

Police Chief Minto Explains Commercial Parking Zones

Restricted parking zones marked by yellow lines on Salem's streets within the past few days are for the exclusive use of commercial vehicles, which are to occupy them only for loading and unloading, Chief of Police Frank A. Minto states. Signs explaining use of the zones are ready but have not been erected because of a shortage of bolts.

The zones, authorized by a city council resolution August 18, are an attempt to abolish double parking by delivery truck. A 15-minute limit was set on their use.

Several "tickets" have been issued to private automobiles using the spaces, although drivers were only warned during the first days of the zones, Chief Minto said. Fines of \$1 each are imposed.

Seven zones have been installed and others already authorized, are to be added as the need appears, said Minto. Each is two parking spaces wide.

The zones authorized in August were one on each side of the street in each block of Court, State and Ferry from Front to High street, and of High, Liberty and Commercial from Ferry to Court street. Two additional, on both sides of Commercial between Court and Chemekeeta streets, were approved by the council September 2.

COLUMBUS, O.—(AP)—Two men pushing a stalled automobile asked C. W. Heaton to help them.

Instead he called police who booked the pair on a suspicious person charge. The automobile belonged to Heaton.

Forced Finger Printing Held Not Lawful

Sheriff A. C. Burk was advised Saturday that his office should not fingerprint a man under arrest and not yet convicted unless he voluntarily submitted to the identification process. Burk said that already had been his custom.

The opinion, given by Dist. Atty. Miller B. Hayden, who said he submitted it at the request of Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, read as follows:

"For your information Section 86-725 OCLA in substance provides that after conviction of a crime the sheriff's office may make fingerprint records of the defendant. The weight of authority is, however, that simply upon a man's arrest as a suspect or under conditions where conviction has not been had and is innocent by court of common jurisdiction, that after the suspect protests, or refuses to voluntarily submit having his fingerprints taken, he is within his legal right, and he cannot be compelled to submit to this process.

"However, any person who may be arrested upon a charge, or

taken into custody in any lawful manner by your office, may be fingerprinted providing that he voluntarily submits to the same and raises no objection. "I want to again make it plain that this is a matter which has been taken up with this office by Judge McMahan, and we are notifying you as to the law at his request. The district attorney's office is also an officer of the court, as well as the sheriff; and when the court requests an officer of the court to perform a lawful duty, it is necessary under the law that it be done. Hence the communication."

Oddities .. in the News

KANSAS CITY—(AP)—The men who have run the nation's hand-shaking bill up in the neighborhood of \$8,000,000,000 a year were told it wasn't enough.

C. N. Nichols of New York, president of the International Association of Convention Bureaus, suggested if the conventions were going to get more than one out of every 13 citizens next year, as they did last, it would require bigger budgets, better promotional campaigns and "irresistible advertising."

Henry Boning, Kansas City convention bureau manager, said the average convention delegate is in town 4.23 days and spends \$62.43.

LAKE CHARLES, La.—(AP)—Though it's pretty hot, Corp. James Vredy, Columbus, O., wears his socks to bed during maneuvers here, in order to foil the mosquitoes. Being six feet, seven inches tall, reputedly the tallest man in the army, his feet and legs protruded from his mosquito netting.

Grandsons of Salem Minister Visit From Colombia Mission

Though they talk with a Colombian accent, converse with each other in Spanish and were born and have spent most of their lives in South America, Robert and Pryor Smith, grandsons of Rev. and Mrs. James Aikin Smith, Salem, are two American boys who are looking forward to attending school this year at Klamath Falls, where they will have playmates of their own nationality.

Their home is in Medellin, Colombia, where their father, Rev. Pryor Smith, has been a Presbyterian missionary for 14 years, and although they left Medellin, the third largest city in Colombia, with a missionary on his way home on furlough, the trip from New York to Salem was made alone. Leaving home on July 29, they arrived in New York on August 27 and in Salem Thursday where they are guests of their grandparents before leaving for Klamath Falls to stay with an aunt.

Joining the boys in May for a year's furlough will be their parents, two brothers and a sister, the only one of the five children who was born in the United States. "War talk? We don't hear much of it in South America," Pryor, 14, answered while Robert, 11½, added that "it certainly seemed to be well discussed in the states."

WU Savant Sells Orchard Ranch

Dr. S. E. Laughlin of the sociology department of Willamette university, has sold his farm near Brunk's Corner, in Polk county,

of that consumed in the United States, will be out shortly. Most American crabs are going to the fresh seafood market. Maine packs some sardines and the Pacific coast puts up pickards, but production is light this year.

Canned oysters and shrimp are hard to get and the shrimp pack will be light because of high prices and big demand for the iced variety.

Tinned tuna and salmon cost more and are scarce because of army purchases.

"Almost anything in the seafood line now is a pain in the neck," one sales manager grumbled.

Portland wholesale grocery prices are up, by conservative estimate, 8 to 9 per cent over Jan. 1, he added.

County Court Will Return Road Funds

Acting under authority of a 1941 legislative measure, the Marion county court decided Friday to return to cities and towns of the county 94 per cent of the county road fund collected within their respective boundaries. Six per cent will be retained as cost of administration of the tax.

This was the court's policy until a few years ago when auditors declared it illegal.

The court made it plain that the payments would be based on collections rather than on the total amount of the road tax levy.

Naval Shooting at Reporters at Red Plane Landing Draws Ire

SEATTLE, Sept. 6.—(AP)—A naval sentry's shots in the direction of a newspapermen's boat at the landing of the two flying boats of a Russian military mission here Thursday brought editorial reverberations against Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox Saturday.

The Post-Intelligencer, of which John Boettiger, son-in-law of President Roosevelt, is editor and publisher, charged in a lengthy editorial, prompted by the gunfire incident:

"Since Mr. Knox became secretary, and as a result of his woefully misguided orders affecting the press, the popularity of the navy has diminished dangerously."

The editorial said that "the firing upon American newspapermen by United States navy men at Sand Point (the naval air station where the Russians landed) is about the last straw."

"It culminates a long series of incidents of officiousness, stupid regulations and a lack of cooperation which would seem to indicate that the United States navy, in our knowledge at least, is trying to deliberately alienate the American press."

The shots were directed at the speedboat piloted by Paul O'Neil, newspaper reporter, and Harold (Smitty) Smith, photographer.

The boat, with Smith taking a rapid fire series of pictures of the Russian seaplane, came close inshore into a zone where private small craft are prohibited. Naval authorities previously had issued orders against taking pictures in the station itself.

O'Neil said he had started to swing out into Lake Washington

after taking the pictures without interference.

Four shots rang out for a navy patrol boat which had set out after the press boat.

O'Neil said he did not hear the first warning shots across his bow, probably because of the roar of boat and airplane motors. But the fourth one nearly hit his boat.

He said the chief petty officer, whose name was not disclosed, told him afterward:

"The fourth was a line shot and it must have ricocheted off the water right near you. If it had been a little higher, it might have hit you."

A young aviation mate, third class, said he fired the shots from a .45 automatic pistol.

Naval authorities confiscated the photographic plates from the O'Neil-Smith boat (both are Seattle Times employees) and from the Post-Intelligencer boat, which also was at the scene but was not involved in the shooting. Some of the photographs were released later.

ALBEMARLE, NC.—(AP)—A party of sportsmen seining for fish in Rocky river near here, more than 200 miles inland, came up with a hefty catch — an alligator.

J. W. Murray said he tethered it beside a fishpond on his farm.

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