

## City News Briefs

### CHAPLAIN BEARD SPEAKS

Chaplain John W. Beard, former pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church, Portland, will speak on "The Game Called Life" at the Salem Presbyterian Men's club dinner meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Music will include vocal solos by Bill Bush, bass.

Spencer Corsetter call 3-5072.

### AID IN SEAL CAMPAIGN

Addressing and stuffing of East-or seal letters for Marion county has been completed by volunteer members of Salem Woman's club, directed by Mrs. George W. Alling. The campaign is under way and will close April 9.

Johns-Manville shingles applied by Mathis Bros., 164 S. Com'l. Free estimates. Ph. 34642.

### BLOODMOBILE SLATED

The Red Cross bloodmobile will make its regular visit to Salem Tuesday from 1 to 5 p.m. at First Methodist church. This trip is sponsored by the Willamette university students body. Many members have signed as blood donors, but donations will be accepted also from the public.

H. F. Klassen, gospel & Bible teacher, of Burbank, Calif. at Salem Memorial Hosp. Chapel, Oak St. every night 8 p.m. beginning Sun., March 12 thru. Sun., March 19.

### BANKER AT KIWANIS

Robert Alton, vice president and trust officer for United States National bank of Portland, will speak to Salem Kiwanis club at its Tuesday noon luncheon in the Marion hotel. His subject will be "A New Economic Stabilizer."

LeGray Boarding & Training Ken- nels, Rt. 3, Ph. 31298.

### MANSON WITH FOURTH

Recruit Carl J. Manson, son of Mrs. Chester Stephens, 252 N. Col- lege st., has arrived at Ft. Ord, Calif., for basic training with the Fourth infantry division. Manson, who attended Salem high school before his enlistment, will train there for 17 weeks.

### CHOIR PROGRAM SET

Willamette university's 84-voice cappella choir will transcribe a program for coast-to-coast broad- cast next Saturday at 11 a.m. in Waller hall on the campus. The public has been invited to see the performance. The program will be heard April 8 on the Mutual net- work's college choir series.

### NOTICE!! Hearing Aid Users

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### Births

**SHRAUGER**—To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shrauger, 2045 Lee st., a son, born Sunday, March 12, at Salem General hospital.

**SPARKS** — To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sparks, 405 Morgan st., a son, born Sunday, March 12, at Salem General hospital.

**MOORHOUSE** — To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moorhouse, 670 South st., a daughter, born Sun- day, March 12, at Salem General hospital.

**BEACH**—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Beach, 1277 S. Commercial st., a daughter, born Sunday, March 12, at Salem General hospital.

**CHURCH** — To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Church, 1535 Norway st., a son, born Sunday, March 12, at Salem General hospital.

**CUMMINS**—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cummins, Falls City, a son, born Sunday, March 12, at Salem Memorial hospital.

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# Modern Chairs, Tables, Teaching Ideas Find Place in Salem Schools

## Moveable Equipment Results in Multi-Use Rooms; Individuality of Children Recognized

By Don Dill  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Just a few short years ago—back to the school days of the '20s and even the '30s—pupils sat in stiff, regimented rows of school desks. Dark, somber pieces of furniture with curl-cued cast iron sides; dark, stained maple tops and seats; and the front of one desk was the back rest of the student in front.

The furniture was typical of the then current teaching practices in which one student was no different from another, whether in the first grade or the eighth grade. Each was supposed to learn the same amount of reading or writing or arithmetic as the little boy or girl who sat across the aisle. Usually, humor was lacking and interest lagging in both subject material and the instructor.

After all, when a boy came to school he was to be taught, reprimanded for misdeeds and sent home as soon as the school bell sounded. For each 40-minute period of the day the child was to sit in his place at his desk, answer when spoken to and answer only what was indicated in the textbook or on the blackboard.

### Methods Still Exist

Yesterday's teaching methods still exist in many places. The classrooms remain the same with either dark, stern woodwork or colorless plaster adorning the walls; straight, unyielding rows of desks all aligned just alike; and dim, uncertain light straining over a little used desk and box or half-empty book shelves.

