

Petitions Attack City's One-Way Downtown Grid

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Salem's one-way street grid came under attack Monday in a downtown petition movement aimed at getting the City Council to repeal the grid.

In two hours Monday afternoon seven petitions were placed and many patrons and employees already had signed them, reported Dale Mauk, one of the sponsors.

"We'll have at least a dozen of them out by Tuesday and probably will have calls for many more," he predicted.

A. R. Mefford, who with Mauk is located at the Stevenson & Mefford service station at Court and Church Streets, said he had had the petition drawn by an attorney after conferring with numerous businessmen who oppose the street grid.

New System Opposed

The petition makes it clear the objection is not to the original one-way system for highway traffic, but to the more recent completion of a one-way grid in the downtown area.

These six objections are specified in the petition directed to the City Council:

One-way system as extended is unnecessary for control of present traffic; is dangerous in that it tends to increase driving speed; is confusing for drivers and pedestrians; discourages traders and visitors from using the affected streets and areas; causes great inconvenience and financial loss to business firms on or near such streets; is an unwarranted and unreasonable restriction on the use of public streets.

Petitions Placed

Among places where petitions were placed are Stevenson & Mefford, Burrighit Cleaners, Walter Zossel service station, Stiff Furniture Co.

Commenting on the petition move around town, several businessmen indicated they thought the one-way grid had been given sufficient trial and still brought generally unfavorable response from customers.

Some felt that an expression from the public via petitions would influence the aldermen; others felt it might be necessary to initiate at the next election a city bill for the purpose of repealing the one-way street legislation.

Unlike the informal petitions now in circulation, this would require 2,381 verified signatures of qualified Salem voters.

Feels Majority Favor Plan

Mayor Alfred W. Loucks said Monday he and the aldermen have heard some persistent objections to the grid, but incline to feel that a majority of downtown businessmen favor the grid.

Spokesmen for both objectors and the city concede that the principal complaint of the motorist is over getting from one place to another in the downtown area. Movement of traffic through the downtown area, from one section of Salem to another, has not drawn complaints.

Ralph Cake, Adm. Byrd on Canal Board

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army Secretary Stevens Monday appointed Adm. Richard E. Byrd, retired, to one of three vacancies on the board of directors of the Panama Canal Co., which operates the canal.

The other appointees were Ralph H. Cake, lawyer and business man of Portland, Ore., and Howard C. Petersen, president of the Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Co.

Byrd, the former polar explorer, now resides in Boston, Mass.

Cooler Weather Due in Mid-Valley

Partly cloudy skies and cooler temperatures are on the weather picture for the Salem area today and tonight according to weathermen at McNary Field.

High temperature today is expected to range near 48 degrees with a low tonight near 36. No rain is forecast until Wednesday when scattered showers are predicted. Light snow was reported Monday in the mountains above the 3,000 foot level.

