

# Crackdown Begins On Meter Feeding

Salem police went into action this week on a City Council directed crackdown on parking and traffic violations.

Chief emphasis is on "meter feeders" and motorists parking in restricted zones which call for no parking at any time.

Violators will now be issued citations to Municipal Court instead of parking tickets. That means more bail.

## Block of Dimes Teams Listed By Chairman

Competitive teams in the annual "Block of Dimes" downtown contest during the campaign fund for the March of Dimes polio fund were announced Wednesday by Hillary Etzel, "Block" chairman.

The competition is held on the east and west sides of Liberty Street between Court and State Streets each Saturday during the January month-long fund campaign. Total national goal is \$75 million.

Slated to vie this Saturday are the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and the U. S. Naval Reserve competing against the Oregon National Guard. On the west side of the street will be co-captains Maj. Cecil Gardner and Lt. Cmdr. George Bunn and the east side team will be captained by 1st Lt. John Cannon, 1st Lt. William Porter and Capt. Fabian Nelson. Some of the artillery of the units will also be displayed during the day.

On Jan. 23 the competitive block will be manned on the east by the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce with Wayne Merrifield in charge and on the west by Capital Post 9, American Legion, chairmanned by Robert Steeves. Jan. 30 will see the Salem Kiwanis Club on the east side of Liberty Street, James Payne chairman, and the downtown Lions Club, captained by Denver Young.

Etzel explained Wednesday that this coming Saturday there will be, as well, a block of dimes competition in the Capitol Shopping Center between Sigma Alpha Chi and Beta Alpha Gamma, mens' and womens' honorary societies at Willamette University. Their contest will be held on the sidewalk bordering the stores at the west end of the parking area.

Last Saturday's contest was held between the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Oregon State Employees Association.

## Draft Quota Only 18,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army issued another of its curtailed draft calls Wednesday, asking Selective Service to provide 18,000 men in March.

The figure is the same as that previously fixed for February, apparently as part of a plan to reduce the size of the Army for the fiscal year starting July 1. A call for 23,000 men had been issued for each month from last July through January.

## County Recorder Reports Slight Rise in Filings

The Marion County Recorder's office reported Wednesday that figures tabulated for 1953 indicate a "slight increase in filings" over the previous year.

A total of \$11,485,521 was filed during the year in mortgages while a total evaluation of \$23,710,000 was involved in property negotiations through the year. This latter figure is based on the total of \$26,081 in revenue stamps contained on deeds filed. Stamps are issued at the rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000.

## Tools Stolen at Sublimity Mill

Statesman News Service

SUBLIMITY — Larceny of \$50 worth of tools from equipment at the Breitenstein Brothers Lumber Co. about a mile north of here was under investigation by state police Wednesday.

Police said the theft occurred sometime Sunday night. The tools were taken from a portable power plant and tractor.

## WARM, WET IN BRITAIN

LONDON (AP) — Thunderstorms and springlike breezes swept Britain Wednesday, giving the nation its warmest and wettest day in weeks.

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## Damages for Lack of Road Access Denied

The Highway Commission does not have to pay property owners for denying them access to new highways, the State Supreme Court held Wednesday.

The ruling was in a case filed by the State Highway Commission against property owners living along the relocated Salem-Dallas highway. Justice James T. Brand upheld an opinion of Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker in which the latter held that property owners were entitled to collect damages covering value of their land and any depreciation of the land caused by the non-access highway but they do not have any rights of access and therefore cannot collect any damages for loss of access.

Particular attention was called by Justice Brand to the fact that when a non-access highway is constructed in a new location the land owners have no access rights because none existed before the highway was constructed.

A Polk County jury awarded Earl C. Burk and Eunice Burk, Pearl C. Couey, Modella May Rodgers and Clyde Rodgers, land owners, and Ted J. Patzer, C. O. Galloway and Hazel R. Galloway and E. J. Winklerwerder, lessors, a blanket judgment for \$33,000 for approximately 8 1/2 acres of land.

