

# City News Briefs

## HOUSE REPORTED ENTERED

A. W. Churchill, Portland, said his vacant house at 2105 N. 4th St. in Salem was entered in the past two weeks and a fire started on the kitchen floor, Salem police reported Sunday. Paint was scorched but little other damage was reported, police said.

St. Joseph's rummage sale, held over Monday, 9 to 5. 471 Court St. (adv.)

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## Fred Woelk, 94, Succumbs

Fred J. Woelk, a Salem area resident for the past 50 years, died at his home Sunday. He was 94.

Woelk came to Oregon in 1905 and operated a farm northwest of Salem for about 35 years. He was living with his son, Clarence L. Woelk, Salem Route 1, Box 364, at the time of his death.

Woelk was born in Germany Nov. 23, 1861. He came to the United States as a young boy and lived in Michigan, later moving to Great Bend, Kan.

He was a member of the German Lutheran church. Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Edna Grifton and Mrs. Velma Carpenter, Salem; and Mrs. Winifred Hicks, Bend; five sons, Clarence L., William L., Frank, Theodore and Fred, all of Salem; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## W. H. Bretz Dies in Salem

William H. Bretz, an Oregon resident for 50 years, died Sunday at a Salem nursing home. He was 76.

Bretz came to Oregon in 1906 and was employed as a conductor by the Oregon Electric Railroad which commenced operations in that year. He retired in 1941.

He was born Jan. 20, 1880, in Cairo, Iowa. He had lived with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Matujez, 691 Highland St., for the past year. Prior to that time he spent eight years in Portland.

Bretz was a Mason, a Shriner and a member of Scottish Rite. Survivors include Mrs. Matujez and two grandchildren, William, 9, and Mary Jo, 4.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday at the Virgil T. Golden chapel, the Rev. Paul Poling officiating. Ritualistic rites will be performed by Salem Lodge No. 4 A. F. & A. M. Interment will be at City View cemetery.

## Births

**BOLT** — To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bolt, 4119 Glendale Dr., a son, Saturday, May 19, at Salem Memorial Hospital.

**BEARD** — To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beard, St. Paul, a son, Saturday, May 19, at Salem Memorial Hospital.

**DUMAN** — To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duman, Seio, a daughter, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

**SLANCHIK** — To Mr. and Mrs. John Slanchik, 1038 8th St., a daughter, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

**GARRISON** — To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison, 1810 Trade St., a daughter, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

**McDOWELL** — To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDowell, 4087 Dearborn Ave., a daughter, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

**BROWN** — To Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, 3560 Portland Rd., a son, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

**TRENT** — To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Trent, Dallas, a daughter, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

**ANKENY** — To Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Ankeny, Newburg, a son, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

**COX** — To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cox, 2199 Broadway St., a son and a daughter, Sunday, May 20, at Salem General Hospital.

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## SMOKESTACK STARTS FIRE

A fire at the West Wood Products building, 560 S. 21st St., about 6:45 a. m. Sunday caused little damage, East Salem fire department reported. Live embers from a boiler room smokestack apparently touched off the blaze in a pile of lumber, firemen said. Fire entered the tin-sheeted boiler room and burned oily rags, they said.

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**THREE TO GRADUATE**

Three Salem students will be among those graduating from Pacific Lutheran College at Parkland, Wash., in ceremonies next Sunday. The three are Raymond Magnuson, Jerald Slattum and Ida Joe Gronke.

Nita McMillin, formerly with Love-all-Miller, is now located at the Camellia Beauty Salon in Keizer. Ph. 4-8575. (adv.)

Court Apts. (Court & Cottage) offer downtown quiet apts., from \$42.50 to \$56. Ph. 3-7440. (adv.)

Are you contemplating re-styling your furs? Consult Ben Wittner at Lachelle's, 1348 Ferry. (adv.)

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**COOK IN FRATERNITY**

William J. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Cook, 2050 S. Cottage St., was among four new members recently initiated into Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism at the University of Oregon. Young Cook is a sophomore in journalism and is a graduate of North Salem High School.

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

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## Film Bores Man 'Stiff'

One patron at a Salem movie theater Saturday evening was apparently bored stiff by the picture.

Salem police reported that they answered a call at a Salem theater about 7:55 p. m. Saturday. A man was apparently asleep in a lounge chair. Police shook him, poured a cup of water on his face, but couldn't wake him.

Finally an officer and a projectionist carried the man to a police car. He was booked at city jail on a charge of drunk in a public place.

## Rotary to Hear DuPont Official

Harlan L. P. Wendell, executive in the public relations department of the DuPont Company, will speak at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Salem Rotary Club at the Hotel Marion.

Wendell formerly was public relations adviser to Oveta Culp Hobby, secretary of health, education and welfare in President Eisenhower's cabinet. He is a member of the National Press Club in Washington, D. C.

