

### 'Most Cordial' Store Clerks 'Too Shy' to Claim Awards

Salem has at least two salespersons who are exceptionally cordial—and also shy.

For three days in a row, now, tourists visiting the state capital have nominated store personnel for the Most Cordial Clerk awards offered daily during this, Salem's Visitors Hospitality Week. But only Monday's choice, R. L. Carver of Stiff's Furniture Store, claimed his prizes.

The clerks chosen on Tuesday and Wednesday, so far, have not identified themselves. When and if they do, their names will be added to those eligible for the grand prize of a three-day expense-paid weekend at Timberline Lodge.

Tourists asked to nominate the friendly salespersons are selected by James McGilchrist and staff of the State Capitol Guide Bureau. Wednesday's cooperating tourists were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hamby and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Maupin, all of Joplin, Mo.

Visitors who are helping make Salem's special week a success by taking time from the vacation travels to evaluate clerks will be sent a souvenir box of Oregon fruit and nuts by the Chamber of Commerce.

'Mystery Tourist' There are awards, too, for Salem area residents who can spot the "Mystery Tourist" selected by McGilchrist to wander around the city. As an added incentive for greeting Salem visitors, \$10 cash will be added each day to the prizes going to the native who taps a likely-looking stranger with the word, "Hello, are you the Mystery Tourist?"

If the stranger is, the one who identifies him today will get two free dinners, two theater passes, an all-wool throw rug, and the \$10 folding money.

If a stranger isn't—well, the Chamber of Commerce thinks it is nice to get acquainted with the visitors, anyway.

Meanwhile, more friendly, cordial women volunteers are needed at the two special downtown information booths—to tell the folks about Salem and pass out pamphlets, Dave Hoss, chairman of Hospitality Week, said.

Many Tourist Cars City police who have been placing special welcome material (such as tags exempting them from parking tickets) on all out-of-state licensed cars have found that there are about twice as many such cars in Salem as this time last year.

That estimate jibes with the records of visitors kept at the state capitol—chief tourist attraction in Salem. Some 11,200 visitors toured the statehouse in June as compared to about 9,000 in June last year, McGilchrist said Wednesday.

Almost every state in the union, plus Canada, Hawaii, and Scotland were represented by the signatures in the capitol guide bureau guest book.

There were also some names listing themselves as from South Africa and other faraway places with strange sounding names, but the guides explain that those were written in by playful Oregon children attending the American Legion's Boys State and Girls State.

Production Stands McGilchrist, who thinks Hospitality Week is one of the finest projects Salem has undertaken, said that many tourists ask where they can buy the fruit and other farm products for which Oregon is renowned. He suggested that roadside produce stands could be made more attractive and he urged that Salem restaurants continue their recent practice of serving fresh local strawberries, cherries and other fruit in season.

The veteran statehouse guide also feels that, although the current hometown-boosting literature issued by various Chambers and other local organizations is helpful, what is needed is a more comprehensive booklet covering the entire state. Then tourists would be able to go through one piece of literature touching on every county and find the places they want to go. The big booklet could be financed by the individual communities, he suggested.

Unaware of Capitol. One Salem motel operator had a different idea. Surprisingly many tourists who stopped at her South Salem motel did not know that Salem is the state capital, she said.

She suggested that signs be placed on the highways at several mileposts announcing "so many miles to Salem, capital of Oregon"—or words to that effect.

This might encourage the tourists to plan ahead to stay on in Salem long enough to see the sights. Too many tourists simply stay overnight and move on, she said.

Just Sleep Here Several other motel owners concurred on this point. Visitors

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### Firm Dealing In Investments Incorporated

The Colonial Investment Company was formed Wednesday, with formal filings of articles of incorporation.

Incorporators were listed as Robert W. Gormsen, president; Robert DeArmond, vice president; Kenneth Sherman, secretary-treasurer.

The company, which already has its headquarters at 687 Court St., will deal in investment brokerage, mortgage loans, insurance, contracts and other phases of financial operations.

Gormsen is secretary-treasurer and stockholder of Valley Tractor company and will retain his holdings there without active participation.

DeArmond was in law partnership with the late Donald Young. Sherman has been connected with the Salem Title Company for several years.

The filing was with the state corporations commissioner.

stop to sleep and then drive off, even though the operators try to interest them in local points of interest and distribute literature for the tourists.

Those who do stay and visit the city seem to be well-pleased, however, the motel and hotel people say. Many say they are impressed with the capitol and "they all love Oregon scenery," as one operator put it.

But there have been some kicks about the weather. "They do nothing but cry about the rain, the wet, and the cold—and say they're going to head south," said one motelman.

