

### Plan Keeps Courthouse Facing West

The proposed new Marion county courthouse will not be turned around to a north facing, as once considered, it appeared from new plans in county offices Wednesday. The latest layout prepared by Architect Pietro Belluschi shows the building continuing to face west, on High street.

The shape of the structure, however, is considerably different from that of the present courthouse, built in the 1870s. Since office space requirements and interior arrangements will determine the final appearance of the plan, officials are checking the new plans regarding their particular locations and space.

**FREE TEEN AGE DANCE**  
 Fri., Oct. 22  
 8 to 12  
 Glenwood Ballroom  
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You have a date the next time you're in Portland for DANCING  
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NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN HOW TO DANCE THE EASY WAY!

**The Paul Armstrong School of Dancing**

Is now beginning ballroom classes. Learn the waltz, fox trot, swing, rumba, samba and two-step. Two dollar discount if enrolled by tonight.

GO TO 1990 MISSION ST. TODAY!  
 CLASSES BEGIN TODAY, OCT. 21, 7 P.M.

**"All My Sons"**  
 Begins Sunday, Oct. 24th  
 Salem Senior High School

**CIVIC DRAMA GUILD OF NEW YORK**  
 1948-49 DRAMA FESTIVAL SUBSCRIPTION SERIES!

**CRITICS RAVE OVER SERIES!**

**HIT #1 BUT NOT GOODBYE**  
 "Nothing but laughs from curtain to curtain."  
 "A sure cure for the blues."  
 "A sure cure for the blues."  
 "N. Y. TIMES"  
 "N. Y. POST"

**HIT #2 JOHN LOVES MARY**  
 "One of the 10 best plays of 1947."  
 "—BURNS MANTLE"  
 "Even funnier than 'Dear Ruth' by the same author."  
 "—N. Y. JOURNAL"

**HIT #3 ALL MY SONS**  
 "Falls no punches. Always in suspense and excitement."  
 "—N. Y. TIMES"  
 "Will make you a better American."  
 "—N. Y. NEWS"  
 "Dynamic theatre. Try it in its impact."  
 "—N. Y. NEWS"

ALL SEATS RESERVED  
 3 PLAYS FOR THE CURRENT B-WAY PRICE OF ONE!

**Tickets on Sale at Miller's**  
 Sponsored by 20-30 Club

### Sooter Tells Events Prior to Baley Death

(Story also on page 1)  
 DALLAS, Oct. 20—(Special)—Ill feelings between Amos Sooter and the Fred Baley family were indicated Wednesday in testimony presented at the first degree murder trial of Sooter, who is charged with the "ambush shotgun" shooting of Baley last August 12.

During the defendant's three hours of testimony, Sooter said "things went haywire" when his wife came into their home Thursday night, August 5, accompanied by Baley. "Who had a case of beer," Sooter said later he asked if she was going to live with Mr. and Mrs. Baley and was told "I could if I wanted to."

Sooter went on to say, "then it seems I slipped her."

Next morning Mrs. Sooter was not in the small one-bedroom home, the defendant testified. Unable to remember he was actually unable to remember having slapped his wife, but that she said he did. He denied he hit her with his fist. Mrs. Sooter, following Dr. Evans on the stand, admitted signing a divorce complaint in which it was charged Sooter had beat her with his fists. She also testified Fred Baley had given her the money required to file the complaint.

Regarding the acquaintance of his family with the Baley Sooter said "there was too much drinking, just beer but in the home and that is not right."

He said he objected to his son marrying Mrs. Baley's daughter, because his son was too young. (The son, John Ray Sooter, 19, and Mrs. Baley's daughter, Mary Louise Day, 18, were married in Portland a few days after the shooting.)

**Left Home August 5**  
 The defendant's wife said she left her home August 5 after an altercation with her husband. She said she found Sooter lying in bed and staring "wild-eyed" and they argued about her going to Baley's to live. Mrs. Sooter asserted her husband had swung the butt of his rifle at her and had threatened to kill himself before she fled the house and went to the Baley home for the night.

The courtroom was crowded and latecomers this afternoon stood along the walls, moving up as the bailiff, Mrs. Edythe Hoistington, quietly indicated that they should. The courtroom was quiet as the defendant testified in a low tone, frequently prompted by the court to speak louder. Often Defense Attorney Bruce Spaulding or District Attorney R. S. Kresson asked to have the answer repeated.

Fred Miller of Attorney General George Neuner's office in Salem assisted the Polk county prosecutor. Circuit Judge Arlie Walker is sitting in the case.

