

City News Briefs

POSTOFFICE CLOSED MONDAY
The Salem postoffice will be closed Monday but holiday pickups will be made at boxes in the city, according to Postmaster Albert Gragg. Monday deliveries will be confined to special delivery mail.

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begin the New Year with a New Job. See PAGES 1-4. Commercial Placement Agency for more money-in-your-pocket opportunities. 411 Ore. Bldg. 404 State St. 4-3351. (adv.)

Drive Starts To Register School Voters

An intensive campaign is underway to get an estimated 11,000 eligible voters registered for the Feb. 6 school elections, according to Del Milne, chairman of the citizens' advisory committee for junior high school planning.

Election issue will be \$2,900,000 in school building bonds for additional junior high construction.

The committee hopes to reach every newcomer in the community with a reminder that registration books close Jan. 6. Estimates are that only about 29,000 out of 40,000 eligible voters are registered to date.

Officials emphasized that the school election voter does not have to be a property owner nor is it required that he have children in school.

"We believe that every member of the Salem community should take part in deciding what school buildings shall be built for the children of Salem," said Milne.

While acknowledging that the hands-off policy of voters probably reflects satisfaction with the schools, the committee pointed out that to make constructive progress in developing educational facilities, citizens should think and act together.

Voters must have lived in the district six months and must have registered 30 days previous to an election. Registration can be made at the Marion County clerk's office while those residents in the Polk County section of the Salem district must register at the county clerk's office at Dallas.

OSC Slates Landscaping Short Course

CORVALLIS — The fifth annual landscape construction and maintenance short course sponsored by Oregon State College's landscape architecture department has been scheduled for Jan. 17 and 18.

Winter injury to plant materials will be one of the major topics on this year's program. The two-day course is planned for interested home gardeners as well as landscape architects and contractors and nurserymen.

In past years, gardeners from throughout the Northwest have come to OSC for the course. Donald J. Martel, landscape architecture head, is general chairman.

Other topics due for discussion this year include soil improvement, insect pests and plant diseases, street trees and landscape design.

Truck, Taxi Damaged in Train Crash

A train, a truck trailer and a taxicab were damaged in a collision Saturday afternoon at State and 12th Streets, police said.

There were no injuries, however, and damage was apparently moderate as the slow-moving train boosted the truck into the Yellow Cab, which had stopped, shortly after 1 p.m., they said.

Truck driver was listed as Carl Wilbur Honey, Ft. Collins, Colo.; cab driver as Bernard Arnold Stewart, 1400 N. 24th St.

Trailer Dolly, Car Damaged

A parked car and a semitrailer dolly were damaged moderately in a collision Friday evening which resulted when the dolly broke loose from the truck which was towing it without a trailer, police said.

The car, parked in the 200 block Commercial Street, was registered to Robert Lorenz, 2695 Lorain Lane, police said. Truck driver was listed as Richard Carl Stier, Portland.

GIRL INJURED BY ICE
Sointu Mae Valvio, 9, daughter of Mrs. Aava Valvio, 1895 Fairgrounds Rd., received a lip injury Saturday morning from thrown ice while playing with children in the neighborhood, her mother said. Three stitches were taken in the lip when the girl was taken to a doctor on advice of city first aidmen, Mrs. Valvio said.

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

For Sale: Household furnishings. Ph. 2-2071, 220 N. Cottage.

Clearance sale — starting Dec. 28th. Prices will be slashed, 20% off on everything. All dresses, coats, sweaters & etc. Hollywood Apparel, 2002 Fairgrounds Rd. (adv.)

FIRE DAMAGES CAR

The front seat of her car parked in a garage at her home, 1445 State St., was damaged by fire apparently set by vandals, Mrs. Merle Kaufman reported to city police. The said the headlights also had been turned on and the battery was dead. She also reported that recently water had been poured into the gasoline tank, and the windows and body of the car had been marked.

Having roof troubles? Call Cascade Roof Co. (adv.)

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DOG OWNER SOUGHT

City police are seeking the owner of a small licensed dog that Dora May Bourson, 5130 Chehalis Dr., reported struck and killed by the car she was driving Saturday afternoon in the 1800 block South 12th Street. She said she was unable to avoid the dog as it ran into the street in front of the car.

Dental plates repaired while you wait at Painless Parker Dentist, 125 N. Liberty, Salem. (adv.)

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WINDOW BROKEN BY BB

A window in his home broken by BB shot was reported to police Saturday afternoon by W. F. Brown, 1704 Broadway St.

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BREAKAGE REPORTED

Breakage of four large panes of glass in a greenhouse at 1055 Second St. was reported to city police Saturday afternoon by James Hathaway, McCoy Box 43.

City Officials To Speak at Kiwanis Meet

City officials including Mayor Robert F. White, Alderman E. C. Charlton, Police Chief Clyde A. Warren, and City Attorney Chris Kowitz will report on affairs of the city Tuesday at the first of a series of "Shirt Sleeve" programs scheduled for luncheon meetings of Salem Kiwanis Club.

