

# County Budget Group Recommends Joining Clerk, Recorder Offices

(Story also on Page 1.) Marion County Budget Committee members went on record Wednesday as favoring of combining the county clerk's office with the county recorder's office. This combination, which has been made by all but a few of Oregon's counties, would be more efficient and economical, officials said. However, the committee approved a \$34,990 budget for the recorder's office, but denied the addition of an extra clerk. All approved department budgets are listed with last year's salaries, except for elected officials, as they must be altered by Margaret Resnick, county accountant, to record pay increases. New positions were included in the budgets at base starting pay.

The lay members of the committee also asked the county court to make a study of the county's five Justice Courts and constable offices as to the volume of business, expenses and revenues for consideration by next year's budget committee. In view of the study, no salary increases were allowed for the Justice Courts or constable offices.

Amounts allowed were Jefferson Justice Court, \$5,485, constable, \$580; Mt. Angel Justice Court, \$2,200, constable, \$290; Silverton Justice Court, \$4,605, constable, \$1,580; Stayton Justice Court \$2,955; constable \$470; and Woodburn Justice Court, \$7,150, and constable \$940. A case supervisor, family consultant and typist were approved for the juvenile department, but an additional counselor was denied. The total budget, including \$1,000 psychiatric services and \$1,800 office equipment, totaled, \$60,352.

**4-H Jump Approved**  
A \$4,175 jump in the county agent, 4-H, and Home Demonstration budget was approved by the committee, which means that a suburban extension agent's program will be continued by the office. The project, which concerns city and suburban families not farming commercially, has been operating since September, 1955 as a state project. The state will provide an agent for the project, but will not assume other expenses after next month. In the sheriff's departmental budget, an additional deputy was denied, but a typist to assist deputies was granted. Also included in the \$96,638 budget was \$812 for emergency labor, including men for the recently approved Willamette River boat patrols, funds for a share of a boat and motor, and \$150 for use of bloodhounds if necessary.

**Tax Deputy Denied**  
A \$51,324 sheriff tax department budget was approved, but a personal tax deputy was denied. Two employees, a sanitarian and a public health nurse, were vetoed on a request by the Health Department. The group approved the hiring of an additional part-time man for mosquito control in the \$178,304 budget, which the county pays approximately 52 per cent. A new joint-usage IBM machine department for county offices was set up with a \$24,500 budget item, which allowed for hiring of two operators, supplies and machine rental.

A \$125,996 budget of the county assessor was approved, with the addition of a deputy assessor and denial of a second. The assessor was also granted \$60,000 of the requested \$100,000 for completion of the county reassessment program. **Maintenance Approved**  
The committee approved \$99,330 for maintenance of the courthouse, which includes \$8,000 alterations and improvements making possible the construction of a basement office for the building inspector.

Also in this category is \$12,200 for the addition of four more lines to the county telephone switchboard to bring the total to sixteen. An additional deputy at \$8,000 and a stenographer-receptionist were approved by the District Attorney's office with a \$35,835 budget allocation. An election equipment storage building, which would cost \$8,000 and be placed at the new county shops site on Silverton Road, was approved by the committee. Election supplies are being stored in the courthouse basement in space needed for county offices.

Others approved include, \$4,000 for county record auditing; \$17,736, county building inspector; \$78,765, Circuit Court expenses, including a \$2,000 item to pay for State Hospital observations as recently made necessary by the hospital.

**Other Budgets Pass**  
A \$10,408 budget for civil defense; \$78,270, county clerk's office; \$1,585, coroner; \$30,007, County Court; \$28,805, District Court; \$19,164, District Court constable. Others were \$1,500, care of court-committed children; \$200, indigent soldier relief; \$491,534 as

**Building Permits Issued for Houses**  
Marion County building permits were issued Wednesday to C. E. Wolf, \$11,000 house at 4158 Duane Dr. S.; Lloyd Robin, \$16,000 house on Woodacres Dr. SE; William Troth, \$9,000 house at Vista Ave. SE; and George Suniga, \$9,000 house at 4297 Penny Dr. S.

