

Control Tower to Reopen



Salem's aerial future will be shaped with the opening of the aircraft control tower pictured above. Closed since the war except during last spring's flood emergency the tower is now being renovated for operation by the civil aeronautics authority. The quonset hut at its base is being remodeled for heavy equipment and offices. Six men will work the tower on a 24 hour basis. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Civic Players Show Versatility In 'Third Floor Back' Drama

By Robert E. Gangware
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem Civic Players Friday night put an old play with a timeless theme into this modern Christmas season, as they opened a two-night performance of Jerome's "Passing of the Third Floor Back."

The transformation of 11 self-seeking, querulous individuals into persons of character gave all 11 an opportunity to display versatility. Their transformation was accomplished by the sudden presence in their lodging house—"third floor back"—of a Christ-like fellow lodger. Cast in this role almost literally as the "deus ex machina," George Hall played the good example with effectiveness.

The parade of characters, all "bad" at first, then "good," resembles a morality play. The sweetness-and-light closing strikes the sentiment of the Christmas season.

Agnes Drummond made a convincing landlady and Helen Lucas and Barbara Henry handled the most difficult "transformations" neatly. The play will be given to-night at 8:15 in the playhouse at 155 S. Liberty st.

Intermission entertainment features Janice Keefe as vocalist and three dance students, Sandra Bliven, Judy Green and Shirley Woodraska.

Silverton Man Injured in Car Collision

SILVERTON, Dec. 17—J. H. McCullough was brought to the Silverton hospital Friday afternoon for treatment following an automobile collision early Friday in the Brush Creek area.

McCullough was driving toward Salem to his work in Independence, when his car collided with a Willamette Packing company truck driven by T. J. Shipley. Shipley was shaken but uninjured. The McCullough car was completely demolished.

At first it was believed McCullough was not badly injured, although he was cut about the face and the neck. Later shoulder injury and severe bruises were discovered and he was removed to the local hospital.

Dallas Boys Stricken with Poliomyelitis

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 17—(Special)—Two Dallas brothers, victims of infantile paralysis, were rushed to the Doernbecker hospital in Portland today.

They are Ronald Voth, 12, and his brother, Richard. The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Voth. Both were stricken ill at school Thursday and were removed to Portland when their illness was diagnosed as poliomyelitis.

Ronald was reported the most seriously ill, suffering from paralysis of the throat. Two other brothers in the same family were not affected.

Work Due Soon on Replacement for Guardian Building

According to current plans, replacement of the fire-razed Guardian building will begin January 3, since most of the needed structural materials are now on hand. The building is at State and Liberty streets and will be one story in height.

The contractor, Viesko and Post of Salem, said Friday that steel decking for floors and roof, specially fabricated in Pittsburgh, has arrived, as well as the main beams for exterior walls. The steel floors will be covered with a light layer of concrete. Meanwhile, the structural steel for the reinforced concrete building is being prepared in Portland.

Burglars Loot Jefferson High

JEFFERSON, Dec. 17—(Special)—Burglars who entered the Jefferson high school Thursday night left with only a 75-foot steel tape for their efforts.

Several doors were broken and the principal's office ransacked as the prowlers went through the building in search of money. School officials said the thieves were probably searching for a sum of money presented to the school by the girl's athletic association.

Talmage Plan Would Wipe Out Negro Vote

ATLANTA, Dec. 17—(AP)—Gov. Herman Talmage and his legislative leaders came out today with a "white supremacy" program frankly aimed at barring 80 per cent of Georgia negroes from voting.

The core of the plan is to wipe all present voters' registration lists off the books. Then a complete new state-wide registration would be undertaken with emphasis on "educational qualification" of voters.

Albany Man Breaks Leg as Horse Falls

Seedy Uken, Albany, suffered a broken right leg Friday night when a horse fell on him at the state fairgrounds stadium meeting of the Salem Saddle club.

Uken was given treatment by Salem first aid men and then moved to Albany by Memorial hospital ambulance.

End Tables and Lamp Tables

Woody Furniture Co.
474 South Commercial

Western Swing Orchestra

Lee and His Melody Nite Riders

Pedee Hall

Pedee, Oregon
Music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Dance Every Sat. Nite

22 Men Take Civil Service Firemen Tests

The largest civil service "class" since the war took written examinations for city fireman jobs Friday at city hall when 22 men of the 23 who had taken out applications were tested under the direction of Alfred Mundt, city recorder and secretary of the Salem civil service commission.

In small groups the candidates will report to the fire department Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to undergo tests in handling firemen's equipment. Following this, Mundt will grade examinations and submit a new eligibility list to the commission.

