

LOCALS

Payment of \$14,433 for the second quarter of the 1934 allotments of Smith-Hughes and George Reed funds for vocational agriculture, trade, industry, economics and teacher-training work was received by the state today from the federal government. The fund will be distributed to the various counties.

Drink Salem Beer and keep your money at home.

Officers arrived here today from California to seek return to that state of Alvin Lee Roseme, wanted in Los Angeles on a charge of forgery. He was arrested in Portland.

George VanNatta of St. Helens filed his declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state today for state representative from Columbia county on the republican ticket. O. Henry Olsen is present representative from that district. Elmer D. Cooke, justice of the peace of the West Salem district, filed his candidacy for the republican nomination for district attorney of Polk county, the position now held by Elmer Barnhart.

Dance, Crystal Wed. Sat. Old time, modern, 2 floors, 2 bands, Oregon Loggers, Fri., Feb. 16.—24c.

The first dividend in liquidation of the Woodburn State bank has been authorized in an order by Judge Lovell granting a 10 per cent dividend from the commercial department totaling \$29,659.58, an all ordinary deposit claims filed and approved totaling \$1,333.38 on approved secured deposit claims.

Glad Tidings Mission was moved from Court Street to 349 North Commercial. Regular services are on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, services at 3 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

J. Gardner Knapp, 1525 Chemsela street, reported to the police Thursday night the theft of his automobile from a parking place on South street. Forty-five minutes later the car was recovered on South 14th.

Skating, Dreamland Sunday. 41c.

Jack O'Hare, who was involved in an automobile accident about a week ago, pleaded not guilty to a drunken driving charge when taken into justice court for arraignment Friday. He is held in jail in lieu of a \$500 bond. The case will be given an immediate hearing at 9 o'clock. O'Hare was not arraigned sooner for the reason that he has been in a hospital with injuries received in the accident.

Voluntary non suit has been taken and order of dismissal entered in circuit court in the case of Carl T. Pope against Marion county.

Love, Jew Tr. Masonic Bldg. N. High.

The case of Flora Swain against E. H. Leach and wife, was expected to reach conclusion in Judge McMahon's court today. The plaintiff asks for \$3308 damages for injuries she alleged she sustained when struck by the automobile of defendant when she was walking across the intersection at State and Commercial streets.

Decree for sale of real property has been signed by Judge Lovell in the case of E. F. Whelan against Sarah Kelly.

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Mandate has come down from the supreme court in the case of J. E. Brovsky against Clifford Olson, affirming the circuit court of this county.

An evangelistic campaign will begin at the Wheatland hall, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock with Chester Dittmer and J. S. Smith in charge. The meetings will be an interdenominational character and an invitation has been extended to all the people of the Wheatland community to attend. Meetings will be held each night with the exception of Saturday.

Katherine Shepherd has filed suit for divorce from LaMarr Shepherd claiming cruel and inhuman treatment. She asks \$30 a month support money for a child. The couple were married in Salem in March, 1931.

Filings for democratic precinct committees have been made with the county clerk as follows: Alvin H. Young, 123 North 21st street, Salem No. 1; J. G. Calavan, Marion and Frank E. Judd, route 4, for Liberty precinct.

Opening dance Turner Saturday night. Old time. 42c.

The Oregon tuberculosis association has accepted an invitation of the chamber of commerce to hold its annual state convention here February 27 and 28. Mrs. Baidie Orr Dunbar, of Portland, executive secretary, has addressed the chamber of commerce. This is the second time that Salem has been host to the organization. Topics of interest to the general public as well as physicians, nurses, educators and other technicians will be discussed both morning and afternoon. The visitors are expected to provide a program for a joint luncheon with the Kiwanis club that noon.

Special for Saturday, two year budded roses 20c, snowball trees 25c, blue cypress 25c, apricot 35c, English laurels 30c, boxwood 15c, gladiolus bulbs 10c, potted plants 25c up all varieties of seeds. Arthur Plant Flower and Strawberry Market, 152 S. Commercial. 41c.

The Union Pacific's newest equipment, a streamline passenger train capable of a top speed of 110 miles an hour, will be here March 24, according to A. A. Root, traveling traffic agent for the railroad company, who was in the city Thursday. The train will have an average speed of 90 miles an hour.

