

Capacity of Senator Hotel To Top Marion

The Hotel Senator was well on the way toward displacing the 77-year-old Marion as Salem's largest hostelry today.

W. W. Chadwick, heading the Chadwick hotel system, said Wednesday the top floor of the \$100,000 addition to the Senator would be completed in time to provide eight more rooms for legislators at the January session, and that the other two floors now under construction would add 16 more rooms shortly thereafter.

The addition will bring the total rooms to 138, compared to 125 for the Marion.

Another \$100,000 improvement to the Senator, opened during the next two years, Chadwick said, including a garage on the first floor, and another 40 rooms above. The addition would utilize the space occupied currently on the ground floor by the Greyhound bus lines. The bus firm has been granted a year's extension on its lease, which was to have expired next April 30, to give time for building a new Greyhound terminal at Church street.

School News

By Donna Carr

Senior High School

Twenty-one new members of Sigma Lambda national honor society were inducted at an assembly Wednesday in the high school auditorium. Those inducted were: Carol Ashcraft, Alice Barrick, Betty Jo Beardley, David Beckett, Melford Boggs, Marianne Bonesteel, Elsie Carr, Donna Chastain, Douglas Coe, Bob Cook, Olwyn Davies, Margaret Fisher, Bob Goffier, Peggy Hedges, Marilyn Morse, Margie Scandling, Marilyn Springer, Allen Wilcox and Robert Winger. A Christmas skit using the Rumpelstiltskin idea to present the names of the initiates, was directed by Janice Middleton, chairman, and Barbara Smith, chairwoman of the faculty committee. A formal induction for new members will be held in the high school auditorium January 22 at 7:30 p.m.

A program of Christmas music will be given this afternoon at the Salem high school by a choir of 54 members and a Glee club consisting of 120 students, directed by Miss Lena Belle Tarter. Featured on the program will be a solo by Arlene Hilfficker, the sophomore girls' quartet, the junior boys' quartet, numbers by the orchestra conducted by Victor Palmason, and carol singing by the audience. The presentation will be repeated at 8 o'clock in the evening for parents and friends.

Leslie Junior High

The annual Leslie Christmas cantata, under the direction of Miss Alphonse Wahl, will be given this evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Soloists appearing on the program are Harry Hendrickson, Shirley Herr, Estelle Schroeder, Malcolm Peeler, Richard Zeller, Loren Bartlett and Jean Updegraff. Special numbers will be sung by the 9th grade girls' sextet, which includes Barbara Flagg, Marilyn Hill, Rebecca Selman, Estelle Schroeder, Jean Updegraff and Shirley Herr, and the 8th grade girls' chorus. Accompanists are Edna Marie Hill and Dorothy Peterson. Scriptures, read by James Humphrey, and slide films picturing scenes of the Christmas story will accompany the selections of Christmas hymns and carols.

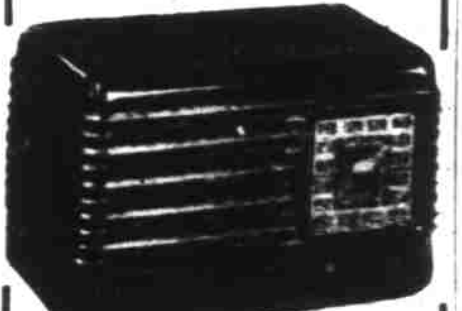
ADAR BID AWARDS DUE

PORTLAND, Dec. 18. (AP)—Awards on the 37th bid received for 25 Camp Adar buildings will be made within a week, the war assets administration said today.

PRESS CONFERENCE SET

EGGENE, Dec. 18. (AP)—The 28th annual Oregon press conference was set today for Feb. 21-22 at the University of Oregon school of journalism.

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Pheasant Flies Through Pane



INDEPENDENCE.—(Special)—A China pheasant must have been as hard up for a room as some people are for a home. The bird Monday crashed through a small pane above the window in room 26 at the Independence hotel, then was trapped between a lower pane and the window shade. Tom Smith (left), groceryman, and John Martin, hop man, rescued the pheasant and set it loose in the country. (Independence Enterprise photo.)

State Employes Group Outlines 9-Point Legislative Program

A nine-point legislative program, including proposed amendments to be presented to the 1947 legislature starting here January 13, was released by officials of the Oregon State Employes association here Wednesday.

One of these would authorize state departments to make payroll deductions for employes group life insurance premiums. At the present time, it was said, some departments will not make such deductions because the existing law mentions deductions for hospital dues only.

Another proposed amendment relates to the state retirement act and would eliminate the present 20-year maximum allowance for prior service and provide that the pension include an amount equal to \$2.50 per month for every year of service rendered prior to July 1, 1946.

Other recommendations: Change the retirement act to eliminate the employes present election to voluntarily contribute on the amount of salary earned in excess of that matched by the employer and in lieu thereof to provide that employes match employes contributions on salary up to but not exceeding \$3000 per year. (Present maximum is \$200 a month.)

Amending retirement act to provide that employes contributions not start until employed six months.

Provide that retirement board be permitted to charge off administrative expense against interest earnings on investments and post the balance in one posting to each member's account.

Amendment to retirement act eliminating the effective date at which retirements should commence by striking out reference to the "end of the war" and retaining only the reference to July 1, 1947, in certain sections of the law.

Amendment to civil service act substituting the date July 1, 1947, for the term one year after

Scott Opposes Shift of Law Administration

Transfer of the inheritance and gift tax law administration from the state treasury to the state tax commission as proposed by Governor Earl Snell's tax study commission would be contrary to the best interests of the state and the public, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott declared in a statement here Wednesday. He said this de-

partment, as now administered, had been built up over a period of 42 years. "Administration of the inheritance and gift tax laws is technical and legalistic, requires knowledge of laws and practices of other states and the United States, as well as Oregon, and calls for highly trained personnel," Scott declared.

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To make the civil service pay plan wage scale effective January 1, 1947.

Urge the legislature to set up an emergency "salary fund" for the next biennium to cover any salary increases which might be justified due to rising costs of living or emergencies.

Support any bill which proposes a reasonable increase in the salaries of the governor, other elective officials, appointed officers, and others not included in the classified service under the civil service law.

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