

City News Briefs

STOLEN ITEMS LISTED

Police said Thursday a \$75 coat and an additional \$10 worth of clothing were stolen from the dormitory room of Mrs. Edith Spent, house mother at Oregon State School for the Blind. The burglary was discovered Tuesday, but it was not known what was taken until Mrs. Spent returned from vacation. Entry was made through a window, police said.

Bargains at the YWCA Budget Shop, 162 S. Com'l. Open Fri. and Mon. 10-5.

TRUCK, CAR COLLIDE

Vehicles driven by Kenneth I. Dodge, 1595 Bonnie Way, and Robert J. Townsend, 550 Fairview Ave., collided in the 1100 block of Rural street about 10:15 Thursday morning. Police said damage was not extensive and no one was reported injured. Dodge's pickup truck was being backed from a parking lot when the accident occurred, police said.

Open today from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Satter's Grocery, 3245 Center.

HELD ON AUTO CHARGE

Duane Robert Morris, Turner Route 2, appeared in Marion County District Court Thursday on a charge of embezzlement by baillee. The charge involves a car trade and falsification of papers, officers said. Morris is held in Marion County jail in lieu of \$1,500 and his case has been continued for arraignment to Jan. 5.

The Pike Ice Cream Store, 138 S. Liberty, New Year's special, egg-nogg and Rum-pineapple Ice Cream, "Happy New Year" in individual decorated slices.

TO FIX BRIDGE

Marion County Court was informed Thursday that a new deck will be put on the Green's Bridge over the Santiam River at Jefferson. Linn County crews will do the work and Marion County will bear half the estimated \$20,000 cost. The redecking job is to start "early in 1954."

Jackson Jewelers will be closed all day Sat., Jan. 2. 225 N. Liberty St.

FAREWELL GIVEN

The Chamber of Commerce transportation committee Thursday gave a farewell breakfast at the Marion Hotel for Frank Guerin, freight agent for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Salem, Calif., where he will be assistant freight agent.

Soil Damage Blamed to Rail Trestle

A \$17,000 damage suit was filed against the Oregon Electric Railway Co. in Salem Thursday by a man and wife who charged the railroad is responsible for flooding of their garden plot.

The suit was brought by Enos and Agatha N. Nelson of Jefferson in Marion County Circuit Court. They allege they are owners of a plot of land on the Santiam River near Jefferson.

According to the complaint the railroad constructed a trestle over the Santiam near their property. And a large pile of boulders stacked up near the trestle causes flood water to pour onto the plaintiffs' land, they allege, and wash away the topsoil.

The Nelsons seek \$12,000 general and \$5,000 punitive damages.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Richard George Young vs Arlie Louise Young; Suit dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Edmunds Arvids Lezdins vs Skaidrite Lezdins; Suit dismissed on motion of plaintiffs.

Leonard Lester vs Ruth Besie Lester; Decree of divorce awards two minors to plaintiff and approves property settlement agreement.

Harold L. Maynard vs Jeanne Irene Maynard; Suit dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Ernos D. Nelson and Agatha M. Nelson vs Oregon Electric Railway Co. and W. P. Garrett; Suit seeks judgment of \$17,000 for damages allegedly arising from flooding.

PROBATE COURT

James C. O'Reilly estate; Order closes estate.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Floyd Clark Bennett, 35, self-employed, 1220 Center St., and Venita Marvel Cox, 24, clerk-typist, 835 Marion St., both of Salem.

DISTRICT COURT

Duane Robert Morris, Turner Route 2, charged with embezzlement by baillee, continued to Jan. 5 for arraignment; held in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Colleen Jean McIntosh, Salem Route 1, Box 794, arrested on charge of reckless driving; posted \$75 bail.

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Hoop Official Gives Lions 'Inside Angle'

GUN REPORTED STOLEN

James E. Houck, Corvallis, reported to city police Thursday a .32 caliber automatic pistol valued at \$45 had been stolen from his former apartment in Salem at 959 S. 12th St. earlier this week.

