOHN CLINTON

Last Tuesday morning the trip to the office was really an adventure. I never saw so many tires just waiting to be picked up, or so many fat purses lying artistically at my feet. April Fool's Day was a huge success!

My neighbor's youngster, Sandy, however, had better have his mother bake an apple pie for the boys down at the corner Union Oil Station. For you see, Sandy got a piece of nice soft soap and went to work on the glass in my Hispano-Plymouth. And when he was through, the visibility from the driver's seat was zero!

So, I took the Hispano-P down to the Minute Men at the Union Oil Station and said "Look!" And the boys looked—and gulped, and then conquering any latent instinct to say more, said: "Why sure, Mr. Clinton, we'll clean 'er up with Union Windshield Cleaner!"

Which they proceeded to do. Now I'm not going to tell you that Union Windshield Cleaner and Union's secret-process Minute Men Toweels enabled the boys to do it in just once-over! But, I hate to think of what it would have been like without this remarkable stuff!

There are two morals to this tale. First, the Minute Men were good sports and good neighbors about it. Second, Union Windshield Cleaner made the job infinitely easier! And that, friends, is as good an advertisement as ever I heard for Union Oil Stations, the Minute Men who run them, and the products they offer the public!

UNION OIL COMPANY

Seek Settlement in Nation's Soft Coal Strike



Ezra Van Horn (left) of Cleveland, representing the operators; Dr. John R. Steelman (center), director of the U.S. conciliation service, and John L. Lewis (right), head of the United Mine Workers, are shown in an informal moment at their conference seeking settlement of the bituminous coal strike.

Salem Recorder Seeks Opinion On City Fines

City Recorder Hannah Martin said Monday that she has asked the attorney general for an opinion as to whether the county has the right to retain fines in cases appealed from municipal court to circuit court and upheld there.

Mrs. Martin said that there appeared to be nothing specific in the law regarding the question and that Marion county has been retaining all such fines over a period of years. In Multnomah county, however, she said, such fines are remitted to the city of Portland.

Mrs. Martin may go to Portland today to talk with Multnomah county and Portland city officials, who would also be interested in any legal determination of the correct procedure.

Most of the cases appealed from municipal court are drunken driving cases. Two of these, the cases of Walter J. Borchers and Harry A. Staples, are now in process of appeal from Judge Martin's court. Fines in both instances were \$100.

Spring Vacation Is Announced

Spring vacation will be observed by the Salem public schools beginning Thursday afternoon. Classes will be resumed Tuesday morning, April 15. Because of the holidays, the calendar of extra curricular activities has few events listed. The schedule of events follows:

Wednesday, 9:30 a. m., elementary principals' meeting at Garfield, Mrs. Rea, chairman; 1 p. m., all school assembly at Bush; 1 p. m., Garfield assembly, second grade in charge; 8 p. m., high school band concert for benefit of band uniform fund.

Thursday, 9 a. m., assembly at McKinley school; 9 a. m., Englewood assembly, Mrs. Blake's room in charge; 12:50 p. m., ASB motion picture program at senior high school.

Tuesdays Said Safest Days

Women of Salem—if you want to be safe on that shopping tour, go downtown on Tuesdays.

Traffic accident statistics compiled by Earl Snell, secretary of state, revealed that not one fatality was recorded in Oregon on a Tuesday during the first quarter of 1941. Last year, 14, or nearly half February's total of 30 deaths, occurred on Tuesdays.

Sundays and Saturdays stood out as the most dangerous days during the first quarter. There were 14 persons killed on Sundays and 16 on Saturdays. Eight died on Mondays, 13 on Wednesdays, seven on Thursdays and five on Fridays.

City Gets Share Of Liquor Funds

City Treasurer Paul H. Hauser received Monday a check for \$693.95 from Secretary of State Earl Snell, representing Salem's share in distribution of \$24,465.74 of liquor tax revenues for the first quarter of this year.