But not so in Salem's schools today. Here in school district 24 the directors and educators have been striving over the past years to provide education not only for a population which is straining the seams of available school facilities, but at the same time striving to make the best possible educational opportunities for both students and teachers. And in so doing our school officials are finding ways to make budget dollars do double duty, it appears.

### New Grade Schools

Two brand new grammar schools—Washington in the northeast area, and Lincoln at Four Corners—have helped distribute the classroom load, and account for a part of the hundreds of additional grade school pupils. But a new concept in education using newly developed school furniture is also helping to ease the burden.

As the Salem area school population index began its climb following World War II, Superintendent Frank B. Bennett and his building and grounds superintendent, M. H. Drake, were spending long hours drafting plans for taking care of the coming students. Since budgets wouldn't stand the cost of building additional schools, it was apparent that the fullest, efficient use must be made of available classroom space. And about this time Wayne M. Haines of the Educators Furniture and Supply Co., of Sacramento, Calif., came along with his firm's catalogue of a new type of classroom furniture developed by a group of California educators. Tables and individual chairs to replace the old desks were suggested and immediately Bennett and Drake began to see where they could make multiple use of the classrooms already existent.

### Could Move Tables

Instead of a classroom being only a classroom, with desks bolted immovably to the floor, the tables and chairs would make each room in turn a classroom, a gymnasium, a play room or an activity room. During frequent rainy and stormy weather the tables could be moved to the side of the room and the entire center of the room be available for the children to play during recess or noon time.

Instead of needing an entire gymnasium to give children exercise, the classroom could be used for simple calisthenics or indoor games. Also, when the old-style desks are used there has to be a definite size for each of the primary grades, and they can be used for no other purpose. With the tables offered it was possible to exchange short legs for longer ones in a matter of minutes—thus the tables could "grow" with the students and still provide storage space for the student's supplies.

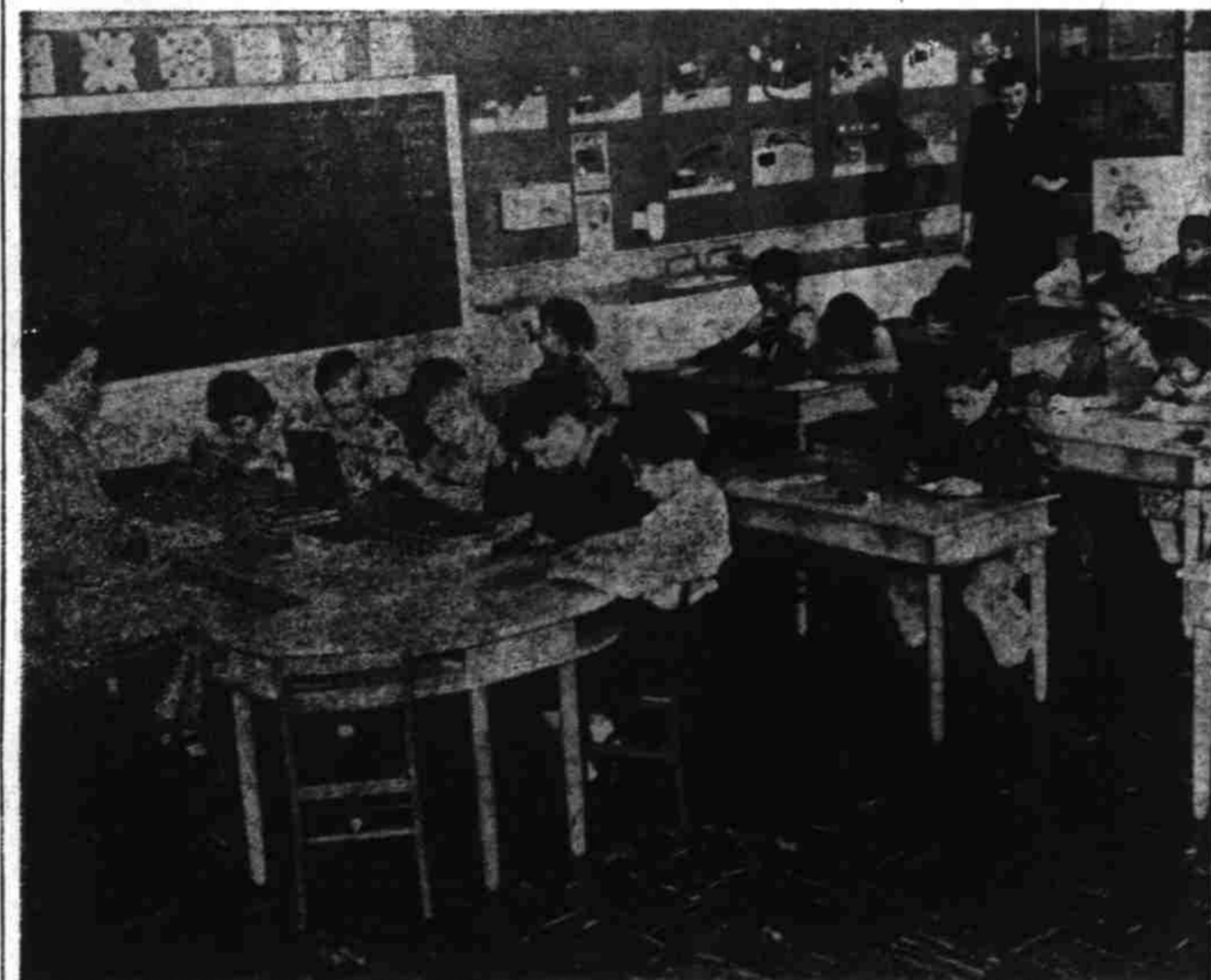
As a result of their studies, Bennett and Drake decided on the tables to replace worn out equipment and modernization in the existing Salem schools, and standard equipment in new schools completed last fall.

