

Springfield's Police Work Gained in '62

Statistics Shown In Annual Report

The Springfield Police Department's work load increased markedly during 1962. Chief of Police Floyd Clower reported Thursday in his annual report.

Major crimes rose from 599 in 1961 to 683 during 1962, an increase of 14 per cent. Lesser crimes increased 13 per cent and traffic accidents reported to the police department jumped from 488 in 1961 to 551 last year.

At the same time departmental activities were increasing. Clower said a major problem affecting the department was the recruiting of "good police applicants and of keeping them."

"Good men are hard to attract, especially when our starting salary (\$350 a month) is the lowest of all 31 cities in Oregon with over 5,000 population. . . They are hard to keep because of the higher police salaries in nearby Eugene, Lane County Sheriff's Department, and the Oregon State Police. Even so, we had only 10 per cent turnover in personnel during the year," Clower said.

Court Cases Gain
The annual report said that cities on the Pacific Coast in Springfield's population bracket have an average of 1.6 officers per thousand population.

"Here in Springfield we have a population of 20,717 and an authorized strength of 28 officers. This is only 1.34 officers per thousand population. If we are to meet the Pacific Coast average for cities our size, we should have 33 officers," the chief said.

Clower's report said the additional work load of the department is reflected, too, in the increase in municipal court cases. The 3,831 cases handled in 1962 is a 10.5 per cent increase over the 1961 load and a 39 per cent increase over 1960 totals.

Traffic arrests during 1962 totaled 8,432—about 500 more than the previous year. The 726 speeding arrests last year are more than double 1961 speeding arrests, the report said.

Officers investigated or received reports on 551 traffic accidents during 1962 as compared with 488 in 1961. Injuries last year totaled 158—17 more than the previous year. There was one traffic death last year.

Age Groups Noted
Drivers in the 25 to 34 age group caused the most accidents last year—140. The 35 to 44 group was next with 131 accidents, followed by the 20 to 24 year old group with 112.

Following are the leading causes of 1962 traffic accidents: Failure to yield right of way, 179; following too closely, 137; other improper driving, 111; improper turn, 29; speeding, 16; running stop sign, 13.

Of the 683 so-called "major" crimes committed in 1962, 526 involved petty larceny. There were 446 petty larceny cases recorded in 1961.

Other major crimes last year included break and enter, 76; aggravated assault, 7; auto theft, 37; rape, 5; robbery, 2; and grand larceny, 30.

Following is a breakdown of miscellaneous complaints investigated: Dog and cat complaints, 138; vandalism, 349; suspicious autos, 110; suspicious persons, 285; stolen property reports, 520; family fights, 167; missing persons, 52; children lost, 37; emergency calls, 122; lost and found, 124; complaints turned over to detective division, 971; disturbances, 443; possible prowlers, 253; lewd phone calls, 61; abandoned autos, 48.

Railroads Approve Freight Rate Cut
SALEM (AP)—The Union Pacific and the Northern Railroad Lines have agreed to reduce freight rates on Oregon potatoes. Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said Thursday.

The lower rates, filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, are the same as those approved last year for potatoes shipped from Idaho.



(Register-Guard photo by Mirko Pitner)

Squirrel Supplement

You'd think that squirrels, with their magnificent teeth, would take the modern chewable vitamins. But this 21-day-old gray squirrel prefers his in liquid. The creature was brought a few days ago to the Oregon Trail Pet Corral where visitor Susan Burian, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Burian, 2143 Ranch Corral Dr., Springfield, tries her hand at the feeding process.

Storm Front Lags But It's Still Coming

A weak storm front off the Pacific Coast of Oregon, which threatened to bring rain and showers to dampen the first day of spring paused long enough to bring bright sunshine Thursday morning.

But the front, the Eugene weatherman said, is still due to bring its precipitation over Western Oregon. In his Thursday morning forecast, he predicted showers tonight, with scattered showers Friday.

Wednesday, the last day of winter, brought a high reading of 70 degrees at the U.S. Weather Bureau station at Mahlon Sweet Airport, Eugene. Thursday's high, the weatherman said, was expected to be 86 degrees in the Eugene-Springfield area. Friday's high is predicted at 58 degrees.

