

Art Group Buys Furniture In Sally Bush Home; Sale of Surplus Pieces Scheduled

By Maxine Buren

Contract for the purchase of contents of the Sally Bush house was signed last week by members of the Salem Art association board and Stuart Bush, owner, according to announcement made at a meeting of the association Wednesday night in the Salem public library. The consideration was \$12,500 with not more than \$3,000 to be paid in any one year.

The Sally Bush house, which will not be available during the lifetime of A. N. Bush, has been acquired by the Art association from the city for ultimate use as an art museum.

Because the house contains more furniture and works of art than the association's committee deems useful in a museum, certain pieces are being prepared for sale. This sale, which will be in approximately two weeks, will be open to the public, but an admission fee of 75 will be charged adults attending. Arrangements were made at the Wednesday night meeting to refund this admission fee to persons making purchases of \$5 or over during the sale. A portion of the house will be opened for the sale of surplus pieces. The association board has made arrangements to store some of the more valuable pieces now in the house, which will not be available for use of the city during the lifetime of A. N. Bush. Mr. Bush is moving the elevator into the house and this will also become the property of the Art Museum.

At Wednesday night's meeting, presided over by Mrs. William Everett Anderson, a new set of by-laws drawn up by a committee headed by David Dunaway, were adopted.

Meetings of the association will be open to the public, said Mrs.

Salem Given Share of State Highway Fund

Salem received \$132,165.26 when \$2,663,328.79, representing 10 per cent of state highway department receipts during 1947, was distributed to Oregon cities Wednesday, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reported.

The receipts include motor vehicle license fees, fuel taxes, motor carrier fees and fines and penalties collected for violation of the motor vehicle laws. Approximately \$250,000 is retained by the highway commission to be used on streets under special conditions.

Receipts of the state highway fund from these sources aggregated \$26,633,287.93 during 1947, Newberry declared. Counties receive their share quarterly based on registration of motor vehicles. Cities participate on the basis of population.

The city of Portland received \$870,593.99 of the current apportionment. Other cities besides Salem receiving substantial amounts included: Pendleton \$37,830.53, Albany \$24,167.99, Bend \$32,850.66, Astoria \$44,424.26, Ashland \$20,285.75, Eugene \$89,105.08, Grants Pass \$25,776.25, Klamath Falls \$70,542.59, Medford \$48,238.52, Roseburg \$21,055.45, The Dalles \$26,793 and Baker \$39,947.

Unions to Circulate Petitions for Bridge

A move to circulate petitions in the Salem area calling for the state highway commission to further plans for a proposed new Willamette river bridge at Salem, was launched at the Tuesday night meeting of the Salem Trades and Labor council. Herbert Barker, executive secretary of the council, is in charge of circulating the petitions.

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School Board Slates Budget Meet Tonight

(Story also on page 1)

J. H. Willett was added to the Salem school district's citizens budget committee and the district's first budget meeting of the year was set for 7 o'clock this evening by the school board at a meeting yesterday afternoon in the public school office building.

Teacher salaries and other major budget items will be given preliminary consideration, prior to drafting a budget, calling a public hearing and final board action before the fiscal year ends June 30, 1948.

Willett fills the unexpired term of Edward Majek, now a school board member and ineligible to serve on the citizens budget committee. Other committeemen are William L. Phillips, George Grubbenhorst, E. J. Seelars and W. J. Entress.

Although school board directors appeared prepared to call an election on a \$1,500,000 bond issue for construction to house the growing school population—in the face of Tuesday's election which defeated a proposed \$3,500,000 school bond issue—they received an alternate suggestion from Superintendent Frank B. Bennett which may become a budget consideration if a substitute bond issue cannot be approved.

Bennett's suggestion was for a 10-mill capital outlay levy, to be made annually, to add the most urgently needed classroom space as funds can be made available.

The superintendent asserted that approval of this plan with the budget would permit (through issuance of warrants) a start on the construction this summer. Under his tentative plan, only additions to the high school and Middle Grove schools and half the contemplated Parish junior high addition could be accomplished this year.

The superintendent and board members said that even with this plan it will probably be necessary to convert parts of libraries, gymnasiums and basements into classrooms in the next two or three years in many of the district's school buildings.