WASHER OVERHEATS

An overheated washing machine motor at the residence of L. A. Schinn, 2880 Doughton St., prompted a run by South Salem firemen at 11 a.m. Thursday. No damage was reported.

Marshall's now open for lunch 11:30 a.m. Sundays 2 p.m.

STOVE OVERHEATS

East Salem firemen were called to the John Radcliff residence, 1477 Marion St., late Thursday afternoon due to an overheated stove. Firemen said there was no damage.

The Pike Ice Cream Store, 138 S. Liberty, open every night until 11, open all day New Year's.

LIBRARY CLOSED TODAY

The Salem Public Library will be closed on New Year's Day; Librarian Hugh Morrow reported Thursday. On Saturday, the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mt. Angel Soil Conservation Plans Pushed

By Lillie L. Madsen

Farm Editor, The Statesman

MT. ANGEL — Soil conservation work is getting off to an enthusiastic start at Mt. Angel with the beginning of the new district and the new year. A supervisors board meeting will be held Tuesday night to make final plans for the annual meeting to be held Jan. 15 at Legion Hall, Mt. Angel.

M. L. Rigdon has been appointed soil conservationist in charge of the Mt. Angel Area which comprises 33,000 acres. Rigdon is making his home at Silverton for the present but is in the Mt. Angel office in the Kloss Building each morning from 8 to 9 before going into the fields, he said Thursday.

Rigdon succeeds John Denison of the Silverton office who was named to Mt. Angel but was later transferred to Eugene. Rigdon has been in soil conservation work for the past three years, being stationed in the Cave Junction project in southern Oregon for the greater part of that time.

During the war he served overseas in the U.S. Armed forces, holding a rank of captain. He is a member of the National Guard and drills on Tuesday in Portland.

A former resident of Stillwater, Okla., he holds a degree in agriculture from Oklahoma A & M College. Before joining the conservation service, Rigdon taught "on the farm" training to veterans for two years in the Canby area.

Assisting Rigdon in Mt. Angel is Truman Massee, a native of Marion County, who received his master's degree from Oregon State College last June.

The two men are now in the process of making a soil survey and mapping out the types of soil. This work is directly under Massee.

Rigdon is spending much of his time at present studying the feasibility of drainage in the Huffman Bottom district, southwest of Mt. Angel.

Requests have already reached the new office for three farm ponds and 12 tile drainage projects on individual farms. These will be studied later.

On the board of supervisors are James Jackson and Joe Henry, Brooks; Joe Burnt, Mt. Angel; Warren Sybrant, Woodburn and William Schwarz, Silverton.

Truck License Spurt Noticed

The state motor vehicle department here Thursday experienced the usual year-end spurt in applications for farm truck licenses for the year 1954.

A large number of applicants were in front of the department from 8 a.m. until the capitol doors were closed at 5 p.m.

Also in line were a substantial number of applicants for automobile registrations and drivers licenses.

Department officials predicted that motor vehicle registrations for 1954 would show an increase over 1953.

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Speaker



Dr. Victor H. Sword, former missionary and Salem pastor, will speak at the YMCA Sunday afternoon on the World Neighbors movement.

Sword Slates Talk at YMCA

The World Neighbors movement, a non-denominational organization attempting to better living conditions of backward people throughout the world, will be discussed at the Salem YMCA Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

The speaker, Dr. Victor Hugo Sword, former Salem pastor and missionary to India, will explain the background and purpose of the organization which is sponsored by nationally known Christian leaders.

Dr. Sword, who plans to leave in about two weeks for a trip to India and around the world, spent over 20 years in India as a Christian education leader.

State Officials Scatter for Holiday Plans

The New Year's holiday today will find many Oregon officials and their families away from home.

Gov. Paul L. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson left Thursday for the Boiler Bay area south of Taft where they will stay until late this afternoon.

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and Mrs. McKay, in Salem since the day before Christmas, will leave from Portland today on their return to Washington, D. C.