Few immediate appointments to the firefighting force are expected, however, as most of the jobs are now filled by men under civil service. An eligible list is needed, however, for the coming year when the firemen's shorter work week, as approved by voters, takes effect. This will require an extra shift of about 17 men.

2 Policemen Still Awaiting Reinstatement

Reinstated Police Officers Hobart Kiggins and Leland D. Weaver had not received notification for return to duty Friday night and it was expected they would not be on duty before the Sunday shifts.

Kiggins and Weaver were back on the police force as a result of a hearing by the civil service commission. City Recorder Alfred Mundt was securing signatures of the commissioners to the reinstatement order Friday. Following completion of the procedure it would be up to Chief Frank Minto to ask the two officers to return to duty.

Minto spiked rumors that Kiggins would return as a patrolman and said he would definitely go back to his plainclothes position, he said, however, that Weaver would not return to his old duty on the traffic detail.

Independence Meters Net Little Money

INDEPENDENCE—City officials revealed this week that Independence has netted only \$49.69 a week from parking meter receipts during a 16-week period starting last August 1.

Total collections up to December 1 were \$2,347.68—an average of \$143.73 a week. Of this amount \$1,568.66 was paid to the meter manufacturer, leaving the city only a small share of the total.

The minimum payment to the meter company for the 65 meters is \$2.50 per meter, or \$162.50 a month. Since the present take is only about \$450 a month, only \$37.50 is left for the city's share.

Records indicate that some 40 meters have not paid enough to their maker making collections from them.

PROBERS IN COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Dec. 17—(AP)—A commission representing the Organization of American States (OAS) arrived here today to investigate Costa Rican charges the country is being invaded by troops from Nicaragua.

Lien Files on Tucker Firm

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—(AP)—The government today slapped a lien on the Tucker corporation, claiming the automobile manufacturing firm owes an income tax withholding bill of \$49,121.

Browns Get Savage

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17—(AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics today announced the sale of right-handed pitcher Bob Savage to the St. Louis Browns for an unannounced sum of cash.

Players Assemble

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 17—(AP)—Players and coaches began arriving here today to get ready for the annual Blue-Gray All-Star football game Christmas day. Both the North and South squads are scheduled to start two-a-day practice sessions tomorrow.

Egypt-Bound for Holidays



On their way to Cairo, Egypt, are Mrs. L. J. McCoy, 512 S. 18th st., and her 21 month old daughter Elaine. The pair will arrive in Cairo Sunday by air, having left Portland Wednesday night. During their two-months stay, they will be visiting Mrs. McCoy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Busuttill. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Valley Briefs

Silverton—Fluorescent lights have been installed in the Eugene Field building which increases the capacity at least two thirds and has furnished a much softer light. The first six grades of the Silverton public schools are housed here with M. B. Ford as principal.

Four Corners—Mrs. Fred Buckner, 290 S. Elma ave., received word this week of promotion of her son, Leroy Willig, to the rank of master sergeant in the army at McCord Field, Wash.

Mill City—The Church of Christ will present the Sunday school Christmas program Sunday evening in the church.

Pratum—Mrs. Harvey Meyer was hostess at her home on East State street Wednesday to the Pratum Women's Society of Christian Service.

Detroit—Curtis Howard is in the Salem Memorial hospital where he is making a satisfactory recovery from an operation performed on his knee last Tuesday.

Detroit—Art Clester was injured in an accident in which a snow plow and truck were involved one day the last of the week. He is able to be home.

Central Howell—Mr. and Mrs. Don Kuenzi drove to Hebo this week to help her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waltman, settle there.

Smoking Stands

Woody Furniture Co.
474 South Commercial

BEARS TUNE UP
BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 17—(AP) California's Bears, prepping for their New Year's day football clash with Northwestern in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, will hold a brief scrimmage tomorrow, the first since they started practice Monday. They worked on passing today.

THE SALEM DRIVE-IN Theatre
Last Times Tonight!
Opens 6:45-Starts 7:15
Louis Hayward
Janet Blair
"BLACK ARROW"
Kane Richmond
Audrey Long
"STAGE STRUCK"
COLOR CARTOON
LATE NEWS!
See a show from your car!
Open Rain or Shine!

GRAND
Mat. Daily From 1 P. M.
NOW SHOWING!
TORRID! TERRIFIC!
Ida
Cornel
LUPINO · WILDE
ROAD HOUSE
RICHARD WIDMARK
THRILL CO-HIT!

WINNERS CIRCLE
STATE
Cont. From 1 P. M.
NOW! ROARING
TWIN MIRTHQUAKES!

