

CIVIL SERVICE IS ADOPTED IN NINE CITIES DURING '36

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ADOPTION of civil service regulations for firemen by nine cities and a state supreme court decision which strengthened the position of Oregon cities in regard to home rule among the significant events in the municipal government field in Oregon 1936. The development of a uniform system of accounts for small cities by the secretary of state's office also of importance.

Under the provisions of Chapter 22, Oregon Laws 1935, each city of 500 population or over not having civil service for its paid firemen was required to submit to the voters a proposition calling for civil service for fulltime paid firemen. Only five cities, Portland, Klamath Falls, Medford, Salem, had civil service in effect prior to their firemen prior to the passage of the act. Elections were held in cities on this question during 1936, and as a result, nine cities adopted civil service. Albany, Astoria, Baker, Bend, Eugene, La Grande, Medford, Pendleton and The Dalles approved the proposition, while Corvallis and Oregon City, the voters defeated the measure. In Eugene, the voters also at the police department under civil service.

Ordinance Formulated
Following the special election in January, at which time the voters of cities approved of the civil service measure, the League of Oregon Cities called together representatives of each of the cities to formulate an ordinance and to make some agreement as to rules and regulations in order that there might be uniformity among the cities of the state. It was agreed that the staff of the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service of the university be designated as the planners for all civil service commissions of the state. An ordinance was prepared and that ordinance, with only minor changes, has been adopted in all of the cities except The Dalles and Bend, which have not yet acted upon their ordinances. A set of rules and regulations was also formulated and has been generally adopted with various changes necessary to meet local conditions.

The Eugene civil service commission as the first to organize and hold examinations, appointing the director of the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service as chief examiner. Written and athletic examinations for the positions of policemen and firemen were held under the supervision of the Bureau of Municipal Research, while the oral examination was conducted by the members of the commission, and the medical examination administered by the city health officer. The Albany commission has just recently organized and examinations have been held by the Bureau of Municipal Research.

The System Is Experiment
The extension of civil service to all cities, and particularly to just a group of city employees, represents somewhat of an experiment, as only very few of the cities from \$5,000 to 20,000 population throughout the United States have set up similar agencies. The establishment of civil service provisions does not guarantee that the personnel problem, which is one of the most vital of all governmental matters, is solved for all time. Members of the civil service commission must be always alert and constant of the conditions which exist in the municipal departments with which they are concerned. If civil service is to prove beneficial, the commissions and employees must keep clear of political entanglements. As a result of the firefighters' success in demanding civil service it is likely that other groups of municipal employees will petition for similar provisions, as the police have already done in Eugene.

The decision of the supreme court in Oregon in the case of the city of Portland vs. Welch, handed down on July 7, is of extreme importance to the cities of the state. Approximately three years ago the state legislature created a tax conservation and supervision commission in Multnomah county to exercise certain control over the state of all local governmental units in this county. Late in 1935 the conservation commission ordered certain reductions in the budget of the city of Portland. At the time the city of Portland contested the right of the conservation commission to exercise such authority over a home rule city, and the supreme court held that was contrary to the home rule provisions of the Oregon constitution to give the conservation commission any authority over the amount that could be levied by the city of Portland. This case is regarded as a victory for home rule by city attorneys in the state, for it strengthens the concept of what constitutes a local



TAMARA TOUMANOVA, leading ballerina with the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe which will be presented at McArthur court on February 4. Miss Toumanova is only one of 55 beautiful ballet dancers included in the famous troupe.

matter not subject to the general state legislation.

FINANCES ARE GOOD

FINANCIALLY, the cities of Oregon are probably in better condition than they have been for several years, as tax collections have increased during the past year. The financial picture, however, is belied by the fact that many cities have considerable property on their hands as the result of foreclosures for non-payment of liens, particularly on Bancroft bond assessments. In addition, there is a considerable amount of uncollected improvement liens now held by cities. Improved real estate conditions in general may help cities realize some revenue from their present property holdings. Cities have also been able to take advantage of low interest rates to refund previous obligations.

Municipalities have been able to improve their physical plants because of the availability of federal money for construction of sewers, water works, city halls, and other public works projects, and as a result, several cities have bettered themselves with a minimum of expense.

Accounts System Devised
Charged with the responsibility of prescribing uniform accounts for the cities, counties and school districts of the state, the auditing division of the secretary of state's office has, during the past year, developed a system of accounts for small cities. This system has not been published or distributed as yet, but it has been made available to several cities wishing to install new systems or to change present systems, and serves a useful purpose.

