

Blast, Fires Plague Guardian Building; Occupancy Recalled

(Story also on page 1)
The Guardian building, dating from the turn of the century, is one of Salem's oldest office buildings and has a history of mishap. Monday's \$500,000 fire was more costly in terms of real estate valuation and professional equipment, but a boiler explosion took the lives of two men in 1912.

Mrs. Paul W. Morse, 1674 Court st., remembers that blast which occurred several years after her father, Dr. B. L. Steeves, bought the then three-story structure. Dr. Steeves took possession of the building in 1909 and for several months his family lived in a makeshift apartment on the second floor. Many available houses in Salem at that time were infested with bedbugs and Mrs. Steeves decided the bug-free Guardian building would house her family until a new home could be found, Mrs. Morse recalls.

Lodge to Grocery

The third floor was a lodge hall then and the Steeves family was often awakened by exuberant marching upstairs. From the windows of their apartment the Steeves looked down upon the crowded backyards of Salem's Chinatown. The first floor of the building housed a grocery store in those early years, she said.

But at the time of the explosion the ground floor was occupied by the Salem Bank of Commerce. It is believed the fatal blast occurred in 1912 when the building had just been remodeled and someone started a fire in the new furnace without filling the boiler with water. The resultant explosion killed an official of the bank, W. G. East, and the son of Bank President J. H. Ahlers. The blast was accompanied by a fire.

Rebuilding was completed the following year with the addition of two stories, and three years later the foundation was strengthened when vaults were built in the basement.

Two Clinics Grow

About the time of the additional construction, medical offices were operated in the Guardian building by Drs. W. B. Morse and C. H. Robertson who had opened their practice there before the explosion and fire. Later other doctors were added to this clinic which has become the present center operated by Drs. Fowler, Buren, Miller, Lancelfield and King. In 1914 Dr. Steeves was joined by Dr. M. C. Findley in medical offices in the Guardian building. Eight years later Dr. L. O. Clem-

ent joined in the clinic which, with the addition of three other doctors in the next 20 years developed into one of the largest U. S. clinics specializing solely in eye, ear, nose and throat practice. This is now the clinic of Drs. Findley, Clement, Baum, Thompson and Dunham.

Y's Men Slate Chairmen for Unit Projects

Carl Greider, a charter member and veterans counselor of the Oregon state employment service, addressed the Y's Men club at the YMCA Monday night concerning his seeing-eye dog, Jerry.

Douglas Chambers, president of the club, during the business meeting appointed the following permanent committee chairmen and co-chairmen of the club: Boys' work, Cecil Quesseth and Bob Ewing; young adult, Robert O. Smith and Lawrence Rich; new member counseling, Carl Greider and Coburn Grabenhorst; world outlook, Everett Clark and Leon Margosian. Program committee appointed was Ronald Hudkins and Bob Parr.

Committee chairman appointed for charter night, November 25, were: arrangements, Bob Smith; invitations, Charles Barclay, and dinner, Everett Clark. To be present for the charter presentation are Stanley Fleetman, district Y's Men governor, Vancouver, B.C., and James Ellenwood, of the national YM council, New York City.

Chicago Rent Boost Urged

CHICAGO, Nov. 3—(AP)—A 15 per cent rent increase for about 900,000 Chicago area tenants was recommended today — the most extensive local boost proposed so far in the nation — and the action was promptly criticized by labor and city council leaders and by a rent advisory board member who resigned in protest.

The recommendation, by the Chicago rent advisory board, was made public in Washington by the acting federal housing expediter, who must act on it within 30 days.

The housing expediter previously had approved 5 per cent rent increases in Louisville, Ky., and 10 per cent in Klamath Falls, Ore.

Inquest Set Today In Alaskan Crash

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Nov. 3—(AP)—U. S. Commissioner P. J. Gilmore called an inquest tomorrow into the cause of the death of 18 persons killed when a Pan American transport plane crashed into 3,600-foot Mount Tamgas on Annette island.

Several sacks of Ketchikan mail, some broken open, were brought in this afternoon. Searchers said the plane apparently exploded as it hit the peak.

FOREIGN AID TOTALLED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1—(AP)—Administration officials working on aid-to-Europe plans received a congressional estimate Friday that the United States has already poured between \$19,000,000,000 and \$20,000,000,000 into foreign relief since V-E and V-J days.