## Woman Released From Hospital

A Turner woman who was taken ill Saturday evening was released from Salem Memorial Hospital Sunday.

The woman was picked up at Airport and Boone Roads by Salem first aidmen about 6:15 p. m. They listed her as Mrs. Doris Tinchell.

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## Military Roundup

### Soldier From Woodburn In New Rank

U. S. Forces, France — Don C. Scarborough recently was promoted to specialist third class while serving with the U. S. Army, Europe's Communications Zone. A public information specialist with the 28th General Hospital, Scarborough is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Scarborough, Sr., 253 Lincoln St., Woodburn, Ore.

San Diego, Calif. — Lt. (jg) David M. Ebner, of Route 1, Box 164, Mt. Angel, Ore., has returned to the United States after a six month cruise in the Far East aboard the USS Perkins, a radar picket destroyer.

Fort Richardson, Alaska — Sgt. Gerald E. Moe, whose wife Betty and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig E. Moe, live at 630 McClaine St., Silverton, Ore., recently arrived in Alaska to become a member of the 33rd Infantry Regiment.

Fort Knox, Ky. — Pvt. Garry C. Pulver is scheduled to leave the United States in June for Germany as part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan. Pulver is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cass H. Pulver, Route 1, Sweet Home, Ore.

### Purple Heart Board Plans Portland Meet

Plans for the state convention of the Military Order of Purple Heart June 24 in Portland were discussed at a meeting of the group's executive board in Salem Sunday.

The board, which met at Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, heard reports from State Cmdr. Robert Carlson, Portland, and committee chairmen.

About 20 Salem members of the order and its auxiliary are expected to attend the June meeting, Verne Ostrander, state inspector, said.

### Mrs. Kadau Dies at 77

Mrs. Florence Kadau, a resident of the Salem area since 1929, died at a Salem nursing home Sunday. She was 77.

Mrs. Kadau was born July 5, 1878, in Tecumseh, Mich. She came to Oregon in 1926 and lived at Baker until moving to Aumsville three years later. She had been living in a Salem nursing home for the past few years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy West, Salem; two step-sons, George Kadau, Eugene, and Jack Kadau, El Monte, Calif.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Marion Stone, and 13 grandchildren.

Announcement of services will be made later by Clough-Barrick Funeral Home.

### Thief May Make Dress

A thief with dressmaking plans may have burglarized a Salem woman's car Saturday.

Mrs. Bernice Moore, 3285 Abrams Ave., said several yards of cloth, a zipper, a dress pattern and a pair of white shoes were taken from her car about 4:45 p. m. Saturday while the vehicle was parked in the 200 block of Court Street, Salem police reported.

Police said the goods were valued at \$11.80.

### Death Claims Salem Man

A 74-year-old resident of a Salem hotel was found dead in his room about 9 p. m. Saturday city police reported.

Police listed the man as Roy Whiteaker. He had lived at the hotel for about a year, they said. Death was apparently due to natural causes, the Marion County coroner's office reported.

Funeral arrangements are in care of Howell-Edwards funeral home.

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# Long Career of Road Engineer Baldock Marked by Evolution of State Highways



When R. H. (Sam) Baldock, Oregon's chief highway engineer, went to work for the highway department 40 years ago, Oregon was pushing roads through its mountains and sagebrush areas. The above photo, which was taken during 1919, shows a highway survey "fly" camp in eastern Oregon with Baldock, then resident engineer, at extreme left. The crew was surveying for a new highway along the desolate Crooked River near Prineville. Picture was taken by Tom Opedal, now a resident engineer in Portland.

## State Road Chief Nationally Recognized

By CONRAD PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman

If they ever turn Robert Hugh Baldock loose on life's highway he'll probably want to straighten it, macadamize it, speed it up, weight-mile tax it and then widen it to four lanes.

Because "Sam" Baldock, 66, now rounding out 41 years with the Oregon state highway department, is a recognized pioneer in all those facets of highway construction.

Recognized that is, not by back-slapping well-wishers, but by highway experts in this country and in many foreign lands.

Since he became chief highway engineer in 1932 his driving ambition has been to build better highways under the maxim of "the greatest good for the greatest number at the lowest cost."

His idea of a vacation is to travel around looking over as many miles of other states' highways as possible. He recently had two days freedom in New York. He spent them visiting with that state's highway engineers and inspecting their newest roads.

Employees close to him refer to Baldock as a "deep thinker and concentrator." Beneath his rather gruff exterior, they say, lies a wealth of kindness and good humor.

He relaxes with a weekly game of golf and his friends know him as a sharp poker player who isn't afraid of the curves. He's a "heavy" reader and better than well-grounded in geology and philosophy.