Amounts allotted other Marion county towns includes:

Aumsville, \$3.91; Aurora, \$5.12; Donald, \$3.68; Gervais, \$7.45; Hubbard, \$8.69; Jefferson, \$10.75; Mt. Angel, \$23.17; Scotts Mills, \$5.10; Silverton, \$65.67; Stayton, \$24.36; St. Paul, \$4.11; Sublimity, \$6.29; Turner, \$9.29; Woodburn, \$44.50.

Former Salem Resident Dies

Guy W. Hunt died Monday at his home in Jacksonville at the age of 59 years. He was born in Winona, Illinois, and came with his parents to Salem over fifty years ago where he lived the most of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Char-

Famed Oregonian Honored With Indian Marker

Memory of the actual discoverer of gold in California, according to some historians, a pioneer Salem hotel man and Indian fighter was honored Sunday when a group of Salem people placed an Indian war veteran's marker on the grave of Capt. Charles Bennett in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Bennett was killed in the battle of Walla Walla in 1855 during the Indian wars. The marker was obtained through the efforts of Donegan Wiggins, Salem student of western history, and was placed on the grave by R. J. Hendricks, editor emeritus of The Statesman. The flag was added to the marker by Major Miller B. Hayden of the army reserves.

Charles Bennett and James Marshall, claimants for the honor of discovering gold in California, both came to Oregon in 1844. Bennett organized the first mounted company of Oregon Scouts. In 1845, Bennett, his wife, Henry Williamson and John Minto came up the Willamette to the Jason Lee mission. Bennett remained in Salem and became the second resident here not connected with the missionaries.

Bennett and Marshall both migrated to California in 1847 and soon entered into a contract to erect a sawmill at Fort Sutter. It was while they were building this mill that the first discovery of gold was made. At the time of the discovery, Bennett was the only one present who had had any experience with gold mining and it was he who identified the nuggets.

Bennett returned to Oregon in 1849 and assisted in building a steamboat, the Canemah, which ran for years on the upper Willamette. Then he built the Bennett house, prominent early-day Salem hotel, which was located on the site of the Masonic temple at State and High streets.

When the Indian wars of 1855 broke out he was appointed to a captaincy by Governor Curry. Bennett raised a company and was killed while leading them to reinforce other Oregon soldiers in an attack in the battle of Walla Walla.

Five Salem Men Enroute to Army

Led by Allen Otto Hosier, appointed leader for the stage trip to the Portland induction station, five Salem men left the Salem armory Monday morning for induction into military service.

The others are Charles Brooks, Jr., Johann A. Bergman, Kurt Schimmerling and Robert W. Baker.

The Salem local board has received word that two of the five men sent to Portland April 1 for men previously rejected have also been rejected.

The next draft call here will be April 24 or 25.

Salem Soldier Drowns Near Russ Vessel

FORT STEVENS, April 7—William H. (Bill) Brown of Salem, a member of the 249th Coast Artillery regiment of Fort Stevens, drowned late Sunday afternoon in an accident on Peacock Spit near Canby Head.

With Brown was Virgil Hagan, also of the medical detachment and Salem, and Charles Bush, Battery F. The drowning occurred when the three boys were wading into the surf picking up pieces of wreckage from the Russian freighter Vaslav Vorovsky, which ran aground on the spit Thursday.

According to reports from other soldiers who witnessed the accident, the boys were wading out toward the boat when a huge wave swept them off their feet and out to sea. Hagan succeeded in gaining the shore, and a fishing boat picked up Bush. Late Sunday night, officers reported that Brown's body had not been found.

School Head Tells Fraud

Agnes C. Booth, Marion county school superintendent, has received a letter from Martha E. Mulkey, superintendent of schools of Coos county, warning against a "confidence game" worked recently in that region on county school districts.

Superintendent Mulkey states that two persons, a man and a woman, recently sold advertisements for a hypothetical song book to be given free to a school district provided sufficient patronage was obtained. The operators inveigled two school pupils of the district concerned to accompany them on their solicitations, she wrote.

Having solicited and collected for the advertising, the two individuals left Coos county without delay, taking their proceeds with them. Mrs. Mulkey warned other school districts about the pair, and suggested that they be turned over to police authorities should they attempt to operate in other communities.