In compiling budgets for the ensuing fiscal year, more cities this year used the forms supplied by the auditing division of the Secretary of State's office than last year and better budgeting practice will undoubtedly result from the wider use of standard forms. An important development in the volunteer fire departments of the state is the organization of a number of county fire fighters' associations. These county associations meet once each month and divide their time between an educational program and a social meeting. Instructors have been designated by the various county associations, and these instructors were trained this fall at a school which was held at Salem for one week under the direction of O. D. Adams, state director of vocational education, with the cooperation of the League of Oregon Cities, the State Fire Marshal's office, and the State Fire Chiefs' association. The school represented the first step in organizing a state wide training program for the fire fighters of the state.

Plans for a police training program have been formulated by the League of Oregon Cities and a series of classes will be held in several cities throughout the state during the coming year. It is hoped that opportunities for training can be extended to other groups of municipal employees such as water works superintendents, and finance officers.

The Bandon catastrophe has presented an opportunity for several public agencies to cooperate in helping a municipality to solve pressing problems. The state planning board, the League of Oregon Cities, and the Bureau of Municipal Research of the university have worked together in furnishing technical assistance in securing information necessary to develop a planned city on the ashes of the former Bandon.



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DANCER OWNS TWO VALUABLE JEWELS

Youngest of the prima ballerinas of Col. W. de Basil's Monte Carlo Ballet Russe, which will dance at McArthur court on Thursday night, February 4, Tamara Toumanova is the proud possessor of two priceless pieces of jewelry.

One, a diamond, turquoise and platinum bracelet once belonged to the late czar of the Russians. It was a gift to her teacher, Olga Preobrazhenskaya, once the idol of the Russian stage and now head of a Paris dancing school. The other, a sapphire and diamond pendant, was a present from the city of Warsaw to the same teacher.

Daughter of a Georgian prince and a high military officer, born on a freight train which was carrying her mother away from the revolution in the Far East, Tamara has been a member of the Ballet Russe ever since it was organized and has become a popular favorite with the American dance public on previous tours of the country.

At seven she danced a solo with Pavlovna's company in the Trocadero in Paris. Now she interprets many important roles with the Ballet Russe. These ballets will be selected from the large number suggested by readers for the Eugene program. Ralph S. Schomp, concert series director, announced yesterday. The two most popular ballets appear to be "Les Sylphides" and "The Beautiful Danube," he stated.

Reservé seat tickets for the first appearance of the famous ballet troupe in Eugene are on sale at the Associated Student ticket office in McArthur court. Mail and telephone orders are now being filled.

Research Is Aid in Lowering Food Price

By C. M. CHESTER
Chairman, General Foods Corporation

NEW YORK, —(AP)—Improved general business, and a rise in real purchasing power, caused the public to buy more and better food during the year. Food retailers, whose dollar volume is about one-third of the total retail dollar volume, estimated their dollar sales gained about 7 percent over 1936 over those of the preceding year. They attributed this 7 percent increase to the buying of better quality foods, greater quantities, and a price rise of about 3 percent, which was brought about largely by the drought that cut supplies of domestic foods about 3 percent below apparent consumption demands.

Research and intense competition—there are about 2,000 more food manufacturers in this country than there were a year ago—should keep food price advances in the next two months moderate. Growing weather, the prime determinant of food supply, and public purchasing power, an essential factor in food demand, will continue to be the main influences on food prices.

The water buffalo is the chief source of milk supply in the Philippine Islands.

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45 PERCENT GAIN IN RETAIL SALES SHOWN IN COUNTY

SHOWING an increase of 45 percent in retail sales during the period 1935 to 1936, Lane county made substantial progress in the retail field during that period, it is revealed in the final retail report for Oregon for the year 1935, just released by the bureau of the census at Washington.

In 1935, retail sales in Lane county totaled \$11,138,000 with a total of 857 stores reported. In 1933, the retail sales had jumped to a total of \$16,197,000 with but 848 stores reported.

Lane was third in the percentage of state sales with 4.8, while Marion, with 5.7 was second and Multnomah led the list with 45.3 percent.

Total retail sales in the state for 1935 were \$335,851,000 compared to \$224,447,000 in 1933.

Ten counties, including 80 percent of the stores in the state and accounting for 70 percent of the total sales in the state, were listed in order as follows: Multnomah, Marion, Lane, Klamath, Jackson, Coos, Clackamas, Umatilla, Clatsop and Yamhill.

