

State Office Space Shortage Said Acute; Solons to Face Demand for 2 New Buildings

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Four Men Get Top Highway Engineer Jobs

Four men have been promoted to fill top engineering spots in the Oregon State Highway Department, it was announced Wednesday by Chief Engineer W. C. (Dutch) Williams. The promotions follow others made after the recent retirement of R. H. Baldock as chief engineer.

D. J. Barbee is being promoted from urban engineer to assistant construction engineer in Salem. This position involves responsibility for all matters pertaining to location, survey, design, specifications and related activities.

He started with the Highway Department in 1931 as a transitman and served as an engineering designer. He was promoted to senior resident engineer in Portland in 1945 and later assumed the position of urban engineer here in May, 1955. Barbee is a registered professional engineer.

Lloyd P. Shaw, resident engineer in Portland, is being promoted to urban engineer in Salem. This position involves responsibility for all city location and design. Shaw entered the employment of the Highway Department in 1936 and advanced successfully through the positions of head chairman, computer, draftsman, junior designer, and senior resident engineer. He also is a registered professional engineer.

Gerald W. Wimer, 29, is being promoted from senior resident engineer at Medford to assistant division engineer in Salem. His new job involves responsibility for all highway construction and maintenance activities in the western central part of Oregon. Wimer graduated in engineering from Oregon State College in 1949 and joined the department as a junior engineer. He has served as transit man, junior resident engineer, district maintenance superintendent and senior resident engineer. He is a registered engineer.

Assistant Division Engineer Fred B. Klabe, district maintenance superintendent at Coquille is being promoted to assistant division engineer in Roseburg. This position involves responsibility for all highway construction and maintenance activities in the southwestern part of the state.

Klabe is a graduate of civil engineering from Montana State College. He began as a transitman at Lakeview in June, 1949, and year and a half later was transferred to Grants Pass. He was promoted to junior resident engineer in January, 1952, at Gold Beach, and became senior resident engineer at North Bend in September, 1953. In November, 1955, he was transferred to district maintenance superintendent at Coquille.

Klabe also is a registered engineer.

2 Eugene Firemen Await Decision on Suspension Plea

EUGENE — A city Civil Service Commission decision was awaited Wednesday on the appeal of two suspended Eugene firemen for re-instatement to the department.

Almost 30 witnesses were heard before the commission's hearing ended late Tuesday night. The suspended men, Capt. Fred O'Sullivan and Engineer Patrick Flynn, were charged with giving a news reporter statements during a controversy over a firemen's campaign for a 56-hour work week last January.

City Manager Robert Finlayson suspended both men for 60 days without pay.

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given to the request that a new Supreme Court building be constructed. But more space also is needed for the other state agencies in Salem.

There now are 37 state agencies here, and they say they will need at least 100,000 more feet of office space within five years. Most of this space is needed now.

Shortage Said Acute

The shortage of office space is acute. The departments now occupy 551,000 square feet of office space in the nine state buildings, and in the six residences that are being used for offices.

Some of the shortage of space results from the fact that six state departments have been created in the past four years. These are the Civil Defense Administration, Division of Finance, Elections, Legislative Counsel Committee, Natural Resources Committee and Water Resources Board.

But the main reason is that as the state grows in population, its government grows, too.

The 100,000 feet of needed space compares with the 100,000 feet that is in the Public Service Building, the largest of the buildings in the Capitol group.

Problem Studied
A seven-member committee is studying the problem, and will make a recommendation to the Legislature. Until a new building is built for office use, the state will have to rent space in downtown buildings.

State Sen. John C. F. Merrifield, Portland, chairman of the committee, thinks the Legislature should proceed quickly toward construction of a new office building, as well as the Supreme Court Building. He thinks the money could come from the state surplus, that will amount to more than \$30 million on next July 1.

Other members of the committee are Rep. George Annala, Hood River; Sens. Lee Ohmart and Robert L. Ellstrom, both of Salem; Charles A. Sprague, ex-governor who is on the Capitol

Planning Commission; Elton Thompson, representing the Salem Chamber of Commerce; and Harold Phillips, representing the Secretary of State.

First Meeting Held

This committee, appointed by Gov. Elmo Smith, held its first meeting last week. It received a report from Robert R. Johnson, state director of finance and administration, telling of the needs of the departments.

Johnson was asked to study proposals to build another building, and also to try to find ways out of doing it, such as renting more space.

For instance, the State Library needs 15,000 more feet of space because its shelves are jammed. The Industrial Accident Commission says it wants 18,734 more feet because of natural growth and a new safety program.

10,000 More Feet

The Unemployment Compensation Commission wants 10,000 more feet because the last Legislature increased its work by bringing thousands of employers under its jurisdiction. The new Motor Vehicle Department, now scattered all over the place, wants another 15,000 feet. And so it goes.

