

## Confessions Solve Salem Forgery Cases

City police Wednesday arrested and obtained the signed statements of two men in connection with two separate series of forgeries in Salem and other northwest cities during the past few months. Both men appeared in the Marion county district court Wednesday for arraignment.

James Edward Stanley, 20, who gave his address as Redmond, pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He waived counsel and was bound over to the grand jury. He is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

The second man, Eugene Oswald, 18, of Tionmouth, was given until December 7 to obtain counsel. He is charged with forgery and is held in the county jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

In a signed statement, which was also recorded by city police, Stanley, who has gone under the alias of Frank Spencer, admitted to being a deserter since July 1 from an infantry unit stationed outside Fairbanks, Alaska. He was arrested in Redmond last week and held for Salem authorities.

Stanley told police of forging "10 or 12" checks which he said he cashed in Salem. From them he said he received between \$85 and \$90, which he said was divided with two companions.

In addition to the forgeries, Stanley admitted to taking part in the rifling of 19 cars in Salem, and stealing a total of 20 gallons of gasoline from two trucks.

In cooperation with Salem police, Reedsport police Saturday arrested Vaughn and Joe Moses, brothers, who are accused of being connected with Stanley in the series of forgeries and car prowlings. Military authorities took Vaughn Moses into custody on a charge of desertion from the army and took him to Ft. Lewis, Wash. Joe Moses is being held for Salem police.

Oswald, in his signed statement, admitted that he and two other men passed two checks at two North Capitol street business places, several in Portland, "seven or eight" on the highway between Portland and Pendleton, and two

## 25 Years' State Service Ends



Hal B. Henderson, 698 N. Liberty st., is retiring from the secretary of state's office this week, completing 25 years of service. Henderson, 70, started in the motor vehicle department in December, 1926, has been most recently working in the vehicle title department. (Statesman photo.)

## Mercury Vapor Lights Installed On Commercial

Mercury vapor street lamps had their first "three times as bright" showing Wednesday night on South Commercial street in the second installment of a long-range Salem street lighting program.

Twelve of the 30,000 candle power lights were installed in four blocks between Mission and Miller

in Yakima, Wash., all in the early part of December.

streets on South Commercial street Wednesday by Portland General Electric company on a city contract, it was reported by Fred G. Starrett, division manager for PGE. Regular residential lights are only 6,000 candle power, Starrett said.

First installation of the new lights was in the Hollywood district about two months ago. Another group is slated for State street between 12th and 14th streets.

Nearly one-third of the sky visible from the U. S. has been photographed and recorded out to a distance of 350 million light years.

## Hal Henderson To Retire from State Job Soon

Hal B. Henderson, employe of the state motor vehicle division here for 25 years, will retire December 31 under the state retirement act, he announced Wednesday.

He was born on the old Henderson donation land claim in Yamhill county and came to Salem in 1904. Henderson first was employed in the state department under Sam A. Koser and continued to work under five later secretaries of state. For several years he has been in the title division of the motor vehicle department.

Prior to accepting state employment Henderson was employed as a cigar maker by the late August Huckestein and later owned a factory of his own on Commercial street. In those days cigars were hand-made. Henderson said he closed his machine age which made his operations unprofitable.

A popular local made cigar in those days was the "La Corona," Henderson said. It sold for 10 cents in competition with many five-cent brands.

Henderson was honored at an afternoon luncheon by his co-workers in the motor vehicle department late Wednesday afternoon.

## Vet Enrollment In Oregon's Schools High

More than 5,200 world war veterans are enrolled in Oregon institutions of higher learning while another 6,000 are studying in vocational, business, trade and correspondence schools, the state department of veterans affairs reported Wednesday.

Approximately 2,750 are taking on-the-job and on-farm training.

A survey of 23 states and independent colleges and business and professional schools by the Oregon veterans department indicated a 68 per cent drop in veteran enrollment since the peak years 1946 to 1948.

At the same time, veterans administration figures showed only

43 per cent decrease in enrollments of all kinds by ex-servicemen since the peak was reached in April, 1947, when 24,996 veterans drew educational benefits under the federal GI bill.

The veterans administration figure indicates a shift by veteran trainees from higher education studies, to vocational, trade school and correspondence studies, as well as on-farm training.

A total of 13,331 veterans in Oregon are still receiving federal GI benefits, while nearly 600 are enrolled under the Oregon state educational aid program.

Officials said it is too late for most veterans to enroll under the GI bill, but there is no deadline for Oregon's educational benefits. The state benefits are also available now to Oregon veterans who have served in Korea since June 25, 1950, and seven Korean ex-servicemen are presently drawing state aid.

A pamphlet explaining Oregon veterans' educational benefits is just off the press and is available at the state veterans department, state library and at the state office building in Portland.

## Draft Office Needs Space

Bids for space in downtown Salem to house selective service offices are being asked by the general service administration, public buildings service, it was announced Wednesday by Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The space is needed for occupancy by January 1, according to a letter received by the chamber along with invitations for bids.

The request lists need for about 350 square feet of floor space in two connected rooms. Copies of the invitations are available at the chamber offices.

Opening of the sealed bids is slated for 2 p.m. Tuesday. Bids may be sent to General Services administration, Public Service building, 212 (Old) U. S. Court-house, 520 S.W. Morrison st., Portland 4, Ore.

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## Liquor Board To Convene in Salem Monday

First meeting of the Oregon liquor commission in Salem is scheduled for Monday in the board of control hearing room.

The Salem meeting was directed

as a "trial," officials said, following a lot of criticism that the Knox liquor control law provides that the commission shall have its headquarters at the state capitol. Critics said the law had been ignored and all meetings of the commission had been held in Portland.

If the trial meeting works out satisfactorily future meetings also may be held here, Robert L. Elstrom, commission chairman, said. Commission members explained it was impossible to move the

commission headquarters to Salem at this time because of a shortage of office space here.

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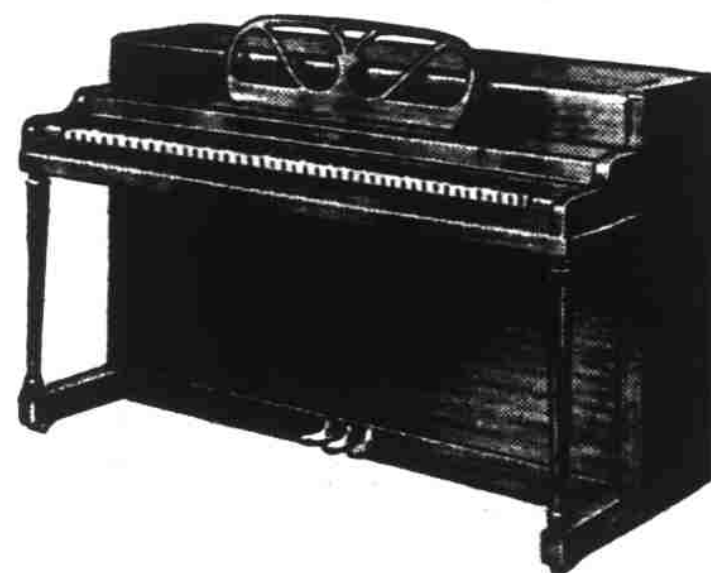


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