**Leif Bergsvik Dies; Ex-PG&C District Head**  
Leif Bergsvik, 57, district manager in Salem of Portland Gas and Coke for 20 years, died Wednesday in a Salem hospital. He retired 12 years ago because of ill health and had been living at Nelscott for the past nine years. Bergsvik was born March 15, 1891 in Portland. He was a member of several organizations in Salem, including Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and American Legion Post No. 9. Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Ruby Bergsvik, Nelscott; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Stornes, Richland, Wash., Mrs. Dorothy Salstrom, Salem; a sister, Miss Christine Bergsvik, Portland; two brothers, Max Bergsvik and Anton Bergsvik, both of Portland; and eight grandchildren.

**Jaycees Make Plans for June Safety Check**  
Plans are being readied for the Jaycee sponsored automobile safety check program which has been tentatively set for the last week in June on State Street near the Capitol Building. It is part of a national safety program which 16 cities in Oregon are participating during May. Salem Jaycees, however, delayed the check because of other commitments. Ten points on Salem area motorists cars will be checked for proper function. They are brakes, tires, glass, rear lights, front lights, rear view mirrors, steering system, windshield wipers, horn and exhaust system. Motorists will be awarded a safety sticker if all parts are in working condition. Motorists failing the test may have the parts repaired at their own expense and return to claim a sticker, chairman Bernard Mesman said. National awards will be presented to 1,200 cities on the basis of number of motorists checked and the percentage of safety stickers awarded. The Jaycee's slogan for the program is, "Complete the circle of safety, check your car, check your driving, check your accidents."

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SALINA, Kan. (AP) — The 8-year-old daughter of a military school principal was stabbed and seriously wounded Wednesday night by an eighth-grade student who told police he wanted to commit a perfect murder. Patricia Ann McCandless, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Jack McCandless, was in surgery 2 1/2 hours after being stabbed in the back and abdomen. Her father heads the junior school of St. John's Military Academy, a boarding institution. Ernest Harry Cornelius III, 14, of Omaha, signed a statement admitting the stabbing. Police

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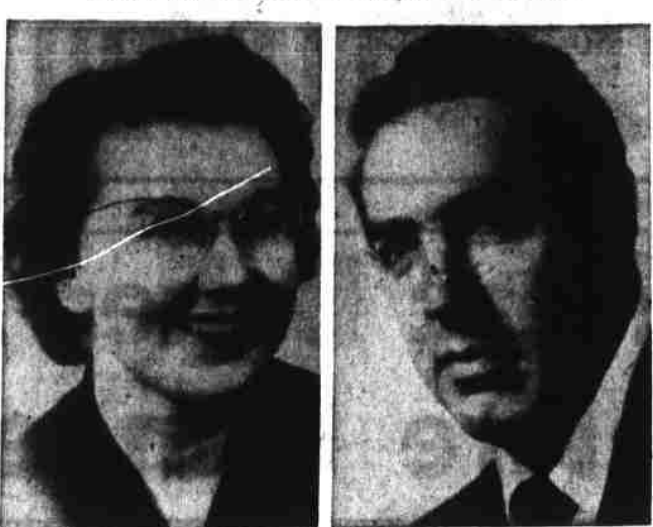
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# Elected to State Posts



**CORVALLIS** — Edna Oster, Woodburn, and Wilford Beard, Salem, elected to top posts in IOOF Rebekahs Wednesday in convention here. Beard at 32 is one of youngest grand masters in state history and first in 50 years from Chemeketa Lodge.

# Valley Man, Woman in IOOF, Rebekah Posts

**CORVALLIS** — A Mid-Willamette Valley man and woman were installed in the top state posts in IOOF and Rebekahs here Wednesday at the 102nd annual session of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Wilford Beard, 32, of 2889 Hulsey Ave. SE, Salem, became one of the youngest grand masters in the history of the state lodge. Mrs. Edna Oster, Woodburn Rl. 2, Box 221, was installed as president of Rebekah Assembly.

Installation ceremonies were held in Gill Coliseum Wednesday night. They were followed by a grand march and grand ball. Beard is the first state grand master from Chemeketa Lodge since 1897 and the second since the lodge was founded in 1852. A Salem native and a draftsman for the State Highway Dept., he joined Chemeketa Lodge in 1944 and has served almost continuously in various lodge, district and grand lodge offices ever since. He was noble grand of Chemeketa Lodge in 1951. The past year he has served as state deputy grand master.