CHAPLIN PENS SHORT STORY

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Hollywood, Feb. 16 (AP)—Charlie Chaplin's name appeared today for the first time as the author of a short story which carried into print the fantasy of his creative works on the screen.

Although he offered large sums to write for national magazines, Chaplin's first and only literary effort was gratis to Rob Wagner, Hollywood critic and raconteur, on the fifth anniversary of Wagner's death, sophisticated Beverly Hills weekly.

Chaplin's story, offered not as a completed effort but as the outline of a story that "will never be written," told of a scientist who had discovered a genuine cure for all disease.

As the myriads of afflicted flock to his door, the professor is forced to choose whom he shall treat first. Many must die before he can consider their case giving his readers an unflinching conversation with an assistant, the professor, "who cares neither for money nor fame," chooses poets first.

"Because they (poets) are the source and spring of all inspiration," the professor explains. "They are the high priests of the soul, who preach the gospel of beauty; they were the first books of all civilizations and lay the foundations of our desires."

Marion county voters of the 40th district of the American Legion is sending a delegation to Albany, Ore. today night for the annual pig feed staged by the voters of that city. Members from all parts of the valley are expected to attend. A short business meeting will be held at 9 o'clock followed by the feed at the soldiers' memorial building, former Oregon Electric passenger station.

Jennie Lind will open Saturday at their new location, 200 N. High. 41c.

FOUR NEW SPOTS SEEN ON OLD SOL

Pasadena, Calif., Feb. 16 (AP)—The sun, under close observation, the world around, has broken out with four new spots.

This indicates, Dr. Seth E. Nicholson, astronomer of the Carnegie Institution's Mount Wilson observatory, said today, that the minimum of a 10 1/2 year cycle has passed.

"From now on old sol will be watched as closely as a child with a strange malady under the care of a large staff of specialists and aids."

Astronomers and other scientists have learned that increasing sun spots preage more frequent magnetic disturbances on the earth, with occasional interruption of telegraphic and telephone transmission. The aurora borealis, or northern lights, will become visible farther south.

There is good evidence that ultra violet radiation will increase, bringing better health to nudists and sun bathers. There is a tentative opinion that possible cooler weather may be expected the year round.

A few scientists claim that wireless reception will be poorer at times.

WARREN SEES SOLID GROUND

Chicago, N. Y., Feb. 16 (AP)—Dr. George P. Warren, financial adviser to President Roosevelt, sees "solid ground for expecting each year to show a distinct improvement" toward recovery.

Speaking before hundreds of farm residents at Cornell's annual farm home week ceremonies, the Cornell economist "hoped that provision will be made for an improved monetary system for the future." At this stage of recovery he saw desirability of placing "primary emphasis on the volume of sales and volume of employment."

Noting "very little improvement" in nations still on the gold standard, he declared "unemployment and economic distress are resulting in political upheavals in France and other countries."

Dr. Warren emphasized that "the value of gold is not a thing that any country can control," since this is a matter of world supply and world demand, but "any country can set its own price for gold," as the United States has done. "Any absolute tie to a given weight of gold," he cautioned, "is likely to continue to cause violent fluctuations in commodity prices."

CHARLIE CLUB AT STATE HOUSE

Formation of a "Charlie club" was under consideration by seven state officials today.

The proposed club might draw up a code which would remove confusion when members' names are called.

Governor Julius L. Meier spoke to Charlie Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission, at the informal reception held for Peter J. Stadelman, newly-appointed secretary of state.

When the governor said, "Charlie," seven state officials turned, thinking the governor had paged him.

"The Charles' eligible to membership are: Howard, superintendent of public instruction; Gram, labor commissioner; Carey, corporation commissioner; Stricklin, state engineer; Pray, superintendent of state police; Thomas, public utilities commissioner; and Galloway.

If rules are not made too formal, Senator Charles L. McNary and Congressman Charles H. Martin might be eligible for membership.

Cases of John W. Fishburn and Gadsamer, Thorsen, against the Central Public Service corporation have both been dismissed in circuit court on stipulation between the parties. These involved matters of exchange or purchase of CPS stock and both are thrown out as settled.