The series is designed to give club members first hand knowledge of the inner workings of city, county, state and federal governments as well as industry and labor. Meetings of the club are at the Senator Hotel.

Three Wanted In Washington

Three men held in Eugene in connection with an attempted robbery are wanted by the Washington State Parole Board as well as Salem authorities, police said Saturday.

One of them, Jack Taylor, also faces a car theft charge in Portland. He and two companions, Leonard Daniel Clark and Willie Junior Coleman, are wanted in Salem in connection with a strong-arm robbery in which \$1,800 was lost by Mrs. Mary Nixon, 413 Division St.

934 Accidents, 1 Death Reported

A total of 934 accidents, 86 claims for occupational disease and one fatality were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ended Dec. 29, commission officials reported here Saturday.

The fatality involved Joseph McCollum, Sweet Home, whistle punk.

Salvation Army Officers Go to Flood Area



Leaving Salem New Year's Eve for flood relief work in the Eureka, Calif., area were Capt. Glenn Gilden, The Dalles, (left) and Lt. Richard Anthony, Salem, of the Salvation Army pictured here as they packed boots and bags into the trunk of their automobile. The Northern California town was heavily hit by recent floods and many people in that area were left homeless. (Statesman Photo)

Two Leave Salem to Aid Flood Victims

Two Salvation Army officers Saturday left Salem for Northern California to aid in the relief of hundreds of persons rendered homeless by recent floods.

The two, Lt. Richard Anthony, Salem, and Capt. Glenn Gilden, The Dalles, were ordered to Eureka, Calif., by the Portland divisional commander's office. They will join some 200 other Salvation Army personnel already engaged in administering to flood sufferers.

Capt. William Ricken previously had announced that the Salem SA unit and the Marion County chapter of the Red Cross had sent a combined check of \$250 to aid in Northern California flood relief.

United Fund Endorsed by Merged Union

Federated giving, such as through a United Fund, was endorsed as one of the first formal recommendations of the recently merged AFL and CIO national labor organization, it was pointed out in Salem by officials of Salem United Fund.

They received a copy of the labor group's resolution on community services, as adopted in the initial convention a few weeks ago.

The resolution sets forth the following objectives "in the area of community organization for health, welfare and recreation."

1. Encourage equitable labor representation on agency boards and committees.
2. Stimulate labor participation in formulating agency policies and programs.
3. Develop techniques and methods to interpret for union members agency programs and practices.
4. Assist union members, their families and other citizens in time of need.
5. Plan for union participation in civil defense and disaster relief programs and operations.
6. Help in the development of health and welfare services, such as blood banks and multiple screening.
7. Coordinate fund-raising drives, through voluntary federation wherever possible, for voluntary health and welfare services.
8. Cooperate with other agencies in dealing with and in solving social and health problems.
9. Participate in all genuine efforts designed to improve social work standards and practices.

Car Shears Pole in Wreck

A power pole in the 800 block of North Liberty Street was broken when struck by a car driven by Wallace M. DeBow, 1765 Davidson St., early Saturday morning, police said. The car was moderately damaged but the pole was broken off at the ground in the accident about 2:45 a.m., they said.

State Psychological Group To Hold Meeting in Salem

Training of psychological technicians and meeting the alcoholic problem will get first consideration at the annual mid-winter session of Oregon Psychological Association at Oregon State Hospital Jan. 14.

Feature of the all-day meeting

\$1 Billion Said Cost of Flood In California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — By the best available reckoning, a billion dollars went down the drain in Northern California's unparalleled Christmas floods.

A billion dollars — counting more than 150 million dollars in property wrecked by the wild, rushing deluge, plus the value that the wasted water would have had for irrigation and other uses.

Theoretically, state and federal engineers say, all or most of the disaster could have been averted with man-made projects either proposed or in the talking stage.

"If all the projects advanced in the California Water Plan had been built, the damage would have been negligible," said Harvey O. Banks acting state engineer.

The plan calls for 270 major dams throughout the state and contains features which state engineers say would have spared hard-hit Yuba City, Santa Cruz, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, the San Joaquin Valley and just about every other area flooded last week.

In addition to their life-and-property-saving features, the engineers said, the works in the California water plan would have made it possible to store much of the estimated 84 million acre feet of water that fell on the northern two-thirds of the state in less than a week.

Eighty-four million acre feet—that's enough water to cover the entire state with over 10 inches of water. Or, another way, it is 5 1/2 times all the water consumed in California in a year.

Car Won by Salem Woman

Mrs. Jamie Bruegger, 320 N. 12th St., won a new Mercury coupe as first prize in a drawing held at Berg's downtown market, it was announced Saturday.

An assortment of merchandise prizes went to 28 other persons. Tickets for the drawing had been issued for the past several weeks at Berg's three Salem area markets.

Births

BURNSIDE — To Mr. and Mrs. John Burnside, 3695 S. 12th St., a daughter, Saturday, Dec. 31, at Salem Memorial Hospital.