**The Weather**  
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MAX. MIN. PRECIP.  
Anchorage 67 46 .00  
Albuquerque 85 54 .00  
Atlanta 83 63 .00  
Boise 84 59 .00  
Boston 71 55 .00  
Chicago 67 45 .00  
Cleveland 69 48 .00  
Dallas 82 47 .00  
Denver 71 50 .00  
Detroit 71 50 .00  
Fairbanks 60 48 .00  
Galveston 82 47 .00  
Hartford 68 59 .00  
Helena 86 54 .00  
Honolulu 79 70 .00  
Kansas City 79 61 .00  
Las Vegas 79 58 .00  
Los Angeles 85 54 .00  
Miami 85 74 .00  
Milwaukee 68 50 .00  
Minneapolis 68 50 .00  
New Orleans 81 71 .43  
New York 79 54 .00  
Omaha 79 54 .00  
Phoenix 102 73 .00  
Portland 85 54 .00  
Sacramento 85 53 .00  
Salt Lake City 83 62 .00  
San Diego 82 58 .00  
San Francisco 72 58 .00  
Washington 76 60 .00

**Seminar Set For Meeting of Medical Group**  
The Association of Oregon Medical Technologists will hold its 11th annual meeting and seminar at Hotel Marion May 30-June 1. It was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Henrietta Merritt, president, from Salem. A program of scientific discussions will begin Saturday, May 31, with Dr. William Lidbeck, pathologist of the Salem Medical Laboratory, presiding. Topics will include selection and use of culture media, control of accuracy in laboratory tests, and special problems in blood transfusions. A picnic will be given at Bush Pasture May 30 at p.m. by the Salem District Association. A banquet and dance will be held May 31 at 6:30 p.m. Miss Barbara Belt, Kenneth Lidster and Miss Anna Peters of Salem and other Salem medical technologists are in charge of local arrangements.

**Hot Weather Cuts Quality of Berries**  
PORTLAND (AP) — Hot weather has cut the quality of Willamette Valley strawberries, arriving in increasing amounts at the Portland produce market. The best berries Wednesday brought \$3 flat. Poorer quality berries were 50 cents or more below that. The market also received its first Willamette Valley lettuce and cauliflower. The vegetables were grown by Tamura Brothers of Carver.

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# Officials Seek Cause of Costly Fire in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Fire inspectors Wednesday sifted through the ashes of a million and a half dollar fire which razed through the Seattle Cedar Lumber Manufacturing Co. plant Tuesday night in an effort to determine what started the blaze. Inspectors late Wednesday all but ruled out rumors that the fire had been started intentionally. They said the kiln area, where the fire was first noticed, is closed off. The spectacular blaze broke out about 9:30 p. m. and quickly spread to the lumber company's dock and warehouse area and to huge stacks of lumber. Plant officials said the blaze destroyed 40 per cent of the plant area. The firm is located in the Ballard industrial district. A company spokesman estimated damage at more than a million and a half dollars. The company declined to say how much of the loss was covered by insurance. There were no deaths or serious injuries.

**H. D. Blanchard, Retired Army Officer, Killed**  
Hugh D. Blanchard, 66, retired Army lieutenant colonel from Salem, died Tuesday night in a Mt. Shasta, Calif., hospital following a car accident Sunday. A resident of 2180 Laurel Ave., NE, he was en route to San Francisco when his car hit the road bank, rolled down a 250-foot bank and into the Sacramento River. He was alone in the car. Blanchard came to Salem in 1950 following his retirement after 40 years in the Army. His wife, Elizabeth, died two years ago. Surviving are his son Hugh Blanchard Jr., in Kentucky; four sisters, a brother and two grand-children. His son is expected to arrive in Salem today to make funeral arrangements.