Bennett also pointed out that the latest state-approved school standards, which must be met to receive part of the state basic school support fund limits the size of classes for the first three grades to 25 pupils.

He added that even the defeated \$3,500,000 bond issue plan envisioned only 30 state basic school classrooms for lower grade classrooms as an example of the administration's present classroom problems that Bush school this week passed the 100-pupil mark for its first grade—now divided among three rooms.

Board Member Edward Majek told the directors he felt the citizens committee which opposed the \$3,500,000 bond issue should shoulder the responsibility for deciding where additions should be made under a scaled-down construction program.

But Mrs. David Wright and other board members disagreed, stating that the board must retain its responsibility in the matter.

At the superintendent's recommendation the board approved the hiring of Mrs. Frances Otjen, local substitute teacher, to complete the year as a Bush school teacher in place of Ruth Laselle, who resigned.

The official election canvass confirmed Tuesday night's report on the \$3,500,000 bond issue vote—3,220 against, 748 for and 4 ballots defective.

Phi Delta Theta Pledges 8 Men

Phi Delta Theta fraternity Wednesday night pledged eight new men in ceremonies at Baxter hall on the Willamette university campus.

Howard Arnot, president, from Jennings Lodge, announced the following new pledges: Newt Thompson, Halfway; Don Phillips, Salem; John Searies, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Harry Ryan, Eureka, Calif.; Berwyn Murray, Salem; Tom Huffman, Dayton; Dwane Bartsch, Salem; and Robert Muir, St. Helens.

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U. S. Asks Big 5 Palestine Talk

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 25—(AP)—The United States formally asked today that the big five powers try to solve the Palestine problem. The U. S. at the same time rejected Colombia's surprise suggestion for a special United Nations assembly to reconsider the decision to partition Palestine.

In acknowledged haste, Warren R. Austin, chief U. S. delegate, introduced in the U. N. security council proposals to ask the five great powers to report on the situation in Palestine, consider whether it is a threat to the peace, and consult with the Jews, Arabs and British on carrying out the 1947 assembly's partition project.

Edwin Minar Re-elected by Geology Club

Edwin L. Minar was re-elected president of the Salem Geology society at the organization's annual election of officers Wednesday night.

Other new officers for 1948 selected at the meeting are Charles Layport, vice president; Charles Wakefield, treasurer, and Carl F. Smith, secretary.

Irene Hollenbeck was elected program chairman, M. E. Crawford trip chairman and Prof. Herman Clark work night chairman. George Moorhead was chosen editor of the society's publication, "The Geode."

Directors for 1948 are Carl Richards who remains on the board from last year and Walter King, a new selection. The business session ended with reports from standing committees on the society's 1947 activities.

Preceding the business session members were shown two state highway commission films, "The Old Oregon Trail," and "Oregon's 60 State Parks."

To Hear Dr. Staples
The society will hear Dr. Lloyd Staples, head of the department of geology at the University of Oregon, at its annual banquet in the First Congregational church Friday at 6:30 p. m.

Dr. Staples' subject will be "Small Chestnuts and the Great Hoax." Carl Richards will act as toastmaster. Mrs. Allen Wilcox is general chairman of the committee in charge of the banquet. The dinner - meeting will also feature many fine exhibits of specimens collected by local society members. The public is invited to attend, and tickets may be secured at the door, Mrs. Wilcox announced.

Contract Fraud Draws Probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—(AP)—Comptroller General Lindsay Warren reported evidence of widespread "fraud" today in the settlement of war contracts, and Rep. Bender (R-Ohio) promised a prompt investigation.

Bender is chairman of a house expenditures subcommittee which is studying war contracts. Warren, head of the general accounting office, said examination of a limited number of settlements "has disclosed evidence indicating a reasonable probability that one out of every 20 settlements examined, and 50 cents out of every \$100 paid on all such settlements, may have been based on fraud."

The total value of real estate in New York City is estimated at \$16,900,000,000.

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Marine Corps Reserve Wins Commendation

Salem's marine corps reserve, the first unit in the 12th marine corps reserve district to reach full strength, received high commendation from Col. H. G. Newhart, Portland, commanding officer of battery C, 4th 105 mm. howitzer battalion of Oregon, in a letter received Wednesday.

