

Late Mrs. Pierce Laid Foundations For State Library

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One of Oregon's pioneer citizens, Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, who 51 years ago commenced work as the first secretary of the Oregon Library Commission, died Tuesday in a Salem hospital. She was 83.

Responsible for laying the foundation and building the framework for present day services and objectives of the Oregon State Library, Mrs. Pierce's death constitutes a great loss to the state library officials said.

Beginning her work in 1905, Mrs. Pierce was directly responsible for establishing the nation's first mail order service in the Oregon State Library.

During her tenure of office, 1905-1929, as Oregon's first state librarian, Oregon library law evolved and libraries in Oregon multiplied from three to more than 100. During this time, the collection of the state library grew to a quarter million books.

Immense Enthusiasm

Coming to Oregon from Madison, Wis., Mrs. Pierce's dynamic personality and immense enthusiasm for using books to create a better citizenry "motivated the entire Oregon State library program," according to Miss Eleanor Stephens of the state library.

Mrs. Pierce once wrote, "The librarian must assume that every person, not actually in a state of coma or idiocy, has some interest or need which requires the intelligent use of books." In testimony of this desire to provide knowledge of good books, her mail order service reached into the corners of the state and made available to hundreds of thousands the volumes of the state library.

She began her library career in 1894 as a reference librarian in Armour Institute library, Chicago, where she received her first library instruction and later became an instructor.

Pioneer Spirit

Much has been written about the pioneer spirit and work of Mrs. Pierce. Some of these writings appear in the Congressional Record of the United States Senate.

A former member of the Oregon Board of Higher Education, the Oregon Library Institute and a Regent of the Oregon Normal School Board, she herself has written a book on library buildings.

As if fate wanted to mark her passing with an appropriate epilogue, the Senate Education Committee presented Tuesday to the Oregon Legislature a State Library bill providing for "a more equitable bill providing for all citizens of Oregon to have direct access to books and reading materials for the furtherance of education."

U.S. Advises Reduction in Spud Acreage

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Agriculture Department today recommended an average reduction of 5 1/2 per cent in the total 1957 acreage of summer and fall potatoes.

The department suggested 99,500 acres for the summer crop, compared with 100,900 acres planted last year; 182,615 acres for the late summer crop, compared with 190,400 last year, and 637,920 acres for the fall crop, compared with 693,600 last year.

The recommendations, which are voluntary, are designed to assist growers in preventing overproduction and depressed prices, the department said.

The 1957 acreage guides and the percentage reductions from last year's planted acreage, respectively, included:

Late summer crop—Washington 20,400 acres, 15 per cent; Oregon 9,930 acres one per cent; and California 11,000 acres, unchanged.

Fall crop—Idaho 153,450 acres, 15 per cent; Washington 14,660 acres, 15 per cent; Oregon 25,660 acres, one per cent; and California 16,500 acres, unchanged.

China now has, it is estimated, about 625 million people.

South Salem Urban Needs Survey Set

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Initial plans for a residential survey to determine urban services desired in the South Salem area were revealed Tuesday at a breakfast meeting of a special 20-man committee appointed by the Salem-South Salem chambers of commerce to study problems of Salem's suburban fringe areas.

A questionnaire for the survey is being prepared by the services committee with John E. Rademaker, Willamette University professor, as consultant, according to a report submitted by Richard Denton, committee chairman.

It will take approximately one month to prepare the questionnaire and field test the survey, tentatively planned as a 10 per cent sampling of South Salem residents, will take two to three weeks to administer.

The majority of the two-hour meeting Tuesday morning was devoted to a detailed explanation of

a proposed sewage system for South Salem presented by Marion County Engineer John Anderson. Anderson's study, which was considered at a public hearing early in December, briefly outlines a sewer district for South Salem with a trunk line hooked onto the city of Salem's sewer lines and the effluent carried to Salem's sewage treatment plant.

The most economical move for the area would be to have sewage treated at the city plant, Anderson said.

In reply to questions put by committee members, Anderson admitted that the area may possibly need a second plant sometime in the future but added that the state might frown on construction of a plant in the South Salem area.

Plant discharge would have to be emptied into Mill creek and carried through the city of Salem before being emptied into the Willamette River, Anderson said.