Warmer temperatures were also reported Thursday morning at both Willamette and Santiam Passes, where some roadside snow was melting. No new snow has fallen on the passes in the last few days, and the snow depth is now 20 inches at Willamette Pass, 26 inches at Santiam Pass.

Fire Runs

(Runs from noon Wednesday to noon Thursday)

Eugene 12:47 p.m. Wednesday—Mistaken alarm. Skinner Butte, control burning. 6:45 p.m. — Flue fire, 2005 Monterey Lane, no damage.

Springfield None.

Bond Drive Leaders Picked; To Meet Ex-'Mrs. America'

Eugene banker H. Sanford Saari, appointed recently as chairman of the United States Savings Bonds program in Lane County, has named seven county chairmen to lead a 1963 Freedom Bond Drive here May 1 to July 4.

Saari, appointed to the voluntary post by the U. S. Treasury Department, is president of Citizens Bank. He succeeds Delbert Hill, manager of the West-side Eugene branch of the First National Bank. Hill has held the county chairmanship for the past five years.

A meeting has been scheduled for 2:45 next Monday at the Eugene Hotel with the seven chairmen and George W. Minnaugh, of Portland, state director of the U. S. Treasury's Savings Bond Division.

Former "Mrs. America," Emily Tarrall of Portland, also will be on hand at the meeting, Saari said, to help publicize the bond-sales drive. The meeting is being called to discuss the savings bond program in Lane County.

The seven chairmen named



H. SANFORD SAARI Heads Lane Bond Drive

by Saari, listed according to the areas they will supervise during the sales drive:

Eugene—Mervin O. Dahl, vice president and manager of the main Eugene branch of the First National Bank. Springfield — Jack M. Mail-

land, manager of the U. S. National Bank of Portland.

Florence—A. L. Coit, cashier and manager of the Lane County Bank at Florence.

Cottage Grove — Charles E. Hart, manager of the Cottage Grove branch of the U. S. National Bank.

Oakridge—R. J. "Curly" Bryant, manager, Oakridge branch of the First National Bank.

Junction City—D. S. Montgomery, manager of the Junction City branch of the U. S. National Bank.

Creswell—Clyde Hollemon of the Hollemon Motor Co., Creswell.

Those committee chairmen, Saari said, will in turn appoint committee members to help conduct the drive. As a goal, he said, the campaign will be attempting to convince every Lane County family that it ought to invest in at least one savings bond.

Savings bond purchases, Saari said, not only provide investors with a "sure yield at 3 1/2 per cent interest, but also they make it possible for the individual to do his part in reducing the government debt."

Meeting Notices

Tonight

McKENZIE RIVER Lodge No. 195, AF and AM, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at McKenzie River Masonic Temple, 850 E. 14th Ave., Eugene, for work in fellowcraft degree. Refreshments.

OBSIDIAN DANCE Night starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Obsidian Lodge, 29th Avenue and Spring Boulevard, Eugene. Everyone welcome.

Friday

P.E.O. Chapter D.S. rummage sale starting at 8 a.m. at The Center, 31 W. Seventh Ave., Eugene.

SENIOR CITIZENS invited to participate in community service day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Celeste Campbell Senior Center, Skinner Butte Park, Eugene. Bring sack lunch. Coffee furnished.

WEST CENTRAL District of Oregon Social Welfare Assn. meeting at Osburn Hotel, Eugene. Speaker, William S. Fort, Lane County Circuit Court judge, will discuss "Marriage Laws and Family Court Legislation."

McKENZIE RIVER Golden Age Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Moffitt School, S. Fifth Street, Springfield. Special program. Bring cookies. Anyone 50 years or older welcome.

EUGENE YORK Rite Masons, Hiram Council No. 7, Royal and Select Masters, stated assembly at 7:30 p.m. at McKenzie River Temple, 850 E. 14th Ave., Eugene. Royal and select masters' degrees will be conferred. All royal and select masters invited.

Street Widening Costs Issue Studied by Council

Should Eugene property owners pay all the costs of widening streets they live on to handle increased traffic loads?

This question was considered Thursday noon at a meeting of the Eugene City Council.

Warren Coombs, who owns property at 973 Hilyard St., told the council, meeting as a committee-of-the-whole, that he thinks the city should pay the entire costs of such projects. At least part of the council agreed with him.