The letter, addressed to local commander Maj. Leonard Hicks and all battery personnel, noted "with gratification" that the Salem unit attained full authorized strength on Feb. 6, 1948.

"The achievement of your battery is particularly noteworthy," the letter stated, "in that total progress toward its goal was made in such a short time, bringing to you the honor of being the first unit to reach its full strength."

Sergeant Major Lloyd Barker, in charge of local recruiting, said the Salem battery now has 135 enlisted men, six officers, a naval physician and three pharmacist mates.

At Wednesday night's drill session at the Salem airport, plans were made for organization of a baseball team which will be entered in the city league this season. Uniforms will be purchased next week, Hicks said.

Members were given instruction on the handling and care of ammunition and the installation of battery and wire circuits in connection with the 105 mm. howitzer.

Tenant Charged With Assault on Local Landlord

Ralph A. Magulit, 1468 S. Commercial st., faces a charge of assault and battery in Marion county district court today following his arrest by city police Wednesday night on a warrant charging him with beating his landlord, D. A. Fish, following an all-day quarrel.

Fish was treated by a private physician at a local hospital Wednesday night for a broken collarbone, fractured nose and a severe face cut.

Police said Fish told them that Magulit assaulted him at the rooming house after a heated quarrel over Magulit and his wife moving Wednesday night. Fish signed the complaint charging Magulit with the assault. Magulit was released on \$200 bail a short time after his arrest.

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Hall to Return from Southern Oregon Today

Gov. John Hall will return to his desk at the state capitol today from southern Oregon where he has been visiting for the past few days.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, who accompanied Hall on the trip, returned here Tuesday night.

Truman Fund Estimated Low, Senator Avers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25—(AP)—President Truman's budget fails to show \$3,700,000,000 (B) which is available for spending in the next fiscal year, Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) said today.

Mr. Truman's budget for the year beginning July 1 lists requests for \$39,689,983,000. But Aiken told his colleagues that other available funds bring the total to \$43,433,118,818.

Aiken handed to each senator an 18-page booklet which he called a "portable budget." It contains, he said, all major data in the 1,500 pages of fine print in the regular budget.

He said part of the additional available money results from previous appropriations. Other comes from indefinite appropriations or special funds or authorizations allowed earlier, he added.

Truman Back On U. S. Soil

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 25—(AP)—President Truman returned to the United States tonight from a five-day good will visit to the Caribbean, happy to be back on the ground after rough final hours at sea.

Stopping over at the naval operating base at Guantanamo, Cuba, for lunch when the presidential yacht, USS Williamsburg anchored there in the early afternoon, Mr. Truman told reporters: "Nobody got seasick aboard the Williamsburg." Then, a twinkle in his eyes, he showed the newsmen his fingers were crossed.

The president flew in from Guantanamo in the "Sacred Cow" landing at the Boca Chica airport eight miles away.

U. N. SESSION SUGGESTED
LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 25—(AP)—A special session of the United Nations assembly to reconsider the Korean independence issue was suggested today by Norway.

Woman Lives On Porch after Being Evicted

A young Salem woman, who lived three days on the front porch of a local boarding house from which she was evicted, pleaded innocent in municipal court Wednesday to a charge of vagrancy and is being held in the city jail in lieu of \$50 bail.

City police arrested Priscilla Howe Tuesday night at the boarding house of Mrs. Katherine O'Brien, 476 Marion st., after Mrs. O'Brien complained that the young woman had made her home on the front porch of the residence since Saturday night. Mrs. O'Brien told police she evicted Miss Howe from her room and that the girl had moved her belongings onto the front porch.

When police arrived at the home Tuesday night Miss Howe moved her belongings to the street and was arrested immediately on a vagrancy charge. Her trial has been set for March 4. Until then her housing problem will be solved unless she is able to raise the required bail, police said.

Local Men Judge Collegiate Debate

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 25—(AP)—A University of Southern California debating team defeated an Oregon State college team today on the topic of establishing world federations of nations.

The USC team argued against world federation and won by a 2 to 1 decision of the judges.

Judges were Charles A. Sprague, Salem; Lawrence Murley, Lebanon; and Lawrence Riggs, dean of students at Willamette university.

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