

City Firemen to Get \$12 Monthly Raise

(Story also on page 1.)
A \$12-monthly raise for firemen was put into effect Monday night by Salem City Council, as the result of a fire-fighters pension differential. Other city employees received the Council's blessing on their request to switch from the state retirement system to Federal Social Security.

The pay boost, effective April 1, will be financed by the city's past contributions to the pension fund but unused because of withdrawal or death of members.

Because policemen are on the state retirement plan, less costly to the city, in recent years they have been given a favorable pay differential, currently \$22 per month. Study by Max Manchester, executive secretary of the state system, and City Manager J. L. Franzen found the differential to be \$10.20. The payments will be financed by the pension fund through the next fiscal year.

A new petition by 174 of the 215 employees on the state retirement plan, for withdrawal from that plan and transfer to Social Security, was recommended by the Council. The first petition was rejected by the state on technical grounds.

Contract Awarded
Contract for asphaltic concrete lining to the new 100-million gallon water reservoir on Turner Hill was awarded to Central Paving Co. of Independence on its bid of \$172,730, lower of two submitted.

This came after Alderman Albert H. Gille queried the city manager as to protection from contamination. Franzen said full coverage would be prohibitive in cost, but the reservoir would be securely fenced, would have a watchman, would be drained and washed out once or twice yearly and that the water could be chlorinated again as it leaves the storage, if necessary.

Lagging Truck Fee
Bills were passed to eliminate the \$5 monthly fee for logging trucks and to provide for replacement of trees removed from parking strips. On the former, Alderman Gille declared dropping the fee "would be a step backward in the license structure" and urged that any discrimination against an industry could be ended by licensing other types of trucks, too.

Set for May 23 was a special election for the Stortz Avenue area north of Salem to decide annexation to the city. Polling place will be Howard's Trailer Park, 3560 Portland Rd.

Fire Protection Fee
Fee for fire protection to any property outside the city limits was raised from 4 to 6 mills on assessed valuation. City Attorney Chris Kowitz reported his opinion that the fee had not formed a fire protection district by its recent election of directors, but is planning another ballot.

The council last night also adopted a proposal by truck owners and drivers that the 24-minute meters at the middle of each business block be restricted for loading zones from 8 a.m. to noon daily, to eliminate double parking by delivery trucks.

Re-appointed attorney Walter S. Larkin as municipal judge pro tem, to serve in any absence of Judge Douglas Hay.

PENDLETON TOT DROWNS
PENDLETON (P)—Michael McCormack, 2½, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval McCormack, Pendleton, tumbled into the Umatilla River while at play here Saturday, and drowned.

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Woman Uses Wire to Clear Throat, Dies

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (P)—A woman who used a straightened wire coat hanger to try to clear her throat of a piece of chicken gizzard died Monday.

Dr. George Dwyer, coroner, said Mrs. Bessie Mae Whitman, 45, punctured her esophagus three times with the wire. The puncture permitted blood and fluid to enter her lungs and air to get into the body tissues. These complications caused death, he said.

Mrs. Whitman's husband, Robert, gave this account to Deputy Coroner William T. Kammerer: Mrs. Whitman choked as the couple was eating dinner at their apartment Sunday. Whitman gave her the 15-inch long wire, the end wrapped in gauze. He had used the wire several times to relieve himself of choking spells.

Mrs. Whitman stuck an end of the wire in her throat and her choking ended. But later she began spitting blood. She and her husband walked several blocks to General Hospital. She was operated on and a tube placed in her throat.

After her heart apparently stopped beating Sunday night, another operation was performed and physicians massaged her heart to restore her pulse. She died Monday morning.

Damage Suits Total \$26,000
Damage suits seeking a total of some \$26,000 for injuries allegedly sustained in an auto accident near Rosedale last August were filed Monday in Marion County Circuit Court.

Arthur and Winnie Fromherz filed the complaints against Louis Martin Wessel, driver of the auto involved in the collision Aug. 8 with the Fromherz car. Mr. Fromherz asks \$10,000 general and \$1,248.75 special damages, while Mrs. Fromherz asks \$15,000 general and \$288 special damages, for injuries and medical attention.

Revolt Diverts Don Madisons From Guatemala
A provincial uprising in southern Mexico prevented Mr. and Mrs. Don Madison from completing their projected trip to Guatemala, but the five-week, 9,000-mile journey still was "very worth while."

