

Fifth Grader Edits Neighborhood News With Emphasis on Cat, Dog Fights, Birthday Parties

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Tired of news from Moscow, Washington, D.C., Paris, London and Tokyo?

Wary of bulletins about who is stabbing whom in Russia, who is marrying whom in Hollywood, and who is putting whose foot in whose mouth in Washington?

If so, you can relax with the Leslie Street Gazette, South Salem's fastest growing newspaper. It is a single sheet neighborhood weekly, published without help from wire services.

Its news runs heavily to such items as neighborhood visiting, reports on dog and cat fights, nesting sparrows, birthday parties, ailing pets and jokes.

Editor of the gazette, which has more than tripled its circulation in the Leslie Street area in three months to reach a grand total of 42, is Miles Schlesinger, Bush School 5th grader and son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Schlesinger.

Not in School Yet
Co-editor is Paddy Hutchinson, who enters school this fall. He is the son of Dr. Harold Hutchinson, Salem dentist.

An unofficial advisor is neighbor Gov. Elmo Smith, a publisher in his own right. Editorial office is in the den of the Hutchinson home.

In its first issue the Gazette wished its dozen subscribers a happy Easter and reported the Easter plans of many neighbors.

"Mrs. E. Paul Wedell and daughters will be cleaning the basement if it rains and it probably will," read one item.

An article in the second edition explained why Mrs. Schlesinger and Mrs. Hutchinson were limping—"They are taking a gymnastic course at the 'Y'."

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The next edition trumpeted the fact that the Gazette had 36 subscribers, \$2.19 in the kitty and a

brand new gelatine type-printing press. This last was a relief to Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Schlesinger who had laboriously typed the first four editions.

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Apology Issue
An over-zealous reporter once brought the governor's wife to the door in her housecoat. "You who we have gotten out of the bath tub," an apologetic note in the next issue of the Gazette read, "know this apology is for you. We feel it would be poor taste to mention names."

And once when Editor Miles was ill, his younger sister, Lynn, B. delivered the Gazette and raced home with eight new subscriptions. The paper sells for 3 cents an issue. A sympathetic subscriber once offered Miles five cents. He refused, saying it would foul up his bookkeeping.

The Gazette has political opinions, too. It supports Eisenhower, Smith and, for Salem city councilman, Dr. A. D. Woodmanse, who is, naturally, a subscriber.

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Eight Firms Move to New Salem Building

Eight business and professional firms moved Saturday into Salem's newest office building, the \$40,000, one-story modern Periman Building in the 600 block of North Cottage Street.

Most of them are expected to be open for business Monday, Richard J. Schmidt, Nelson & Nelson real estate salesman, said.

The modern brick veneer building with off-street parking was constructed in record time, 60 days, by Estel Owen of Silverton. The building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Periman, who plan a twin eventually to the north, across the parking lot from the present building. It was financed by State Finance Co.

Tenants are William Dohson, attorney; C. K. Folkstad, Occidental Life Insurance Co. of California; Fibreboard Products, Inc.; Jack C. Neer Co., adjuster; Windedahl & Caldwell, certified public accountant; Frank M. Talmann, barber shop; Robert V. Nelson, appraiser; and Restlawn

Memory Gardens, Inc. E. J. Aug. 1, Schmidt said, and two of Church, accountant, will move in offices are still available.

Man Arrested After Crash

A Salem man was arrested by state police Saturday afternoon following a two-car collision about 1:15 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 22 and South Lancaster Street.

Fred Henry Paulus, 1556 N. Church St., was charged with failing to stop at a posted intersection, officers said. Driver of the second car was listed by police as Lewis Arner Hampton, Gates.

Both vehicles received considerable damage, police said.

County GOP to Elect Officers
New officers will be elected at Monday's 8 p.m. organizational meeting of the Marion County Republican Central Committee in the Senator Hotel, Sidney Schlesinger, outgoing chairman, announced Saturday.

Gov. Elmo Smith as well as all other state and county Republican candidates and various officials of the state Republican Central Committee have been invited, Schlesinger said.

700 Ready For Religious Meet Here
Jehovah's Witnesses already have requests for nearly 700 accommodations for their district convention in Salem in August and "we may expect to have total requests reaching well towards the 2,500 mark," John A. Green, convention organizer, told a score of leaders who met Saturday to study housing plans.

Some 1,000 will ask to be placed in private homes, the balance will seek motel and hotel reservations, he said. A search for private home accommodations already is underway, Green said requests for rooms had come from as far as Los Angeles and Seattle.

Site for the August 2-5 gathering will be the Fairgrounds Grandstand.

WARM WEATHER BREAK
KYOTO, Japan — Government workers in this traditionally formal but humid ancient capital of Japan are getting a warm weather break Regional Gov. Torazo Ninagawa told the 4000 employees coats need not be worn at work. Women were asked to use discretion in applying his liberalized rules.

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STAR GAZER

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Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES MAR. 21-31	1 Budgeting 2 Lie 3 Some 4 Lay 5 And 6 Don't 7 The 8 Low 9 Apply 10 Making 11 How 12 Top 13 Eat 14 Out 15 Off 16 Lightly 17 Put 18 Into 19 Into 20 Many 21 In 22 The 23 Health 24 You 25 Work 26 Report 27 Suffer 28 Attractive 29 Love 30 Let	11 To 12 For 13 Be 14 Some 15 Pleasant 16 Be 17 Making 18 Calm 19 Moves 20 Light 21 Social 22 Now 23 Surprise 24 Or 25 Others 26 Indicated 27 Today 28 Down 29 Easy 30 The 31 Proceed 32 Background 33 Rest 34 Air 35 Confidently 36 Favored 37	SEPT. 23-30 OCT. 23-31 NOV. 23-31 DEC. 23-31 JAN. 23-31 FEB. 23-31 MARCH 23-31 APRIL 23-31 MAY 23-31 JUNE 23-31 JULY 23-31 AUGUST 23-31
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