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Marion County Planning Commission struck a blow for a new city-county policy of street naming Wednesday. Faced with a petition to name a Ketter street Lowell Street, the commission recommended instead that it be designated 10th Avenue NE. The commission also congratulated engineer Wesley Kvarsten on the success of zoning measures north and south of the city at the polls last week, and immediately appointed two committees to get to work on details. Kvarsten declined to estimate how many months it will take to put the measures into effect. The group also worked out several details of a house numbering program, including changes in the proposed numbering grid which Kvarsten said will save almost 3,000 changes of existing house numbers. And it agreed to a shift in its arterial street plan which will run the Silverton Road arterial into Laná Avenue. Street Issue Argued  
The numbered designation of the Ketter area street was adopted for recommendation to the county court after strong argument by V. D. McMullen, chairman of a city-county committee which met weekly for more than a year to draw up a street numbering plan. The policy to designate north-south streets as numbered avenues has been used for new streets in East Salem but this marks its first use west of 25th Avenue. The street extends north from Chemawa Road on a line. Residents had petitioned that it be named Lowell Street. The petition was referred to the commission for recommendation by the county court. Zoning Workers Named  
Floyd Bates was appointed chairman of a committee to work out zoning in South Salem. Homer Goulet Jr. was named chairman of a committee to do the same for the Ketter area. Don Cannon and McMullen will work with Bates, Jack Bartlett of Brooks and Kenneth Goulet of Mahama were named to the north committee. The commission will ask county court to appoint two members from each area to the committees. The plan to minimize the number of house-number changes in adoption of the new grid system was based on recommendations by engineering department personnel in the field, Kvarsten said. It is done by distorting the grid at McFarley Field and in industrial areas.

**Theater Time Table**  
ELSINORE  
"MARJORIE MORNINGSTAR": 8:45  
"THIS IS RUSSIA": 7:10, 10:30  
CAPITOL  
"KING SOLOMONS MINES": 9:30  
"SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS": 7:35  
NORTH SALEM DRIVE-IN  
(Gates open 7:15 Show at dusk)  
"PEYTON PLACE": Lana Turner  
"JOHNNY TREMAIN": Walt Disney  
HOLLYWOOD  
"SAYONARA": 7:30, 10:30  
"CHASING THE SUN": 9:37

**Meat Stock Shuffled, Fire Losses Cut**  
CHICAGO (AP) — Millions of pounds of meat were transferred from a West Side market area Wednesday after a multiple-alarm fire raged through a packing house. The quick reshuffling of meat stocks held losses from Tuesday night's blaze far below original estimates. About seven million pounds of fresh meat, threatened by a refrigeration breakdown caused by the blaze, were hauled to nearby refrigeration plants by employes and health inspectors working almost under firemen's hoses.

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EUGENE (AP) — Surgery is scheduled Friday in Minneapolis on the defective heart of little Robin Pound of Eugene. The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pound, he was taken more than a month ago to the cardiac center at the University of Minnesota. Surgery was slated earlier this month but had to be postponed when Robin got a cold. According to his aunt, Mrs. Emmett Jones of Eugene, the boy has recovered from the cold. Doctors at the heart center have given him a 50-50 chance for survival, she said.

**Woman Plane Crash Victim Loses Toe**  
JOHN DAY, Ore. (AP) — Mrs. Bruce Davis of Fresno, Calif., underwent surgery Wednesday for removal of the loss on her right foot. Her left foot was amputated a week ago. Both of her feet were frozen last month when she spent three days in a crashed plane high in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon.

**Child Stabbed; Boy Says Perfect Crime Motive**  
Sgt. Dan Spellman said in the statement he said he wanted to commit a perfect murder. The boy was held in the county jail. No charges were filed. Spellman said the boy told of following the girl from the mess hall into her apartment while her parents remained behind. He took a nine-inch butcher knife from the kitchen and stabbed her twice, Spellman said. Afterward he ran outside, shouting, "Someone has stabbed Patricia." The boy's parents are en route to Salina.

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# Salem General Finances Said Much Improved

Salem General Hospital is back on its feet financially, Administrator A. C. Branson said Wednesday following a financial report to the board of directors. Only last year in serious difficulties, the hospital recorded for April a report indicating it is "well on the road to correcting past financial difficulties," Branson added. By overhauling hospital management without impairing the quality of its service, "we have completely reversed ourselves this year after several bad years," he said.

# Nixon Urges More Contacts With Latins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Nixon says it is high time for United States diplomats to pay attention to students, labor leaders and press representatives in Latin America. He said these groups represent the wave of the future in Latin American countries, with prospects they will lead their governments in the next five to ten years. Reporting Wednesday to a National Press Club luncheon on his riot-stricken visit to eight Latin American countries, Nixon strongly urged more personal contacts with citizens of the nations to the south.