# Good Appearance of Capitol Area Property Principal Aim of Salem Planner -Elfstrom

(Story also on page 1.)
The following comprises most of the text of a letter issued Wednesday by Mayor R. L. Elfstrom regarding zoning and use of the state capitol zone fringe

"In view of the publicity given the recent zone change at Center and Capitol streets there ought to be reiterated for the public the facts which prompted the city to grant the request for the improvement of the property involved.

"The first consideration is the enhancement of the beauty of the area. We want to see that the

good appearance of the property in the vicinity of the state buildings continues for years to come.

"Without development vacant properties will be unkempt and become unsightly. Present houses in the fringe area, should unreasonable restrictions be continued will pass from present tinued, will pass from present ownerships and may depreciate and deteriorate to the embarrassment of the city and state. Without new buildings in the fringe area it could be that in a gen-eration from now the capitol group would be known as one surrounded by lower priced ten-ements and rooming houses. Today we find no new single fam-ily dwellings being built in the immediate area.

"The fringe area has a total length of almost two miles. There is no reasonable possibility that the areas can be devoted to the uses suggested by the capitol planning commission. That area comprises much more territory that can conceivably be used for churches, schools and similar buildings. The fact is that those responsible for such projects would not be interested in building in this highly con-

By Alex Raymond

Prospective admission to the Union of two new States, Alaska

and Hawaii, necessitates a change in the design of the national flag.

merely a matter of adding two new stars to the field. The 48

stars of the present flag are ar-

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less by chance, and not always in accordance with the fundamentals of good design. When the color scheme of the present flag was voted originally by the Congress in 1777, Congress did not specify the proportions or exact arrangements of the components. Literally scores of interpreations were given the flag. So it took its form in hit or miss fashion.

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No thought was given originally to provision for addition of states to the Union. Consequently,

the number of stripes was chang-

ed once, and the arrangement of stars in the field has been altered

The change must be more than

National Cartoonists' So-creator and illustrator of

Our Flag--

gested area. It has been suggest-ed that the state might properly purchase the southerly part of the fringe area. This suggestion includes the easterly side of Capitol street between Court and Center, and the westerly side of Winter street between Court and Center. I think the state should consider using this property for parking purposes, and the state in making this purchase would accomplish two things; namely furnish free parking much closer to the state buildings, which would be a convenience to the public, and also give uniform treatment to this fringe area.

"By closely restricting the kind of business in the area and by regulating the construction of the buildings in which the business is conducted we believe the best interests of the public can be

"The Salem planning and zoning commission and the Salem city council studied this problem for months. In fact they are still studying it. As the outcome of these studies it was decided that the use of this corner as a service station is not out of step with any rational plan for the development and preservation of the beauty of the area.

"The character of the area has, in recent years, changed from residential to commercial. Increases in population are proba-bly the principal reason for the change. The owners of the area have recognized this and have joined in petitioning the planning and zoning commission and the council for the change of zone from residential to restricted business.

"The history of this problem, in a sense, goes back to the es-tablishment of the large and highly commercial shopping cen-

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radically new, all have a prece-

ter at Capitol and Center streets, just across the street from the site of the proposed service sta-tion. The state did not raise its voice in protest when this develvoice in protest when this development, promoted by the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of Los Angeles, was proposed. No protest was received from most of those now voicing objections when the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company building was planned for the fringe area. When Mr. Donald A. Young, local attorney, planned a new office attorney, planned a new office building for his own occupancy objections did come from the capital planning commission, but the council, with all the information before it, and acting with what we now believe was far sighted good judgment, permitted the change. The building is just now being occupied. It is a cree-

dit to this community. "The past serves us by giving the Salem planning and zoning commission and the Salem city council sound bases in experience and information on which to judge what is best for the common good. They are keenly aware of their obligations to the

zone change given the study to the problem which the commis-sion and council have given it they, no doubt, would have come to the same decisions as those reached by the commission and council. Some of the news accounts have neither been entirely factual nor fair. The public is entitled to know the facts, even though a news writer, by reason of bias or lack of information, may not have all the facts at hand. It is in the interest of better public understanding that this information is now being sent to