### At Salem Schools

By James Cooke  
 Statesman School Correspondent

**SALEM HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Thirty-five new members were initiated into the Snikpoh dramatic club at the Salem High cafeteria Wednesday. They came dressed as comic strip characters and ate at tables covered with funny papers, in accordance with the "Comic Capers"



Marijo Ogle, club president, was general chairman for the initiation and committee chairmen were: Decoration, Joyce Kirby; costumes, LaJune Rahtz; stunts, Sue Perry; programs, Zarelda Prince. Lela Johnson and Margaret Burroughs are Snikpoh faculty advisers.

**Players Rehearse Comedy**  
 The annual Snikpoh play will be held December 3 in the Salem high auditorium. Rehearsals for the play, "I Remember Mama," have started and principal parts have already been assigned.

Parts have been assigned to Catherine Siegmund, Marijo Ogle, Douglas Van Dyke, Barbara White, Richard Geer, Susan Perry, Catherine Person, Ann Gibbons, Judith Wood, Michael Martin, Jack Byers, Sid Wasserman, Susan Steed, Tattia Williams, Helen Wiet, Zarelda Prince and Gilbert Bates.

"I Remember Mama" is a comedy adapted by John van Duten from "Mama's Bank Account" by Kathryn Forbes. It shows in several episodes the problems of an American family during the early years of this century.

**Schools Donate \$1,144 to Chest**  
 A total of \$1,144.34 was contributed by Salem schools for the Community Chest drive, Matilda Gilles, Richmond grade school principal and chest worker reports. McKinley and Bush led the grade schools and all the junior high schools surpassed last year's donations. The quota for Salem high school also was met.

### Salem VFWs Visit Silverton

Nearly a hundred members of VFW posts in the area attended the district meeting at the Silverton armory Wednesday night.

Principal speakers for the session were L. R. Henderson, department junior vice commander and G. O. Pike, state service officer. Henderson spoke on athletics and junior activities sponsored by the VFW, and Pike talked on service officer duties and veterans' legislation. Pike commended the district for its organization and officer personnel.

Silverton's VFW post and auxiliary presented a short musical program and led group singing.

### Highway Bureau To Open Bids on Salem Building

Bids for construction of a state highway department storage building here will be opened November 4 by the state highway commission in Portland.

State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said Wednesday the project would be a one-story 120 by 40 foot equipment storage building in the state highway shops area, which can be used for office space until a new state highway building is erected. Alternate bids for frame or concrete block construction are sought.

Among 14 other bids to be opened by the highway commission at the meeting will be one for construction of a 100-foot reinforced concrete viaduct and paving and grading of approaches to the D river bridge at Oceanlake in Lincoln county.

**Salem Civic Players PRESENT "LISTEN TO LEON"**  
 Sponsored by Salem Postal Clerks Aux.  
 Friday, Oct. 22nd, 8:15 p.m.  
 Adm. 50c incl. tax  
 SALEM CIVIC THEATRE  
 155 S. Liberty St.  
 Tickets on Sale at Capital Drug and At the Door

**A 'SALLY SAVER' VALUE!**  
 Today - Friday and Saturday Only!  
**GLOVES**  
 Values to 1.98 ..... **79c**  
 Sally's  
 Corner Court & Liberty

### Transamerica Case Before Circuit Judge

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20—(AP)—Right of the courts to interfere with a federal reserve board trial of the huge Transamerica corporation on banking monopoly charges was debated today before District Judge J. W. Morris.

He indicated he will rule early next week. The FRB, which launched the case under the 1914 Clayton Anti-trust act and would serve as judge and jury, said the court couldn't act unless the company should appeal on a board ruling.

Transamerica says the board should make its complaint clearer or be ordered by the court to call the whole thing off permanently. That point was a joint issue in the hour of argument by attorneys.

The Board has accused Transamerica, the world's biggest bank holding company, of violating the act through stock ownership in more than 600 banks and branch banks in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Nevada.

**Community Meeting Called**  
 First general meeting of residents in the Painters Woods and nearby districts north of Salem, concerning community problems, will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Hayden hall, Filbert and Alder streets.

Water supply, road and other problems of the area have previously been considered by committees of residents.

The new hall is at the intersection of the fourth street north of the Salem fertilizer plant, leading east from Cherry avenue, and the first north-south street.

### Marines Move Meeting Night

Change of drill nights from Wednesday to Monday effective in November was announced Wednesday night by the Salem marine corps reserve unit. The group will meet on Wednesday next week, but will shift to Monday nights thereafter.

Gary Gene Radke, Salem, was enlisted in the unit at the Wednesday night meeting as a private.