Co-workers and members of the state Legislature regard him as a man who never commits himself to a program until he's studied it thoroughly. But once he does, he clings as tenaciously as oil to a crushed rock base.

"I've worked with him for 36 years," says one of his closest captains. "And I've never seen him do an unfair act. Also I've never known him to pass the buck."

News reporters have always found Baldock cooperative and helpful.

A native of Colorado, young Baldock came west in 1913 and

went to work for the state highway department in 1915. The department employed 50 men then; now it has 3,000.

One of his first jobs, as a transitman, was working on what is now the Three Rivers Highway, between Valley Junction and Hebo. He worked up through the jobs of resident division and maintenance engineers and managed to pick up a couple of needed college degrees on the way.

Many Honors He is a recipient of many honors. He has an international reputation as a pioneer in highway design, building and financing.

For his contribution to "highway progress in America" he was given the George S. Bartlett award in 1950, the highest honor a highway engineer can achieve. In 1948 he served, as president of the national American Association of State Highway Officials.

He was named Engineer of the Year by the Professional Engineers of Oregon two years ago. He is the author of many pamphlets and technical papers. He is often called by other states for advice on highway problems. He has served on many state and federal committees and other highway groups.

Gorge Highway His regime in Oregon will long be remembered for the "beautiful five" coastal stream bridges, for the bold modernization of the Columbia River gorge highway (much of it is built up out of the river), and for the freeways.

Baldock's big ambition now is to see a four-lane freeway span Oregon from north to south. Part of it is already completed and the remainder is on the boards. Oregon, incidentally, is one of the few states in the nation, if not the only one, to construct complete freeways which are not toll roads in rural areas.

Blueprint Maps He also was one of the first highway engineers to use blueprints, maps, scale drawing and scale models in winning the often-reluctant Oregon public over to his ideas.

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Low-Cost Roads While still a resident engineer in eastern Oregon in 1926, he helped this state out of the dust age many years ahead of its neighbors when he perfected a mass-production, low-cost method of macadamizing gravel roads. This type of pavement is used all over the world now.

Later, in 1936, he developed the design for building highways based on the speed engineers feel is right for a road. The road is designed to handle a certain speed even on grades and curves. This has been adopted on a national level since.

An expert on highway finances, he authored the weight-mile tax for trucks in 1937. The Oregon Legislature adopted it in 1947.

He is also the author of his department's study of highway economics, the first of its kind in the nation. From his travels in Europe he brought back to Oregon the theory of pre-stressed concrete structures for highways.

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Robert H. (Sam) Baldock, chief highway engineer, will be honored by highway employes at a program Friday night. Baldock has been hailed by highway experts as one of the nation's best.

Baldock recalls as a "heavy construction year" the budget ran to \$600,000.

In honor of his recently passing his 40th milestone with the department and for his many recent awards and recognitions, highway department employes are feting their boss at a testimonial dinner Friday night at the Marion Hotel.

## Ceremonies Initiate New WU Fraternity

A chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, national professional music fraternity, was installed Sunday at Willamette University. Twenty-two students and two faculty members became charter members.

The charter was granted with Province Governor George Broughton, professor of violin at University of Oregon, making the installation. Members from the University of Oregon Chapter were in charge of the initiation.

Student Darrell Wright was named first president of the Willamette chapter. Other charter officers are Lawrence Kimble, vice president; Ronald Kingsley, secretary; Eugene Corey, treasurer; and Gary Monical, warden.

The two Willamette faculty members who became charter members were Dr. Willis Gates and Associate Prof. Don Gleckler.

Other students becoming charter members of the fraternity included: Page Bailey, Eugene Corey, David Doerksen, Robert Ellis, James Fiske, Kenneth Hedeon, James Holloway, Roger Huntmann, Gerald Johnson, John Heide, John Kelley, Lawrence Kimble, Ronald Kingsley, Frank Lebold, Gary Monical, Roger Moorhead, Charles Peter, John Vale, Robert VanVactor, James Warner, Darrell Wright.

Four members of the College of Music staff at Willamette already are fraternity members. They are Stanley Butler, Ralph Dobbs, Maurice Brennan and Dean Melvin H. Geist.

Dean Geist served as advisor to the student group which worked to gain the charter for the Willamette campus.

## Former Salem Resident Dies

Word has been received here of the death of Frederic A. Wiggins, former Salem resident. Wiggins died Sunday at a New York, N.Y., hospital at the age of 87 while on a selling trip.

Wiggins married the former Myra Albertin of Salem in 1894. He was born in 1869 in Ontario, Canada, and came to Salem in 1888. In 1907 he moved with his family to Tappanish, Wash., and later to Seattle where he operated a wholesale nursery stock store.

Wiggins was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Washington State Horticultural group.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Benz, Yakima, two grandchildren and five sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church in Yakima, Wash.

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