

Building Activities Slump in Eugene

409 Residence Units Started

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Building activity slumped somewhat in Eugene during 1951, failing to match the previous year's time record volume.

However, with permits for buildings valued at \$6,523,983—year still measured up as the largest building year in local history—topped only by 1950 with respective permit totals of \$8,682,315 and \$7,882,914.

In 1949, Eugene's building permits added to \$5,140,903, and in 1948 they had never exceeded \$3,600,000. In fact, before World War II, the highest permit total on record was for 1941 at \$1,329,000. And, before 1940, permits for no year added to the million-dollar mark.

Considered against those facts, 1951 building year was far below-normal level. The difference between 1951 permit total and that for 1949 was a slow-up of home and apartment building activity.

Permits adding to \$2,764,100 covered the addition of 409 dwelling units in the city last year. In 1950, almost twice as much went to residential and apartment buildings, providing for 824 dwelling units.

A comparison of the various permit classifications for 1950 and 1951 shows:

	1950	1951
Single-family homes	506	357
Apartment buildings (total units)	54	22
Commercial buildings	264	30
Public buildings	8	6
Commercial buildings	31	32

Fire Loss in Cottage Grove Chiefly Result of Church Blaze

COTTAGE GROVE—Fire losses during 1951 totaled \$17,835, some \$13,000 of this was caused by a church blaze.

Fire Chief Ernest C. Shipley, who prepared an annual fire report Friday, said loss in the city was less than one-fiftieth of the value of property at risk.

James Perry

James Perry, 80, a Springfield resident for the past five years, died Friday at the home of his daughter in Springfield.

Born in England Feb. 11, 1871, he married Charles Perry there in 1890. They came to Canada the same year. Her husband died in 1945.

Surviving are four sons, William of New West Minister, B. C., Bert of Shillitwick, B. C., Arthur of Humboldt, Sask., Hebert of Calgary, Alb.; three daughters, Ethel of Klein of Indio, Calif., Violet of Attney, Springfield, Ore.; 18 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren.

Services will be in Mills Mortuary in Cottage Grove Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 2:30 p.m. Interment will be in the Silk Creek Cemetery.

jump was provided by a single two-million dollar construction okay for the new Eugene High School.

Commercial building activity dropped considerably, from \$1,477,875 to \$699,300, and 1951 was a slim year for apartment construction as compared with 1950 when apartment permits added to \$1,497,000. Only \$60,500 was listed for apartments in the year just ended.

Single-family residential building accounted for a 1951 permit gross of \$2,602,600—against \$3,140,340 in 1950—and the average value of home building permits rose from \$6800 to \$7290.

Altogether, 629 permits were issued in 1951 for repair and alteration jobs, their aggregate value being \$768,293. In 1950, 685 rebuilding okays were written by the building inspector's office; they totaled \$977,885.

55 Permits Valued At \$182,482 Issued

Building permits issued by the Eugene building and safety office totaled only \$182,482 in December.

Twenty-two were written for new buildings, and 33 for repair and alteration work. With 13 of the permits pertaining to single-family homes and 6 to duplexes, \$152,500 of the permit total was allocated to new residential construction. Only two permits were issued for new commercial structures, totaling \$15,000.

No permits were issued for new public buildings, and none for repairing or altering public buildings.

The division between new building and rebuilding permits during December was \$168,200 and \$14,282. In December, 1950, new buildings accounted for \$165,450 and repair jobs, \$46,710.

Grove Permit Valuation Down

50 Per Cent Decline Noted in Past Year

COTTAGE GROVE—Building permits issued here in 1951 totaled less than one-half 1950 figures an unofficial survey revealed Saturday.

Permits in 1951 totaled \$292,812. In 1950 permits totaled \$685,163. The number of permits issued was the same for both years—122. In 1951, however, there were only 11 new dwelling permits issued as against 31 for 1950.

The 1951 figures were higher than 1949 totals when permits came to only \$230,970.

Following is a monthly breakdown of permit totals: (1951) January, \$6600; February, \$14,520; March, \$13,750; April, \$4460; May, \$12,450; June, \$21,680; July, \$11,697; August, \$27,250; September, \$49,005; October, \$9700; November, \$3500; December, \$19,100.

The 122 permits issued in 1951 were divided as follows: new dwellings, 11; new business, 7; residential repair, 84; business repair, 20.

Board to Elect Fair Officers

COTTAGE GROVE—The South Lane Fair Board will meet here Monday evening to elect officers and fill two vacancies of the board.

The meeting will start at 8 p.m. at Dr. H. A. Hagen's office. The two board members whose terms expire this month are Miles Wicks and Forrest Woods.

Meanwhile, the fair board Tuesday evening is sponsoring a meeting of 4-H Club leaders—active and prospective—at the city hall.

J. R. Gorton, county club agent, and fair board members will be present to coordinate discussion. Organization of a leader's group for the South Lane district may come out of the meeting.

Fall Hospitalizes Clarence Turner

COTTAGE GROVE—A 59-year-old man was in "good" condition at the hospital here Saturday. He fell from a chute that was loading his truck with planer ends.

The man, Clarence Turner, Rt. 1, Cottage Grove, suffered a fractured right wrist, bruises and lacerations over the right eye.

The mishap occurred Friday noon at Row River mill.

Ruth Pearce Rug

Ruth Pearce Rug, 56, of 2236 McPherson St., North Bend, Ore., and formerly of Eugene, died Jan. 4.

She was born Oct. 6, 1895 in Beeler, Kansas and had been a resident of Oregon for 38 years.

Surviving are her husband, Tom W.; one son, Richard Rug of Mohawk, Oregon; one grandson, Richard Michael Rug; and two brothers, Luther D. Pearce of Eugene, and Milton M. Pearce of Medford; two sisters, Pauline V. Pearce of Eugene and Eunice Striebig of Munich, Germany.

Services will be in Simon-Lounsbury Mortuary Monday, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. Paul E. Mellish will officiate with interment at Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Hershall Penland

Hershall Penland, 69, McKenzie Bridge store operator died Friday, Jan. 4, 1952. He was 69.

Complete obituary and funeral arrangements will be released from Bartholomew-Buell Chapel.

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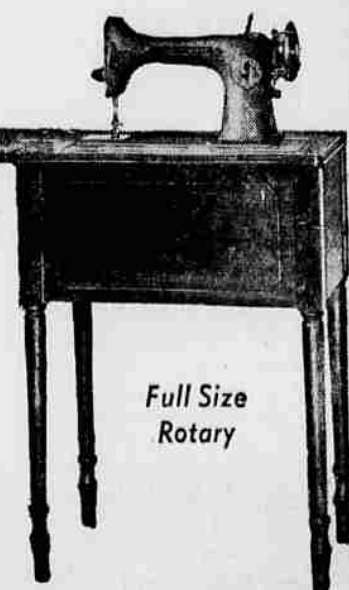
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