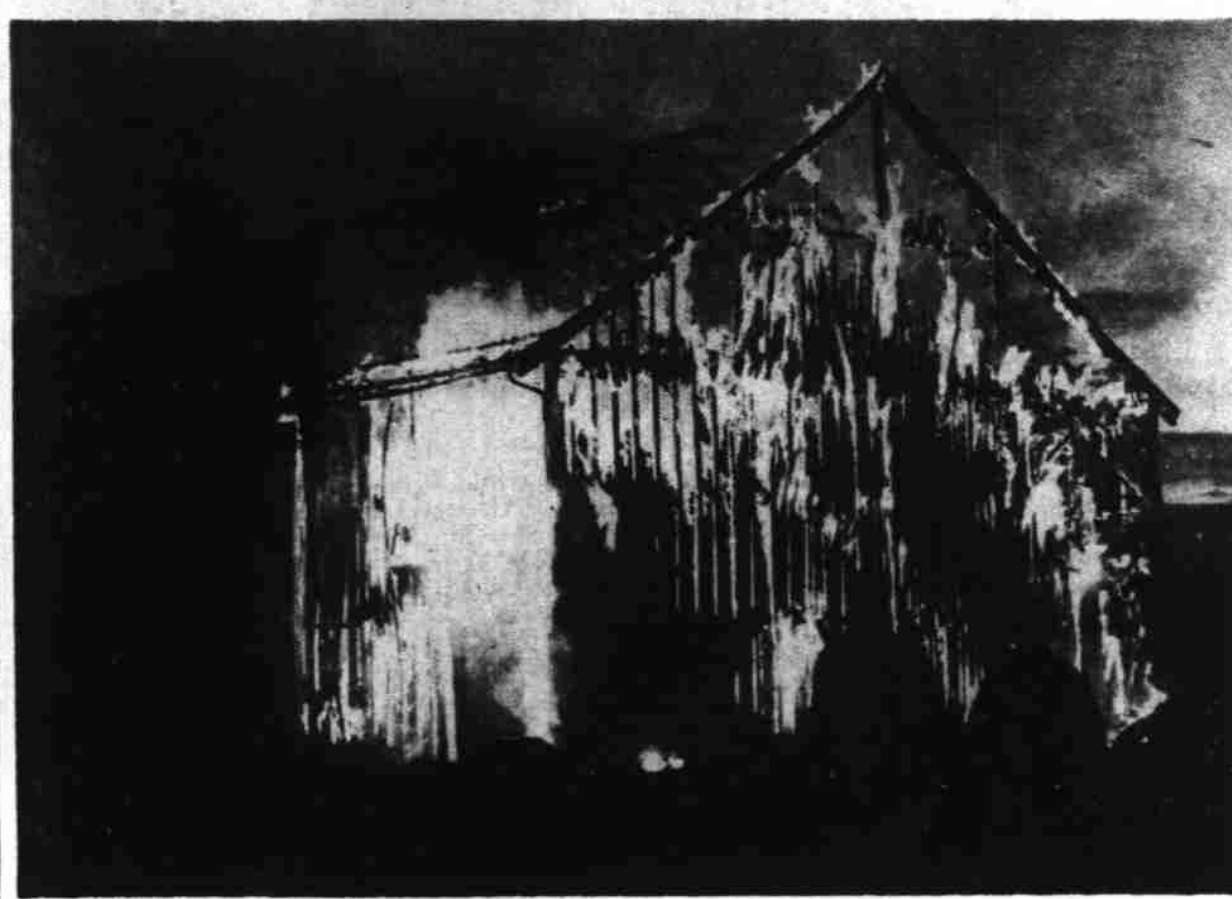
Tualatin Line to Quit, Leaving Suburban Area Minus Buses

PORTLAND (AP)—The management of Tualatin Valley Stages announced Monday that the firm will suspend operations Dec. 31. This would leave thousands of suburban Portland residents without public transportation.

George Fourier, president of the bus company, notified Charles Heltzel, Oregon's public utilities commissioner, that the firm was losing money. He said patronage had been declining and cost had been increasing.

Fourier said the company will not be disbanded and that it will complete its existing contracts for

\$5,000 Blaze Melts Aluminum Cover on Shed



SILVERTON—Fire Monday afternoon destroyed the machine shed shown above at the Don Kuenzi farm at Central Howell. Also lost were a milk cow, calf and 15 tons of straw and hay. Machinery in the building was saved. Sparks from a clean-up fire nearby was given as the cause. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Fire Destroys Central Howell Barn, Cows

Statesman News Service

SILVERTON—Fire destroyed a comparatively new aluminum-covered machine shed, a family milk cow and a calf, 10 tons of straw and about half that amount of hay Monday afternoon shortly before 5 o'clock at the Don Kuenzi farm at Central Howell.

Sparks from a clean-up fire nearby and a shifting wind were responsible for the fire. The sparks were carried through the open doors into stored straw which had been sold and was awaiting delivery. The cow and her calf had been housed in the shed.

Mrs. Kuenzi and her two sons were alone at home when the fire started. First to note it were Robert Cooke, a Eugene fireman and his wife who were returning from an over-holiday visit at Mt. Angel. As they passed the farm they noted a blaze from the corner of the shed. They arrived just as Mrs. Kuenzi stepped out the back door and also noted the fire.

Ted Kuenzi, Don's brother, and neighbors began arriving at once, calling the Silverton fire department and moving tractors, combines and other big machinery from the burning shed. Fear was felt for a time for an adjoining machine shed also filled with farm equipment, but the fire department was able to get the fire under control in time to save the other buildings.

After the fire was well underway, little four-year-old Boyd Kuenzi remembered his Christmas wagon in the shed and dashed in to rescue it. He was quickly hauled out and a neighbor rescued the little wagon.

Kuenzi, who arrived home as the fire was being controlled, estimated his loss at around \$5,000 with all but the cow and calf covered by insurance.

McGilchrist to Receive Honor

James McGilchrist, State Capitol guide who retires this week, will receive special recognition from the state in a presentation program next Monday noon at a Salem Chamber of Commerce luncheon in the Marion Hotel.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry will award a plaque to McGilchrist to cite his service in showing tourists by the thousands through the Statehouse since it was opened in 1939.

Only 7 Seek Job of Civil Service Director

Only seven applications have been received for the position of state civil service director, James Clinton, civil service director who resigned effective next April 1, said Monday.