For the city of Eugene, total retail sales in 1935 were \$11,450,000, compared to \$8,220,000 in 1933, or an increase of 39 percent. There were 331 stores listed in the report for 1935, against a total of 472 in 1933. The following table shows the total sales in 1933 and 1935 in the ten principal cities of the state:

City	1933	1935
Portland	\$1,417,413,000	\$1,955,805,000
Salem	1,420,000	9,598,000
Klamath Falls	1,197,200	6,601,000
Eugene	11,459,000	8,220,000
Medford	7,720,000	5,407,000
Astoria	5,371,000	3,674,000
Pendleton	5,298,000	3,048,000
Marshfield	4,935,000	2,315,000
La Grande	4,814,000	2,086,000
Corvallis	4,700,000	2,764,000

Totals... \$217,707,000 \$350,187,000
These ten cities include 48 percent of the stores in the state and account for 65 percent of the total retail sales in the state. The sales increase in these cities is 45 percent while the increase for the state outside these ten cities is 59 percent.

The total payroll in the retail business in Lane county in 1935 was \$1,450,000, compared to \$865,000. The payroll in Eugene for 1935 was \$1,215,000 compared to \$100,000 in 1933, the report shows.

During 1935 there were 1,507 persons employed in the retail businesses of the county while in 1933 there were 917.

Stores listed in the county for 1935 are as follows: Food stores, 240, sales, \$4,206,000; eating and drinking places, 108, sales, \$2,550,000; general stores (with food), 45, sales, \$761,000; general merchandise, 16, sales, \$1,511,000; apparel, 32, sales, \$760,000; automotive, 61, sales, \$2,443,000; filling stations, 108, sales, \$1,304,000; furniture household, 27, sales, \$779,000; lumber, building, hardware, 35, sales, \$1,327,000; drug, 24, sales, \$429,000; others, including liquor stores, 94, sales, \$1,087,000.

GIRL SCOUTS SET WINTER CAMP DATE

The Girl Scout annual winter camp will be held Saturday, January 16, at the White Branch playground on the McKenzie, if there is enough snow at that time for skiing, and other winter sports, Girl Scout headquarters announced Saturday. All Girl Scouts are eligible to go and the transportation fee will be but 50 cents. Each girl is to take her own lunch, but hot chocolate will be served. All registrations for the trip must be in the office in the I. O. O. F. building, Broadway and Oak, by Thursday, January 14.

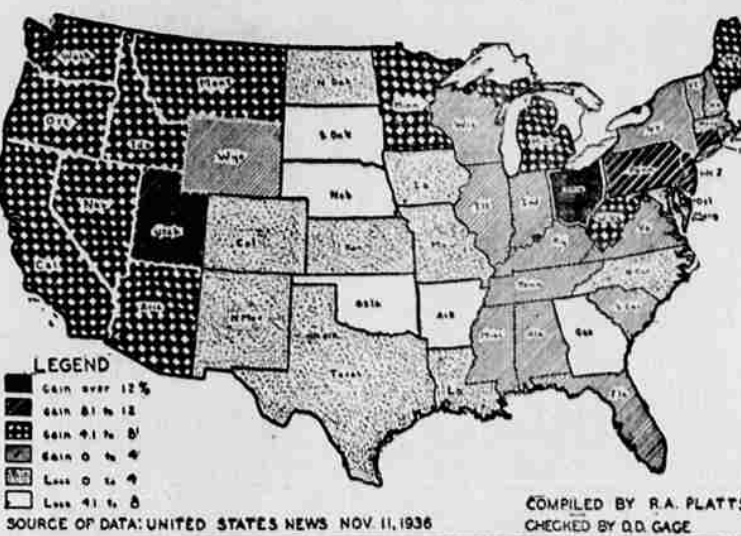
The Leaders' association of the Girl Scouts will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Y. W. C. A. bungalow on the campus for its regular monthly meeting. Plans will then be made for the new year.

Troop 16 of University high will meet in the regular room on Monday afternoon for a special class in signaling. The troop will have a pot-luck dinner the following week.

Saturday, January 9, several new classes for Girl Scouts will start. Those interested in earning the Home Nurse badge will meet at 10 o'clock at headquarters, I. O. O. F. building. A group intending to do work in dramatics will meet at the same time at headquarters. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a class in music for those who are planning to earn a Minstrel badge, and at 3 o'clock there will be a special class in handicrafts at the Girl Scout office.