The last new building to be completed was the State Finance building, finished in 1954. Other recent buildings and their completion dates are the Highway Building, 1955.

Salem Man Given Sentence in Jail

Leland Ellsworth Clawson, 33, of 2045 Fairgrounds Rd., was sentenced to six months in the Marion County Jail Wednesday in a case involving a charge of non-support.

The sentence was imposed in circuit court after the man's probation was revoked. The probation was ordered last April 18 after Clawson's conviction but failure to live up to terms of the parole resulted in issuance of a warrant. The arrest was made Monday at Reedsport.

Public Records

Circuit Court
Capital Loan Co. vs. W. T. Perry and Pearl L. Perry: Suit asks judgment of \$2,560.61 and \$300 attorney fees for alleged delinquent debts.

Mazie Maxine Mohney vs. Russell Alger Mohney: Divorce complaint charges cruelty, asks custody of three children, \$195 monthly support and all personal and real property except car.

Richard Allan Lee vs. Clarence T. Gladden: Court orders writ of habeas corpus; defendant directed to bring plaintiff to court for hearing August 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Fred C. Lytle vs. Leona M. Lytle: Divorce complaint charges cruelty, asks division of property between plaintiff and defendant.

State vs. Jack Lee Oster: Defendant pleaded guilty to Marion County Jail on condition he take work in Montana; sentenced July 23 on charges of furnishing liquor to minor.

State vs. Roger Earl Dexter: Defendant placed on probation for two years in case involving charge of contributing to delinquency of a minor.

State vs. Alysce Mary Scott: Defendant fined \$250 on charge of driving while intoxicated.

C. E. Wing vs. Lula E. Wing: Plaintiff ordered to pay \$220 monthly support for defendant and child plus \$100 attorney fees.

Anna R. Crook vs. Melvin E. Crook: Divorce complaint charges desertion, asks custody of minor child.

Barbara Jean Holt vs. Lyle Jackson Holt: Divorce complaint charges cruelty, asks division of property.

State vs. Revere Knight George: Defendant pleaded guilty to charge of non-support, placed on probation for two years.

State vs. Leland Ellsworth Clawson: Probation revoked and defendant sentenced to six months in Marion County Jail on charge of non-support.

London & Lancashire Indemnity Co. of America vs. Moses Moody, Benjamin F. Collins and Richard Earl Murry: Plaintiff asks damages of \$1,466.89 as aftermath of theft at a Eugene market.

Norman A. Brandvold vs. Donald L. Israel and Charles An-

thofer: Jury finds for defendant, complaint dismissed.

Charles H. Heltzel, state public utilities commissioner, vs. H. B. Gillingham Jr.: Plaintiff asks judgment of \$800 after charging defendant failed to pay monetary penalty for violation of PUC order.

Patricia Lou Lawlor vs. William Edward Lawlor: Defendant ordered to pay \$150 monthly support to plaintiff and two children plus \$75 attorney fees.

Doris Shoemaker vs. Darven Shoemaker: Divorce complaint charges cruelty.

PROBATE COURT
E. A. Kerber estate: Final account shows assets of \$2,300.

Nan M. Wagner estate: Authority to extend lease on estate property at 387 Court St., given to Executor John A. Helzel.

Earl A. Chapler estate: Court authorizes sale of certain real property by Administratrix Mabel Chapler.

DISTRICT COURT
Donald Dale Smith, 350 Hickory St., placed on probation for one year after pleading guilty to charge of writing checks with insufficient funds.

John Marvin Lamb Jr., 270 Boice St., charge of drawing check with insufficient funds dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Thurman Leon Krater, 19, carpenter apprentice, 3840 Ash St., and Janet Arlene Loucks, 19, clerk, 4211 State St.

Robert E. Owen, 25, mechanic 4145 Baiting St., and Katherine Ann Hutchings, 18, bank employee, 2515 Ellis Rd.

W. Will More, 35, mill worker, 348 S. 24th St., and Louise Johnson, 31, weaver, Stayton.

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State Worker Salary Hikes Sought in Plea

Salary increases of at least \$10 to \$12 a month for state workers now receiving less than \$200 a month, were urged by Leo Butts, Portland, AFL-CIO counsel for public employees, at a salary hearing conducted by the State Civil Service Commission Wednesday in Salem.

The hearing was called by the commission following a survey directed by the State Emergency Board to determine the amount of funds that are now available for salary increases for state workers. The survey was conducted by the State Budget Division assisted by other state agencies.

Survey Report Filed

Butts said the survey report failed to properly evaluate job requirements and job turnover in the employment classifications. He said many state workers are receiving as little as \$160 a month which is not a fair compensation under the cost-of-living index issued by the federal government.

Attention also was called by Butts to the fact that an increase of 5 per cent in pay was granted clerical help in Portland the past year. He said this was not taken into consideration by those conducting the survey involving state salaries.