Drill schedule Wednesday night included instructions on the 105 howitzer, communications and 30 calibre machine gun.

### Phone Profit Debate Subject At Hearing

Whether a 7 per cent net return is required for sound operation of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Oregon was disputed Wednesday during cross examination of a witness appearing at the state public utilities hearing on behalf of the telephone company's application for rate increases aggregating over \$4,000,000 annually.

Dr. Herbert Dorau, economics professor at New York university, was cross examined all day by Rex Kimmell, deputy attorney general and Marian Rushing, deputy Portland city attorney. It was the second day of the resumed rate increase hearing, conducted in the Salem Chamber of Commerce hall.

Dorau maintained the telephone company needs a 7 per cent net return to attract working capital and to provide adequate telephone service.

In response to questioning by Kimmell, Dr. Dorau denied that a 7 per cent net return would enable, under present economic conditions, the company to pay its largest dividend on common stock in its history.

Both Kimmell and Miss Rushing indicated they felt a lower return than 7 per cent would suffice.

### Teasing Turns Into Gunplay

HOOD RIVER, Oct. 20—(AP)—A childish teasing erupted into a gun battle between three small boys and left a 7-year-old seriously wounded and two others in police custody today.

William Dee Curlin, 7, was shot in the stomach. His 9-year-old brother, Melvin and David Minner, 13, were taken into police custody.

Sheriff R. L. Gilmouthe quoted young David as saying he shot after the elder Curlin boy fired at him. The sheriff said the quarrel yesterday began when the Curlin brothers teased Minner as they walked home from school.

The dispute grew into a fist fight, rock-throwing and eventually—threats with a gun.

### Rainier Lone PUD on Ballot

Only one people's utility district proposal, involving the city of Rainier, will be on the ballot at the November election, Charles E. Stricklin, secretary of the state hydroelectric commission, announced here Wednesday.

Estimated population of the proposed district is 1300 with an assessed property valuation of \$623,570.

The district, if approved, would use Bonneville power.

★ Dance Saturday ★  
 ★ Glenwood ★

### 'Stitch in Time' Saves House

PORTLAND, Oct. 20—(AP)—Joe Gaudio got pretty tired of all those cars crashing into his house. Gaudio's house, propped on stilts over a 20-foot embankment, lies at the end of steeply-inclined Water avenue. Automobiles for years kept hurtling out of control off the avenue into his front door.

The last time it happened Gaudio bought six lengths of railroad track and sank them 10 feet into the ground to make a fence.

Today a truck loaded with scrap steel overturned in front of Gaudio's place, and 15 tons of scrap crashed down. But the improvised fence held.

"They're all that kept my place from being swept down the bank," said Gaudio happily.

### Detroit Slash Fire Brought Under Control

DETROIT, Oct. 20—A slash fire which flared out of control on Blowout creek south of Detroit Tuesday was brought under control early Wednesday by forest service crews and area loggers.

The blaze—burning about 50,000 feet of felled timber—started when a crew from the ranger station was burning slash near the timber.

### Hunter Cleared of Blame For Shooting Boy in Tree

COQUILLE, Oct. 20—(AP)—Lawrence W. Simmons, Myrtle Point rancher who shot 15-year-old Arthur Cotter out of an apple tree in the belief the lad was a bear, was cleared of blame today. A grand jury refused to indict Simmons on an involuntary manslaughter charge.

### ITALIAN GENERAL DIES

ROME, Oct. 20—(AP)—General of the Army Gaetano Zoppi, 98, Italy's oldest general, died today. He was the hero of the Italian stand at the Piave river after the disastrous defeat at Caporetto in the first world war.

**HOLLYWOOD**  
 Now Showing - Open 6:45  
 M-G-M's best of  
**JOHNSON**  
**ALLYSON**  
 THRILLING CO-FEATURE  
**"MR. RECKLESS"**  
 William Eythe  
 Barbara Britton

**WILLIAM POWELL**  
**ANN BLYTH**  
 "NUNNALLY JOHNSON'S"  
**Mr. Peabody and the Mermaid**

And!  
 Color Cartoon  
 Warner News

— 2ND ACE HIT —  
**"Secret Service Investigator"**  
 with Lloyd Bridges - Lynne Roberts

### Lawyer Supports Commission Plan In Club Speech

Elmer Amundson, Salem attorney and candidate for the city council, gave members of the Hollywood Lions club an explanation of the commission form of government Wednesday at the regular meeting of the grange.

He said reason why the city manager form of government was not 100 per cent efficient was the manner in which authority was vested in the manager, and added that so-called savings reported by the present form did not reveal the true picture.