With more weather coming up like Wednesday's, though, that one complaint ought to fade out rapidly.

Defamation Suits Filed

Two defamation suits seeking \$5,500 in damages for letters allegedly written to a firm's customers were filed Wednesday in Marion County Circuit Court.

Feed Commodities Co. sued Consolidated Products Co. for \$250 general and \$2,500 punitive damages in each case.

It alleges that on June 10, 1953, the defendant wrote Dairy Co-op Association and Scio Mill and Elevator Co., customers to which the plaintiff was selling poultry and livestock feeds.

The letters allegedly claimed that the defendant had some ownership in accounts owed by the customers to the plaintiff, that merchandise which had been sold to the customers was owned by the defendant rather than the plaintiff, that plaintiff's credit standing was not good and that plaintiff had no right to collect money for merchandise sold by it.

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### Mass Fight Against Polio



MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Part of a block-long line that formed at one of eighteen Montgomery, Ala., inoculation stations (June 30) as polio fighters began giving some 30,000 children under ten years old, shots of gamma globulin. It is the first attempt by medical science to save an entire city from an infantile paralysis epidemic. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

### Two Salem Brothers on Overseas List

Among Willamette valley servicemen whose activities were recently reported by the armed forces are two Salem brothers, both Army privates, awaiting transportation to the Far East at Camp Stoneman, Calif.

Thomas and James Collieran, whose mother, Mrs. Bertha J. Collieran, lives at 740 Cheme-keta, were both inducted last September and took their basic training together at Camp Roberts, Calif. Mrs. James Collieran lives at 1450 Lee St., Salem.

Both brothers attended Sacred Heart High School and James attended the University of Portland while Thomas attended Willamette University. Both were lettermen athletes.

Officer Training John Paul Enger, son of O. N. Enger, 565 N. Capitol St., has reported at Camp Gordon, Ga., to begin an intensive six-week course at the Army Signal Corps Reserve Officers Training Camp. Cadet Enger is a student at Oregon State College and a member of the ROTC unit there. He is working to qualify for a commission as a second lieutenant.

At Camp Pickett, Va., Pvt. Red L. Lehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Leshman, Salem, Route 4, recently completed basic training at the Medical Replacement Training center.

From San Diego Serving aboard the escort vessel USS Wiseman is Robert G. Busey, interior communications electrician third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Busey, 1351 Saginaw St., Salem. The USS Wiseman recently returned to San Diego, Calif., after completing a tour of combat duty in the Far East.

Scheduled to arrive in San Diego recently aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge after seven months of combat duty in Korean waters is Gerald D. Beattie, airman, USN, son of Mrs. Edith M. Beattie of Philomath. On the same ship is Frederick V. Cleveland, airman, USN, son of Mrs. Edna M. Cleveland, 1125 N. 16th St., Salem.

Everette C. Christenson, son of Mrs. Lunice L. Christenson, 570 Highland Ave., Salem, has been advanced in rate aboard the USS Roanoke. He is now Boilerman Third Class.

### Barron Ranch, Salem Takes Leases Sold

MEDFORD —The once-famed Barron ranch and leaseholdings in Southern Oregon have been sold to a California couple for \$316,875, Jackson County records disclosed Wednesday.

The 7,000-acre holdings were sold by Austie Barron to Walter L. and Agnes Stewart of Sacramento, former cattle ranchers.

The property originally was homesteaded by Barron's grandfather in 1851. It was one of the first and largest in the county.

### Polk County Timber Sale Set Monday

Auction of nearly 15 million feet of timber, valued at \$319,985, and mostly in Polk County, is slated for next Monday at 10:30 a.m. by Salem District office of U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Rodney O. Fety, district forester, said nearly all the timber on the sale block is salvage, designed to get the good out of forests hit by fire, wind or bugs before they serve to spread diseases to green timber.

The Polk tracts are one of 8,690,000 board feet, valued at \$202,528, six miles south of Willamette, and one of 3,790,000 feet, valued at \$75,024 near Bald Mountain west of McMinnville. Both consist principally of timber blown down by last January's severe windstorm and are being sold in an attempt to prevent spread of bark beetle infestation.

In Benton County are three tracts — 565,000 feet of wind-thrown and bug-killed, 1,005,000 feet of fire-killed and 165,000 feet of wind-thrown timber. The auction also will include small salvage tracts in Clackamas, Lincoln and Yamhill Counties.

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### Chief Justice Plans Circuit Court Study

Work of Oregon's circuit courts will come under close scrutiny of Chief Justice Earl C. Latourette of the State Supreme Court, starting Sept. 1, under a law of the 1953 Legislature.