The Madisons, of 1585 N. 24th St., Salem, spent some time in Mexico City and other points south before returning home recently. They were impressed considerably by the marked divergence in living conditions—from the lavishly rich to the hungry poor—and remarked that the spendorousness of many American visitors was "ruining the finest vacation land anywhere."

The worst road of the entire trip, they said, was Highway 99 north of Medford in Oregon.

Fire Quelled in Pen Flax Plant
A fire of unknown source Monday afternoon at the Oregon State Penitentiary caused very little if any damage.

The blaze was located in the flax chafe bin located at the north end of the prison yard just inside the new wall. The alarm was answered by Salem Fire Department and resulted in time consuming effort to put the chafe which "burns just like a 4th of July punk," according to firemen on the job.

There was no demonstration during the fire.

SOX STAR REJECTED
DETROIT (P)—Pitcher Billy Pierce of the Chicago White Sox reported here for armed forces induction Monday but was turned down for medical reasons. Pierce, who won 15 games last year, is scheduled to pitch Chicago's opening game Tuesday against the Cleveland Indians.

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Public Gardening in 2nd Year



Warming up to the spring garden season recently were (left to right) Gilbert Stein, 1105 Fairmount Ave., Dr. Robert Wulf, 809 S. High St., and George Candaux, 173 S. Cottage St. The trio, all members of the Salem Men's Garden Club were busy setting the sign marking the club's second annual demonstration liberty garden in Bush's Pasture. The garden planting is scheduled to get underway Wednesday evening. (Statesman Photo.)

Fliers to Face Court Martial

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (P)—The Air Training Command pressed investigation Monday of the crash of a Bell P-51 Mustang fighter plane which refused to fly as court martial charges were filed against four of the airmen.

The "non-flying" strikers, six at Randolph Air Force Base at San Antonio, Tex., and six at Mather Air Force Base, Calif., are not being restricted during the inquiry, an ATC spokesman said. The four facing court martial charges are based at Randolph. They are 1st Lt. Jack L. Courtney, 27, of Appleton, Wis.; 1st Lt. Wayne E. Bell, 28, of Urbana, Ill.; 1st Lt. Robert P. Hasbrook, 28, of Dallas, and 1st Lt. James G. Bristol, 35, of Maryland, Iowa. They are charged with insubordination.

Jersey, Ohio Phone Unions Win Raises
NEW YORK (P)—Ten thousand New Jersey telephone operators won wage increases from the Bell Telephone Co. early Tuesday in the second settlement of a communications strike in less than 24 hours.

For more than a week now, the nation's telephone and telegraph services have been harassed by a series of separate strikes. Monday a settlement was reached in a dispute involving the Ohio Bell Telephone Co.

The union involved in all the strikes, except the tieup of the Western Union system, is the CIO Communications Workers of America. A union spokesman in New Jersey said the 11.3 cents-an-hour average pay increase won there is about the same as the boosts obtained in Ohio and in Michigan. The union said it also won fringe benefits.

Some 67,000 CWA members struck originally, but the piecemeal settlements have now cut that number in half.

Church Spire Illuminated
The rebuilt spire of First Methodist Church was illuminated with ceremony Monday night.

Announcement came with this event that the church's fund campaign for remodeling has reached the \$80,000 mark in membership pledges—an amount equal to funds received from Carrier and Baker estates. Eventual cost of the church improvement is now estimated at \$225,000. The church plans to have its spire lighted regularly.

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21-Year-Old Voters Feted at YM Reception

New voting citizens were welcomed and applauded by Salem YMCA Monday night at a reception in the YM lobby.

Before a gathering of public officials and other community leaders, honor was paid to 21-year-old men and women who have become eligible to vote for the first time this year. About 70 attending new voters, declared that the most important factors for the future welfare of the nation are public education to enlighten the citizenry and an aroused interest in the importance of responsible citizenship.

Jason Lee, a state attorney and Salem's Junior First Citizen, called on the new voters for "courageous citizenship" to take decisive stands on international, national, state and local issues. As particular issues meriting attention, he cited needs for "economic and political justice" being extended to underdeveloped regions of the world, balancing the national budget, reapportionment of the state legislature, fluoridation of Salem water supply.