### **Motor Court** Owners Form Association

A Marion-Polk Motor Court association was formed at a dinner meeting at the Golden Pheasant on Tuesday night, with Clyde Allen-der as president, Ben Engstrom as vice president and Arlene Muz-

echenko secretary-treasurer.
Thomas Roberts, A. A. Larson and Mrs. Fred Herzog were named directors. Speakers included Ken P. Gus-

tin and George J. Gutfleisch, both of Portland, president and executive secretary, respectively, of the Oregon Motor Court associa-

tion.
The Marion-Polk organization
will meet next at the Allender motel at 8 p. m., Wednesday, June

#### Board Members to Pick Fire District Director

A tie vote on one directorship in the new Sublimity rural fire district will have to be decided by other board members, Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd said

Wednesday, John Basl and Marion S. Hunt are the candidates who tied at the radically new, all nave a prece-dent among the more than 100 dent among the more than 100 different flags that have flown over our nation's territory during its history, and all retain the symbolism of the present flag. Design of Early Flag May 29 election. The four directors elected were Maurice Heater, Henry H. Peters, A. M. Minden and Fred Hottinger.

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Alteration Required

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#### Church Groups state at large . . . "Had some of the critics of the Seeks Site for **New Building**

ville, Ore.

Survey of possible locations for a new St. Paul's Episcopal church building, with construction to pro-ceed when a site is secured, was authorized at this week's meeting of the parish vestry. The study will be conducted by a committee to be named by the Rev. George H. Swift, rector.

terment will be at Jackson-

The vestry said that in a poll it conducted, "a majority of the members of the church who voted desire that the proposed new church building be erected at such location in Salem, other than the

Rites Today | Finance Items On Emergency **Board Agenda** 

At least five financial items will be considered by the state emergency board at a meeting tentatively set for June 23 in Salem. Largest item involves \$60,000 for construction of a new school building at the state school for the blind in Salem. This emer-gency appropriation is necessary, officials said, because the low bid for construction was approximately \$34,000 in excess of the \$300,000 available in the state building fund.

Officials said there also would be some architect and engineering fees to pay in connection with the construction. Another item involves \$24,800 for installation of Services for Ernest A. Rostel, 43, a new elevator in the state sustate travel bureau writer and preme court building.

photographer, will be at 2 p.m. The state forest products lab-today at the W. T. Rigdon oratory will ask for \$24,000 while chapel. The Rev. M. A. Get-the law revision council created zendaner will officiate, assisted by the 1949 legislature will seek by the Rev. Dudley Strain. In- an amount of money not yet determined.

The emergency board also will discuss employment of an engineer to conduct a survey and recommend needed repairs to the supreme court building.

#### **Summer Reading Program to Start** Monday at Library

A summer reading program for children will start Monday at the Salem public library.

Boys and girls who register will receive an Indian headband, according to Mrs. Ann Roloff, children's librarian. A feather will be stapled to each headband each time the child who owns it completes a book.

The headbands will be displayed in the library children's room and will be given to the children when the program ends, July 31.









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Final rites for Frederick S. Bynon, at Clough-Barrick chapel. Bynon died Monday, a few days after retiring as assistant at-torney general in the state insurance department.

Phelps to Handle **Publicity Position** For '50 State Fair

rector for the 1950 state fair was Register-Guard and the U of O announced Wednesday by Leo athletic news bureau.

Lions Group **Notes Tenth** Anniversary

Tenth anniversary of Hollywood Lions club was celebrated Wednesday noon, as charter members received awards and the past presidents, all still active members, gave reports. In charge of presentations was Harry Scott, secretary of Salem Lions club and one of the Hollywood group's sponsors.

Twenty-year charter chevrons went to A. J. Crose, who also rewent to A. J. Crose, who also received a 10-year perfect attendance tab, and H. E. Rohland. Tenyear charter pißs were given to Albert Barry, Roy Batdorf, William Bliven, E. A. Bradfield, R. A. Forkner, C. A. Gies, Harold Gilles, Earl Mootry and Glenn Slentz. A 10-year monarch chaver of the property of ron (non-charter) was given to H. C. Saalfeld. New members welcomed were Mike Graham and Don Norris.

> Spitzbart, fair director. Phelps has been for three years a field man for Portland General Electric company. He plans to take a two-months leave from that work prior to the fair.

A Salem resident since just before World War II, in which he Appointment of William G. served in the army, Phelps attended University of Oregon and has done news work with the Eugene PURE

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