

Council Mulls Overtime Pay For Firemen

(Council news also on page 1.) Twenty-nine city firemen have a total of 7,378 hours of overtime work to their credit and the City Council may have to work overtime figuring out how to settle up.

The overtime dates back to 1949 when Salem voters amended the city charter to reduce firemen's work week from 84 to 63 hours, but left a six-months period in which funds weren't available to hire the 19 extra men needed.

The Council's present search for a solution was prompted by a recent claim for cash payment for overtime due fire department member Fred Hunt at the time of his death.

The matter was threshed out Monday night at a Council meeting in City Hall, but final decisions were not made.

Aldermen indicated they probably would pay the Hunt estate claim, but there were several complications.

Legal Limitation
City Attorney Chris Kowitz ruled it's illegal to pay more than the city budget sets out for a given purpose, like salaries.

The original understanding, according to Council 1949 minutes examined last night, was that the firemen were to continue to work the longer week until the longer men were hired, then were to take time off in exchange for the overtime work.

But the practice grew, without specific Council approval, that firemen collected in cash for the overtime at the time of their resignation, military leave or retirement. This was done by not filling their vacancy until they had drawn the extra pay. In one previous case, the estate of Paul Phillips was paid in cash after his death.

4,083 Hours Paid
All in all, some 4,083 hours of overtime work were paid, for in one way or the other.

Fire Chief E. L. Smith said many of the men, however, have held this overtime credit "just like insurance" against possible sickness in the future.

Mayor Alfred W. Loucks said the Council should determine a "legal, consistent" manner of payment, despite the precedent to date.

Asks for Figures
Aldermen asked for recommendations from the city manager, fire chief and firemen's association by Jan. 11. They also asked Attorney Bruce Williams to present the Hunt estate request in the form of a dollars and cents claim.

Most of the aldermen indicated they wouldn't consider cash payments to present firemen with overtime due, but would probably set a deadline or a policy that firemen couldn't collect after they leave the department.

Industrial Supervisors Elect Board

Ten men were named to the executive committee of the Industrial Supervisors Club at a meeting in the YMCA Monday night. Committee officers will be elected at a meeting next Monday night at the YM.

New committee members are Henry Sandstrom, Glenn Schroyer, L. Underwood, Lester Fish, Ernest Parcher, Harold Godkin, Wilford Perkins, E. C. Surratt, C. E. Shidler and Elmer Hedine. Virgil Gerhart, past president of the club, will remain on the committee.

Robert Paulus, president of Paulus Brothers Cannery, Monday night showed colored slides of the Cascade and coast areas of Oregon.

World Affairs Forum Held

Over 60 persons attended the World Affairs Film Forum held in the lobby of the YMCA Monday night, according to YM officials.

The film "Farmers of India" was presented and discussion followed. Dr. Victor Hugo Sward of Salem, former missionary to India, spoke briefly on farm life in that country.

Forum directors have scheduled a film on Yugoslavia for the session next Monday night.

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Tree to Appear On City Hall

Salem city employees will decorate a 12-foot Christmas tree that citizens should be able to see for blocks.

The tree will appear on the third floor balcony facing east and will be floodlighted as well as equipped with strings of big colored lights.

Salem City Council chambers had a festive appearance Monday night with holly from city parks decking the aldermen's desks. Decorator for the occasion was Miss Betty Marsh, chief clerk of the city recorder's office and regular recording clerk at the Council meetings.

Soroptimists Want to Hear Clock Strike

The Soroptimists want to hear the City Hall clock they've helped pay for.

Salem City Council received formal word Monday night from the women's service club that the membership is on record against the muffling of the striking mechanism, which has been done since the city heard a complaint from the Senator Hotel that its guests were awakened at night.

The Soroptimists are raising \$2,000 toward the installation costs. The clock was used for half a century atop the old Marion County Courthouse, and it wasn't muffled there.

Aldermen referred the women's letter to City Manager J. L. Franzen and expressed that the city's thanks be extended to the club for the drive to pay for the clock installation.

But one of the aldermen, David O'Hara, called the striker a "harsh old bell" and took issue with the Soroptimists for referring to it as "chimes."

"This clock is causing the city no end of grief; it should have been left on the old courthouse junk heap," he said.

Hoax Telegram To Bring Jail

SEATTLE — Thomas E. Thomas, Seattle furniture salesman, was sentenced Monday to nine months in federal prison for sending a hoax telegram ordering a stay of execution last Jan. 2 for Utah and Turman Wilson.

U. S. District Judge William J. Lindberg denied a defense motion for a directed verdict of acquittal and agreed to rule Dec. 28 on a motion for a new trial.

Thomas was convicted of impersonating a federal official in sending the telegram to the State Prison. The wire was signed "W. D. Magnuson, U. S. Senator," and reached the prison only a few minutes after the Wilson brothers were hanged for the slaying of JoAnn Dewey, Vancouver, Wash., girl.

Thomas, father of two children, denied throughout his trial that he sent the telegram. He will remain free on \$1,000 bond until the motion for a new trial is heard.

State Employees Hold Yule Party

Members of the Oregon State Employees Association, Shop and Field Chapter 38, and their families held a combination business meeting and Christmas party at Beaver Hall Monday night.

Reports were heard from delegates to the general council meeting held at Astoria in November. Following the business meeting, gifts were presented to all children present.