Amundson voiced objections to the present handling of funds collected from parking meters. He said purpose of the meters was to raise money for traffic control—lights, lane marking and police personnel—but that the money was going into the general fund instead.

### German Reds Handed Guns

BERLIN, Oct. 20—(AP)—Guns were being handed out to Moscow-trained police throughout the Eastern zone today and anti-communists said rebellion in Korea should be a warning to Germany.

"Korea offers a parallel of what would happen in Germany if the Western powers should accept Russia's proposal that all occupying forces withdraw from Germany," said Franz Tausch, chief editor of the newspaper Sozialdemokrat, when asked for his opinion of the situation.

The Russian-licensed news agency ADM said ceremonies throughout the Eastern zone marked the issuance of arms to these police units.

Unconfirmed estimates placed the police force as high as 400,000 men.

**CAPITOL**  
 RIGHT NOW!  
 MORGAN  
 CARSON  
**"TWO GUYS FROM TEXAS"**  
 DOROTHY MALONE  
 PENNY EDWARDS  
 DAVID BUTLER  
 ALEX GENTILE  
 Wm. Gargan in  
**"Waterfront at Midnight"**

**ELSGINORE**  
 Doors Open at 6:45 p.m.  
 NEW  
**TODAY!**  
 So Wonderfully Wonderful—  
 She Should Happen to YOU!

Lucky Mr. Peabody—  
 Everybody Thought He Was Dreaming!  
 Truly the Season's Most Delightful Treat!  
 With Irene Hervey  
 Andrea King  
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### School Group Takes Stand On Legislation

Discussion of a legislative committee report received the bulk of attention by Oregon county school superintendents at their annual conference in Salem Wednesday.

There was no opposition to a proposal urging additional state aid for capital outlay projects, involving schools, and making permanent the appointment of a state school building consultant.

Provisions allowing county superintendents to select clerks of all school districts except first class for financial matters was also approved. The salary along with employment of a special stenographer also was included in the proposal.

Also proposed was enactment of a law requiring traffic to halt when a school bus was loading or unloading. It was brought out in the discussion that several children have been killed in recent years by automobiles passing standing buses at high rates of speed.

Enactment of a law providing that the salary of the county school superintendent be not less than the salary in 1948 was proposed by the committee.

The superintendents went on record at the conference as vigorously opposing the "drink-by-the-glass" measure to appear on the November election ballot.

**THE SALEM DRIVE-IN Theatre**  
 Now Showing!  
 Last Times Tonight!  
 Don DeFore  
 Ann Harding  
**"IT HAPPENED ON 5TH AVE."**  
 Billy Halop  
**"DANGEROUS YEARS"**  
 Color Cartoon  
 Late News

**GRAND**  
 Mat. Daily from 1 p.m.  
 NOW SHOWING!  
**JEANNE CRAIG - WILLIAM HOLDEN**  
 EDWARD GIBSON

**APARTMENT for Peggy**  
 TECHNICAL  
 Directed and Written for the Screen by GEORGE SEATON  
 Produced by WILLIAM PERLBERG  
 Co-Hit!  
 Wm. Gargan  
**"ARGYLE SECRETS"**

**STATE**  
 Opens 6:45 p.m.  
 NOW SHOWING!  
 ZACHARY SCOTT  
 LOUIS HAYWARD  
 MANA LYNN  
**Ruthless**  
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### SALEM ELECTRIC ON TAXES

Salem Electric pays all the taxes imposed on it by present laws and will pay all taxes imposed in the future. The people, through their elected representatives, set the rates of taxation and the kinds of taxes. Salem Electric considers this a just system.—HAS NOT AND WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE STATE, COUNTY, OR CITY TO GIVE SALEM ELECTRIC ANY TAX ADVANTAGE.

on the other hand  
 The Portland General Electric Co. spent \$3000 of the money received from power bills on behalf of the sales tax which was designed to burden the man who can least afford to pay. \$3480 to an organization to keep down their own property taxes. And \$5733 more was spent at the State Legislature to improve their own selfish interests at the expense of the common man.

	Residential Rate			Commercial Rate		
	50 kw.	200 kw.	500 kw.	750 kw.	1500 kw.	3000 kw.
Salem Electric Regular (Within Salem & W. Salem)	1.00	8.00	4.50	8.50	18.30	57.00
PGE Regular Rate	1.85	8.85	6.05	14.70	24.57	80.37
PGE Special Rate (Salem Only)	1.57	8.67	5.77	Same as above (See schedule 32)		