

Inside TV 'Sleepy' Pasadena In Limelight Today

By EVE STARR
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 31.—STARR REPORT: For an allegedly "sleepy" town, Pasadena is very much in the news tomorrow. Tucked under the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and surrounded by Los Angeles on one side and the Rose Bowl on the other, Pasadena has often been described as a city of five homes. In the top layer of the hills bright glass homes are the newest; in the next layer are the big "period" houses, of the 30's, French Provincial and the like; in the middle layer are the stucco, elephantine homes of the rich 20's; and last are the flowering gingerbread houses of old Pasadena, particularly on Orange Grove Avenue, the Beacon Hill of Southern California.

Pasadena is also the residence of the mythical little old lady who was the sole owner of the used car you just bought. And when people grow old in Los Angeles, they move to Pasadena — to live with their parents.

So go the jokes, admittedly a little tired. Actually, Pasadena is a thriving community whose Tournament of Roses Association has turned a football game into a national institution and a parade into an annual event of literally world-wide interest.

There is also the Pasadena Playhouse, quite possibly the best known (and certainly one of the best) dramatic incubator in the United States, up to and including the Actors Studio of town-shine fame, so says Lloyd Nolan, graduate of this fine school, and other "name" talents in the higher income brackets who broadened the scope of their individual talents here.

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Retires Friends Honor Retiring Water Meter Reader

By ROBERT L. STEVENS
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Several dozen Salem water department employees surprised an old friend, a senior serviceman George C. Smith, with a party and gold wristwatch Tuesday on the occasion of his retirement after 29 years service.

During the 65-year-old Smith's many years with the water department, he has made friends with thousands of Salem water users and their meters.

At one time he knew the location of every water meter in the city.

Smith officially read his first Salem water meter in February, 1929, when city water was controlled by the Oregon-Washington Water Service. Oregon-Washington sold its interests to the city in 1935.

Promoted in 1933
Starting out as a maintenance helper, mostly repairing meters and lines, Smith became a senior serviceman in 1933. He has been in charge of all turn-ons and turn-offs in the city ever since.

He remembers once seeing a car hurtled into the air by the force of water rising from a broken water main on Liberty Street. Another time, during a severe winter, nearly all the water line in Salem froze and workmen were busy for weeks thawing out meters and repairing them, he recalled.

Biggest trouble maker for the necessary water meter is the seemingly harmless sediment which easily clogs their mechanism, Smith declared.

And like many mailmen and electric meter readers, the jovial Smith has had his experiences with the family dog, he testified.

Came To Salem In 1898
Most significant thing about his 29 years with the city water department was perhaps, the fact that "Salem has never had to limit water use to consumers," he said. Salem's minimum water rate for houses hasn't changed, either he added.

Coming to Salem in 1898, Smith has lived here most of his life except for a time in Williams, Ore. He has two daughters, both living in Salem, a son in Portland, and another, who is a minister in Tacoma.

Future plans call for just resting and doing a little fishing. "I can stand all day and fish," he commented.

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Pacific Highway Projects Between Salem-Eugene Due for Completion In '58; Projects Total \$13 Million

An estimated \$13,700,000 worth of Pacific Highway improvements between Salem and Eugene will be completed or under contract by the end of 1958, it is reported in the annual construction review of Oregon State Highway Department.

That figure is a total of several projects undertaken by the state since completion of the Salem-Portland Freeway last year. Principal work is in widening the Salem Bypass and Highway 99 further south to four lanes.

Overall cost of Bypass widening, which has just started, is estimated at \$2,800,000. By next fall the 8½-mile bypass will have four lanes with a 30-foot center strip.

Projects South of Salem
Other Pacific Highway projects to the south of Salem:
A \$1,160,000 improvement of five-mile section from south end of bypass to North Jefferson junction, expected to be completed by next fall. It will have four lanes with controlled access and grade separation structures at Turner Road, 11½ miles and North Jefferson junction.

A \$6,000,000 improvement to four lanes from there to Albany, where grading and work on structures already has begun on the 11-mile section. Paving and opening as a four-lane route is expected in 1959.

Also started by next year will be the \$2,000,000 section from Linn County line to Judkins Point and the \$1,740,000 section from Albany to Lane County line.

Work Started on Some
Other state highway projects of importance to Salem area traffic are on the list of work undertaken this year or planned for a start in 1958. Over the state, a record total of \$39,900,000 worth of contracts was let by the Highway Commission in 1957.

These included, in Salem and mid-Valley area:
Construction of a new 9.5 mile two-lane stretch of the Valley

**Traffic Control
Devices Topic
Of Manual**
A 362-page manual of the State Highway Commission's regulations for uniform traffic control devices is being distributed to all counties and cities.

State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said Tuesday it is a major step toward achieving uniformity in street and highway traffic signs, markings and signals.

"Every motorist has a right to expect that every traffic sign or marking will have the same meaning, color and shape, and require the same action on his part regardless of where it is encountered," Williams said.

The law directs the Highway Commission to establish standards for the design and use of traffic control devices on all streets and highways. This is the first time they have been compiled into a single volume.

The manual follows National standards adopted by the American Assn. of State Highway Officials, Institute of Traffic Engineers, and National Conference on Street and Highway Safety.

The manual contains color illustrations.

**Silverton Woman
Cut in Accident**
A Silverton woman received apparently minor injuries in a two-car accident at Summer and Union streets NE about 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, city police said.

Treated by first aidmen was Mrs. Charles Hanson. She received lacerations on the forehead and chin, aidmen stated.

Police said the cars were driven by Mrs. Roberta Hanson, Klamath Falls, and Robert Edmund Wilson, 675 28th St. NE. Both cars had to be towed, police added.

