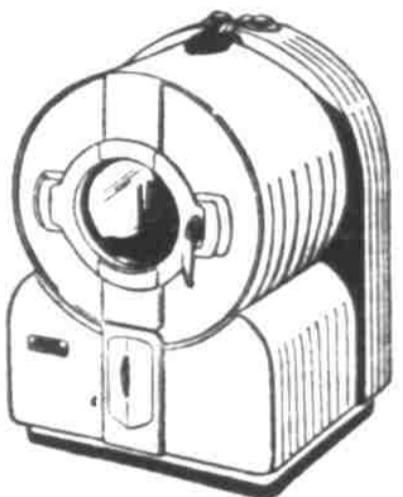


**Mrs. Binkley Elected By Pringle Mothers**

PRINGLE — Mrs. Del H. Binkley was elected president of the Pringle Mothers club Wednesday. Other officers are Mrs. W. G. Higginbotham, vice president; Mrs. Irvin Hill, secretary; Mrs. Marion Wiley, treasurer. Chairmen of committees named are Mrs. A. W. Kendrick, fund raising; Mrs. Donald Dawson, program; Mrs. Preston Bohnstedt, membership; Mrs. T. O. Ashcroft, social.

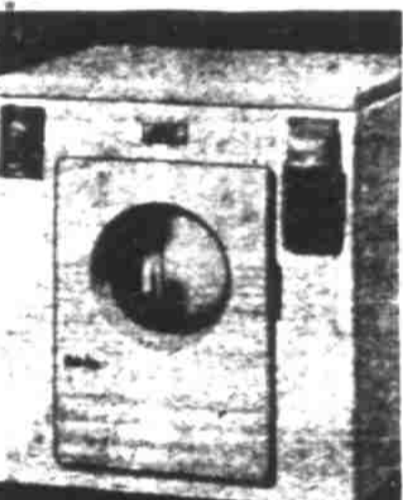
Mrs. Carl Barstrow and Mrs. George W. Sumpter were selected to write up the constitution for the club. Special meeting of the club has been called for Tuesday, March 30, at 2 p. m. at the schoolhouse.

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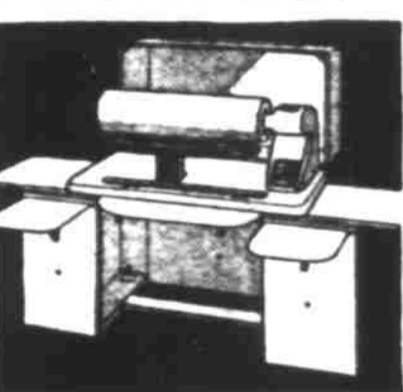
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**Salem, Ore., Now the Most Populous of Any Of 25 Similarly-named Cities in the Nation; Friendly Rivalry with Eastern Town Recalled**

**Statistics Are Not All One-sided, However, 'Supremacy' Varies**

By Wendell Webb  
Managing Editor, The Statesman  
There are 25 Salems in the United States but there no longer is any doubt that the Oregon town is THE Salem in population. It has a rich western lore in a comparatively new country, and it has grown an estimated 55 per cent since 1940, compared with about 3 per cent for its "parent."

Populations as of the first of this year are estimated at 46,904 and 43,500, respectively. The Salem, Mass., 43,500 is about what it was in 1930. It lost slightly in the 1930-1940 decade.

Salem, Ore., has three times the bonded debt of its eastern contemporary; 50 per cent greater postal receipts; nearly four times the mileage of paved streets, twice the number of churches; twice the number of theatres—and it uses almost 50 per cent more water.

Salem, Mass., has about 10 per cent more area than the Oregon town, four times as many parks; twice the park area; twice as many hospital beds; three times the assessed valuation; a 50 per cent greater tax levy; and twice the personnel on its fire and police departments.

**Less Schools Here**  
Oregon's Salem has eight public elementary schools, one high school and two junior highs, compared with the eastern city's 16 public elementary schools and one high school. Public school enrollment totals 5673 for the Willamette valley Salem, to 4018 for Salem, Mass. The latter city has the most parochial students — 2,315 compared with 884. The total teaching staffs in Salem, Ore., number 288, to 313 for Salem, Mass. exclusive of commercial schools and colleges in both cities.