McKay will leave the train at Chicago and after an address, will continue to Washington by plane. Mrs. McKay will go on to Washington by train.

Both Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry and State Treasurer Sig Unander will spend the holiday in Salem.

Gov. Patterson expects to return to his desk Monday morning.

State Traffic Safety Mark May Top U. S.

Oregon may be either first or second in percentage of traffic death reduction in the nation for the year 1953, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry predicted Thursday.

Newberry said he based his statement on an estimated 385 traffic fatalities for the year of which 373 had been reported up to Wednesday night.

The secretary of state said in keeping within the 385 estimate, Oregon also would have its second best record in post war years.

Newberry pointed out, however, that traffic fatalities could exceed his estimate when all reports for the year are received. He also said the death toll could be below his estimate.

A complete tabulation of the number of accidents for the year 1953 probably will not be available for two or three weeks, officials said. They estimated a reduction in the number of accidents for 1953 compared with those in 1952.

The number of injuries may go higher this year than in 1952, they said.

Bids Sought On Santiam Jobs for BPA

EUGENE — The Bonneville Power Administration is calling for bids for construction of a control house and oil storage house at the Santiam substation.

The site of this substation is located three miles west of Lyons in Linn County. Bids will be opened in Portland Jan. 15. The successful contractor will be given 200 days in which to complete the work.

The grading for this substation switchyard and the spur track was recently completed by the Frank Lyons Company of Portland, which had been working since last September. Later in the year, BPA expects to call for bids for the installation of the substation facilities that will be required for service to the Benton-Lincoln Electric Cooperative and the Mountain State Power Company.

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Faces Change at County Courthouse During 1953

By JAMES BURR MILLER
Staff Writer, The Statesman

A big year—one replete with changes, variations and improvements—has just ended for members of the Marion County court-house staff. And a big 1954 is ahead.

Uppermost in the new year is the anticipated move next June into the new \$1,835,838 courthouse. County offices are presently using space in the Public School Administration Building, site for Salem Meier and Frank Company store.

Topping a long list of changes in and around the courthouse was the unexpected death recently of Roscoe (Tad) Shelton, long-time county assessor. He is succeeded by Clifford Lewis, for many years chief deputy assessor.

Another change was the retirement of Mrs. Nona White, Marion County juvenile officer for many years, and the arrival of James Ashbaugh to take that position when she left last September. Another replacement was Kenneth Peterson who took Miss Marion Bowen's place as director of the county welfare commission.

The county court appointed Oliver Rickman recently as custodian of the new courthouse when it became necessary to have the heat on in the new building during plastering. Also, earlier in the year, Harold Domogalla moved as head of the tax department to a position in the tax assessor's office. He was succeeded by Howard Evans as chief tax deputy.

One of the latest improvements to come before the county was the recent proposal for a reappraisal of property in a joint program between county and state. This is still in the formative stage and one of the first problems before the county court in the new year will be the selection of a contract and formulation of methods to complete this reappraisal.

County Recorder Herman Lanke advised that over \$10 million worth of chattel mortgages were filed with his office during 1953. He cautioned that, "This doesn't necessarily indicate business was bad; actually it is about the same as we had last year and it's just business as usual."

County Sheriff Denver Young, in reflecting on the year past, said that his office's incoming business was about the same as previous years, "which was considerably more problematic considering we didn't have a jail to call our own."

County prisoners have been held in a portion of the Salem jail and part of the Albany jail. "Distribution has been about 50-50 between the two," he said.

Through the year the sheriff explained his deputies had booked 690 prisoners (apprehended by city, county and state officers); served 21,533 meals; filed 3,684 civil cases (average of about 307 a month) and turned in \$6,244 in fees for mileage on civil cases.

Cupid was on the job with almost the same old vigor in 1953. A total of 783 marriage licenses

Businessmen Group Forms 1-Way Battle

A businessmen's committee was forming Thursday to promote the petition protest against Salem's downtown one-way street grid.

