

Salem Rents Remain Level Despite Lifting of Controls

(Story also on page 1.)
Predicted stiff increases in rents have not materialized since federal controls on rent were lifted here officially August 18, a Statesman survey showed Wednesday.

Most three-room furnished apartments are hovering at around the \$50-per-month mark. More rooms mean, in most instances, higher rates. Five-room houses are averaging about \$50 to \$55 per month rent.

Rank-at-Time Promotion Ruled for City

City civil service employees will have to earn their promotions one rank at a time in the future.

The Salem civil service commission clarified its rules Wednesday to require city policemen and firemen to serve at least one year in any grade before becoming eligible for appointment to the next higher grade, through examinations. Recently two city patrolmen, Glen A. Bowman and Leland Weaver, qualified as police captains although they had not served in grade of sergeant.

The commission, meeting in city hall, also decided to call firemen's civil service examinations in late October to build up an eligibility list for future vacancies and possible additional men needed to staff a new fire station across the river.

Only vacancy at present is a first aid captain, but examinations are to be called for ordinary firemen, captains and first aid captains.

Commissioners also studied a city attorney's ruling on the long-questioned status of city radio operators who are appointed by the police chief but under the current budget are listed in a separate "communications department."

City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz in a written opinion stated that a policeman assigned to radio duty cannot be deprived of his civil service rank. He said that whether the radio men are to be classified under a separate civil service grade is a matter for decision by the city council.

District Jury Lists Drawn

The Marion county district court jury list for October was drawn Wednesday at the county courthouse. The jury will meet October 6 at 9:30 a. m. in room 202 of the Gray building.

The list includes Thomas W. Bowden, Edith M. Lebold, Charles A. Mollet, Peter Beck, Walter A. Hanson, Arthur H. Madsen, Ernest Garbarino, Herbert Adler, Eugene I. Foster, Grace T. Hockett, Edward F. Corrigan, Ella E. Lansing, Dorothy Morse and Sylvester J. Smith, all of Salem, and John Albus, Aumsville.

Stolen Property Count Faces Silverton Man

Floyd M. Howe, 20, Silverton, faced charges of receiving stolen property Wednesday, following his arrest by Marion county authorities.

The charge involved tools reported stolen from the Pete Spradley ranch, Brooks route 1, on September 17. Sheriff Denver Young said Howe's signed statement disclosed that a companion stole the tools and left them in his car. Some of the tools reported stolen were recovered.

Howe was held at Marion county jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

Greider Outlines Aims Of Y at Exchange Club

The history and aims of Salem's YMCA were outlined Wednesday by Carlton Greider, membership secretary, to members of the Salem Exchange club.

Greider, who formerly worked with the state employment service, preceded his main speech with a boost for "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," which is scheduled next week.

GOVERNMENT FAVORED

CNDLETON, Sept. 28 (AP)—F. V. Carrelle, who died near Umatilla recently, left \$1 each to his wife and four children. All the rest of his estate—\$9,995—he bequeathed to the United States government.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Big Boost For Smitty!

Stepped into Smith's Department Store the other noon and saw the strangest thing. "Sis" Davis was coming up the stairs from the basement with a bundle of wash.

"Is Smitty taking in washing these days?" I asked. "Not quite," she says. "He's just put in a new automatic washing machine, so the girls who work here can get their laundry done while they're eating lunch. Means more time to relax at night and on weekends."

I thought what a swell boss Smitty must be. Human relations between the boss and employees

have certainly taken a big step forward during my lifetime.

From where I sit, people seem to be doing a better job of seeing our neighbor's viewpoint these days. Though his ideas and tastes may not be ours, we can understand his preference for a certain breakfast cereal, a favorite movie star, or for a temperate glass of beer or ale. That's the way it should be in a free country.

Joe Marsh

Mrs. L. Wyatt, Santa Claus For Many, Dies

Mrs. Luma D. Wyatt, known to thousands in the Willamette valley as "Mrs. Santa Claus," died Wednesday at a local hospital. She was 82.

Mrs. Wyatt's husband, George M. Wyatt, played Santa Claus to hundreds of children and shut-ins in the area during the 1930's. Sporting a real Kris-Kringle beard, he yearly visited hospitals and institutions, giving presents to the underprivileged.

After his death Jan. 29, 1941, Mrs. Wyatt carried on in his place and continued to play Santa Claus in Salem for several years.

Born Oct. 2, 1866, near Boston, Mass., Mrs. Wyatt would have been 83 years old Sunday. She came to Oregon in 1906 and was married to Wyatt Feb. 6, 1908. The couple homesteaded near Prineville many years before moving to Salem about 1920.

Mrs. Wyatt was a member of the First Baptist church here. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. William Forster, Lebanon, and four grandchildren. Funeral services will be announced later by the Clough-Barrick chapel.

Naturalization Class to Start

A naturalization class will be opened Saturday night at the Salem YMCA.

It will be conducted for the 29th year by Claude A. Kells, former YM executive and local civic leader.

Some 25 to 30 persons wishing to become naturalized U. S. citizens already have shown an interest in attending the class, according to Col. Carle Abrams, chairman of the YMCA's education committee.

The class is free to anybody interested. "Students" for it are to meet at the YMCA at 8 p. m. this Saturday and weekly thereafter until a naturalization examination is conducted later this year.