Defendants contended they should have received separate judgments for their respective interests and that the court erred in ruling they were not entitled to damages for being deprived of access to the new highway.

## Williamson New Bonus Supervisor

Robert J. Williamson, Salem, was appointed this week as bonus supervisor in the State Department of Veterans Affairs as one of four such recent advances.

Williamson, former bonus hearings officer, replaced George A. Jones who is leaving the department to enter law practice with the Salem firm of Williams and Skopel.

Other appointments included R. Alan McEachern, Milwaukie, to the post of state service officer succeeding Frank M. Ierulli who accepted a position as deputy city attorney in Portland. H. B. Woody, Roseburg, was advanced from the post of department field representative to the newly created position of supervisor of the field section. Dale Hill, Tillamook, was appointed to replace Woody as field representative for Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Curry and Coos counties.

## Charge Against Man Changed

Charges against John Golden, 555 N. 20th St., were changed in Marion County District Court Wednesday during preliminary hearing to assault and battery.

Golden, a local jeweler, was released on his own recognizance. The arrest evolved following a complaint signed against him alleging he contributed to the delinquency of a minor involving a 16-year-old Salem girl.

## Willamina Delays Action on Street Work

Statesman News Service

WILLAMINA — The Willamina City Council delayed action this week on a proposed \$140,000 city-wide street improvement program until the next meeting slated for next Tuesday.

Councilmen are waiting return of petitions calling for splitting of the project into successive phases with commercial area of the city to get first attention.

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## Clue Found



Missing State Prison guard Victor Harry Williams, 40, (above) who vanished from Salem last April 3, may have worked recently at an Aurora, Ill., sanitarium, it was learned Wednesday. Police are checking his whereabouts. (Story on page 1)

## Maj. Wyatt to Head Salem Reserve Unit

Maj. Glen L. Wyatt will become new commander of the 929th Field Artillery Battalion replacing Maj. Russell L. Haynes who has been transferred to Ontario with the state police.

Wyatt is former executive officer of the battalion, a part of the Army Reserve's 104th Infantry Division. Moving up to the executive officer post will be Thomas P. Bays, recently promoted to major.

Capt. Joseph Coffey, commander of the unit's Headquarters Battery will replace Bays as Battalion plans and training officer. 1st Lt. Thomas G. Wright Jr. will become headquarters Battery commander.

## Suit Results From Wreck

Barbara Jean Keith, 360 W. Superior St., as guardian of her daughter, filed suit with the Marion County clerk's office Wednesday for \$8,475 total damages resulting from an auto accident Jan. 14, 1952.

Mrs. Keith named Lowell F. Joseph, 410 E. Judson St., as defendant in the complaint which involves the alleged injuries to her daughter, Christine L. Keith.

The youngster was a passenger with Mrs. Keith when the two cars collided at Fir and West Superior Streets. The young girl allegedly lost a tooth and sustained permanent damage to her mouth. The suit seeks \$7,500 general and \$975 special damages.

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## Foreign Bids Bypassed on Transformer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Department officials said Wednesday that Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, is getting a contract for a 230 kilovolt transformer for the Bonneville Power Administration despite the fact that two foreign firms made lower bids.

At about the same time Sen. Malone (R-Nev.) demanded that Army officials suspend award of a contract to a British firm which was low bidder on two giant generators for McNary Dam on the Columbia River.

The senator, in a speech prepared for Senate delivery, said the award to the British firm "conflicts with the economic and military interests of the United States."

The transformer to be built by Westinghouse is for the Big Eddy substation in Wasco County, Ore. Assistant secretary Fred G. Aandahl approved award to Westinghouse of a \$771,346 contract. The price is subject to a possible 20 per cent escalation, for a possible total of \$925,615, the officials told a reporter.

American Elin Corp., an Austrian firm, offered a bid of \$558,600 and English Electric Export and Trading Co., Ltd., an English concern, bid \$634,890, the officials added.