Butts vigorously protested recent action of the emergency board in earmarking what he said was \$106,000 of its funds for increasing the salaries of academic employees under the State Board of Higher Education.

Available Fund Use

He said funds now available in state departments usable for increasing state salaries should be used only for that purpose.

Butts said the State Welfare Commission is now attempting to recruit college graduates for case workers and other similar employment at \$285 a month. Butts said such a salary is too low. He urged that this salary be increased one range or \$10 a month without delay. Butts said there are now 72 vacancies in the Public Welfare Commission.

Other similar hearings may be held later, Civil Service Commission officials said. A number of employees were present at Wednesday's meeting.

PROUD MOTORIST

HALIFAX, N.S. — J. S. Gowan, a British motorist, proudly announces he had completed his mission of driving to the most northerly point in North America reachable by car. Before taking a boat back home, he wrote a letter to the Halifax Mail-Star saying he had driven his tiny British auto into waters of the Yukon River north of Circle City, Alaska.

The Benedictine Sisters Home at Mt. Angel, recommended for a grant of \$79,100, will see its accommodations expand to 70 beds if the Wednesday recommendation is approved. The home presently contains 29 beds.

The United Nations Mission sent to inspect the Trust Territory of New Guinea was composed of representatives of Britain, Belgium, India and Guatemala.

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Theatre Time Table

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"THE KING AND I": 7:00, 9:00
"LAND OF THE BIBLE": 9:30
CAPITOL
(Continued from 1 p.m.)
"GODZILLA": 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:51
"QUINCANNON, FRONTIER SCOUT": 2:32, 4:10, 9:28
NORTH SALEM DRIVE-IN
(Gates open at 4:45. Show at dusk.)
"THE LAST HUNT": Robert Taylor
"THE MAN WHO NEVER WAS": Clifton Webb
HOLLYWOOD
"BHOWANI JUNCTION": 7:00, 9:00
"TRIBUTE TO A BADMAN": 9:30

Prison Inmates Faced by Suit

A suit was filed Wednesday in Marion County Circuit Court against three State Prison inmates by an insurance firm which seeks to recover money stolen from a Eugene market.

London & Lancashire Indemnity Co. of America asks damages of \$1,466.89 in the action which names Moses Moody, Benjamin F. Collins and Richard Earl Murry as defendants.

The case stems from the theft of \$1,900 from the Amazon Food Market in Eugene May 9, 1955. Later recovered was \$433 of the loot after apprehension of the three men. The firm said that prior to the theft it had issued a policy to the market owner Victor Cone.

Fire Destroys Home's Roof

Fire destroyed the roof of the Alvin E. Ervey residence, 2092 Berry St., early Wednesday morning, city firemen reported.

City equipment answered the call about 3:45 a. m. Firemen said the blaze caused an estimated \$2,000 damage to the roof and water and smoke damage amounted to about \$1,000 inside the house.

The flames may have started from faulty wiring or spontaneous combustion, firemen stated.

Cylinder of Crash Engine Still Missing

Still sought by Navy officials is an engine cylinder missing after the flaming crash of an attack bomber last Saturday night in the South Salem area.

Lt. Cmdr. W. R. Shaw, in charge of the Salem Naval Air facility in absence of Lt. Cmdr. Neal Bryant, said the missing cylinder could play a big part in determining cause of the accident.

The public, asked to cooperate in recovering the cylinder, already has been of considerable help, Shaw said. Four persons reportedly contacted the facility with information on other missing parts of the plane. Shaw said this resulted in recovery of several engine parts including a portion of the craft's oil line.

The plane's pilot, Lt. (J. G.) Donald Playans, Portland, escaped with minor burns after bailing out.

CARS IN CRASH

Two cars received moderate damage about 6 p.m. in a collision in the 2500 block of State Street, city police reported. Drivers were listed as William Vernon Scott, Mehama, and Ronald V. Woolery, 3800 State St.

CIGARETTE FLIPPERS BEWARE
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Too Many Felines to Move Brings Giveaway

DECATUR, Ill. — Too many cats to move to California prompted Miss Agnes Heintzelmann to give away 46 Siamese felines.

"What has happened to me fulfills an old legend in Siem," she said.

The story goes that those who own Siamese cats will face economic ruin.

"Well, these cats have just about broken me," she said sadly. "They cost \$5 a day to feed and there's always worm pills, distemper shots and veterinarian fees."

She's keeping two cats. She loves dogs, but is allergic to them.

Mrs. Burgoyne Services Set

Graveside services for Mrs. Ida E. Burgoyne, 83, who died Wednesday at a Salem hospital, will be held Saturday at 2 p. m. at Civil Bend cemetery in Roseburg under the direction of the Clough-Barrick funeral home.

Mrs. Burgoyne was born March 4, 1873, at Deer Park, Wis. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. John Rice, MHukillee, Wash.; a son, Caryle Burgoyne, Eugene; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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