

Petition to Seek Sign Changes on New City Bypass

A petition from 57 Salem business firms protesting the existing signs and markings of the new Salem by-pass highway will be read at Salem City Council meeting Monday night.

The firms, service stations, motels, eating places and others want the by-pass plainly marked as a truck route by-pass. The petition asks the city's aid in requesting the state highway department to install these signs.

"We are not objecting to the by-pass itself," said Mrs. Donald Real, motel owner, who circulated the petitions. "But we feel that existing signs at the by-pass junctions at both ends of Salem are such that travellers are not made aware of the fact that they are missing Salem."

Mrs. Real, who with her husband, operates the Castle Hall Cottages, near the South 12th Street Junction, said signs of the petition are business firm owners on the north and south approaches to Salem plus some downtown firms.

"And we are not interested in dragging all that traffic through downtown Salem. And we are not interested in the traveler (truck drivers or others) who has no intention of stopping."

Capital Visitors

"But we believe that the tourist who is looking for a place to eat and sleep and to just visit or look around our state capitol should be permitted to do so."

After making their initial complaint public early last week, motel and eating place operators have been holding unofficial discussions in quiet corners.

No official announcement has been made but it is known that several points of interest are being discussed.

One concern is the possibility of pointing out to tourists, either by signs or other media of information, the facilities available in Salem for their convenience.

Tourists Uninformed

"The way it stands now," said a spokesman, "tourists approaching Salem by-pass junctions are not sufficiently told, by signs or any other method, we think, that Salem is here and ready to serve them."

One representative said that a recent Chamber of Commerce bulletin showed that many American tourists, by-passed by highways recently, do not suffer heavily provided they let the traveller know they are still there.

Letting tourists know that Salem exists—and yet not destroying the effectiveness of the new Salem by-pass highway—appears to be the goal of several groups of local businessmen.

Early last week spokesmen for service station, motel and eating place operators complained that the recently-opened by-pass, by diverting a large share of the through traffic around Salem, was seriously hurting their businesses.

Purpose of the by-pass route which begins some five miles south of the city and at Haywards about two miles north and skirts the eastern edge of Salem, is to take through traffic away from the downtown congested zones and residential areas.

And highway officials, after making traffic counts, say it has been doing this very effectively. "Too effectively," is the complaint of the business groups.

"We are solidly for the by-pass," said a spokesman of the affected business interests late last week.

Signs Relate Intersection Traffic Toll



Grim reminders of traffic deaths that have occurred in the intersection, roadside markers line the pavement of an intersection of two Marion County roads. The intersection, about a mile north of Central Howell, has been the scene of 10 deaths in the last 14 years. (Statesman Photo.)

Ten Traffic Deaths Recorded At Single Crossing Since 1940

By DAVID AVERILL Staffwriter, The Statesman

Ten roadside markers border the pavement at a single Marion County intersection, indicating to passing motorists one of the county's most dangerous highway points.

Each of the "X-marks-the-spot" signs represents a highway death at the crossing, located about a mile north of Central Howell at the point where the Silverton-Chemawa Road intersects the road between Central Howell and Mt. Angel.

All 10 victims died in crashes during the past 14 years, half of them in a 1940 wreck that took five lives.

One of the victims of a later collision was a 19-year-old youth who had been orphaned by the 1940 ac-

NEUBERGER TO SPEAK

BAKER (P) — Richard L. Neuberger, senator-elect for Oregon, is scheduled to speak here Dec. 3 at a Baker County Commercial Club dinner in honor of successful candidates to national and state legislative offices in the second congressional district.

Salem Obituaries

Robert Diem
Late resident of Rt. 2, Box 245, Nov. 18. Survived by brother, Frank Diem, Salem; several nieces and nephews. Requiem high mass Mon., Nov. 22, 9:30 a.m., at St. Vincent de Paul church. Recitation of the rosary Sunday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., in the Clough-Barrick chapel. Interment at St. Barbara's cemetery.

Dr. Fred Ellis
Late resident of 4163 Portland Rd., at a local hospital, Nov. 20th. Survived by wife, Mrs. Zelma E. Ellis, Salem; daughter, Mrs. James A. Pate, Glendale, Oregon; son, Major Fred D. Ellis, Oxnard, Calif.; granddaughter, Carlotta Pate, Glendale, Oregon; sister, Mrs. Wilson Webb, Santa Monica, Calif. Member of BPOE No. 336. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barrick Co.

Eastern Flights Grounded by Fog

NEW YORK (P) — Fog caused cancellation or diversion of more than 200 commercial airline flights here Saturday.

It was the second consecutive day of fog for the metropolitan area.

In New Jersey, fog, smog and drizzle contributed to three deaths in highway accidents.

