

Meter Feeder Target For Police Campaign

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Salem police were directed by the City Council Monday night to start a new campaign against "meter feeding" immediately. Under the program approved by Council, police will mark cars parked over the time limit in metered areas downtown, even if the meters are kept supplied with coins.

Military Units To Wage 'War' In Polio Drive

Two military units will battle it out on Liberty Street Saturday in the "Block of Dimes" competition to raise money for the annual March of Dimes polio campaign.

Hillery Etzel, chairman of the competition, said the Marine Corps Reserve unit, commanded by Lt. William Baldwin, will work the west side of Liberty Street between State and Chemeketa Streets from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. while Salem's three units of the National Guard work the east side.

National Guard units and commanders are: B company, Capt. Fabian Nelson; D company, Lt. John Cannon; and D Battery, Lt. William Porter. All are units of the 162nd Infantry.

Williamette University students will compete in the Capitol Shopping Center, Etzel said. Organizations taking part Saturday will be Sigma Alpha Chi and Beta Alpha Gamma, sophomore honorary societies for men and women respectively.

Teams for competition on Jan. 23 have not been arranged, Etzel explained, but the Salem Kiwanis Club and the downtown Lions Club will compete on Jan. 30.

Arrests Due On Parking Violations

Motorists parking in restricted zones in the city are now subject to citation to Municipal Court instead of a parking ticket, Chief Clyde Warren said Monday.

Bail on the citations has been set by Municipal Judge Douglas Hay at \$2.50. Bail on parking tickets is 50 cents.

Police officers started issuing the citations Saturday. To date 12 motorists have received them, court records show.

In line with the crack-down on parking, the City Council Monday night authorized police to start issuing citations to "meter feeders." Bail was recommended at \$1.50.

Previously, parking tickets were issued for this violation.

40-Hour Work Week Topic Of Employees

A work week of 40 hours instead of 44 or 48 hours was chief topic of a panel discussion Monday night by members of Oregon State Employees Association, Shop and Field Chapter, 38, at Beaver Hall.

The chapter is made up of State Highway Department employees.

Earl Henricks, past president of the chapter, said a majority of state workers are now on a 40-hour week.

Robert Ashby, assistant executive secretary of OSEA, conducted the five-member panel.

The chapter discussed contributing to a fund to buy television sets for inmates at Oregon State Hospital.

Composer Strauss Dies in Austria

VIENNA, Austria (AP)—Oscar Strauss, 83, one of the last of the great Viennese composers, died Monday in the resort town of Bad Ischl.

Although best known for his operetta, "The Chocolate Soldier," Strauss had more than 50 light operas to his credit, in addition to many more serious works of music.

Strauss was no relation to the famous Viennese waltz "king," Johann Strauss. But he was asked about it so often, he occasionally said he was Johann's grandson—just to add to the confusion.

MAGNUSON BILL

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) Monday introduced a bill which would make former President Hoover and Truman members of the National Security Council.

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LONDON (AP)—Eleven persons were killed and 22 others were missing in avalanches in Switzerland and Austria Monday. Blizzards roared over western and central Europe, isolating hundreds of towns and paralyzing transportation.

Six feet of snow fell in the Swiss Bernese Oberland and the northern foothills of the Alps in less than 48 hours. The downfall cut road, rail and telephone communications.

In Switzerland nine persons were known dead and six others were missing and feared dead in great masses of snow. Volunteers worked through the night to dig into houses buried by avalanches.

Austria reported two dead and 16 missing.

Swiss railroads were hit hard by the worst blizzard of the winter. Snow blocked the approach to St. Gotthard tunnel, cutting traffic between Italy and northern Europe.

Near Montbovon, several passengers were injured by an avalanche that buried a local train. At Glarus, a railway engine was swept into a ravine by an avalanche. The driver and technician escaped unhurt.

The winter's fiercest blizzard left countless Austria towns and villages marooned. Road and rail traffic was blocked or threatened in mountainous areas of southern Germany, Switzerland, and northern Italy.

The toll of dead and missing included 20 men missing from two Swedish ships which vanished in a Baltic storm Sunday. Rescue vessels plowed through heavy seas searching for the 17 who were aboard the 883-ton freighter Nedjan and three aboard a small fishing boat.

In Sweden, a boy suffering from diabetes died from lack of insulin after attempts to reach him snowed-in home by helicopter had failed.

Southern Germany was tied up by a heavy snowstorm which choked roads and cut off hundreds of Bavarian villages. More than 30 state highways were blocked, and the autobahn between Munich and Stuttgart was snarled with stranded cars and trucks.

In Belgium, 13 villages of the eastern Ardennes were marooned by big walls of snow.

The city officials acted to designate 17th Street a through street from State to Market Streets except at Center and D Streets and to prohibit parking on the east side of 17th between Market and A and between Mill Creek and State Street, and on the west side between A Street and Mill Creek.