Miss Martha Garmjost, who recently was struck by an automobile, is confined in the Salem general hospital and is recovering satisfactorily. Miss Garmjost spent six years in Egypt and Arabia as instructor in a girls' mission school, and has many friends in Salem.

Confirmation of sale has been filed in circuit court in the case of state bonus commission against G. E. Croissant.

VOTE CHANGE IN ZONING AREAS

The city planning and zoning commission, at a meeting last night, voted to recommend to the city council that two half blocks in the vicinity of Commercial, Saginaw and Mission streets be changed from residential zone 2 to residential zone 1 so they may be exclusive residential districts.

The half blocks affected are: the west half of the block bounded by Mission, Saginaw, Kearney and Commercial streets, and the east half of the block bounded by Mission, Saginaw, Bush and Fir streets. The former makes an exception of property owned by Dr. O. E. Prime.

With the classification as zone 2 it was permissible, under the zoning ordinance, for apartment houses to be established in the district. This will not be permissible if the city council approves the recommendation of the zoning commission.

The situation for change, which developed into a small controversy when Dr. Prime started the establishment of some businesses in the district, has been before the commission for some months. One of the petitions for change was headed by D. C. Minto and the other by Leo G. Page.

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AIRMAIL QUIZ BY EXCHANGE

New York, Feb. 16 (AP)—Questionnaires regarding recent trading in aviation stocks have been sent to all members of the New York stock exchange, it was announced today by the business conduct committee of the exchange.

Questionnaires are used by the exchange in official inquiries into any spectacular activities in listed stocks. All aviation stocks plunged after the government recently rescinded air mail contracts but prior to that they had gained steadily.

The questionnaire requests members to furnish by noon February 19, a list of all sales made during the period January 20, 1934 to February 9, and the names of members or firms with whom the sales were made and of the customers for whom the orders were executed.

Information is requested with relation to Aviation Corporation of Delaware common stock, Bendix Aviation Corporation common stock, Curtiss-Wright Corporation common stock, Douglas Aircraft, Inc. capital stock, North American Aviation Inc. capital stock, United Aircraft and Transport common and Wright Aeronautical Corporation capital stock.

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Theory Announced As Cause of Quakes

Santa Rosa, Calif., Feb. 16 (AP)—Local subterranean conditions were believed today to be responsible for the series of "up and down earthquakes" which have frightened residents here.

The latest shocks were felt last night, and as in the case of Wednesday's disturbances, there were two distinct earth movements. The first was felt at 9:37 p.m. and the second one eight minutes later.

In all four shocks the movement of the earth was "up and down." Earthquakes usually produce side to side undulations.

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F. J. LAFKY, 70 DIES SUDDENLY

Frederick J. Lafky, since 1906 a resident of Salem with the exception of three years spent at La Grande, died at his home, 201 Mission street early Friday following a heart attack. Mr. Lafky attended to his business as usual Thursday, making a trip to Dallas by automobile. Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Clough-Barrick company, Monday, February 19 at 2 p. m., with Dr. Birchot officiating. Interment will be in City View cemetery.

Mr. Lafky was born in Winona, Minn., November 16, 1863. In 1906 he moved with his family to Salem, becoming prominently identified in a business way. He served a number of years as city councilman and as member of the school board. In 1913 he resigned these posts and moved to LaGrande, Ore., where he served in the capacity of city manager for three years. He later lived three years in Corvallis and then returned to Salem. The building now known as the Senator hotel was constructed by Lafky in cooperation with P. N. Derby.

The deceased was survived by his widow, Helen Lafky, a sister, Mrs. Bertha Guther of Canada, two brothers, Henry and John Lafky of Winona, Minn., five sons, Albert F. of Corvallis, Mary G., of Tralstin, Ernest H., of Marion, Herman E. and Ray H., of Salem, and 11 grandchildren.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of this city, was a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

Milk Consumption Of Salem 2325 Gallons Per Day Records Show

The total milk consumption for the city of Salem is approximately 2,325 gallons daily, a report of J. E. Blinkhorn, city-county inspector for the district, covering activities of his department for the latter part of 1933 and the first few weeks of 1934, indicates. In addition to this gallonage, Blinkhorn stated an additional amount is handled by the distributors under Salem inspection but which is distributed either in West Salem or in the outskirts of the city. Of the total amount handled the city 29 per cent is raw milk and 71 per cent is pasteurized milk and cream. This represents 3 per cent decrease in the amount of milk pasteurized in the city from that of a year ago.

