

Allstate Firm Welcomed at Building Rites

Allstate Insurance Co. was officially welcomed to Salem Wednesday as its officials performed the ceremonies of ground breaking for a new office building to be occupied at the corner of Ferry and Commercial Sts. by a new regional headquarters for the firm.

The insurance company, a subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck & Co., intends to employ 125 to 200 here and to serve all Oregon and Southern Idaho. The building will be erected by C. L. Corp., Portland, for lease to Allstate.

Instead of the usual polished shovel for the ceremonial earth scooping, Allstate Wednesday used a fresno drawn by a pair of oxen. The fresno is an oldtime iron digging or grading tool.

The ceremony and a luncheon which followed for the dignitaries served to introduce Barret Bailey, who has been selected from the insurance firm's home office near Chicago to become resident manager of the new Oregon headquarters.

The oldtime theme was appropriate to the building site, for the northeast corner of the Ferry and Commercial Sts. was the location of Salem's first store, built in 1847 by Thomas Cox.

This and other history were touched on in an address to the luncheon group by Dr. Burt Brown Barker, Portland. Official greetings at the groundbreaking came from Salem Mayor Robert F. White and from Allstate's Pacific Coast vice president, Enoch A. Frederick, Menlo Park, Calif.

Frederick commended Oregon for its many high school and other driver training courses, noting that 45 1/2 per cent of the public high schools of Oregon have some form of driver training, compared with 44 per cent national average.

Several other Allstate officials were present along with Salem city officials, chamber of commerce leaders and representatives of the building corporation.

DARBY RITES FRIDAY

SWEGLE—Funeral services for Robert Darby, a former Swegle community resident who died Monday in a Stayton hospital, will be Friday. He more recently lived on a farm near Scio but was building a new house at Swegle Road and Birchwood Drive.

Groundbreaking Done in Style of 1890's



Yoked oxen above pulled an oldtime fresno for ground breaking at site of new Salem office building at Ferry and Commercial Sts. which will serve for new regional headquarters of Allstate Insurance Co. Girls in period costume are Barbara Adamek (left) and Jane Blazek, Salem employes of Sears, Roebuck which

is parent concern for the insurance company. Men are Barret Bailey (left), Chicago, who will come here as manager, and Enoch Frederick, Menlo Park, Calif., Allstate vice president. Oxen, featured in parades and celebrations, came from Sheridan. (Statesman Photo.)

DAV Delegates Leave for State Session

Seven Salem members of the Disabled American Veterans will be in Tillamook today through Saturday attending the department's annual state convention.

Those elected as Salem delegates are Arch L. Brewster, Paul Tharalson, A. J. Harnsberger, Dr. Roy Reynolds, Dean Byrd, Albert Schultz and George Kealey.

Schultz was elected commander of the Salem chapter at elections Tuesday night. Other officers and executive committee members are Vicar Wagers, senior vice-commander; Steven Paulus, junior vice-commander; William Shinn, chaplain; Charles Peterson, treasurer; Gerald McGuire, sergeant-at-arms; Dean Byrd, adjutant; Paul Tharalson, state executive committee member, and Frank Hunt, Luther Cook and Dr. Roy Reynolds, chapter executive committee members.



While costumed girls and business-suited insurance men and city leaders did the formalities of groundbreaking for Allstate Insurance Co. office building in downtown Salem Wednesday noon, workman Clarence Mackintosh swung his pick in some of the actual excavating work beneath level of Ferry St. (Statesman Photo.)

'Pruno' Hideouts Doomed at Annex

Two small, unused buildings at the state prison farm will be torn down, the board of control said Wednesday.

Gov. Paul Patterson noted that the buildings are good places for prisoners to hide "pruno" an alcoholic drink that is made of anything that will ferment.

Highway Bids Called; County Paving on List

The Oregon Highway Commission called for bids Wednesday on 34 projects, costing \$4,000,000. Bids will be opened in Portland June 30 and July 1.

Projects in the Salem area include:

Marion—Construct quadrail and fence on Battle Creek Junction-Illahee unit of Pacific Highway east, 5 miles south of Salem.

Linn—Pave 4.54 miles of Orleans-Lebanon road, from 3 1/2 miles east of Corvallis to 1 mile north of Tangent; install 5,400 feet of guardrail on North Santiam and Santiam Highways, 21 miles southeast of Detroit and 18 miles east of Cascadia.

Marion—Grade and pave .73 miles of Church and College Streets in Mount Angel; seal 9.6 miles of pavement on Salem bypass.

Marion and Clackamas—Install 25,000 feet of guardrail on Portland-Salem Expressway, north of Salem.

Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah—Seal 11.34 miles of pavement on Portland-Salem Expressway and Banfield Expressway, south and east of Portland.

Yamhill—Construct 182-foot concrete bridge over North Yamhill River on Moores Valley Road.

Ramey Chosen Head Of Red Cross Board

Lloyd Ramey, 156 W. Washington St., has been elected chairman of the Marion County Red Cross chapter's board, it was announced Wednesday. He succeeds Elton Thompson, chairman for the past two years.

Other officers are Sol Schlesinger, first vice-chairman; Loren Hicks, second vice-chairman; Willard Glaze, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Shattuck, secretary.

8 Salem Men Commissioned

CORVALLIS—Eight Oregon State college seniors from Salem were among 125 senior men sworn into the armed forces at commissioning ceremonies held recently at OSC.

William Duane Noteboom was commissioned as ensign in the Navy and will report for active duty immediately on a ship or flight unit.

Commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force were William Clark Johnson, Charles Oliver Hargrave, Robert Lawrence Sullivan, and George Ben-

jamin Durham. They will report for flight training within a year. Army second lieutenants include Rodney A. Jipp, signal corps; David L. Massee, artillery; and Walton H. Reeve, engineers. They will report for active duty within 24 months.

All men completed academic requirements in the OSC reserve officers training corps programs.

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