OLSEN and JOHNSON
CRAZY HOUSE
Mae West
W. C. Fields
"MY LITTLE CHICKADEE"

LIBERTY
KARTOON
KARNIVAL
TODAY!
At 12:30 with
Reg. Show!

Last Times Today!
George Brent
"GOD'S COUNTRY"
John Garfield
Pat O'Brien
"FLOWING GOLD"

HOLLYWOOD
Doors open 1:00 p.m. for
Special Kiddies Matinee
Program, Contests, Prizes
2 Cartoons—Serial
Special Feature
"Here Comes Elmer"
Al Pearce and His Gang
—Also—
Benson's Birthday Cake
—For—
Peggy Jewell, Delores Kirchmann, Mike Thomken, Diane Emigh, Dale Whitehurst, Billy Schlitt, David Forrester, Marilyn Ripp, Louenge Layton, Darlene Meyer, Gary Allison, Tommy Wright.

Eve. Show cont. after 5 p.m.
Last Times Today
"Race Street"
George Raft, William Bendix, Marilyn Maxwell
"Senator Was Indiscreet"
William Powell, Ella Raines
Starts Tomorrow, Cont. 1:45

Betty
GRABLE · FAIRBANKS, Jr.
That
LADY IN ERMINE
TECHNICOLOR
20
—Also—
Second Feature
"Strange Journey"
Paul Kelly, Hillary Brooks

Old Time DANCE
Every Saturday Night
Over Western Auto
259 Court St.
Join the Crowd and Have a Good Time
MUSIC BY
Ben's Orchestra
Public Dance
Adm. 60c Inc. Tax

State Traffic Toll 24 in November
Oregon traffic accidents claimed 24 lives in November to swell the toll thus far this year to 379, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reported Friday.
All but six of the November casualties occurred outside the limits of any city or town. Last year at this time traffic deaths had reached 401, or 22 more than the 1948 death toll.

LAST CHANCE LADIES!
Final
Leap Year DANCE
Wayne Strachan's Music
Tonite VFW Hall

Dance Tonite Glenwood
Big Xmas Party FLOOR SHOW
Free Gifts for Everyone
Teen-agers FREE
Dance Old and New to
Ray Weidner's Orch.
Saturday Night, 8 P. M.
Over Grocery 12th & Leslie
Adults 60c Inc. Tax

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town
On Ice Skates
Monday Nite, Dec. 20th
25c — 6:30 P. M. — 25c
Children Only
Salem Ice Arena
610 N. Capitol Ph. 3-6868

BASKETBALL TONITE
Humboldt State vs. Willamette University
8 p.m.
Willamette Gym
General Admission: 75c Plus 15c Tax
Students 42c plus 8c Tax

NEW TERM Begins at the Paul Armstrong School of Dance
for Tap, Ballet, Kindergarten and Ballroom.
Come and see what others have learned in the past 12-weeks term.
FREE SHOW AT 3 & 7 P. M. TODAY, DEC. 18th
Enroll then and Save
"Ask about our Christmas Special"
1990 Mission Phone 2-7523

TOMORROW!
DON'T MAKE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT HER UNTIL YOU KNOW "The Decision of Christopher Blake"
THIS IS CHRIS the boy whose finger of scorn changed a shattered life
ALEXIS SMITH · ROBERT DOUGLAS WARNER BROS. PETER GODFREY
—2nd Act Hit—
TIM HOLT TRIGGER-TROUBLE on RED MAN'S RANGE!
Indian Agent
with ROAN BEERY JR. · RICHARD MARTIN · BOB LESLIE
Produced by HERMAN SCHLON · Directed by LESLEY SELANDER · Screen Play by NORMAN HOUSTON
—Extra!—
Bugs Bunny Cartoon
Latest Warner News
ELSINORE
Ends Tonight!
"Kiss the Blood Off My Hands"
"Renegade Girl"

Your Top Show Value!
CAPITOL
Last Day!
"WHEN MY BABY SMILES AT ME"
"HALF PAST MIDNIGHT"
TOMORROW!
2 TOP HITS
It's DYNAMITE when you mix LOVE with LARCENY!!
JOHN PAYNE
JOAN CAULFIELD
BOB DURVEA
and SHELLEY WINTERS
LARCENY
with DOROTHY HART
PATRICIA ALPHIN
—AND—
What Mental Lapses!
Betty HUTTON · CAREY
Dream Girl
with PATRIC KNOWLES
—Also—
CARTOON — WARNER NEWS

WE ARE CRAZY ABOUT XMAS
WE ARE SELLING
\$22.50 Ice Skates for \$19.50
\$30.00 Ice Skates for \$27.00
SALEM ICE ARENA
610 North Capitol Phone 3-6868