

Decline in Renters Stumps Landlords

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Landlords and real estate people are not clear on the reasons for an apparent shrinkage of the renter population in Salem. The view, held by many, that more people are leaving Salem than are coming in, is not borne out entirely by power and water company reports on monthly population trends.

Figures from both these sources indicate that the overall population in Salem has not decreased. In the past year—as a matter of fact they show a slight population increase over a year ago.

And even construction of new homes has decreased slightly in volume in the past six months.

One long time real estate-renter operator said that the "renter" or "homeless floating" population (those persons who drift around the nation as constant renters) was high in Salem during and after World War II.

But many of these renters have left for work in other towns and states. And the newcomers to Salem, on the other hand, are more inclined to either build or purchase homes or live in the better, middle class rent brackets.

Hit hard are landlords who built or bought new rental units in recent years when building materials were costly. These predicted their profits on existing rents. And many of them have had to lower their rents recently in order to secure renters.

One landlord who built a number of small courts last summer has had to lower his rents \$15 per month since last July. And this week one-third of his units are vacant.

Another dealer has rented a house steadily for the past two years with only a few days vacancy between occupants. That house has been going begging for a renter for the past month.

One landlady said that up to several months ago she had only to "show" a rental unit to prospective renters twice or three times to rent it.

"Now," she groaned, "I can show an apartment to seven or eight clients—and still not rent it. Last week four renters left. Two were going to other Oregon towns and the other two were leaving the state."

Most landlords look for (or rather hope for) better times this spring and summer. They expect more renters to come into the area. But most think Salem, barring another "Camp Adair" or similar population drawer, will not see a "landlords market," for a long time to come.

One real estate agent said the present trend was a healthy one. He said that rentals had not entered the competitive field—which would benefit renters now, and conscientious landlords in the long run.

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Air Activity At Low Ebb

A new low in aircraft operations at McNary Field, in the three years of control tower operation, was chalked up in January.

Only 1,545 operations, compared to 1,997 in January of 1951 and 1,681 last December, the previous low, were listed, according to Stanley Dilatush, chief controller.

He blamed poor weather, recent closure of two pilot training services and a lull in military flying for the figures. The Naval Air Facility expects to start a new and enlarged program in March.

Last month's operations included 340 air carriers, 18 Air Force itinerant, 116 Navy itinerant, 325 civilian itinerant, 182 Navy local and 564 civilian local.

Missionary Tells of China Experiences

A Christian missionary in China today is working for God against the law of the state, explained the Rev. Ernest Kuhlmann to the Salem Christian Business Men's Committee.

Kuhlmann, who spent 40 years in evangelistic work in China, expressed that men and love of God will live in China despite present and past persecutions. He described the suffering of the Christians in China during the Japanese occupation and pointed out that suffering now is even more ominous with the Communist forces there.

He warned the group at the Marion Hotel luncheon that crucifixion of Christians today in Communist China is common and urged prayer for these Christian martyrs.

A brief stop Friday evening was scheduled at the Kingwood Bible Church in Salem. The Rev. Kuhlmann, an independent missionary from the Plymouth Brethren Church in Germany, is planning a return there sometime this May to continue his evangelistic work.

Convicts Flee State Police

LEBANON — If two escaped Oregon Penitentiary trustees were in this area Friday, they escaped pursuers.

Two men answering the descriptions of Robert Heim and Claude Troxell, trustees who walked away from the prison Wednesday, were reported seen in the gravel pits near the Santiam River here Friday. But they escaped city and state police by disappearing into brush covering a hill near the river.

Wednesday two men answering Heim's and Troxell's descriptions were spotted hitchhiking along the Santiam highway. But they were gone, police said, by the time authorities had arrived.

State police in Salem said the men may have been in the area, but there has been no official confirmation of the fact.

Farmer-Labor-Consumer Council Opposed to UMT

Salem Farmer-Labor-Consumer Council is on record opposing universal military training, following a meeting here this week. The group heard opposition to UMT expressed by Dr. Alfred Sheets of Willamette University.

Postal Activity Up for Month

Sale of the new two-cent postcards certainly doesn't get credit for a 15 1/2 per cent gain in Salem postal receipts in January, according to the postmaster.

Postmaster Albert C. Gragg said the month's receipts were \$85,057, compared to \$73,883 in January, 1951.

He noted that part of the gain may be due to the raising cost of postcards and to increasing parcel post rates, but said most of the increase must have come from a general boost in postal business, since last month did not have the aid of heavy State Legislature mailing, as did last year.

Union Seeks Backing for Parking Bid

A Salem union Friday asked downtown merchants for help in its campaign for more all-day parking space on Front Street near the Oregon Pulp and Paper Co. mill.

Indications were that some of the businessmen would bring the matter before the new Downtown Merchants Association at a meeting next week.

A duplicated letter sent to the businessmen from Paul R. Sinnett, secretary of Lumber and Sawmill Workers Local 3050, Friday charged the City Council with discrimination in its parking policy. A particular target of the union is all-day parking on Front Street at the Capital City Transfer Co.

City Council members and paper mill employees' representatives have held several conferences on parking in recent months, with the result that various changes were made in parking restrictions near the mill, designed to accommodate the employees.

YM Gymkhana Draws 300

More than 300 people attended the Salem YMCA's annual Gymkhana Friday night at the YM gymnasium.

The event grossed better than \$91, Frederick Cords, physical director said, which will be used towards securing movies of the 1952 Olympic Games.

Cords said the highlight of the evening was the Golden Tableaux, in which Junior Leaders covered with gold paint were living statues depicting sports events. Portrayed were aquatic sports, combative sports, individual sports, team sports, and a final tableau representing victory as the final aim in all sports.

Former Resident Claimed by Death

Funeral services were held in Chehalis, Wash., last week for Mrs. Jane Davis Rakes, a former Salem woman, who died recently in Merton, Wash. She had been visiting a sister there.

Mrs. Davis lived for many years in Salem with a daughter, Mrs. E. J. Asher, at 730 Churchdale Ave. She is survived by another daughter in Washington, whom she was visiting at the time of her death, and a sister in Arkansas. A son lives in Newport.

Mrs. Davis was buried in Rogers, Ark.

Airline Fares To Stay on Par

Airline fares from West Coast cities to the East will remain on a par with each other, Salem Chamber of Commerce learned Friday.

Decision was made in Washington, D. C., by the Civil Aeronautics Board which overruled a proposed new fare schedule which would have made fares from Salem and Portland much higher than fares from Los Angeles to Chicago, as an example.

News of the decision was sent here by Portland Chamber of Commerce's Washington representative. Salem and Portland chambers had protested the proposed differential in airline fares.

Under the proposed change the fare to Chicago from here would have been \$130.35, compared with \$113.75 from Los Angeles, \$124.40 from San Francisco, \$127.10 from Portland, \$128.70 from Seattle.

LIZ TAYLOR DIVORCED

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Raven-haired actress Elizabeth Taylor, 19, picked up her final divorce decree Friday from Conrad "Nicky" Hilton, then announced through her studio her engagement to Michael Wilding, 42, British film actor.

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