

Proposed Age Limit May Bar Police Officer

(Story also on page one.)

The civil service commission Wednesday read a petition asking that city juvenile officer Harvey Tautfest, 44, be permitted to compete for a permanent position on the police force despite a proposal to place a 35-year age maximum on men joining the service.

The petition was without visible support at the meeting. One commissioner said he understood it was favored by the city manager and mayor. Later, City Manager J. L. Franzen confirmed the resolution had his support. Mayor Elstrom left Wednesday for a vacation trip. Elstrom and Severin questioned the juvenile officer post also from the standpoint of service. As juvenile officer has no civil service standing, it has been the custom of the police chief to appoint an officer to fill the post. But at the last budget meeting, salary of the juvenile officer was designated at \$200, comparable with sergeants and detectives and \$30 higher than patrolmen. Elstrom said if the appointment of juvenile officer is a promotion within the department, then it would fall under civil service requiring three years of service before becoming eligible for a promotional examination.

Tautfest Comments

Juvenile Officer Tautfest, although not present at the meeting yesterday, commented on the move. "It looks very much to me like persecution," Tautfest said he came here in good faith and bought a home on the understanding the juvenile officer job was not under civil service.

Tautfest, former Oregon City police sergeant, joined the Salem force in January, 1946, as a patrolman. He was appointed juvenile officer by Chief Minto several months ago when Howard Higby resigned the post to go into Boy Scout executive work.

Chairman Elstrom declared at yesterday's meeting: "The chief shouldn't have made appointments out of the age group anyway. . . . One exception to civil service rules would always lead to more." He

called attention to the fact that in the police department there is no civil service to cover radioman, dog catcher, clerk or police captain, as well as none for juvenile officer.

Police captain's examinations under civil service are being planned by the commission which, it was decided, will talk over captain requirements with the new police chief and indicate general scope of examination to Capt. Walter Lansing of the state police who assists in giving examinations for the local police force.

Citizens Take Stand

Two citizens appeared before the commission to recommend that the post of juvenile officer should be filled by a younger man. Alderman Thomas Armstrong, who was instrumental in creating the juvenile officer post when he was member of Salem city council before the change to city manager government, said the study made at that time indicated the people experienced in youth work recommended that the post be filled by a young man "easy for kids to like and respect."

Herbert E. Barker, secretary of Salem Trades and Labor council, said he favored the age limits of 21 to 35 for police officers on a permanent basis.

The 21-year minimum was recommended also by Mayor R. L. Elstrom recently when Police Chief Minto complained that calling of a police civil service examination this spring would force out "two good officers" (Bain and Hammack). As a result, the civil service commission called off a scheduled examination, pending a age limit change.

Night Classes Draw Total Of Near 500

Salem's public night school has 350 enrolled for the new term and an additional 120 have signed up for extension courses, director George Porter announced Wednesday night.

The seven extension courses of the Oregon state system still have room for additional students, Porter said, but they must attend either the first or second class meeting in order to qualify for credit.

Gem cutting and woodworking are proving the most popular of the night school classes. Gem cutting, which began a week ago, has been closed to new registrants and woodworking has almost enough for two classes. If more persons show interest in the woodworking class it will be divided to handle additional students. Porter requested those interested to contact him before next Tuesday's class.

Enrollments are still open in the flower arrangement, ceramics, and public speaking classes.

Elstrom Names Committee to Study Off-Street Parking

Five Salem business men were named Wednesday by Mayor R. L. Elstrom to a special committee on off-street parking. The committee was authorized by the city council.

Named chairman of the group was Kenneth Perry, merchant, and former alderman; members, Robert DeArmond, attorney; Ralph Nohlgren, restaurant operator; Carl W. Hogg, merchant and chairman of the off-street parking committee of the long-range planning commission.

The committee met with Mayor Elstrom and City Manager J. L. Franzen at a breakfast meeting Wednesday to discuss parking problems in the downtown area.

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Phone Building Renovation to Aid Employees

Employees' lounge, dinette, self-service kitchen and locker rooms will replace office space at the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company building at 740 State st. upon completion of a \$35,000 remodeling project approved Wednesday by the city engineer's office.

The entire first floor space, formerly occupied by business offices of the company, will be altered for employee comfort. New offices of the firm are now located at 775 Court st.

Included in the remodeling project are alterations on the second floor to expand the toll switchboard room and provide office quarters for the chief operator.

Other permits issued Wednesday went to Wesley Rittenhouse, \$9,000 house, 2545 Skopli st.; R. S. Pratt, \$1,500 garage alterations, 519 N. 24th st.; Elizabeth Young, house alterations, 1596 N. 4th st. \$50; house repairs, 645 S. 19th st. \$50; and W. R. Haney, roofed garage, 429 N. 23rd st., \$50.

Commie Trial Jury Selected

NEW YORK, March 16—(AP)—A jury of five men and seven women, including three negroes, was chosen today to try 11 American communist leaders on conspiracy charges.

They were sworn in by Federal Judge Harold R. Medina after the selection process had been completed with exhaustion of the 21 peremptory challenges allotted the defense and the government. A negro housewife is foreman. Medina indicated the actual trial may begin Friday. The trial is now in its ninth week.

Senate Group Revises Rent Control Plan

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—A senate banking subcommittee today voted for a 15-month extension of rent controls and authorization of rent increases of up to 15 per cent over the June 30, 1947 level in certain cases.