The report shows 103 B grade producers for the nine pasteurization plants and 32 A grade producers including the producer-distributor. In recent weeks eight of the latter have been added to the list.

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STATE CAPITOL JOB APPROVED

Portland, Feb. 16 (AP)—A \$264,000 addition to the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, and remodeling of the legislative halls of the state capitol in Salem at a cost of \$90,000, have been approved by the state public works administration board here and were forwarded to Washington, D. C., last night.

The two projects are part of the \$1,500,000 building and improvement program approved by the state board of control. The Salem item calls for construction of balconies for spectators in both houses of the legislature.

The application of the city of Jacksonville for \$13,000 for replacing pipes in the city water plant was approved by the state PWA board, as was the application of Bay City for a new \$40,000 water system.

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Rev. Simonds' offer, however, does not mean that his listeners are to "break right out in meeting" and challenge his statements. They will be invited to the parsonage, 440 Center street and join in a "fire-side conversation about religion" at 7:30 each Sunday evening. Rev. Simonds will preach several sermons on "Seven Timely Questions About Religion" during Sunday morning services. And it has been suggested that those who would ask questions concerning these addresses or on religious matters in general attend the fire-side hour meeting. There will be no address or formal program, "just a group of interested persons meeting to talk informally about a great religious question."

The first of these "Fire-side Conversations" will be next Sunday evening and the theme "What Does Life Mean?"

The seven Lenten sermons Rev. Simonds will deliver include Feb. 18, "What Does Life Mean?"; Feb. 25, "What Do We Mean by God?"; Mar. 4, "In God We Trust"; Mar. 11, "What About Pain and Suffering?"; Mar. 18, "What Makes Things Right or Wrong?"; Mar. 25, "Will the Church Survive?"; April 1, "What Do We Mean by Immortality?"

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HIGHWAY JOBS CONTRACTED AT BOARD SESSION

Portland, Feb. 16 (AP)—Thirteen highway contracts totaling more than \$227,000 were awarded, three bids were rejected, and four proposals were referred to the highway engineer with authority to act, at the afternoon session of the Oregon highway commission Thursday. Bids were opened at the morning session.

The largest project on which contracts were awarded was on the \$105,467 bid of Dunn & Barker of Klamath Falls for 9.12 miles of surfacing of the Midland-California line section of the Klamath Falls-Weed highway.

The \$102,091 grading and paving project on the Portland-Milwaukie Super-highway was referred to the engineer. The Parker-Schram company of Portland was low.

Other awards were: Cosque section, Oregon Coast highway, 1300 yards cement concrete pavement, 100 tons concrete pavement, R. L. Stuart & Sons, Medford, \$4,281.

Marshfield section Coast highway, 13,500 yards asphaltic concrete pavement resurface. United Contracting Co., Portland, \$13,524.

Bend section, The Dalles-California line section of the Klamath Falls-Weed highway, 1300 yards cement concrete pavement, 100 tons concrete pavement, R. L. Stuart & Sons, Medford, \$4,281.

Bridge over east fork of Hood river, R. H. Jones, Baker, \$21,851.

California line-Hayes Hill production project, 6,000 yards crushed hard, A. S. Wallace, Roseburg \$8,840.

North unit, Midland-California line section Klamath Falls-Weed highway, 1.9 miles grading, Dunn & Baker, Klamath Falls, \$20,721.

Springfield section McKenna highway, paving, widening, resurfacing, Cascade Construction Co., Portland, \$4,958.

Ontario rock production, 6,000 yards crushed gravel on Old Oregon Trail highway, Chester T. Lacey, Ontario, \$5,700.

East Pendleton section, Old Oregon Trail, 7,200 yards macadam, Northwest Roads Co., \$4,843.

Pendleton rock production project, Oregon-Washington highway and Old Oregon Trail, 4,200 yards crushed rock, A. A. Hardesty, \$8,250.