Public Library Gifts Announced

The Salem public library has received several gifts of valuable books, music and money during the past month, Librarian Hugh Morrow reported Monday.

The American Legion auxiliary gave \$5 for the purchase of children's books, an annual gift the past few years.

Milton Meyers, for the Fowle estate, gave two folios of Universal Classic Masterpieces containing over 150 facsimiles of famous historical and literary documents. These are valuable reference sources as well as beautiful examples of printing art.

Other gifts were: Julia C. Noble, five books; Mrs. Eva Ramsey Hays, one-year subscription to the magazine Alaska Sportsman; Mrs. Mabel Simpson, several books in French and German; Mrs. W. B. Robinson, copy of the History of the Willamette Valley, edited by H. O. Lang, published in 1885, a valuable source of early day Oregon history; Douglas Jaquith of the Jaquith Music company, several hundred pieces of classical and popular sheet music for voice and instrument.

Here's Police Chief's Report On Cafe Basketball 'Riot'

A victory celebration in which Astoria high school basketball players were allegedly served beer incited the disturbance around the Quelle restaurant during which police were asked to escort the Astoria team to its hotel, Chief of Police Frank A. Minto's report to the council indicated last night.

A portion of the report concerning the incidents about the restaurant follows:

"We are further informed that three Astoria players who had gone outside and gotten into a fight showed signs of having been drinking. We are further informed by witnesses mixing through the crowd that the ones most troublesome and who seemed to be looking for fights, were the Astoria group.

"We are further informed by eye witnesses that several students in the main part of the restaurant seemed to be so liquored up that they lay with their heads on the tables. The ones who seemed to be causing most of the trouble in the crowd according to eye witnesses were the older people. It seems that many of the Astoria rooters in the restaurant attempted on numerous occasions to get into the banquet room trying to give the players liquor and would give them liquor as they came from the banquet room. After the Astoria banquet numerous empty beer bottles were found lying around and on the tables.

"We have one witness who stated that there had been three cases of beer taken into the banquet room. We are informed that the players were promised and given beer at their banquet in order to keep them from running around on the streets.

"Another report based on eye witnesses indicates that the members of the mob causing the most trouble were high school members from the Astoria high school and graduates therefrom many of whom had shown signs of liquor.

"We are informed that one group containing Astoria rooters, among others, was standing near the corner of State and High street on the southwest corner thereof and seemed to enjoy passing the time away by throwing bottles down the stairway near the Carlson restaurant.

"At 1:32 a. m. the police department received a call from one of the police officers at the Quelle restaurant. Several officers immediately went to the restaurant and, accompanied by another of-

ficer who was already there, went inside the Quelle.

"Three men from Astoria asked them how they could get the Astoria high school basketball team over to the Senator hotel. The officers immediately offered to take the boys in their police cars to the hotel, which offer was accepted. Three officers then accompanied three men to the Quelle basement entrance where they stood guard while two other officers brought cars around into the alley along side of said restaurant.

"Two of the officers told the Astoria team that they would take them to their hotel four at a time since the officers only had two cars available there. When the first car drove up in front of the basement entrance five men insisted on riding in the first car instead of four. Five more men were taken on the second trip. This left Coach Palmberg with one other man. One of the officers stood with Palmberg and offered to walk to the hotel with him and another man. One of the officers walked out to State street with Palmberg and a friend whereupon Palmberg told the officer that they could go the rest of the way alone. The officer reiterated his offer to accompany them but was refused."

County WPA Report Made

There are now 1151 men and women on WPA rolls in Marion county, including men assigned to the Silver Falls recreational area, G. R. Boatwright, WPA district engineer reported Monday.

The number is a reduction of approximately 700 from the winter peak, some of those cut from the rolls going into private employment. Boatwright said there had been some complaints on cutting of rolls, but that adjustments were made in most cases.

About 60 men have been transferred from Marion county to

work on construction of a connecting road between Camp Clatsop and Fort Stevens. Included are 20 carpenters taken from here Monday for the defense project, which has priority over all other projects in requisitioning skilled and unskilled labor.

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