Annexation to Salem would cut

Death Claims Commentator Edwin Hill

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 12 (AP)—Edwin C. Hill, 72, radio news commentator, died at a hospital today.

A radio broadcaster and syndicate feature writer since 1932, he earlier had been a reporter and later a feature writer for the New York Sun. He also had been a director of the Fox News Reel and a scenario editor for the Fox Film Corp.

Hill, from New York, had been staying at his winter home on St. Petersburg beach. He had been in St. Anthony's Hospital just a week.

The hospital said his wife was with him when he died.

down sewage disposal cost for South Salem if only in administration expenses, Anderson said in answer to committee questions.

The second speaker addressing the fact-finding group, County Judge Rex Hartley, said the county recognizes the growing and pressing need to solve the problems of Salem's fringe areas. The current study will not only be of service to the South Salem community but to the entire county as a guide for other areas, Judge Hartley told the committee.

A study on present costs of urban services is scheduled for the group's next meeting Feb. 26.

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Bank Robber Goes to Pen

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP)—A five-year federal prison term was meted out today to Paul James Lambertson, 28, for robbing a Klamath Falls bank last November by his bills and finance his wedding.

Federal Judge William G. East said he was taking Lambertson's good record into account in giving him a comparatively light sentence.

Lambertson, unarmed, got \$2,700 when he demanded money from a teller at the First National Bank at Klamath Falls.

His attorney, George K. Tomlinson, told the court that domestic problems and heavy debts led Lambertson to the spur-of-the-moment holdup.

His bride-to-be was at the church waiting for the wedding when she learned Lambertson was in jail.

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Reds Sign A-Pact

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Moscow radio reported Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union today signed an agreement to cooperate in nuclear physics research for peaceful use of atomic energy.

Fairless Says Let Nations Turn Commie

TOKYO, Feb. 12 (AP)—Benjamin Fairless said today "if any country wants communism, my answer to that is to let them have communism."

The chairman of President Eisenhower's Citizens Committee on Foreign Aid hinted at a news conference the committee's March 1 report may recommend a cut in American assistance to uncommitted Asian nations, the neutrals in East-West affairs.

"I think personally the free world is definitely winning the cold war," said Fairless, former head of the U.S. Steel Corp., at the closing stage of a world study tour launched Dec. 27.

"Undoubtedly," he said, "Europe would have gone Communistic" except for America's postwar Marshall Plan support.

"I don't know if similar aid can save Asia. It is very hard to save anybody unless they want to be saved."

"As far as you and I and the United States are concerned, we are attempting to help people help themselves."

"If they want freedom we, to the extent of our abilities, are going to help them remain free. If any country wants communism, my answer to that is to let them have communism."

City Folks 'Uninterested' In Farm Issues

ASILOMAR, Calif., Feb. 12 (AP)—City folks aren't interested in the problem of farmers, Western families were told today.

That was the conclusion expressed by Dr. Kenneth Hood of Chicago, assistant secretary of the American Farm Bureau Federation, he told 250 farming men and women attending the 4th annual Farm Bureau Leaders conference here.

"City folks are not interested in your headaches," they want to know about farming and farm problems primarily as they affect city folks. They are interested in those things we have in common."

Sublimity Man Involved in Fatal Crash

REDMOND, Feb. 12 (AP)—Mrs. Myrtle Lacey, 80, Terrebonne, died today of injuries from a collision on Highway 97 yesterday.

State police said the car in which she was riding rammed into the rear of a truck that had stopped to allow traffic to turn in front of it. The truck driver, Guy Scott, 26, Sublimity, was not injured seriously.

Three other members of Mrs. Lacey's family were hospitalized. They are her daughter, Mrs. Mary Seal, 47, Terrebonne; and Mrs. Seal's sons, Junior Leo Seal, 17, the driver, and Clarence Seal, 15.

Girl Ordered to Wear Earrings While in Bed

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP)—When Shelley Scott, 15, a Hollywood girl, enrolled in a fashionable girls' school at West Malvern, her first instructions were: "take off the lipstick and wear the earrings only when you are in bed."

Shelley explained her ears are pierced and she must wear the earrings. Sometimes to keep the holes open. Her father is Zachary Scott, an actor appearing on the London stage.

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