Sweetland's Letter Asking Pay Report Branded 'Political'

Gov. Douglas McKay Wednesday branded as political a letter received from Monroe Sweetland, Oregon democratic national committeeman, asking the governor to announce publicly the amount of money received by Robert Ormond Case, Portland, for preparing the 1947 interim highway committee report to the legislature.

The amount paid to Mr. Case is and has been on file in the state highway department offices here for many months and is a public record.

Records show that he received \$1,000 for several weeks work. Cost of the entire committee activities, including the report, was \$136,000.

Truman Sets 1950 Campaign Speech

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28 (AP)—President Truman flew into Missouri tonight to light the fires of his next year's democratic campaign in his home state.

Associates said the president would spark the party's 1950 election campaign in an off-the-cuff speech at Kansas City tomorrow night at 10:30 p. m. (EST).

Music, Magic Show Entertain Rotarians

A program of music and magic was presented to Salem Rotarians at their meeting Wednesday noon.

Several cello solos were furnished by Warren Downs, son of Dr. C. A. Downs, who will join the Denver Symphony orchestra in the near future. Magic was presented by Edwin Holmes, professional magician from Portland.

Tom Angle, president of the Salem high school senior class, was introduced as honorary Rotarian of the month from the high school.

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Kuhn Co. Safe Pried Open



Sledge hammers and a pick were used to crumple the door of a safe in the T. L. Kuhn service station equipment company store at 1060 S. 12th st., early Wednesday morning. Above is store manager R. L. Greer, 475 Kettling dr., looking at the safe which yielded about \$212 in cash to the yeags. (Statesman photo.)

Safes Smashed At Kuhn Store; Money Taken

Culprits raided a South 12th street store early Wednesday, made off with \$212 and left two smashed safes in their wake.

The T. L. Kuhn Co., a service station equipment firm at 1060 S. 12th st., was the burglary scene. City detectives believe from two to four men participated in the crime, using tools they found in the store.

They used a sledge hammer to bludgeon the door of a large safe after the combination handle resisted their efforts with smaller tools. Most of the missing funds were taken from that safe. They found only company papers in a smaller safe—opened in similar fashion—but scooped several dollars from the firm's cash register.

Authorities said the crime bore similarities to a safe-cracking job at the Batdorf Home and Auto supply in the Hollywood district last year, although that safe apparently had been opened with less difficulty. The Batdorf case has not been solved.

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Court Asked To Set Value On Farm Land

A group of real estate men Wednesday morning asked the Marion county court to appraise three parcels of farm property along the Salem-Silverton road against which the county has directed condemnation proceedings.

The property involved lies in the path of the proposed new road from a point about one mile east of Central Howell to Silverton. First half of the tract, from near Salem to Central Howell, was completed last year.

District Attorney E. O. Stadter, jr., has been directed by the county court to institute condemnation proceedings against land owned by Alfred and Alice E. Jensen, Alvin Krug and Carl Lorenzen.

Several right-of-way parcels along the 3 1/2-mile strip already have been acquired. Getting the last three pieces has, according to the county court, held up the contract letting.

Viewers to appraise the land are to be a group named by the Salem Board of Realtors and County Surveyor A. D. Graham. The new road, a federal aid project, will be constructed just to the south of the present road.

It is intended by state engineers that the road should eventually connect with the proposed Cascade highway. This latter route, still in the planning stage, is to connect Eugene and Portland over a new highway east of the Pacific highway.

Robert Boardman Named Director Of Oregon USO

Robert R. Boardman, head of the Salem USO during most of its wartime existence, will be director of the now-reorganizing USO activities in Oregon. His appointment was announced this week by the organization's national office in New York City.

About 250 USO clubs have been re-opened in the United States during the past year, including one at Astoria. Reactivation of a

unit at Portland is under consideration. Boardman will maintain his office in Salem but will devote much time to traveling about the state. During the last war he held USO posts in Washington and California, as well as in Oregon.

Gov. Douglas McKay is honorary chairman of the Oregon USO. Representing Salem on the state USO committee are Mrs. Thomas E. Rilea, sr., Charles A. Sprague and Guy Hickok. The latter is treasurer of the organization.

Escape Charge Dismissed on Three Convicts

Charges of attempted escape were dismissed in Marion county circuit court Wednesday against three convicts who were involved in a flax fire at the state penitentiary last November.

The trio, Paul LeRoy Gardner, Reuben Junior Partlow and Doyle Clark McCann, all were sentenced recently on charges of arson in connection with the fire. Escape charges were dropped because there was insufficient evidence to prove the convicts actually tried to leave the prison.

The motion for dismissal was presented by District Attorney E. O. Stadter, jr. in Judge Rex Kim-mell's court.

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Butter	Rose Valley sweet cream	lb.	67c
Sweet Midget Pickles	Columbia brand	pt.	29c
Pure Honey	Oregon Trail Brand	5 lb. bucket	75c
Cigarettes	All Popular Brands	carton	\$1.45
Salt	Morton's Shaker	2 pkgs.	19c
Pancake & Waffle Flour	Sperry 1 lb. 12 oz. pkg.		25c
Zee Paper Napkins	80 count	pkg.	10c
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