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Allstate Firm Welcomed at **Building Rites**

Allstate Insurance Co. was of-ficially 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 ceremonious 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 manters.

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 DAV Delegates

This and other history were touched on in an address to the luncheon group by Dr. Burt Brown Barker, Portland. Official greetfrom 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 45½ 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 corporatiin.

DARBY RITES FRIDAY

SWEGLE - Funeral services for chaplain; Charles Peterson, treas Robert Darby, a former Swegle urer; Gerald McGuire, sergeantcommunity resident who died Mon- at-arms; Dean Byrd, adjutant; day in a Stayton hospital, will be Paul Tharalson, state executive Friday. He more recently lived on committeeman, and Frank Hunt, a farn near Scio but was building Luther Cook and Dr. Roy Reya new house at Swegle Road and nolds, chapter executive commit-Birchwood Drive. teemen.

Groundbreaking Done in Style of 1890's

ager of the new Oregon headquar- Yoked oxen above pulled an oldtime fresno for ground breaking is parent concern for the insurance company. Men are Barret 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 idan. (Statesman Photo,)

Leave for ings at the groundbreaking came 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,

> While costumed girls and business-suited insurancemen 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.)



Highway Bids | 8 Salem Men Commissioned

Paving on List

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

Projects in the Salem area in-

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way east, 5 miles south of Salem. Linn-Pave 4.54 miles of Orleans-Lebanon road, from 31/2 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 by-Dass.

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 avement on Portland-Salem Exressway and Banfield Express-

ay, south and east of Portland. Yamhill - Construct 182-foot concrete bridge over North Yam-

hill River on Moores Valley Road.

Ramev Chosen Head **Of Red Cross Board**

Lloyd Ramey, 156 W. Washington St., has been elected chairman of Two small, unused buildings at the Marion County Red Cross chapthe state prison farm will be ter's board, it was announced Wedtorn down, the board of control nesday. He succeeds Elton Thompson, chairman for the past two

Other officers are Sol Schlesinger, first vice-chairman; Loren for prisoners to hide "pruno" an Hicks, second vice-chairman: Wilalcoholic drink that is made of lard Glaze, treasurer; Mrs. Gordon Shattuck, secretary.

Convallis - Eight Oregon jamin Durham. They will report State college seniors from Salem were among 125 senior men Army second lieutenants insworn into the armed forces at commissioning ceremonies held recently at OSC. Army second fieutenants in-clude Rodney A. Jipp, signal corps; David L. Massee, artillery; and Walton H. Reeve, engineers.

William Duane Noteboom was They will report for active duty commissioned as ensign in the within 24 months. Navy and will report for active duty immediately on a ship or

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All men completed academic requirements in the OSC reserve officers training corps programs. Commissioned as second lieu-

tenants in the Air Force were

Sixty per cent of the coal William Clark Johnson, Charles mined in Indiana is produced in Marion - Construct quadrail Oliver Hargrave, Robert Law- strip mines compared to a na-and fence on Battle Creek Junc-rence Sullivan, and George Ben- tional average of 23.6 per cent.



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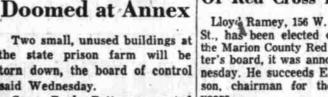
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