Further traffic counts and studies were ordered for the intersections of 17th and State (where a four-way stop has been suggested by Alderman Thomas Armstrong), 14th and State and 17th and Center.

Need for traffic patrolman duty at 12th and State at nighttime was questioned. A patrolman is stationed there at morning and evening traffic peaks now, but not at noon.

Three parking meters were ordered for Winter Street along side Salem Public Library and six in front or alongside of First Presbyterian Church.

The resolution to prohibit parking on east side of Broadway from Columbia to north city limits was tabled because Alderman David O'Hara of that ward was absent from last night's Council meeting.

Junior First Citizen Pick Slated Tonight

The Junior First Citizen banquet sponsored by Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at 7:30 in the Marion Hotel with State Sen. Richard Neuberger as main speaker.

Awards to the Junior First Citizen of 1953 will be made by Otto J. Wilson Jr., Salem's Junior First Citizen of 1952.

Two "key" awards will also be made to the two Jaycee members who have done outstanding work in the organization during the past year. Making these awards will be last year's winners, Stanley Schofield, current Jaycee president, and Burt Sturm.

The banquet, to which the public is invited, will also mark the 34th anniversary of the founding of the national Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. W. A. Smith, WU Graduate Succumbs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dr. William A. Smith, 73, emeritus professor of education at UCLA, died Monday after suffering a stroke.

Educated at Willamette University, the University of Washington and the University of Chicago, he was a teacher and principal of Washington and Oregon high schools before joining the UCLA faculty in 1920. He was unmarried.

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City Hires Parks Supervisor, Eyes Housing Project

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Hiring a new parks superintendent, settling a firemen's overtime policy and two waterfront leases and accepting a Housing Authority plan to dismantle five buildings were among actions of the Salem City Council at a busy session Monday night in City Hall.

The Housing Authority plan is to do away with five buildings considered beyond repair and not now needed. The buildings contain 20 of the housing colony's 172 low-rent apartment units in south-east Salem. At present 80 units are vacant.

The Council authorized hiring of Walter Wirth, Harrisburg, Pa., as Salem city parks superintendent at a salary of \$5,000. Wirth was recommended by the Parks Advisory Board as an experienced parks man who has held city and state park administrative posts in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

Wirth telegraphed City Manager J. L. Franzen Monday he would accept.

Aldermen rejected a claim from the Fred Hunt estate that cash payment of \$368 be made in lieu of the credit for 372 hours' overtime due Hunt at the time of his death last July.

The claim had touched off a study of firemen's overtime credits dating back to the time Salem voters authorized a shorter work week before funds became available to hire extra firemen.

In action last night the Council accepted a policy proposal from Fire Chief E. L. Smith and the city manager that firemen with over 72 hours' overtime credit could use it for time off at any time prior to termination of their service with the department. Men with overtime credit of less than 72 hours are to take time off before Sept. 1 or lose the credit.

Salem Boat House's lease at the foot of Chemeketa Street was renewed for five years at half the present monthly rental. New charge will be \$25 a month. The Boat House proprietor, Willard Taylor, had proposed a lease based on nominal rent of \$50 a year plus services of its boats in emergency, police search and rescue and waterfront safety work.

Alderman Daniel J. Fry, who proposed the lower rent, said, "Granted, they do a humanitarian service, but they shouldn't be bound to it."

The Council also renewed a mortgage rights permit for C. E. Staller, Phillip Tuor and Gail Merwin at \$15 a month, the present charge.

Alderman Robert F. White was reelected president of the Council. Sitting with the Council for the first time was recently appointed J. S. Lochard, alderman for the West Salem ward.

In other Council action the aldermen overruled a manager's recommendation in splitting the city's annual kerosene contract between joint low bidders, Tidewater Associated Oil Co. and Shell Oil Co., at 17.2 cents per gallon.

The contract was awarded exclusively to Associated after Alderman Fry said splitting contracts might lead to "too many prices coming in identical."

Aldermen otherwise okeed the awards of contracts to low bidders for the annual supply of gasoline and other oil products. Associated got the entire gas contract. Trux Oil Co. got the diesel and six of the lubricant contracts and Union and Shell got one each.

The bill to require annual renewal of billboard permits was killed by the aldermen. A bill to increase peddler and solicitor fees for those using vehicles in their business was tabled to Jan. 25.

STRIKE ENDED

NEW YORK (AP)—A 42-day strike against the American Can Co. ended Monday night when a CIO Steelworkers negotiating committee accepted a company proposal offering a 14-cents-an-hour package increase.

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U.S., Russia Silent After Atomic Talks

By WARREN ROGERS Jr.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States and Russia Monday launched "private-as-can-be" talks on how to go about discussing President Eisenhower's plan to put atomic power to work for peace.