Austrians Still Low

They said that in the evaluation of the bids even after application of the 25 per cent "buy American" differential which the Interior Department applies in such situations, American Elin was still by far the low bidder.

But, they added, the specifications had set forth that the bidder must have considerable experience in design, construction, testing and actual operation of such transformers. And, they said, the two foreign firms had never actually completed such a job though each is now constructing a transformer in the high voltage class for Bonneville.

## Engineer Leaves 30 Cars Behind

A Southern Pacific railroad engineer had a red face Wednesday afternoon when he started to pull his freight train out of Salem and discovered he's left 30 cars behind.

Railroad officials said they believed vandals had uncoupled the cars about 4:15 p. m. while the 75-car train was on the main line near Oxford street.

The incident delayed the Portland to San Francisco freight about 20 minutes and held up the Klamath passenger train some 10 minutes.

Police are investigating.

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## Tax Cut Approved, Would Aid Single Heads of Households

By CHARLES F. BARRETT

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday approved a 50-million-dollar cut in income taxes for about 700,000 single heads of families as

the first major step in a vast tax revision project.

The committee is undertaking to write almost all tax laws — hundreds of closely-printed pages — to simplify and clarify the tax structure and remove alleged inequities. Its decisions, of course, are subject to approval of Congress and the President.

Altogether, the revision program is expected to provide about \$1,300,000,000 in annual tax reduction through more liberal allowances for medical expenses, child-care expenses of working mothers, dependents making more than 600, depreciation, dividends, and other things.

The first move came as the committee took up the section taxing single heads of households.

Congressional staff experts estimated about 700,000 widowed, divorced, separated or single persons with dependents, would be affected.

The new section would give these persons the full benefits now extended to married couples who split their incomes for tax purposes. By splitting their income, a married couple often can remain in lower tax brackets. The present law gives single heads of families only half the benefits of income-splitting.

Congressional staff experts estimated the new provision, if enacted, would provide savings for single household heads making more than \$3,500 a year. Below that figure, the taxpayer already is in the lowest brackets.

Authorities figured the savings would amount to \$8 annually for a single household head with one dependent making 4,000 income, a 36 saving at \$6,000 income, and \$92 at \$8,000.

## Nicolai Files For Yamhill County Judge

McMINNVILLE — Businessman A. N. Nicolai, 43, filed Wednesday for Yamhill County judge on the Republican ticket touching off the first electoral race in the area.

A. R. McLaughlin, Dayton, earlier filed as GOP candidate for the office. McLaughlin is former county clerk.

Nicolai operates a hotel, bus station and the Western Union office in McMinnville.

## Godfrey Cited On Reckless Flying Charge

NEW YORK (AP) — The Port of New York Authority Wednesday night accused Arthur Godfrey of careless and reckless flying in a Jan. 7 takeoff from Teterboro, N. J., airport.

The authority rejected the television entertainer's statement that a strong cross-wind caused his plane to veer dangerously close to the Teterboro control tower.

Instead, Godfrey was accused of endangering life and property by disregarding Teterboro's take-off regulations.

The port authority asked the Civil Aeronautics Administration to make a thorough investigation and, if facts warrant, to discipline Godfrey "to demonstrate vigorously and unmistakably that reckless flying will not be tolerated in this area."

Maximum disciplinary action would be to revoke Godfrey's pilot license.

However, the CAA's first reaction was to regard the incident as a minor one and probably not deliberate. A spokesman said it would be difficult to prove it was deliberate when Godfrey states it wasn't, but added:

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## Diesel to Replace Old Locomotives At Grand Ronde

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GRAND RONDE — Delivery of a 100-ton diesel engine to replace two steam locomotives in the Grand Ronde area is scheduled for next Wednesday, according to H. B. Robertson, vice president of the Willamina-Grand Ronde railroad.

The railroad, which has nine miles of mainline, hauls logs and lumber to the Willamina connection with Southern Pacific. The railway is one of three operated in the northwest by Long-Bell Lumber Co. which is switching to diesel.

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