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A GRAPHIC picture of the distribution of the presidential vote at the last election is shown in the above picture, taken from a chart made by R. A. Platts, student in the business school at the University of Oregon. It is noteworthy that the president's largest gain was in Ohio while his gain in the west was remarkable. It was in the middle west that he gained least.

GYM OPENING SET FOR MONDAY NIGHT

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feet. It has only two levels but is designed so that two activity rooms, each 56 by 90 feet in size, have ceilings 30 feet from the floor.

The building is constructed largely around the two activity rooms. These may be used for basketball, indoor tennis, and a number of other games, and one of them may be converted into an auditorium.

6 Handball Courts
Other rooms of the structure include 5 "Oregon" handball courts, one professional handball court, two double squash courts, one boxing room, one wrestling room, bag punching room, an apparatus and tumbling room with a unique "tunnel" runway on one side, a corrective gymnastic room, a large indoor sports area with a dirt floor 60 by 180 feet in size, staff conference room, seven staff offices, dance office and office headquarters, club room, large lecture auditorium, three class rooms, two research rooms, two large showers and dry room for students, faculty shower and dry rooms, basket supply room, large locker room with 400 lockers, first aid unit, and numerous store rooms and other spaces.

The building is crisscrossed with new and efficient features. The air conditioning system, which does away entirely with drafts, sudden changes in temperature, and expensive heating bills, also means that the university's brand new infirmary will be used less for student colds and other minor ills bred by poor atmosphere. The lighting system has been carefully installed by engineers who were guided by the scientific I. E. C. specifications. Just exactly the right amount of light is provided for every activity.

Economy Is Feature
Economy not only of construction but of operation was carefully observed in construction of the building. The heating system can be utilized for separate sections of the huge structure, and control of lights centers in the main office.

Since the most of the rooms are illuminated entirely by artificial light, trouble in the system would leave the users rather helpless in the big building.

Valuable Courses Of Study To Be Offered By University Of Oregon Extension Department

Citizens who want to keep abreast of current social movements, teachers who wish to earn credit toward English or teaching courses, and men and women who want to gain ability to speak in public will all find courses of value on the schedule of the Eugene extension program, starting Monday, January 4, it was announced Saturday by Miss Mollie Hair, in charge of the work for the General Extension division of the Oregon State System of High Education.

Three courses, "Survey of English Literature," "Argumentative Discourse," and "Contemporary Social Movements," will be offered evenings once each week on the University of Oregon campus. All will carry regular university credit if desired.

Drama Course Offered
A resume of drama through the first quarter of the 17th century will be offered Monday evenings in the course in survey of English literature, to be taught by Dr. Frank G. Black, assistant professor of English. The course will also include a study of the prose from Bacon, through Browne, Taylor, Fuller and Milton, to Dryden. The last month of the quarter will be devoted to Milton and Dryden, major writers of the middle and latter parts of the 17th century. Readings will be from Marlowe, Shakespeare, Dekker, Walton, Prynne, Bunyan and others.

Practical aids, not only in making of speeches but in everyday conversation, will be offered in the course, in speech to be taught Tuesday evenings by W. A. Dahlbert, of the university speech department. This course has always been popular, and an increase in attendance is expected for this term.

Social Study Planned
Major social movements of today will be included in the course to be offered Thursday evenings by Dr. R. R. Martin. Emphasis will be placed on three significant social experiments, fascism, the cooperative movement, and social planning. Throughout the course opportunity will be offered for the largest possible measure of student participation.

All classes will meet in Commerce Hall, on the university campus. Students may register at the first meeting of the class, or may obtain complete information by calling the extension division at the university.

To take care of this emergency, which have their own line from outside, are provided at intervals. By following these those inside can locate the nearest exit. A complete fire bell system, with hose and hose connections always near at hand, mitigate against the danger from unexpected flames.

The building has two main entrances on University street, two more to the locker rooms on Fifteenth avenue, and two others leading to playing fields. Two entrances also connect the unite with McArthur court.

Completion of this plant really makes three complete units of the professional school of physical education. The first, at the south, is McArthur court, with its basketball floor of 107 by 156 feet in size, and seating capacity section of the new structure, in the center, and the third is the north wing, which houses the school facilities.

The university physical education department also includes. Corliss Hall, the women's building, which contains a swimming pool, women's gymnasium, and women's department.

Funds for modernization purposes are available at private financial institutions insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

GET LICENSE

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Marion Licenses issued here today included William J. Vincent, 26, Duwamish, and Betty Cargo, 28, Redding, Calif.



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