Of the nation's 25 Salems, only nine had more than 2,500 population in 1940. These included, in addition to the Oregon and Massachusetts cities, the Salems in Illinois (population 7319), Indiana (3194), Missouri (3151), New Jersey (8618), Ohio (12,301), Virginia (5737), and West Virginia (2571).

The other 16 Salems are in Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, and Wisconsin.

And then there is Winston-Salem, N. C., of course, which can't quite qualify for the namesake list of the "City of Peace." It now has a population well over 80,000.

**Comparison List**  
Following is a comparison between the two Salems — Oregon and Massachusetts

**Time Changeth Size**

A fortnight ago, The Oregon Statesman sent a query to the Salem, Mass., Evening News regarding comparative data on the two largest Salems in the nation. Back came a courteous letter providing the requested statistics (on which Managing Editor Wendell Webb's story in an adjoining column is based), and after Webb's story was in type there arrived a story printed in a recent issue of the eastern Salem's evening newspaper. This story, too, herewith is re-published, without attempt at co-ordination, to provide added background to the longstanding friendly relations the two cities have enjoyed.

(estimate); Mass., 42,833 (state census).

1947 population: Oregon 46,904 (estimate), Mass., 43,500 (estimate).

Area: Oregon 7.06 sq. mi.; Mass. 8 sq. mi.

Altitude: Oregon 171 ft.; Mass. 15 ft.

Parks: Oregon 7; Mass. 29.

Park acreage: Oregon 202; Mass. 436.68.

Assessed valuation: Oregon \$19,663,721; Mass. \$54,840,330.

Tax rate: Oregon 24.7 mills; Mass. 37.5 mills.

Bonded debt: Oregon \$3,587,064; Mass. \$1,043,500.

Postal receipts: Oregon \$600,000; Mass. \$420,000.

Churches: Oregon 49; Mass. 24.

Theatres: Oregon 6; Mass. 3.

Hospitals: Oregon 2; Mass. 3.

Hospital beds: Oregon 170; Mass. 365.

Public schools: Oregon 11 (8 elementary, 2 junior high, 1 high); Mass. 17 (16 elementary, 1 high).

Public school pupils: Oregon 5673 (includes some from outside city limits); Mass. 4018.

Parochial schools: Oregon 4 (884 students); Mass. 6 (2815 students).

Total Teachers public and parochial: Oregon 288; Mass. 313.

Paved streets: Oregon 96 mi.; Mass. 29.4 mi.

Fire department personnel: Oregon 52; Mass. 82.

Police department personnel: Oregon 44; Mass. 92.

**In Populous Area**  
Many of the figures, for proper analysis, have to be considered in the light of varying factors. The eastern Salem is in a highly-populous area, just on the edge of Boston, its retail trade area, within a 16 mile radius, has a 200,000 population. It is a major manufacturing center, as well as a mecca for north shore summer visitors.

George W. Memmott of the Salem, Mass., Evening News, who provided The Statesman with considerable of the data regarding his home city, says the Indian name for his Salem is "Naumkeag," which "still is in common use." (Salem, Ore., once was called "Chemeketa").

The musk-ox, confined to the northern parts of North America, are suited for domestication, producing milk equal to the cow and valuable wool.

**Bay City Paper Faces Facts Unflinchingly; Comparison Detailed**

SALEM, Mass., March 13—(Special)—The following story appeared last week in the Salem Evening News:

"It'll come as a shock to many a loyal resident of this city, but a fact's a fact and they'll just have to swallow their pride and like it."

"Salem, Mass., is no longer the largest Salem of the 16 in the United States."

"The honor goes now to Salem, Ore., population, estimated 46,904 in 1947. The Witch city's population in the state census of 1945, last counting of heads here, was 42,833."

"If it's any consolation, population of the area that people of this city call Greater Salem—a name that is gall to the inhabitants of the other sovereign communities so lumped together—is considerably greater than the 69,603 in the Oregon city's metropolitan area."