Premier Sunday Cross-Word Puzzle

1—Hawklike bird	51—Bird of cuckoo family	83—Tennis stroke	1—Green vegetable	40—Black beetle	72—Contend
5—Sea-duck	52—Rough bamboo shoots	84—Part of muscle	2—Wild goat	41—Club-footed	73—Positive pole
10—Picked bamboo shoots	54—Teller	86—It is (cont.)	3—Prickly pear	43—Designating a kind of solid (Geom.)	74—Resist
15—Pierce with dagger	56—Bird's claw	87—Charge	4—Fine bunting	44—Some-thing	76—Chess pieces
20—Adjoin	57—State of insensibility	88—Declamatory out-pouring	5—Glow chamber	45—Later	77—Scarf
25—Divide into two parts	59—Coal distillate	89—Potential energy	6—Lofty mountain	46—Having flavor of iris	78—Bobwhite
21—Estimate	60—Of a rock	91—Wave	7—Layer of mountain	47—Having flavor of iris	81—Discern
22—Fiber of American aloe	61—Climbing plant	92—Color	8—Relate fungus	48—Release	82—Stop watch
23—River in Siberia	62—Dryness	94—Edible	9—Flexibly woody stem	49—Period of Old Testament	83—Discern
24—Rude	64—East	95—Fabulously rich man	10—Liberally stem	50—Dry, of wines	84—Discern
25—Godness of discord	65—Indian palm	97—Bird allied to jay	11—Color related on father's side	51—Period of time	85—Discern
27—Inquire into	66—Chal-lenger	98—Fastening to jay	12—Color related on father's side	52—Forwarded by fresh sets	86—Discern
28—Corn-meal mush	67—Marine military force	99—Of the morning	13—Rebind	53—Size of photograph	87—Discern
29—Without ventilation	68—Empty talk	100—Of the morning	14—Textbook	54—Tawny thrush	88—Discern
32—Sluggish	69—Theatrical	101—Home of the tiger	15—Bore	55—Paraguay tea	89—Discern
34—Land-measure	71—Made fast by rope	110—Man hater	16—Himalayan plant	56—Pale	90—Discern
35—Smuggle	72—Preservative	111—Transportation fee	17—Himalayan plant	57—Row	91—Discern
36—Calkin	73—Arachnid	114—At that time	18—Game fish	58—Stately buildings	92—Discern
38—Examine accounts	74—Threat-ener	115—Resin under-ground	19—Civil wrong	59—Body-servant	93—Checked growth
41—Final on pagoda	75—Threat-ener	116—Shrub bearing berries	20—Bury	60—Climbing plant	94—Pith
42—Exundation from plants	76—Threat-ener	117—Dash	21—Scarier time	61—Flat	95—Checked growth
46—Whale-bone	77—Petty falsehood	118—Wildcat	22—Fleshy under-ground stem	62—Winged shoes	96—Cony
48—Buddhist festival	78—Air	119—Country between Tibet and India	23—Legislator	63—Tropic	97—Cony
49—Son of Jacob	79—Japanese saah	120—Fawning person	24—Manila hemp	64—American tree	98—Cony
50—Calm	80—Containing a fragrant wood	121—Skin	25—Gentle-landed estate	65—Seaport of Algeria	99—Cony
	81—Precipitation		26—Minister to	66—Minister to	100—Cony
			27—River of Italy	67—Minister to	101—Cony
			28—Couch	68—Minister to	102—Cony

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Orphan Claimed

One of the girl's brothers was Earl Crites, then 13. Six years later, Earl was one of four teenagers who died when the coupe in which they were riding collided with a panel delivery truck at the same intersection.

The crash, second fatal accident recorded at the crossing, occurred shortly after midnight on Sunday, July 7, 1946. The victims were Crites, 19; Helen McIlwain, 17; Robert Johnson, 14, and Beatrice Grant, 16. They were passengers in a small coupe driven by Raymond C. Roth of Central Howell, who survived the crash.

In the panel delivery truck were Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Dremann of Salem Route 3, who were seriously injured. State police said later that both vehicles had apparently been traveling at high speed. They locked wheels, skidded 150 feet and crashed into a telephone pole.

Two-Car Crash

The intersection's tenth victim died on a Sunday morning seven years later. She was Mrs. Mary Schmidt, 57, of Salem, who was pronounced dead on arrival at a Silverton Hospital after a two-car crash on June 21, 1953.

Her husband, Steve J. Schmidt, suffered a fractured skull, jaw and shoulder in the accident. He recovered after long hospitalization.

In the second automobile were Mr. and Mrs. Riehart E. Werner of Salem Route 6 and their 7-week-old baby. The two adults received non-serious injuries and the baby was unharmed.

The roadside markers commemorating the traffic deaths were set up recently near the intersection by an insurance company which is conducting a traffic safety program.

One estimate indicates that America will have about five million college students in 1975 compared to about 2 1/2 million in 1953.

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