Coombs appeared before the council to speak out against an assessment for the widening of Hilyard Street from Broadway to 13th Avenue last summer.

The city, under a policy adopted in January, 1962, assessed

the property owners the full cost of widening the street beyond its existing width. Residential owners were assessed for widths up to 36 feet and owners of R-4 (apartment zone) property were assessed widening costs up to the full width of 44 feet.

A public hearing is scheduled on the assessment of Hilyard at next Monday night's council meeting. The first reading of an assessment ordinance for the widening of Patterson Street, done at the same time as Hilyard, is also scheduled. A public hearing will come later.

Coombs told the council Thursday noon he would have less opposition to street widening projects if the city picked up the entire tab. Most people, he said, don't want their streets

widened into arterials anyway, and that getting a bill for the widening project adds to the ill feeling.

Councilman Wallace Swanson said he agrees that there would probably be fewer objections. But, he said, it would hardly be fair for the city to eliminate assessments for widening projects when such a policy dates back to the early 1950s on streets like West 18th Avenue and South Willamette.

Swanson made a motion that the council committee go on record supporting its present policy. The vote was a 3-3 split with two of the eight council members absent.

Accordingly, the issue will come before the council Monday night without a committee-of-the-whole recommendation.

2 Malagasy Educators Due Here

Two educators from Madagascar will visit a cattle ranch and attend a tea at the chancellor's home, among other things, when they stop by Eugene this weekend.

The two are Laurent Botokeky, minister of education, youth and sports, and Andre David, director of academic service in the Ministry of National Education.

Madagascar is a self-governing republic, member of the French Community in the Indian Ocean. It is the world's fourth largest island and is situated off the southeast coast of Africa.

On Observation Tour

The two officials are on a six-week visit to the United States observing the American education system. They will be in Oregon Thursday through Sunday and in Eugene the last two days of that time.

Jennelle Moorhead, coordinator of the Institute of International Affairs of the State System of Higher Education's General Extension Division, is making arrangements for the visit.

To Attend Game

Saturday morning the two will be taken by County Extension Agent Cleve Dumdri to a cattle ranch near Saginaw. They will attend the A-I state basketball final game at McArthur Court Saturday night.

Sunday morning they will be taken by Melvin Moore, principal of Edison Elementary School, on a tour of that school.

Sunday afternoon, before departing from Oregon, they will attend a tea at the home of Chancellor of Higher Education Roy Lieuallen.

Fiscal Office Recommends CD Review

SALEM (UP)—A further review of the civil defense budget has been recommended by the legislative fiscal office in a supplemental report on the governor's budget requests.

The report recommended a review of \$22,000 requested for state aid to local government units for purchase of equipment.

The supplemental review covers the governor's requested \$410,000 CD budget for 1963-65. No mention was made of the alternate \$50,000 budget being considered by a ways and means subcommittee.

The fiscal office said that "in most states, there is no state participation in the purchase of equipment for local civil defense operations."

The office made no recommendation regarding the \$22,000 item other than to state "this is an appropriate item for further evaluation by the Joint Ways and Means Committee."

U of O Professor To Conduci Seminar

Marshall Fixman of the University of Oregon will be one of two scientists conducting a two-week seminar on statistical theory of macromolecules at Dartmouth College this summer.

Fixman is professor of chemistry and director of the university's Institute of Theoretical Science.

Conducting the course with Fixman will be Walter H. Stockmayer, Dartmouth professor of chemistry.

Eugene Gleemen Schedule Heavy

The Eugene Gleemen, 60-voice men's chorus, have a busy schedule ahead of them the next two weeks.

Next Tuesday night they'll present a concert at Elmira High School to benefit Little League baseball teams in the area.

On Thursday, March 28, they'll sing at the Lions Home Show. And on Wednesday, April 3, they will present their annual home concert in Eugene under sponsorship of the Eugene Kiwanis Club.

Besides these engagements, the Gleemen are scheduled to make a tape recording for a half-hour television program for United States savings bonds.

A crew from Portland is expected to make the video tape, with the Gleemen singing in an outdoor setting. Their voices will provide background music

for a film featuring Oregon scenery.

The tape is to be used this spring on television stations around the state.

Tickets for the April 3 home concert, to be held at the Agriculture Bldg. at the Lane County Fairgrounds, are available from Gleemen and from Eugene Kiwanis members. The price is \$1.