Petitioning has boomed spontaneously since A. R. Mefford, service station operator at Church and Court Streets, had the first few drawn up Monday afternoon. An estimated 500 have signed at some 15 business places.

Mefford said several businessmen interested in the opposition move would meet early next week to form a committee to boost the petitions and get them before Salem City Council.

Some of the one-way street opponents Thursday were showing signs of starting new petitions in the form of a formal initiative movement which would bring the one-way grid to a public vote regardless of what the Council does. Such a petition would require 2,381 verified signatures of city voters.

The city administration, meanwhile, proceeded with plans for new signs to better mark the grid. City and state officials made recommendations for improvements Wednesday. Another study will be made next week when a Portland city traffic engineer, Fred Fowler, is brought here by the city for a look at the grid.

Hospital Readied For Final Check

Salem General Hospital is being readied this week for final inspection on Jan. 7.

Actual opening of the hospital will be held later on a date yet to be decided.

The inspection next week will be made by the hospital board, and contractor and architect representatives. Purpose will be to determine last minute finishing touches and changes to make the building ready for occupancy.

Applications were issued during the year at the Marion County Clerk's office. This is just four less than in 1952 but far below 1951's total of 828.

Motor Laws Change; Glass Big Difference

A new law affecting motor vehicle windows and windshields went into effect today in Oregon, according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry.

The law, covering safety factors of glazing materials for windows and windshields, was approved by the 1953 legislature and provides that no motor vehicle manufactured after Jan. 1, 1954 will be operated on Oregon highways unless windows and windshield are equipped with a glazing material approved by the secretary of state.

In almost all cases, Newberry said, new cars meet the required standards. His office has prepared a list of approved materials.

The law also makes it illegal to replace windows or windshields with any material not on the approved list. While the law does apply to new car sales in the state, Newberry added, it now does not apply to the sale of used cars.

Births

AUSTIN—To Mr. and Mrs. William M. Austin, 4819 Liberty Circle, a daughter, Thursday, Dec. 31, at Salem General Hospital.

NALLY—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nally, 3456 Abrams Ave., a daughter, Thursday, Dec. 31, at Salem General Hospital.

BELL—To Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bell, 1176 S. 18th St., a daughter, Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Salem Memorial Hospital.

KUROVSKY—To Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kurovsky, 481 S. Cottage St., a daughter, Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Salem Memorial Hospital.

MORRISON—To Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison, 4810 Jones Rd., a daughter, Thursday, Dec. 31, at Salem Memorial Hospital.

COLLERAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Colleran, 1322 Nebraska Ave., a daughter, Thursday, Dec. 31, at Salem Memorial Hospital.

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Staff Writer For Statesman Wins Award

Statesman reporter James Burr Miller's work on a Roseburg murder case will be featured on the Jan. 20 "Big Story" national radio program.

Miller's story, which will be dramatized in the network broadcast, started in Salem Nov. 13, 1952, when John Coffield, a saw-mill worker from Vancouver, Wash., gave himself up to Miller.

Wanted for the murder of a 19-year-old Roseburg brunette nurse, Coffield proclaimed his innocence, told Miller his story and asked to be turned over to Salem city police. Four months later Coffield was freed by a grand jury and later a Roseburg man, Chester Dean Crabb, was found guilty of the murder by jury trial.

The body of Georgia Lucille Long had been found near Roseburg in October, 1952, but she had been dead several months. She had been last seen in the company of Coffield and Crabb.

Reporter Miller will receive \$500 and a Pall Mall citation for journalistic achievement.

Fellow Workers Honor Thielsen

Fellow employees of H. William Thielsen, who is retiring after 28 years of service as Marion County property agent, presented him with a pen and pencil set gift Friday.

The presentation took place in the Marion County Court chambers. Thielsen, who also is a gardener, received a gift from a local plant nursery.

County Judge Rex Hartley said Thielsen's vacated position would not immediately be filled.

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