Applications must be filed by Jan. 15. The job pays \$8,502 a year.

Rubirosa May Marry 2nd Heiress

NEW YORK (AP)—Porfirio Rubirosa, suave Dominican diplomat and international playboy who once was married to "the world's richest girl," Doris Duke, may marry another top contender for the title, Barbara Hutton.

Rubirosa, now on the West Coast, discussed his plans late Monday after New York newspaper reports said he would marry Miss Hutton.

He said he was returning to New York to meet her.

Asked if he planned to marry the four-times-married heiress, Rubirosa replied: "We may."

Miss Hutton, heiress to a Woolworth five-and-dime fortune estimated at from 20 to 40 million, was married previously to two princes, a count, and actor Cary Grant.

Rubirosa's three marriages were to the Dominican dictator's daughter, Flor Trujillo; the French actress, Danielle Darrieux, and Doris Duke.

Deetz Found Guilty in Milk Control Act Case

OREGON CITY (AP)—A district court jury Monday found Elmer Deetz guilty of selling milk without a license in violation of state milk control laws.

Deetz, a Canby cattle breeder, has been selling raw milk in gallon jugs direct from the cow to customers who called at his farm. Judge Paul Fischer said Deetz will be sentenced Tuesday. Maximum fine possible is \$100. Deetz was fined \$25 on a similar charge in the same court in November of last year.

The complaint against Deetz was filed by the State Department of Agriculture which administers the milk control law and issues a permit to regulate dairymen must meet to obtain a license.

Deliberates Hour

The six-member jury, including two dairy farmers, deliberated the case for one hour after hearing four hours of testimony.

Witnesses for the state were Kenneth Carl, assistant chief of the department's division of foods and dairies, and Aloha Howard of Portland, one of Deetz' customers.

Carl testified that Deetz applied for a license Dec. 21. He read an inspection report listing changes Deetz would have to make at his plant to qualify for a license.

Met State Standards

Deetz testified that these changes would cost him \$2,500. He said that the department had tested milk from his cows and found that it met state sanitation standards.

Deetz said earlier that he had applied for the license with the understanding that the charges against him would be withdrawn. When the state continued the prosecution, Deetz said he withdrew the license application.

Deetz had filed suit in the Clackamas County Circuit Court attacking the constitutionality of the milk control law. The suit was filed after the milk marketing administration and the Board of Agriculture asked the court to halt Deetz from making milk sales. Later the charges were withdrawn.

Replacement of Boy's Seat Cures Vision Trouble

IRONTON, Ohio (AP)—Little Johnny Earhart complained to his parents that he couldn't see the blackboard at school. So Lawrence County Common Pleas Court Judge and Mrs. Warren S. Earhart took the six-year-old to Dr. John Dole.

The doctor found nothing wrong with Johnny's eyes.

"Why can't you see the blackboard?" he asked.

Replied Johnny: "Because there is a great, big boy sitting right in front of me."

Judge Earhart said he'll ask to have Johnny's seat changed.

SUIT AIMS AT BRIDGES

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Deputy U. S. Atty. Gen. Warren Olney III said Monday the government will move "within 30 days" to strip U. S. citizenship from Harry Bridges, longshore union leader.

March of Dimes Campaign in City, County to Get Underway Saturday

Salem and Marion County will begin their month-long March of Dimes polio fund campaign this Saturday with "test tubes" slated to be distributed that day.

"The tubes will take the place of the usual miniature iron lungs of years gone by which have served to collect funds," explained County Chairman Arthur Atherton.

Marion County has had its share of polio and this is one very good reason why we must assume our share of the financial responsibility in this year's campaign," Atherton said. The national goal for the campaign is \$75,000,000. No set goal has been established for Marion County. Headquarters will be at the First National Bank, 280 N. Liberty St.

Committees were assigned by Chairman Atherton Monday and include: Mrs. Martha White, chairman of the Mother's March with Mrs. Ray Crothers, co-chairman; Dr. Nel J. Pinson, schools and college chairman; Leon Dubois, chairman of the March of Dimes Ball; Herb Barker, chairman for organized labor; Wallace R. Cowen, publicity; Edgar Whitt, in charge of special contributions; C. Stuart McElhinny, in charge of special benefits affairs; Hillary Ezel, chairman of the Block of Dimes campaign, and Earl Jones, in charge of theaters.

Marion County was divided into north and south divisions with a chairman for each. The south division is in charge of Earl Cook

Dr. Pearl New Head Of BPA; Public Power Group Voices Protest

New Director Praises Ike's Power Policy

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—Public power groups are opposed to the appointment of Dr. William A. Pearl as Bonneville administrator, Gus Norwood, executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Assn., said here Monday.

