

## City News Briefs

**BIRD CLUB TO MEET**  
Members of the All Variety Bird Club and their guests will meet at noon Tuesday in the Salem Memorial Hospital chapel.

Mrs. Iverson's Home made Swedish rye, white breads. Nothing finer, every meal including packed lunches, deep freeze. Ph. 3-4918. 3250 Ptd. Rd.

**TOWNSEND MEETING**  
Central Townsend Club will meet at 1:30 p. m. Monday at 259 Court St.

"Mischel" is open, 12th Street East, 889 S. 12th. Mon., Sept. 20. Helen Crowder, manager. Free coffee all day, Monday.

**DANCE CLASS STARTED**  
Enrollments are still being accepted in a beginners' square dance class at the Salem YMCA. The group meets Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p. m.

Merle F. Brown M. D. announces the association of Philip B. Porter M. D. in the practice of medicine & surgery at 385 S. Winter St. Salem, Ore.

Watch the back page of this paper next Wednesday for our Grand Opening Announcement. Capitol Furniture Co.

"Mischel" is opening, 12th Street East, 889 S. 12th. Mon., Sept. 20 at 11 a. m. Helen Crowder, manager. Free coffee all day, Monday.

Happytime Kindergarten, a parents' cooperative; starts Sept. 27 at Cong. Church, 112.50 Mo. To enroll your pre-schooler, Ph. 3-9043.

**HAYRIDES SCHEDULED**  
The prairie schooner wagon from Oregon's recent state fair will be at Ronald Heights today to provide free hayrides for children during an open house sponsored by Ronald Jones and Langoe and Son.

Sept. only. Charis trade-in sale. Mary E. Bales. 3-5198.

## LeRoy Orren, 73, Succumbs At Silverton

SILVERTON—LeRoy J. Orren, 73, a resident of Silverton for the past 31 years, died Friday at the residence, 620 McClaine St.

A former employe of the Silver Falls Lumber Co., he was born in Minnesota June 18, 1881. He came to Oregon 37 years ago.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Hattie Orren, Silverton; three sons, Wallace C. Orren, Springfield; Herman F. Orren, Portland; and Roy J. Orren, Salem; a sister, Alice Smalley, Rice, Minn.; and three brothers, Clarence and Herbert Orren, both of Rice, Minn., and John Orren, St. Cloud, Minn.

Funeral services will be held at Ekman Memorial Chapel Monday at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Arnold W. Nelson will officiate and interment will follow at Miller Cemetery.

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**PROCLAMATION ISSUED**  
The period between Sept. 20 and Oct. 2 has been designated as the period of "Register to Vote" by a proclamation issued by Gov. Paul L. Patterson. Oct. 2 is the deadline for registration.

Look for the Sign of Quality in your new home — a Crawford Garage Door.

**CAR STRAYS**  
An unoccupied car, its brake off, coasted forward Saturday in the Capitol Shopping Center parking lot and inflicted slight damage on a 1950 Chevrolet owned by Mrs. J. R. Gardner, 1157 N. Cottage St. Mrs. Franklin Ward, 1895 W. Nob Hill, had parked the straying car, police said.

Dr. Will J. Thompson, Optometrist. Examinations by appointment. Phone 4-4057.

**CARS COLLIDE**  
Two cars received moderate damage Saturday in a collision at Capitol and Chemekefa streets. Drivers were listed by police as Evelyn F. Jordan, 2390 Crest View Dr., and Charles M. Schultz, Aurora. No injuries were reported.

Johns-Manville asphalt shingles applied right over your old roof. No down payment. 36 mo. to pay. Call Mathis Bros. 3-4642.

**HIT-RUN REPORTED**  
A hit-and-run complaint was filed with police Saturday by Curtis Service, 1175 S. 16th St. Service said his car was struck by another while parked on S. 12th St., near Hoyt St. The other vehicle then sped on, it was reported.