Ike Soaks Up Sun, Awaits Wife's Arrival

(Picture on wirephoto page)

KEY WEST, Fla. — President Eisenhower, seeking fuller recovery of his health in the Florida sun, faced up to the New Year Saturday still keeping publicly mum on a momentous matter—whether to seek reelection.

Maybe he would talk about it in the quiet and privacy of a small family group who gathered here with the President's personal physician for a subdued observance of the midnight arrival of 1956.

But the indications still are that any public announcement of his political plans will be deferred until another full-scale physical examination by his doctors in mid-February.

Mrs. Eisenhower flew from Washington Saturday morning to be with her husband for New Year's Eve and the holiday weekend.

The first lady was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John S. Doud of Denver, and Mrs. Howard M. Snyder, wife of the White House physician who arrived with the President Wednesday.

Here also with the president for Saturday night's welcome to 1956 was his youngest brother, Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, head of Pennsylvania State University, Milton, who counsel the President often seeks, has been assisting with the chief executive's Jan. 3 State of the Union Message to Congress.

It's likely that if the President is talking privately to anyone about his political plans, he is doing so to Milton.

Train Passes Over Pair; Fingers Lost

BORDEAUX, France — Bernard Lordon, 31, and Jacques Derive, 14, of the nearby village of Lormont, decided Friday it would be fun to lie between the rails and let the Paris Express thunder over them.

They did and the train roared past. But at the last minute Jacques got frightened and instinctively put out his hand. The train cut off two fingers. Bernard was unhurt.

Quints Leave Home; 'Rift' Disappears

NORTH BAY, Ont. — Their peace mission accomplished, two of the Dionne quintuplets wound up a holiday visit with their parents Saturday and returned to student nurse duties in Montreal.

A spokesman said everything went off smoothly during the brief visit and the family had resolved any misunderstanding that had arisen. The rift became known when none of the four returned home for Christmas.

Three of the four surviving quintuplets made a hurried 350-mile trip to the parental home Friday after the father, Oliver Dionne, had asserted that outsiders were influencing the famed sisters to drift away from their family.

Soon after the girls arrived, the father issued a statement that the family had discussed "this trouble we have been having, and we now feel it was all due to a misunderstanding."

Saturday, the family explained that Cecile and Yvonne had to cut short their visit because Cecile was slated to go on nursing duty at the hospital where both sisters are in training.

The statement said Annette would remain with the parents for a few days. Marie, the fourth surviving quint, was unable to make the trip from Montreal because she is convalescing from a recent illness.

BELL RINGER PROMOTED

VIENNA, Ont. — Twelve-year-old Paul Petrie has been probationary bell ringer in this hamlet for six months and now village officials are giving him the job and the \$100-a-year salary on a permanent basis. Paul has also received permission to stay up past midnight to sound the passing of 1955 for Vienna's 342 citizens.

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County's '55 Road Toll Approaches '48 Record

By RUSS BIERAUGEL, Staff Writer, The Statesman.

The Marion County toll of 22 dead in traffic accidents of 1955 is the highest toll since 1948.

County authorities are at a loss to explain the increase of 11 fatalities over 1954 and the high death toll after six relatively "good" years.

Following Marion County's all-time record of 36 killed seven years ago—the number of traffic deaths fell as low as 15 in 1949.

'City Slicker' Foxes Bagged

DES MOINES, Ia. — Some Des Moines men went hunting Saturday for foxes that have not only the traditional cunning but also a touch of city-slicker in them.

These particular foxes slink around virtually in the shadow of downtown Des Moines buildings—well within the city limits.

Their habitat is a 120-acre area of open land between the Racoon River and the railroad tracks, just southwest of the central business district.

The hunting party of 16 men and a boy flushed out 15 to 20 red foxes, and bagged four.

"It was quite an experience for us," said R. S. Ruemper, one of the hunters. "I suspect it's the first time anybody has hunted that close to the downtown area."

and again in 1951. The worst years in between were 1952 and 1954, with 21 deaths each.

Single Cars

One feature of this year's fatal accidents is that most of the deaths came about as a result of accidents involving only one car.

This was true in 19 of the 28 deaths in Marion County outside Salem city limits, and it was true of eight of the 10 Polk County traffic deaths.

Four of the city's six fatalities were pedestrians, and three of them were over 60 years old.

'Bad' Month

The Marion County traffic record, despite four killed in a single accident in June, was not unusually bad until the last two months of the year. Four died in traffic in November, seven in December.

Polk County, on the other hand, with 10 deaths during the year just past, has not had a fatal accident since August.

There remained the possibility that late reports might alter the fatal accident total. At least one Marion County death was under investigation by state traffic authorities for possible connection with an auto accident.

IDaho SECRETARY ILL

WASHINGTON — Ira H. Masters, Idaho secretary of state, remained in serious condition at the National Institute of Health Saturday night. He entered the National Institute Oct. 28 as a cancer patient and underwent surgery Nov. 21.

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