### Keep Methods New

Also considered by the two school administrators was their desire to keep Salem teaching methods on a high and efficient plane abreast with the latest, proven educational practices. For



Lots of light, both artificial and natural, plus pleasing colors and attractive displays and furniture makes the library of the new Washington school a fine place to study or relax over a book or magazine. Moveable tables can be arranged for a variety of purposes such as group reading or for individuals using the library, as the fifth graders above are doing. Standing at left is Principal Gladys Tipton and at the right is Miss Eva Wolfe. Further flexibility of available space in the school is provided in a combination cafeteria, auditorium and gym by the use of collapsible tables which can be folded into the walls.



Recently moved furniture makes this classroom a flexible workshop for studying, group projects or exercise and play. While some students of this Richmond school second grade sit at their individual tables studying, another group is being led in a reading session by their instructor, Mrs. Gladys Bartholomew, at the left. Against the wall can be seen the work bench and sink unit which are being put in many Salem school classrooms. Standing is Miss M. A. Gilles, Richmond principal.



Here first grade pupils of Richmond school are working cooperatively in groups, in accord with modern teaching practices. They are painting murals of cowboy and ranch life based on recent studies on that theme in class. They are not depending too much on their teacher, Mrs. Carmen Jennison, standing at the back, because they have learned to do things on their own initiative. Functional furniture, blocks for building, clay for modeling and molding, interesting books, easels for painting—all are necessary components in developing learning in today's school classrooms. (All photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

## Johnson Tells Norblad Details Of Stand-By Air Warning Net

Formation of the stand-by force of civilian aircraft observers has been ordered because their complete organization and training after the start of a war emergency would be "entirely impractical," Defense Secretary Louis Johnson has informed Rep. Walter Norblad of Oregon.

In reply to Norblad's queries about the re-establishment of the system on the country's borders, Secretary Johnson wrote that it had been "decided to organize the observer system now, to establish the observation posts and filter centers, to train the personnel and then place them in a stand-by status."

Although the training of individuals is "neither arduous nor particularly time-consuming" the complete development of a well-trained corps "requires many

paratroops or gliders, he added.

A similar system was set up in northeastern states last September and has operated successfully, Johnson wrote. The states will pay only minor administrative costs of the program.

### FRANCIS FILES

DAYTON — Carl H. Francis, Dayton attorney, has filed for reelection to his fifth term in the state legislature. At one time one of the youngest members of the legislature, he served on that body in 1943, 1945, 1949, and previous to that time was mayor of the City of Dayton. He was reelected mayor in the election here last November.

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