Officials who met informally with the young citizens included, Norris E. Dodd, Baker, Ore., rancher who became director-general of the U.N. food and agriculture organization, said Monday.

Robert E. Gangware, master of ceremonies, told the young voters that the YM would offer brief instruction sessions on state, county, school and city government for those interested. Carle Abrams, education chairman for the YMCA board of directors.

Patrol Plane Crash Kills 5
BRUNSWICK, Me. (P)—Five of the 10-member crew perished Monday in the flaming wreckage of a crippled patrol plane that crashed in woods at the edge of the U. S. Naval Air Station here.

The other five were injured, one critically burned. They were carried from the burning two-engine P-2V by rescue forces which were delayed by the rough terrain from reaching the scene.

The plane's tail section was ripped off by the crash. The fire on 1,200 gallons of gasoline.

The plane, returning from a training mission, had one dead end as it tried to land on a new runway. Cmdr. J. D. Ifft said it came in to one side of the runway and was making a second approach when "something else went wrong" and the ship hit the trees.

Meet to Discuss Guernsey Show Plans
Plans for the spring Guernsey show June 6 in Salem will be discussed at a meeting of the Marion-Polk Guernsey Club in the Ladd and Bush-Salem branch of the U. S. National Bank of Portland at 8:30 tonight.

The meet will take place in the bank directors' room which is reached from the South Commercial Street entrance, according to T. R. Hobart, club secretary.

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School Children's Plea Restores Park Fountain

Grade school kids can't vote yet, but the Ray Park fountain will operate again because a plea from Englewood School pupils got quick City Council action Monday night.

Alderman Tom Armstrong brought to the Council a letter from Sandra Johnson, secretary of the Englewood Student Body, pledging cooperation in taking care of the fountain in the park adjacent to the school if the council would fix it.

The letter said the students admitted that the city was right in closing the fountain last spring because repair bills were too high after youngsters threw gravel in it. A poll of the students brought assurance that "every Englewood student has promised to help keep the fountain clean."

World Losing Hunger Battle, Dodd States

PORTLAND (P)—The world is losing the battle against hunger, Norris E. Dodd, Baker, Ore., rancher who became director-general of the U.N. food and agriculture organization, said Monday.

"We have less food per capita than 10 years ago," said Dodd, who has just completed a world tour. "World food production is up 9 per cent, but the population, which is growing at the rate of 55,000 daily, is up 13 per cent."

He added, however, that the more prosperous countries had managed to increase food production, and there was some hope for the rest of the world.

"We can do it, if we can get help to people in the underdeveloped countries, and get them to use their resources properly," he said in an interview.

Dodd will be a special lecturer at Pacific University April 16-18.

Oregon Bank Deposits Rise

PORTLAND (P)—Oregon bank deposits are 50 million dollars higher than a year ago, a bank call showed today.

The total on March 31 was \$1,230,000,000, a drop of about 50 million dollars below the last bank call December 31. Bankers said deposits always decline at income tax time.

Loans and discounts were up about five million dollars to 521 million. The bank call was made by the comptroller of currency.

Eisenhower, Taft on Jersey Ballot Today

NEWARK, N. J. (P)—An election campaign clouded with bitterness and deep-seated anger, ended in New Jersey Monday, and upwards of 750,000 voters ballot Tuesday in another great test of strength between Sen. Taft and Gen. Eisenhower.

Eisenhower is the indicated favorite, but his backers say they believe the race will be close.

"The New Jersey primary selects 38 Republican convention delegates. Taft, Eisenhower and ex-Minnesota Governor Stassen are competing for them."

Sen. Kefauver is the only candidate on the Democratic ballot, which names 32 delegates with 32 convention votes.

More important, a preferential section of the ballot—the "popularity contest"—is at stake this year, for the first time since 1940. In this, the people vote directly for the presidential candidate as against the votes cast for delegates.

Although the results of the preferential poll are merely advisory, Gov. Driscoll has said GOP delegates will be "morally bound" to support a decisive winner.

It is the first election since the announcement that Eisenhower has requested to come home before the Republican convention, an action his lieutenants believe will give a powerful lift to his whole campaign.

Since the New Hampshire primary, Tuesday's election is the first at which Taft and Eisenhower have been on the same ballot.

Taft's name is entered in New Jersey against his will.

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