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Better be sweet!
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Shop Buildings Purchased by City Council

(Story also on page 1)
Additional shop buildings, 24 tons of miscellaneous steel and year-round elevator service were bought Monday night by Salem City Council.

Aldermen accepted the bid of Armo Metal Products, represented by George Swartz, Salem, of \$3,374 for a 12 by 18 and a 24 by 50 foot prefabricated steel buildings for the city shops area.

They also oked City Manager J. L. Franzen's recommendation for buying 47,400 pounds of steel at \$3,379 from Clayton Steinke, Salem, who is closing out part of his business and now specializing in toy manufacture.

The elevator maintenance contract was authorized with Otis Elevator Co. at \$38.78 per month.

Approved Licenses

The Council at the City Hall meeting approved 51 liquor license renewals but rejected a proposed reopening of Bligh Billiards under a license sought by John E. Van Ditti, Milwaukie. License Chairman Robert F. White said police record of the man was unfavorable.

Two licenses held for further study were those of Pastime Pool and of Vern's Place.

A further study of traffic conditions and possible changes at the junction of the new westside riverfront highway with Edgewater Street will be made, it was decided after aldermen reviewed the appeal from Orval Eastridge for relief in the area. His beauty shop business has suffered from lack of parking and heavy traffic, he said. The State Highway Department recommended against making any changes there.

Billboard Bill Tabled
A bill proposing annual renewal of billboard permits was tabled at the request of Alderman Tom Armstrong.

Held up for a city manager's report was a letter from civil defense authorities recommending that Salem install a \$6,000 air raid warning siren.

The Council approved low bidder Electric Corp. of Salem for a \$3,149 contract for a traffic signal installation at Broadway and Pine Streets.

Nothing came up at the Council meeting last night about administration complaints that the newer type parking meters are giving maintenance difficulty. But Mayor Loucks said after the meeting that aldermen have been discussing the matter and a check is being made as to whether the trial period of one-year can be shortened. The one-year period is standard for trial in most parking meter installation contracts.

Thefts Reported To Salem Police

Two larcenies—one involving items stolen from a car and the other electrical equipment taken from a house under construction — were reported to city police late Monday.

About 450 feet of electrical wire and 25 outlet boxes were stolen from a house being built on Granada Way, Bishop Electric, owner of the equipment, reported. Value was set at \$50.

Mrs. Marjorie Taylor, 1547 Mill St., told police five gallons of gas, a jack and spare tire were taken from her car while it was parked in the garage Sunday night.

Restoration of Old Parsonage Starts Saturday

Restoration work on Salem's Old Parsonage will begin Saturday by members of Marion County Historical Society.

The controversial Parsonage was moved in October from its site at 13th and Ferry Streets to its present location at 1355 Mill St.

Marion County Historical Society saved the building from wreckers who were clearing ground for the public schools administration building.

Murray Wade, chairman of the Historical Society restoration committee, said his group Saturday plans to scrape off wallpaper, to get down to original boards in the building as well as repair windows broken in moving.

Reminder of Right Turn Law Suggested

Yes, right turns can be made on the red traffic light, after stopping.

The old reminder popped up in City Council chambers Monday night in State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock's response to a suggestion from Capitol Shopping Center merchants that a sign should be placed to remind motorists of this at Marion and North Capitol Streets.

Baldock advised against it on grounds that state law now permits such a right turn and motorists are gradually getting used to it—but occasional signs tend to leave the motorist wondering if the sign on red is legal only where a turn appears.

City Engineer J. H. Davis said all such signs in Salem have been removed. Mayor Alfred W. Loucks said he might ask the Oregon secretary of state's office to better publicize the right turn law, perhaps by issuing statements along with driver licenses.

In one-way traffic systems the law prevails on left turns—permitted on red light, after stopping, if the correct direction of travel is followed.

Somers, Conn., was originally incorporated as a Massachusetts town in 1734 but surveyors later found it was in Connecticut.

Elliott to Quit As Oregon GOP Chairman

PORTLAND — Robert A. Elliott, Medford, plans to resign effective Jan. 10 as chairman of the Oregon Republican Central Committee. T. Lawson McCall, radio commentator and a leading Republican, said Monday night.

Elliott could not be reached for verification. McCall said Elliott will call a meeting for Jan. 16 here to name a successor.

According to McCall Elliott will quit to devote more time for business. McCall said the insurance company for which Elliott works plans to put him in charge of an enlarged district including Southern Oregon and four Northern California counties.

McCall said possible candidates to succeed him are Ed Boehnke, Eugene, who ran against Elliott for chairman two years ago, and Wendell Wyatt, Astoria attorney.

About three-quarters of the trailers being sold to Americans are more than 30 feet long although in 1948 more than 83 per cent were under 30 feet.

State Prepares For Purchase Of Apartments

The state is now appraising the Glendora apartment house, 585 N. Summer St., with purchase in mind.

This was reported by the Board of Control to Salem City Council Monday night. Mrs. Miller Hayden, owner, has asked the city for permission to build garages at the apartment house, and the city has asked the state its intentions in the area.

Some time ago the city agreed not to allow major construction in the area proposed for Capitol Mall extension, but aldermen recently have indicated they think some property owners have been kept in uncertainty too long.

The state board said appraisal should be completed this month and if the state buys the property it won't want to build any garages there. The Council decided to wait until Feb. 8 before acting on the garage permit.

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