See outstanding wall papers with matching fabric and glamorizing Treasure Tone paints at Clarke's, 220 N. Comm'l.

Dance groups, parties, banquets, rent the American Legion Hall. Plenty of Parking space.

## Public Records

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Janice Hazel Fincher vs Glenn C. Fincher: Complaint charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks divorce decree.

Kenneth Luke vs Coca Cola Bottling Co.: Defendant denies charges made in complaint filed Sept. 15.

**PROBATE COURT**  
Order names Joyce Huntley as legal guardian of Bruce Huntley.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Wilfred Harold Park, 23, pharmacist, 1975 N. 20th St., and Beryl Frances Mason, 18, state employe, Mill City.

Dona J. A. Poulin, 64, businesswoman, Salem Hotel, and Louise Frances Herman, 45, state employe, 570 N. Winter St.

Allen Looney, 42, teacher, Waldport, and Marcell Looney, 38, librarian, 180 S. Elmira Rd.

John Brown Thompson, 25, medical student, 765 N. Summer St., and Mary Carolyn Thomas, 24, registered nurse, Portland.

Tracy Allan Gilman, 19, clerk, 1440 Douglas Ave., and Leonore Ann French, 20, state employe, 1925 N. Liberty St.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Kenneth Edward Pickersgill, 3515 Winola Ave., charged with reckless driving, found innocent in jury trial.

## Parked Auto Said Looted

A Friday night visit at a Salem hospital proved costly for Herbert Wolf, 2275 Broadway St.

Wolf reported to police that while he was in the hospital his car was broken into and articles valued at \$35 were taken. Missing were a carrying case, sun glasses and several packs of cigarettes.

# State Purchasing Department Buys Quality, But Not Luxury

By **THOMAS G. WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

The state may eat steaks and drive a new car, but they'll not be filet mignons or Cadillacs.

That's the policy of the purchasing division of Oregon's Department of Finance and Administration, now in its third year of operation as buyer for the thousands of items needed by the state.

"Premium merchandise has no place in the state's business," rules Harry Dorman, state director of finance.

Specifications for each of the many items the state needs have been worked out by the new division's specification department, aimed at getting the state the most for its money, both in quality and quantity.

No matter if some department head (except the government) asks for a Cadillac, it will probably turn out to be a Ford or a Chevrolet or a Plymouth which the specifications department considers the best transportation the state can buy.

Requests, strictly for competitive bidding, are never allowed to list a specific trade name or brand, nor are departments allowed to limit their requests so rigidly that only one brand would meet the specifications.

Such regulations, written into the state's purchasing laws, bring down some of the criticism on the division. Vendors, especially those not bidding regularly, find the 157-page, 9-section purchasing manual too burdensome and, because of the strict regulations, many suppliers decline to bid on state requests. However, all they need to read are two pages of the detailed brochure.

Despite the dropping off of disgruntled suppliers, the state has plenty of bidders, sometimes too many. Some lists run to 35 to 40 bidders, all of whom receive purchase requests adding considerable to the cost of running the Finance Department, now estimated at \$269,000 for the biennium.

Buyers use telephone directories, past contracts and requests from companies to build up the bidder lists. They all continue to keep getting the purchase requests as long as they bid or return the forms with no bids. If a bidder fails to return three times or fails to keep a contract he is automatically dropped.

**Can Reject Bids**  
Bidders seldom try to take advantage of the state even when only one or two are likely to make offers on a particular item or project. The state reserves the right to reject all bids if they consider them too high.

The erasure law, rule prohibiting alternate bids, and specifications cause most of supplier complaints, division officials assert. State law governing purchases say any bid carrying an erasure which has not been initialed and certified must be thrown out. The rule is to prevent any aspersion on the department which might be charged with altering a bid to help a favorite bidder.