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**Recruiters
Sign 38 in
December**
Thirty-eight men and women were accepted during December by three Salem recruiting offices.

The Air Force took 17 men: Robert L. Baker, Dale W. Donaldson, 835 Sandy Dr. N; Reginald E. Gilbert, 435 Pine St. NE; Junior L. Martin, 2195 4th St. NW; LeVerne C. Waldner, 441 Pine St. NE; Norman J. Wilmet, 4945 Delight St. N; and Don F. Swartz, 1140 Oxford St. SE, all of Salem.

Paul A. Francis, Jr., Newberg; Darrell B. Frerschweiler, Gervais; Donald R. Mooney, Williams; Gerald C. Talley, Yamhill; Robert E. Erwert, Mt. Angel; Carl Pemberton, Stayton; and Melvin H. Thomas, Silverton. Three who qualified for aviation cadet training were Francis P. Hamilton, Corvallis; Gerald M. May, 265 24th St. NE and James E. Quinn, 843 Norwood St. SE, of Salem.

Seven joining the Navy are: Dean C. Riddle, 1961 Center St. NE; Kenneth J. Vap, Route 1; Kenneth R. Jacobs, 4440 Monroe Ave. NE; John R. Hassell, 2005 Topper Lane; and Stephen H. Pierre, 430 Academy St. NE, all of Salem; and Ray A. Richter and Gary L. Spady of Dallas.

The Army accepted 14 new members. Miss Ariene M. Ellis and Miss Elizabeth C. Walsh; Norman A. McIntyre, 2185 High St. SE; Victor E. Flora, 415 Capitol St. NE; Harry Nilsson Jr., 4465 Barbara Way; Richard Edie, 710 Breys Ave. NE; and Richard M. Hagner, Route 3, all of Salem; Travis Gray, Aumsville; George R. Teague, Aumsville; Ronald D. Cummings, Aurora; and Lowell D. Baird, Woodburn.

The Marine recruiting office had no openings, but will be able to take 11 men in January.

**Great Decisions
Forum Announced**
The first in the 1958 series of Town Hall meetings on foreign affairs will be held next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at North Salem High School, it was announced Tuesday.

The public Great Decisions meetings are intended to stimulate interest in America's foreign policy and in world affairs.

Content and organization of the program will be outlined at the first meeting, announced Ben A. Newell, Marion County extension agent.

**Tax Worker Dies
Of Heart Attack**
Ray Brookings, 60, of Portland, a State Tax Commission employee, suffered a fatal heart attack about noon Tuesday in front of the Public Service building.

City's first aidmen said Brookings collapsed in the street while directing his wife into a parking space. He was pronounced dead on arrival at a Salem hospital.

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Ex-Salem Area Resident Dies In Portland

Mrs. Augusta Fleetwood, 85, a resident of the Salem area for 40 years, died Monday in Portland where she had lived for the past 11 years.

She moved to the Odd Fellows Home in Portland in 1946.

Born Nov. 3, 1872, in Kentucky, Mrs. Fleetwood moved to Oregon in 1905 and lived in the Salem and Turner areas.

Her husband, Herbert Fleetwood, died in 1933. He had been a farmer.

She was a member of the Salem Rebekah Lodge for 40 years and Jason Lee Methodist Church. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Michael Perd, Salem; and Mrs. George Weatherill, Silverton; one son, Floyd Fleetwood, Gates; one sister, Mrs. Luella Engstrom, Salem; one brother, Marvin Moore, Salem; eight grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at Clough-Barrick chapel, Rev. Luther Baker officiating. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial Cemetery.

**Fuel Oil Meters
On Portland Trucks
Checked by State**
Five out of 323 meters on trucks delivering fuel oil to Portland homes were condemned for repairs, the state division of weights and measures reported Tuesday.

Eighty-three of the meters needed slight adjustment.

Projects Contracted
Projects contracted late in 1957 or scheduled for contracting in 1958 include:
Grading of Lancaster Road-Sublimity Gun Club Section of North Santiam Highway, cost \$800,000.
A \$770,000 structure and paving job on the Valley Junction-Wallace Bridge Section of the Salmon River Highway in Polk County.

Construction of the final link on the Portland-Salem Freeway is now in progress. This link extends from the northerly end of the completed portion of the freeway near Tigard, north 6.7 miles to a junction with Portland's Harbor Drive. Completion of the six-lane project is planned for late summer of 1959, with total costs of about \$10 million.

**Bend Picked
For New Plant**
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Oregon Jobless Fund Sinks to 15-Year Low

Reserves of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission dropped below \$42,000,000 this week for the lowest year-end total in 15 years despite nearly \$17,000,000 paid in taxes in 1957 by 27,500 employers for the biggest annual income in the Commission's 20-year history.

Unemployment also set new all-time records with laid off workers being paid \$31,500,000 or nearly 58 per cent more than in 1956, the Commission reported Tuesday.

Payroll taxes are scheduled to rise from an average of about 1.44 per cent to 1.65 per cent in 1958 but even these rates may be superseded if first quarter benefits force reserves below the new "floor" of about \$31,500,000. All employer rates then would revert automatically to 2.7 per cent until the unemployment trust fund rose above the floor.

Payments to the unemployed during December are estimated at about \$4,900,000, an increase of over 80 per cent from a year ago. If weekly claims at local offices continue their seasonal rise, January and February benefits may pass the \$5,000,000 mark.

A decline is expected in March—partly because of better weather and partly because many claimants will have drawn maximum annual benefits.

Higher weekly benefits approved by the 1957 Legislature accounts for part of the increased payments since last July 1. Average weekly check rose from \$29 to over \$33 with the start of the 1957-58 benefit year.

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