La Grande section of Old Oregon Trail, 2,200 yards macadam, Northwest Roads Co., \$4,403.

La Grande rock production, Old Oregon Trail, Wallowa Lake highway, 2,150 yards crushed gravel, Jones-Scott Co., Walla Walla, \$8,750.

The highway commission rejected bids on three rock production proposals. These were: Heppner project on Oregon-Washington highway, 3,100 yards crushed rock, \$6,210, and Wheeler-Kelchla river production of 6,000 yards crushed rock, \$18,885, both bids submitted by A. A. Hardesty; and Baker production of 2,400 yards for Old Oregon Trail, Dunn & Baker, \$6,590.

In addition to the Portland-Milwaukie project, the other bids referred to the engineer with authority to act were: bridge over east fork of Hood River near Dee, R. J. Hones, Baker, \$21,851; bridge over Johnson creek on East Portland-Oregon City highway, John H. Anderson, Portland, \$12,184, and one Portland street project.

STATE MEETING OF WORLD WIDE GUILD

The state convention of the World Wide guild will be held at the Calvert Baptist church Saturday and Sunday. The two day program follows:

Saturday:

12 to 1 p. m.—Registration, of 2 to 2:30—Dramatization of "Hail" by Salem First Baptist church senior guild.

3:30 to 4 p. m.—Chemawa Indian school.

6 p. m.—Banquet at First Methodist church.

7:30 p. m.—Message from Rev. F. W. Starring and program by foreign students of Linfield college.

Sunday:

9:30 a. m.—Worship, and church school.

10:50—Morning service, sermon by Dr. W. A. Petzold.

2:15 p. m.—Pageant "Not of This Field," White Temple guild, Portland, candle lighting service.

Order approving the final account of Marion H. Stuhf as administrator of the estate of Nellie Lucille Stuhf has been granted in probate.

CHERRIANS VOTE SUPPORT OF RACES

Support to the proposed racing meet at the state fair grounds during the summer was voted at the monthly meeting of the Salem Cherrians Thursday night. The dates will be either June or July.

Acting upon suggestion of King Bing George Arbuckle, a report was made by a special uniform committee that the present uniforms be discarded and replaced by ones with red coats, white trousers, straw hats and white shoes. A larger committee was appointed to go further into the matter.

Two committees were named by King Bing Arbuckle. These are: Blossom day—Carle Abrams, A. A. Keene, C. E. Wilson, J. A. Herman, Frank Chapman and Dr. A. D. Woodmansee.

Membership—R. W. Niles, Rex Adolph, Donald Deckerbach, R. G. Brady, Clifford Duce and Raymond Bonesteel.

Mrs. B. P. Enley, 355 South 14th street, suffered from shock when automobiles driven by Mr. Enley and James Haley, 458 North 24th street, collided at 12th and Trade, says a report to the police. Other motor vehicle accidents reported overnight were: William Bellard, Marshfield, and an unidentified driver, at Sunnyside, Edward Hayes, 1540 B street, and Emmet Reeves, Lebanon, one and a half mile north of Salem on Pacific highway.

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Rev. Simonds' offer, however, does not mean that his listeners are to "break right out in meeting" and challenge his statements. They will be invited to the parsonage, 440 Center street and join in a "fire-side conversation about religion" at 7:30 each Sunday evening. Rev. Simonds will preach several sermons on "Seven Timely Questions About Religion" during Sunday morning services. And it has been suggested that those who would ask questions concerning these addresses or on religious matters in general attend the fire-side hour meeting. There will be no address or formal program, "just a group of interested persons meeting to talk informally about a great religious question."

The first of these "Fire-side Conversations" will be next Sunday evening and the theme "What Does Life Mean?"

The seven Lenten sermons Rev. Simonds will deliver include Feb. 18, "What Does Life Mean?"; Feb. 25, "What Do We Mean by God?"; Mar. 4, "In God We Trust"; Mar. 11, "What About Pain and Suffering?"; Mar. 18, "What Makes Things Right or Wrong?"; Mar. 25, "Will the Church Survive?"; April 1, "What Do We Mean by Immortality?"

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