Proceeds will be used by the Kiwanians for their various civic projects.

Many Gleemen fans will be hearing the group under its new director, Neil Wilson, for the first time at the home concert. He took over the baton when Dean Theodore Kratt died last summer. The Gleemen also have a new accompanist, Don Loftus, replacing Stacy Green, whose death also removed him from the Gleemen ranks.

The Gleemen have been entertaining Eugene and Pacific Northwest audiences for 37 years. Besides giving benefit concerts for civic groups, the men's chorus has sung for conventions as far away as San Francisco and Seattle.

'The Creditors' Opening at UT

Tickets will be on sale at the door tonight for the opening performance of University Theatre's "The Creditors" in the lab theater of Villard Hall on the University of Oregon campus.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.25.

The box office in the UT building will be open through 7 p.m. After that the box office will be shifted to the first floor of Villard, which is directly behind the UT building. The phone number is the same for both box offices, DI 2-1411, ext. 1781.

"The Creditors," a satirical drama by Strindberg, will play tonight through Saturday this week and Thursday through Saturday next week. Performances for both Friday nights are sold out.

Dist. 19 Announces Courses for Adults

The schedule of adult education classes to be sponsored by Springfield School District this spring was announced this week.

Classes meet in Springfield High School. Most of the classes are for 10 weeks and meet once a week in the evening. Information may be obtained from the adult education office, RI 7-3331.

The classes listed are basic sewing, furniture upholstery, furniture refinishing, combination welding, typing, French for children, conversational Chinese, civil defense, and driver training.

Honest to Horace Greeley, Gents—I Saw It, I Did!

By DONN BONHAM Register-Guard City Editor

I've flipped.

This seems to be the consensus in the Register-Guard newsroom.

But I saw it Wednesday night. I really did. So did six of my Willakenzie (Westward Ho) area neighbors. But neighbors don't count with cynical newspaper reporters and desk men.

There was this light, see. And it sort of darted around in the sky. Occasionally it would stand still. Then it would move again. Slow, fast. Straight, crooked. Finally, after about 45 minutes, "it" landed.

Our theory involves a gas-filled balloon, a kite and a light of some kind. Kids, probably.

I figured all sorts of agencies would be getting calls about it. But no. My assistant called the Federal Aviation Agency man at the airport. Yes, he had had one call—"from someone out in Westward Ho." One of the neighbors.

Won't someone else please come forward?



Emerald Vital Statistics

BIRTHS
SACRED HEART HOSPITAL Eugene
March 20, 1963
SHELDON—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sheldon, 2370 Monroe St., Eugene, a daughter.
ANDERSON—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Anderson, 878 Nadine E., Eugene, a daughter.
MOORE—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moore, 1726 1/2 Moss St., Eugene, a son.
BRUNKEN—Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brunken, 2950 Dalewood St., Eugene, a son.
GOULD—Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gould, 1129 Oak St., Eugene, a son.
March 21, 1963
JARRETT—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jarrett, Rt. 1, Box 301 C, Eugene,

a daughter.
SAMUELS—Mr. and Mrs. James Samuels, 2559 Potter St., Eugene, a son.
DESKINS—Mr. and Mrs. James Deskins, 1964 Almaden St., Eugene, a son.
COLLINS—Mr. and Mrs. Gary Collins, 2445 W. 14th Ave., Eugene, a son.
HOWARD—Mr. and Mrs. Max Howard, 328 E. 18th Ave., Eugene, a son.
MCKENZIE-WILLAMETTE HOSPITAL Springfield
March 18, 1963
JOSEPH—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Joseph, 422 Hayden Bridge Rd., Springfield, a son. (correction).

March 30, 1963
DAVIS—Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Davis, 4222 Royal Ave., Eugene, a son.
DEATHS
HOFFMAN—Mrs. David M. (Beatrice A.) Hoffman, 46, of Tacoma, Wash., died in Tacoma on March 19. Funeral services will be announced later by Buell Chapel, Springfield.
SCHUEMAN—Earl Schueman, 74, of 1848 Jefferson St., Eugene, died March 20. Private services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at England Funeral Home, Eugene.
ZERO—Allan E. Zero, 81, of LaSalle Street, Harrisburg, died March 20. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Murphy Funeral Home, Junction City.