The bill approved by the committee by voice vote also provides for letting the individual states take over the rent control program if the governor certified that an adequate state law was on the books.

That section differs from a provision of the house approved bill which lets state or local officials remove rent controls whenever they please.

The present rent control law expires March 31.

State Employees Hear Hitchcock

Sen. Phil Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, stressed the importance of citizens becoming better acquainted with their public agencies, and the needs of the state, in a talk before the monthly meeting of Salem chapter 1, Oregon State Employees association Wednesday night.

Hitchcock also emphasized that state employees are charged with the responsibility of rendering faithful and efficient service to the state.

OLDEST RESIDENT DIES

COQUILLE, March 16—(AP)—Coos county's oldest resident, Mrs. Frank Robinson, 102, will be buried here tomorrow. She died Monday. A native of Tennessee, she came west in an emigrant train while a young woman.

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Tomorrow May Never Arrive

By Richard O'Regan

FRANKFURT, Germany, March 16—(AP)—Irishmen, watch your step. Tomorrow's St. Patrick's day but, for the love of Mike, there are Germans who predict you will never live to see it through.

"Is the end of the world they say that is coming."

Who it is that's at the back of all this, who it is that would be spoiling the fun, nobody in Germany seems to know.

But somebody started a rumor the world will end and thousands of Germans are excited.

Writing Editorials

Sure, they're even writing editorials in the newspapers about it. "Ach, there is no truth to it," said a German astronomer. It is the astrologers who started it. They make a lot of people worried.

"Everybody calls me today and says it is true or it is not true, is it, that the world will end? Even the politicians call me."

"But the astrologers, they cannot get together. They don't even agree."

Don't Always Agree

An astrologer said "It's true that we don't always agree."

"Somebody predicted the end of the world, but most of us believe only there may be serious happenings," he said. "The sun and Mars are in conjunction. Always that is a dangerous time."

"Most astrologers believe there will be storms, natural catastrophes, explosions or deaths of prominent persons."

And what about Ireland and the Irish on March 17?

"If the world doesn't end, they probably will be all right," the astrologer said.

To all this, the Frankfurter Neue Presse commented:

"The starry heaven is not as dangerous as the diplomacy of human beings. Don't worry about heaven."

Disclosure of Military Plans Draws Inquiry

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—Angry protests against leaks of reportedly secret military information to "potential enemies" stirred up a congressional inquiry today.

Members complained they are particularly disturbed by recently published stories that the United States already has mapped strategic targets in Russia for bombing if necessary, and by an atomic energy commission publication of maps and pictures of atomic installations.

Both the house armed services and appropriations committees disclosed that informal investigations are under way. They promised a full dress inquiry if necessary.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the armed services committee told newsmen he has requested an explanation from W. Stuart Symington, secretary of the air force.

"I intend to find out," he added, "whether secret information has been made available to 'potential enemies' by military officials, or whether 'the published stories were merely the conclusions of the men who wrote them.'"

Soviet Bloc Delegates Permitted to Visit U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 16—(AP)—The state department today reluctantly granted permission for 22 delegates from Russia and Soviet bloc countries to attend a "peace" conference in New York.

Dmitri Shostakovich, Russian composer, was among those cleared for entry.

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Political foe Takes Part in Cancelling Treasurer's Bond

PORTLAND, March 16—(AP)—A fellow democrat said today he had a part in getting County Treasurer Roy Dooley's surety bond cancelled.

Harry J. Grant, who lost the democratic nomination to Dooley in the primary election, said he had written the bonding company suggesting Dooley's actions on and off the job were open to criticism. He did not go into detail, and the bonding company said it would not disclose its reasons for cancelling.

Dooley said he would attempt to get a new bond by April 15, the deadline set by county commissioners who may appoint a new treasurer.

Grant said he had assurance he would be recommended for the position if the position is declared vacant then.

Public Records

DISTRICT COURT

Harold G. Stevens, Salem, charged with writing a check with insufficient funds, case dismissed on promise of restitution.

Austin W. Rapes, Seattle, Wash., charged with being a fugitive from the state of Washington on a charge of larceny by embezzlement, ordered to be held until March 25 for Washington authorities.

Shannon Betterton, Grand Ronde, charged with obtaining money by false

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pretenses, bound over to grand jury after waiting preliminary hearing; held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

Robert E. Taylor, Salem, charged with obtaining property by false pretenses, continued for plea to March 27; held in lieu of \$500 bail.

PROBATE COURT

Frank A. Froman estate: Final account hearing set for April 18.

Louise Jakubec guardianship estate: Annual report approved.

Harold William Jackson guardianship estate: Order authorizes settlement of damages claim.

Edward L. Boas estate: Final account set for hearing at April 29.

Edwin H. Foster guardianship estate: Order approves annual report.

CIRCUIT COURT

Pioneer Trust Co. and Frances Utter, executor and executrix of Warren F. Pohle estate, vs. Alice H. Pohle and others: Default of all defendants, except Alice Pohle and William Lechman, entered.

E. (Ned) Gerlinger vs. William E. Lem.

Plaintiff moves for order to strike.

Marjorie Rose Williams vs. Edgar Thomas Williams: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for custody of two minor children and \$25 per month for each child. Married July 18, 1942, in Seattle, Wash.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Lawrence E. Balchenberger, 31, U.S. army, 697 S. Capitol St., and Doris Jean Lucas, 21, domestic, 770 Chemeketa st., both of Salem.

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