According to Norwood they protested to Interior Secretary McKay when Pearl was first proposed.

Although the public power people did not have a candidate for the job and never hoped a public power man would be appointed, we at least hoped we would have a neutral candidate and one not thoroughly earmarked as sponsored by the private power companies," Norwood said.

"We are greatly disappointed in the decision which Mr. McKay has made."

SEATTLE (AP)—Dr. William A. Pearl, appointed Monday as administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, said here Monday night "our main objective, as far as Bonneville is concerned, will be to do those things that will be of most benefit" to the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. Pearl, named by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay to succeed Dr. Paul Raver, said there were no immediate plans for changes at Bonneville.

The new Bonneville administrator said he endorsed President Eisenhower's power "partnership" policy under which private and public power groups would join forces in development of the Northwest's hydroelectric expansion.

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Lohead New West Salem Councilman

J. S. (Jack) Lohead, young Salem insurance man, was elected by Salem City Council Monday night as alderman for the West Salem ward.

Until the November, 1954, election he will fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Alderman Earl Burk due to poor health. During Burk's illness Fred Gibson served as a substitute alderman until the resignation.

Lohead was the unanimous choice of aldermen at their Monday night meeting in City Hall. He and several other West Salem residents had been considered informally by the Council members in recent weeks.

Lohead, a newcomer to city government affairs, operates a general fire and casualty insurance business at 361 Chemeketa St. and is district manager for Northern Life Insurance Co., at 481 Ferry St. He is a resident of 1050 Pali Dr. in West Salem Heights.

A committee of West Salem business and industrial leaders gave councilmen a strong endorsement for Lohead's selection.

(Additional Council news on page 6, sec. 1.)

Traffic Victim Is Dead Duck

Police noted a fatality in Salem Monday night but haven't decided whether to chalk it up to traffic or low flying.

The victim, a mallard duck, was discovered about 10 p.m. on the steps of the city hall. Unofficial verdict is that the bird was killed either by a car or by crashing into the city hall tower. At any rate it's a dead duck.

TO MODIFY B-36s

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force said Monday it has awarded to Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., Fort Worth, Tex., a contract to modify "an undisclosed number of B-36 bombers to carry F84 reconnaissance fighter planes."

Appointed



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Ike to Confer With Demos

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—President Eisenhower moved Monday to line up bi-partisan support for his 1954 legislative program by calling Democratic congressional leaders to a Jan. 5 preview of his State of the Union Message.

With the administration obviously dependent on Democratic cooperation for success of the program, the President's holiday headquarters here announced the emphasis at the preview conference will be on foreign affairs and national defense legislation.

At the conference in Washington a week from Tuesday, Republican leaders of Congress will sit in with the President and the Democratic chiefs.

Another special guest will be Mrs. B. O. Schucking, Salem florist whose family home once stood at the downtown corner now being developed by Lipman's.

The Lipman party will include Harold Wendel, president; Harry Swartz, New York City, representing National Department Stores; Robert Hammond, representing the building contractor, Hammond Construction Co.; Bernard Heims, representing the architects, Dougan & Heims; Charles Goldstone, Lipman's merchandise manager.

Others from Lipman's include J. Hargrove, M. Friend, Fred Hessey, Phil Hawley, Roger Meier, Tom Wendel, Roy Thompson, J. N. Helmstadter and Colan McKinnon.

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What'll Happen In '54? Babson Will Predict It

Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook for 1954 will appear in The Oregon Statesman on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Mr. Babson—pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics—enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1953 was 84 per cent accurate.

On December 31, 1952, he predicted: (1) that World War III would not start during 1953; (2) that the supply of raw materials would be ample in 1953 and there would be less government control; (3) that disposable income and demand for goods would hold up in 1953 due to full employment; (4) that rent controls would be a thing of the past in most areas in 1953; (5) that the cost of mortgage money would increase; and (6) he definitely forecast lower stock prices.

Watch for the Babson Business and Financial Outlook for 1954 on Thursday, Dec. 31.

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Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



... and don't forget, ladies, children are fine but let's not neglect hubby.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	51	37	.10
Portland	49	40	.15
San Francisco	64	42	.00
Chicago	35	22	.00
New York	42	36	.15

WILLAMETTE RIVER 5.5 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNary Field, Salem):
Partly cloudy today and tonight. Mostly cloudy with a few scattered showers Wednesday. Slightly cooler today with a high near 45 and a low tonight near 36. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. was 36.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
19.26 16.42 17.61