

Mayor Elfstrom Reappoints 11 Board, Commission Members

Eleven city board and commission members whose terms expired December 31 were reappointed Friday by Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom. Reassigned to the Salem planning and zoning commission were Irl McSherry and Mrs. G. F. Lobdell. They will serve until 1953. Other members whose terms expire at various times are J. H. Davis, city engineer; Mayor Elfstrom; Chris Kowitz, city attorney; City Manager J. L. Franzen; W. W. Rosebraugh; Robert T. Stanley; Hedda Swart, county engineer and president; R. A. Forkner; and Milton L. Meyers.

Rescued



Commander Flint

Cmdr. Flint Rescued After Ditching Plane

SEATTLE, Dec. 24 — Sixteen hours in the Pacific with only a life raft to sustain him, Lieut. Comdr. L. E. Flint, son-in-law of Mrs. N. E. Noble of 1935 Virginia st., Salem, Ore., was rescued by the destroyer Fox in the wee hours of December 1 while his strength was fast failing and a typhoon approached, the 13th naval district disclosed. The commander was dumped into the water when he was forced to ditch his fighter plane. He and Mrs. Flint now reside at Coronado, Calif., where the commander is stationed. Mrs. Flint previously spent some time in Salem while her husband was at sea.

Journal Staff Men Retire

PORTLAND, Dec. 31 —(AP)—Two veteran editorial employees of the Oregon Journal retired today after reaching the age of 65. Jennings F. Sutor, who has worked on the paper for 41 years, retired as news editor. Sam Raddon, exchange editor, retired after 25 years' service. The newspaper announced the following appointments to replace them: David W. Eyre will move up from assistant news editor to executive editor. Fred H. McNeil, night editor, will become news editor, and W. L. Hunter, copy desk, will become night editor.

Liberty Couple Wed 65 Years



LIBERTY—Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Leabo who will observe their 65th wedding anniversary New Year's day with an open house at their home here.

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By the Associated Press
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Fire Department Closes Books For Year with Enviably Record

By Lester F. Cour
Staff Writer, The Statesman
The Salem Fire department closed its 1948 books Friday with an enviable fire loss record for the year. Computation of actual insured losses during the year are yet untold, but a glance at the records indicate the past year's figure will be far below the 1947 total of less than \$500,000. Salem Fire Chief W. P. Roble attributed the improved 1948 record to several factors—an improved department, better cooperation from the public and the inescapable element of luck.

Salem's UAL Station Tops National List

Salem's United Air Lines station led all 75 UAL stations in percentage of passenger revenue increase from 1947 to 1948, it was learned Friday. The past year was the heaviest in air travel here since UAL began operations at McNary field in December, 1941, according to Harold Sweeney, station manager. Approximately 25 per cent increase was accounted for the transfer of all Portland airline operations to Salem during June and most of July, to escape the Columbia river flooding of the Portland airport.

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V. L. Seamster Dies; Funeral Set Monday

Final rites will be held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Howell-Edwards chapel for Virgil L. Seamster, Salem grocer, who died Friday at his residence on Portland road at the age of 60 years. Seamster was born in Joplin, Mo. May 23, 1888 and came to Salem in 1911. He was married to Edna Zeller in Salem. A bus driver in Salem for 25 years, Seamster retired to operate a grocery store at Summer street and Fairgrounds road. Recently he has operated the Seamster Grocery at 379 High st. Seamster was a member of the First Baptist church of Salem and the Hollywood Lions club. Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jack E. Lowe, Sacramento, Calif.; son, Forrest W. Seamster, Salem; sisters, Mrs. Minnie Fagg and Mrs. Leora Mootry, both of Salem, and Mrs. Edith Fite, Portland; brothers, Alonzo Seamster and Harley Seamster, both of Portland, and Walter Seamster, Earl Seamster, Floyd Seamster, Robert Seamster, and Hubert Seamster, all of Salem. Concluding services will be held in Belcrest Memorial park.

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Happy New Year! STATE

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GROUCHO • CHICO • HARPO
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A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
ALLAN JONES • KITTY CARLISLE
LIBERTY
KARTOON KARNIVAL TODAY
At 12:30 with Reg. Show!
Now Showing! Last Times Today!
Gary Cooper — In Technicolor — "UNCONQUERED"
Al Pearce "MAIN ST. KID"

HOLLYWOOD

Doors Open 1:00 P. M. For HOLLYWOOD KIDS CLUB Program — Prizes 2 Cartoons — Serial Special Feature "THE BIG SHOW" with Gene Autry, Smiley Burnette — Also — BENSON'S BIRTHDAY CAKE — For — Suzanne Youngquist, Billy Hagg, Jean Robinson, Joanne Robinson, Carol Ann Sundie, Susan Sandlin, Leroy Feckenboom, Richard Allendar, Kenneth Brown, Bruce Powell, Linda Scharback.
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COLOR CARTOON — NEWS!

an initiative measure passed by the voters in the November general election. The measure will also reduce the firemen's working hours from 78 to 62 hours weekly and provide needed help in case of a major fire. While addition of the men is authorized effective January 1, the funds from the approved extra property levy will not be available until the next fiscal year starting July 1. Fire Inspections Made Also contributing to the fire loss reduction are improvements to some buildings considered previously as fire hazards. Regular fire inspections by the department have led to elimination of glaring fire traps. At the same time, Roble said, there are still many buildings, hotels, rooming houses and residences in which fire dangers exist. Absence of fire doors, fire walls, un-protected stair wells and defective wiring are a constant source of worry to the fire department. "We're gradually getting these conditions corrected," Roble said. "It will take a long time to educate the people to protect their property by taking proper fire precautions, but it is slowly being done." "We have one of the best departments in the country for its size," Roble concluded. "Our men have learned team work and cooperation is essential in the time of fires. This is one of the reasons we hope for a better year yet in 1949."

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ANNE BAXTER
"MAKIE" WHO HAD ONLY A WOMAN'S WEAPON TO FIGHT WITH
YELLOW SKY
with RICHARD WIDMARK
HENRY MORGAN JOHN RUSSELL
Co-Hit! Some men are born to perilous adventure! ... as some women are drawn to dangerous level.
THE GREATEST OF GALS WORTHY'S SUSPENSE DRAMAS... SURPASSING ITSELF ON THE SCREEN!
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Escape
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MUSIC BY
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