Alternate bidding is considered an attempt to "throw dust in the eyes" of the buyers by the purchasing division. Exact specifications are set down in the requests and the lowest bid fitting those specifications is accepted unless the bid is thrown out completely. So the division takes a dim view of alternates which of course do not fit specifications.

The specifications, based on research and standards of the specifications section, draw criticism chiefly from bidders who formerly

could obtain business by being handy with a quotation.

Officials say most of the gripes come from those who enjoyed some special consideration at some time.

**'Specs' Redrawn**  
If, as sometimes happens, specifications are discovered to be too restrictive after bids are called or received on an item, all bids are thrown out and the specifications redrawn.

Eight buyers, a fourth of the 32 fulltime employes of the purchasing division, are the key to the division. Each is assigned an area of purchase, such as foodstuffs, or supplies, or building supplies, but each will have some 20,000 different items on his buying list.

And the items run from needles to tractors, finest thread to heaviest cable, and from bulls to artificial insemination.

(This is second of three articles on States of Oregon's purchasing department operations.)

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# Pair Indicted On Charge of Safe Larceny

Marion County grand jury Friday issued indictments against two men who are charged with stealing more than \$7,000 from the safe of a Salem market.

The men, Dillard Hedge and Jack Lee Taylor, both 32, were indicted on a larceny charge. They were held for trial. Bail was continued at \$10,000.

Hedge and Taylor were arrested in Vale, Ore., Sept. 4 by state police after Salem police broadcast the license number of their car, which witnesses said was parked near Erickson's South Salem Market when the firm was burglarized the preceding night.

Also indicted at the grand jury session was James Herndon Cline, 40, of Fredericksburg, Va., who was held for trial on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Cline, a soldier, is accused of passing checks in Salem. He was arrested here July 2. After the indictment was issued, Cline's bail was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

The grand jury issued indictments against five MacLaren School youths who are charged with assault with a dangerous weapon. The five are accused of threatening a cottage supervisor with knives when he broke out of the school Aug. 31.

Those named in the indictments were Lendel Buttram, Trail; Lloyd Hensley, Twin Rocks; Eldon Knox, Portland; Wendell Holder, Shady Cove; and Jerome Gibbons, Sherwood. All are 18 years old. Two other youths who joined in the escape, both 17, were returned to the MacLaren School.

Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore.) wrote the department urging exceptions be made for farmers hard hit, especially in Polk and Yamhill counties. He said after a personal inspection of local conditions he was "convinced the situation approaches disaster proportions."

Relaxed requirements, wrote Cordon, would "avert widespread hardship."

No other civilization has exhibited such an interest in time as the Maya.

**SUNDAY DINNER**  
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**NORTH'S IN THE CAPITOL SHOPPING CENTER**

# Engineer's Death Cut History Project Short

Marion County history, the weather and civic aspects of engineering were hobbies of the late Marion County Engineer Hedda Swart, who died unexpectedly early Saturday morning.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. at Clough-Barrick Chapel. Private concluding services will follow at City View Cemetery, Rev. George Swift officiating.

Death came to the widely-known, long-time county engineer at his home, 2820 S. 12th St., following a heart attack.

Swart's lean, sturdy figure was a familiar sight on county roads, which were his first love. He played an important part in helping to establish and build many of them during his almost 40 years in office.

He was also interested in county and Salem planning and zoning. He was one of an original group named 27 years ago to explore county-wide planning. During one 25-year period he did not miss a single meeting of the organization.

He also served continuously on the Salem Planning Commission since its organization 28 years ago. He was chairman of this group for several years.

Recently he had been engaged in compiling a history of Marion County. He had filled several notebooks with data gathered from dusty, original county court minutes—a slow, laborious job.

Soft-spoken Swart had stored away thousands of nuggets of recollections concerning roads and everyday living in the past of his beloved county. On short notice he could dig up a fact or



Hedda Swart, County Engineer who died Saturday.

a memory on just about any phase of the county's past. And he loved to talk about it.

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