Secretary of State Dulles received Soviet Ambassador Georgi M. Zarubin at his office Monday morning. They talked an hour, an interpreter, for half an hour. But what they said or what written memos they exchanged, if any, was their secret.

This was in accord with the President's Dec. 8 proposal and with a Nov. 18 resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, stressing privacy.

Both sides, while evincing mutual cordiality not always evident in East-West talks, were keeping their own counsel as far as the public is concerned. It resembles a two-handed poker game, played close to the chest.

The Russian Embassy said it had "no statement at this time," and that was that.

The State Department issued a statement saying simply that the Dulles-Zarubin talks had been held and would be held again soon.

CAB Probes Plane Crash In Louisiana

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP)—Two Civil Aeronautics Board investigators picked over the wreckage of an amphibious plane near here Monday to see what caused the crash that killed ten prominent businessmen and two pilots.

The plane, a twin-engine, 10-passenger Grumman amphibian, owned by the United Gas Co., crashed into a vacant house and burst into flames Sunday night at nearby Wallace Lake.

All aboard were killed, including Thomas Braniff, Dallas, Tex., president of the Braniff Airways, and R. H. Hargrove of Shreveport, president of Texas Eastern Transmission Co.

Unusual weather conditions that froze the plane's wings were blamed for the crash by one United pilot radioed the radio tower here he was in trouble.

The night manager of the airport, Ivy Pool, said the pilot radioed at 5:49 p. m. (CST): "All controls frozen. Ice forming on wings. Losing altitude. Going to try to land on lake."

The next word was a telephone call reporting the crash.

Fright, Flight Prompted by Fear of Fine

DETROIT (AP)—Mrs. Rosie Jones, wherever you are, you can come home now. Traffic Referee Andrew C. Wood gave you a suspended sentence Monday for that parking ticket.

Mrs. Jones left home recently after receiving a notice through the mail that a warrant would be issued for her arrest unless she settled up for the ticket. Her husband, David, went to court Monday and told Wood she was frightened. He also told him he was lonesome.

Youths Released In Burglary Case

Two Salem youths, charged with burglary of McCulloch Stadium locker and storage rooms Jan. 4, were released to their parents Monday. They had been held in the juvenile ward of the city jail.

Final hearing for the pair, both 14 years old, has been set for Friday in Marion County Circuit Judge Joseph B. Felton's juvenile court.

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Salem School Costs Defended Against Lower State Average

Some deceptive comparisons of local schools building costs as compared to recently compiled statewide average school construction costs were tackled Monday by officials of Salem Public School District 24CJ.

Supt. Walter E. Snyder and School Clerk Connell C. Ward asserted in an interview Monday that the Salem school district is "getting its money's worth in buildings."

"Recent averages released by the state office of education are misleading with relationship to district costs of construction," Snyder explained. After a conference with A. L. Beck, director of school-house planning for the State Department of Education, Snyder said that figures averaged by Beck at a recent conference don't necessarily reflect any trend in the Salem district.

"In Mr. Beck's report there were averaged one-room additions, single frame construction, schools without gymnasiums, schools without auditoriums and schools without multi-purpose rooms," Snyder said.

The superintendent explained that comparing our own building situation with such an average is like taking the average age of participants in a PTA meeting at which half of those present are first graders.

Averages in the Beck report for the year 1952-53 which alarmed local school officials included statements that: Construction costs (throughout the state) for elementary schools averaged \$9.02 per square foot and costs per square foot (the same year) for high schools averaged \$8.50.

"Many factors must be considered in building... and especially school construction," Snyder said. "Included in this construction is whether the school is located in town (under control of city building codes); whether there is to be auditorium, gymnasium or multi-purpose room space; whether there is to be a heating unit that must be installed; what the needs are in lighting, and a multitude of others," he said.

Both Snyder and Ward spoke highly of the architects and contractors with whom they are currently dealing. Costs, by comparison of equal features with one comparable building against another, are in order, Snyder said, "and in many cases less than others."

"The variable of deciding what a building must have in it makes resultant cost per square foot misleading," Snyder pointed out.

However, costs per square foot of some recent buildings in the Salem district include: Baker—\$13.55; Keizer—\$7.88; Liberty—\$11.31; Morningside—\$10.59; Station—\$9.37; Hoover—\$8.96, and South Salem High—\$13.85.

TB CAMPAIGN PLANNED

AMMAN (AP)—Jordan has launched a nationwide campaign to inoculate its subjects against tuberculosis. Two United Nations organizations—WHO and UNICEF—have provided medical specialists and transportation to facilitate inoculation campaigns in all parts of the country.

BRADY TO RUN AGAIN

PORTLAND (AP)—State Sen. Phil Brady of Portland announced at the Portland Central Labor Council meeting Monday night that he would be a candidate for reelection to his Senate seat.

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