"But Massachusetts Salemites really can't take credit for the existence of Beverly, Peabody, Marblehead and Danvers that brings the five-community total above 100,000."

"The two Salems are not total strangers. Back in 1926, as a feature of the Bay State Salem's tercentenary, a team of debaters from Salem High school took a trip to the Oregon city and at the same time a team from the northwest city's high school came here to test the forensic talents of the Witch city's stay-at-home team. Incidentally, the Oregonians were declared the winners."

"It was around that time, too, that the saucy Salem, Ore., Chamber of Commerce pulled the legs of a good many Massachusetts Salemites with a proposal that this Salem change its name. It had become irksome to have their fair city forever confused with a backward little community in Massachusetts, the Oregonians wrote, urging the original Salem to adopt another name."

"The furor that proposal aroused among the indignant citizenry of this city, before it sank in that it was a gag, resounded all over the country. When finally the red faces of Salem, Mass., had regained their natural hue their owners entered into the spirit of the thing and helped keep the press of the nation supplied with many a good story."

"No, the two Salems Are Not Strangers"

"Oregon's Salem, the state capital, is sharing an unprecedented growth on the west coast and is experiencing some severe growing pains in the process. The News has been advised by Wendell Webb, managing editor of the Oregon Statesman, Salem daily paper. Mr. Webb apparently is unaware of the fact his city has outstripped this Salem in population. "It (meaning his city) apparently now approximates your own population," was the way he put it.

"The Massachusetts Salem is a mite larger in area (8.2 square

miles) than its Oregon counterpart (7.06 square miles). Out there they've got a council-manager form of city government—a mayor, seven aldermen and a city manager—while here we do without a manager and have four more aldermen or councilors....

"Out there they've got a college, Willamette university, co-educational founded in 1842 and having 1200 students and 64 teachers. The best the Bay state Salem can offer in higher than the secondary educational level is the Salem State Teachers college, also co-educational, founded in 1854 and having an enrollment of 422 with 28 teachers....

"Salem, Ore., is considerably farther from the Nearest Larger Town (Portland, 50 miles north) than is Massachusetts' Salem, which has Lynn at its back door and Boston only 20 miles away."

"If you were a crow and flew due east from Salem, Ore., thinking you'd land in or near Salem, Mass., after you'd gone 3500 miles or thereabouts, you'd be fooled. You'd land in Bangor, Me. The reason is because Oregon's Salem is up near the 45th degree north latitude, while the Witch city is about at the 43 mark...."

**Lutheran Choirs Plan Good Friday Service**  
SILVERTON — Members of Trinity choir drove to Monitor Thursday night for a joint rehearsal with the Lutheran choir there. Both choirs were directed by Martin Rostvold. The two choirs will sing at the Good Friday night service at Trinity in Silverton when members of Immanuel and Calvary Lutheran churches will be guests of Trinity. Next Thursday night the Monitor group will come to Silverton for a joint practice with Trinity.

**Stayton PTA Meeting To Be Held on Monday**  
STAYTON — The Stayton PTA will meet Monday, March 15, at the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Mrs. Agnes Booth, Marion county school superintendent, will be present to explain some school legislation pending which concerns new school district boundaries.

Colorful travelogue pictures of Mexico will be shown. Hostesses will be Mrs. Golda Brown, Mrs. Willard Buckner, Mrs. Florence Carleton and Mrs. Audrey Morley.

**Bible Class Is Held After School in Home**

PRINGLE — A children's Bible class is being held every Monday after school at Mrs. Leroy Johnson's.

Mrs. John Catrall is confined to her home with influenza. Mrs. Donald McDowell has returned from Salem General with her son Gary.

**Inman Charged with First Degree Murder**

PORTLAND, March 13 —(AP) Arnold (Bud) Inman, 35-year-old Portland golfer accused of killing his business partner in a fight, was indicted on a first-degree murder charge Friday.

Everett L. Keith, 40, Inman's partner in a service station, was killed March 3 and dumped in a slough.



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