Appointment of Joel C. Hill as administrative assistant to Justice Latourette was announced recently.

He will keep a close check on the condition of the circuit courts, the number of cases on file, cases not heard, and those under advisement.

Recent checks conducted by mail showed most of the circuit courts in good shape although a few have a substantial backlog of unheard cases.

"I intend to do everything possible to assist the circuit judges in bringing their dockets up to date," Justice Latourette said.

Justice Latourette said he already had assigned judges of districts where their work is up to date to districts where a large number of cases now on file are awaiting hearing.

Hill has been on the staff of the State Statute Revision Council since Oct. 1951. He was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1950, and prior to coming to Oregon was employed by the East Publishing Company of St. Paul, Minn.

The Oregon law providing for supervision of circuit courts by the Supreme Court was patterned after a New Jersey act which has been operating satisfactorily for several years.

Courts most heavily burdened with legislation are located largely in the industrial districts where the population has increased rapidly during the since World War II.

### Salem Postal Receipts Rise

Postal receipts in Salem during June rose by 2.8 per cent from those of a year ago, not counting the average increase so this year, Postmaster Albert Pragg said Wednesday.

Income totaled \$78,258 compared to \$76,663 in June, 1952. For the year's second quarter, receipts were up from \$238,841 to \$239,518. For the first half of the year, they rose from \$462,075 to \$474,987, or 2.91 per cent.

The name "bauxite" for aluminum ore derives from the town of Baux in southern France where one of the first deposits was found.

### Japan Firm Fears U.S. Competitors Out to Cancel Bid

TOKYO — Japan's leading porcelain insulator manufacturer accused rival U.S. makers Thursday of agitating to nullify the company's low bid for Washington State's big Chief Joseph Dam project.

The Nippon Gaiishi Co. said it turned in a \$312,135 bid to supply the Bonneville Power administration 100,000 pieces of suspension type insulators. The lowest bid by a U.S. company reportedly was \$412,000.

A company spokesman said that Westinghouse and six other U.S. firms were behind a strong move to get the Bonneville administration to reject the Japanese bid, allegedly on grounds of dumping. The spokesman denied the dumping charge and said the price was virtually the same for Japanese users.

PORTLAND —A Bonneville Power Administration spokesman said Wednesday he was unaware of any move by American firms to get BPA to reject a Japanese company's bid to supply porcelain insulators for the Chief Joseph Dam project in Washington State.

### Eagles Elect Salem Men

COOS BAY — R. F. Chapman, Coos Bay, was elected president and four cities bid for the 1954 convention as the Oregon Fraternal Order of Eagles wound up its annual meeting here Wednesday.

Others elected were: Dr. Floyd Utter, Salem, vice president; L. A. Hamilton, Salem, secretary; Kenneth Brown, Reedsport, treasurer; Harry Seavey, Albany, chaplain; C. N. Bennett, McMinnville, conductor; Olem Roskoiki, Portland, inside guard; Francis Baker, Hood River, outside guard; Fred Grace, North Bend, Wallace Boslaugh, Tillamook, and Claude Moore, Milwaukie, trustees.

Salem, La Grande, Portland and Roseburg seek next year's meeting.

SEATTLE — The Navy transport Gen. H. B. Freeman arrived here Wednesday with 1,071 passengers from the Far East.

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### Youth Admits Murder of Publisher, Wife

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. — A youth arrested for vagrancy when he was found sleeping in a courthouse restroom admitted Wednesday the knife slaying of a Sturgeon Bay, Wis., newspaper publisher and his wife.

Sheriff Robert Meizer said the youth first identified himself as Joe Mead but admitted later he was James Duranty, 14, a next-door neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Harris, victims of the double killing.

The sheriff said that shortly after the youth was taken to jail a car was found abandoned on a county road. In it were a glasses case stamped with Harris's name and a suit coat which matched the trousers Duranty was wearing.

Confronted with this evidence, Meizer said, the boy admitted he was Duranty and then admitted he had killed Harris and his wife. He gave no reason for the slayings.

Young Duranty left a note in the bedroom of his home across the yard from the Harris residence, telling his mother he had killed the couple and advising her he was going to Michigan.

First degree murder warrants charging Duranty with the slaying of Harris, 53, and his wife, Grace, 50, were issued Tuesday night.

### Lethin Moves To Alaska Post

JUNEAU — Clarke A. Lethin of Albany, Ore., formerly of the Cascade area council with headquarters in Salem has arrived here to become Boy Scout executive for the Alaska council.

Lethin succeeds Maurice Powers, transferred to the Scout council in the San Francisco area. Lethin's wife, Marjory, deputy treasurer of Linn County, Ore., and their two sons will join him in September.

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