High Officials Here for Rites



Dignitaries at the state funeral Monday included Gov. Earl Warren of California (third from left in top picture), who is shown visiting with Gov. John Hall (right), the governor's daughter, Mary Elizabeth, and his mother, Mrs. Jessie E. Hall. Below, Sen. Wayne Morse (left) chats with Chief Justice George Roseman shortly before the latter swore in the new secretary of state, Earl T. Newbry, with Rep. Homer Angell in the center. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Normal Power Return Nears

PORTLAND, Nov. 3—(AP)—Generating capacity at Grand Coulee will be restored to normal by Thursday when the No. 7 generator is again operating, the Bonneville power administration reported today.

The 120,000-kilowatt unit was halted for adjustments after being put into service October 20. A 58,000-kilowatt generator at Bonneville dam, halted when lead wires burned out, is expected to be operating next week. It was due to resume yesterday, but repairs were delayed.

The BPA said all steam-powered generating facilities in the northwest pool are operating to handle the seasonal peak loads.

Maine Forest Fire Heat Cooked Fish

AUGUSTA, Me., Nov. 3—(AP)—Brook trout actually were "cooked" in pools of many streams heated by the Maine forest fires in York county and other areas. Evidence was presented today

Air Reserve's Meet Thursday

A "strong possibility" of gaining locally based airplanes, as well as other highly sought reserve activities, must depend on Salem's Air Force association unit meeting a quota this week of 175 officers and men, members indicated Monday night.

A "typical air force party" is on the unit's schedule for Thursday night's meeting at 8 o'clock in the Reserve Officers association quonset hut at 25th and Lee streets, near Waters park, according to Wilmer McDowell, president. All former air force officers and enlisted men were urged to attend.

More Output, But Sheerest Nylons Scarce

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—(AP)—The ladies may have to forego building wardrobes of very sheer nylon hose this winter.

Nylon hosiery scarcities are popping up in various sections of the country, but are principally in fine gauge-low denier stockings, manufacturers said today. They stressed that there are more nylons being made and shipped than a year ago.

There are various reasons for the current shortage of nylons. For one thing, the industry has introduced a variety of new shades this year — hence milady has a tendency to have more pairs of hose.

Also women are favoring the type of hose in which production is smallest — the low denier, fine gauge type. One manufacturer said the accent on fine gauge hose means a higher proportion of "irregulars" in the production. There is more likelihood of snags and other defects occurring in the finer types of hose.

Alaska Says Hogue Outstanding Pilot

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Nov. 3—(AP)—Ketchikan Air Service officials said today that Cliff Hogue, pilot of the plane which crashed in southern Oregon October 28 killing Governor Snell of Oregon and two other Oregon state officials, had an "outstanding record" as a pilot with them.

They said he began flying here in January, 1944, and flew 2,500 hours in 23 months. They said he had "no violations and no accidents, took the best of care of his plane and was offered jobs with several other larger airlines."

Hurts Minor In Week-End Auto Mishaps

Nelda Hamre, Salem route 7, escaped unhurt when her bicycle collided with a car driven by Gordon Burrell, 1519 Oregon st., at Highland avenue and North 5th street Monday noon, city police reported.

Roger Barnhart, Portland, received a minor arm injury Sunday when his car collided with an SP switch engine at Trade and South Commercial streets. Jack Shulls, 719 Mill st., was engineer of the train. Barnhart was treated by a private physician.

Other accidents Sunday involved cars driven by Mrs. Alice Anderson, 1128 N. 4th st., and Peter Schaff, Milwaukie, Ore., at Owens and S. Commercial streets; Frank J. Coumont, 1582 Court st., and Roy Patterson, Salem route 2, at Capitol street and Fairgrounds road; and Jerome L. Lewis, Portland, and Samuel G. Rundlett, 1595 S. High st., at Meyers and Saginaw street. All cars were damaged slightly, but none of the drivers was injured, police said.

A car driven by Mrs. Jack Goldade, 2350 Broadway st., collided with parked cars owned by James M. Burkhardt, 330 Columbia st., and R. C. Magee, 579 Wilcox st., in the 200 block on North High street Sunday, resulting in minor damages to all cars involved, according to police.

Asks Mental Test

PORTLAND, Nov. 3—(AP)—Wallace K. Watts, 27, one of three men charged with the \$11,345

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Salem and Lebanon Youths Pledge at UO

EUGENE, Nov. 3—(AP)—The fraternity pledge list announced at the University of Oregon for the fall term included: Beta Theta Pi—Richard Mase of Salem. Phi Kappa Sigma—William Juza of Lebanon.

Bikini Marine Life Shows Little Loss

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3—(AP)—Marine life in Bikini lagoon has survived a year's atomic radiation with almost no discernible changes, the Smithsonian institution reported today. Enormous numbers of fish and other organisms were killed by the experimental detonation of atomic bombs there, the report said, but others have moved in from the sea and there is no apparent depopulation.

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