

Scores of Vets Need Homes; Salemites Asked to Help



"What do you mean project? I live here!"

When the veterans' housing project is completed on South 16th street it will afford room for less than 200 veterans and their families. The Salem housing authority has applications from about 400 ex-service men with families who want places to live.

Because of this emergency problem the authority has issued an appeal for public cooperation, which, it believes would make room for many of those now homeless.

"At the present time the Salem housing authority has about 400 applications for housing for veterans and their families in this city," says the appeal. "We are convinced that quite a number of citizens of this community have been going all out on this issue and for this we are very grateful. However, there is much more housing that could

Solution to Shortage

Corvallis, July 13 (AP)—Somebody has an answer to the housing shortage—he stole a building.

Neighbors of F. D. Riverman said they saw robbers drive up in a truck, load an 8 to 10 foot shed into it, and speed away.

be remodeled or repaired and made into decent living quarters for some of these unfortunate families.

"These veterans and their families are this community and are only asking for clean, livable housing for themselves until high prices and shortages of materials subside that they may buy or build their own homes. This housing shortage is not only in Salem. It is a nationwide affair. Salem has the opportunity to obtain permanent benefit out of these veterans if we aid them in their present difficulties.

"If every person or landlord in Salem, having suitable living quarters available, will register any vacancies with the Salem housing authority, telephone 4521, we have an application from a family that will fit his requirements. This is a free service to landlords and veterans alike.

"Remember Salem—These veterans did not let you down! Are you going to continue to let them down?"

Plays Lt. Pinkerton—Just for Relaxing

Tokyo, July 13 (AP)—Just for "a bit of relaxation" a 26-year-old American army dentist, Capt. B. M. Portitzky of Peekskill, N.Y., is appearing on the stage in Tokyo's Imperial theater in Madame Butterfly. He is cast as Lieutenant Pinkerton.

Missing Automobile Found at Goldendale

An automobile belonging to O. P. Roberts, 1140 Shipping street, and reported stolen Thursday night has been recovered by the Washington state patrol at Goldendale, Wash. The police said they were holding Robert Hvidston, 3225 Silverton road, and Andrew Huggins, 143 Court street, who were driving the car when recovered.

Egan Takes Dips

Manchester, N.H. (AP)—Justin Egan will cool off in his own home tub this summer. When he came out of the Piscataquog river after his first swim of the season, his wallet was gone. Next day he took another dip at the same spot and someone stole his trousers.

Witrow Chief At 4 Corners

V. L. (Vick) Witrow was named chief of the Four Corners fire department at a meeting of the directors of the new Four Corners rural fire protection district, held at the community hall Thursday night.

Elected as officers were: President, Alfred E. LaBranch; vice president, W. C. Flood; secretary-treasurer, E. L. Scott. These three with O. D. Binegar and Roy Ward comprise the directorate.

Chief Witrow was instructed to proceed with reorganization of the fire department on a drill-call basis. The reorganization will be completed in the next few days with an initial roster of about 25 members. Anyone interested is advised to see the chief.

Four Corners Community hall was chosen as department headquarters. During the closed fire season set by state law from May 15 to December 31 permits necessary for burning may be obtained from the chief.

High-pressure fog equipment is being ordered for the fire truck, and will be in use before the present fire season is over. The main advantage claimed for high-pressure fog is that the 800-pound pressure stream generated at the nozzle will reach places inaccessible to the ordinary water system, and after a fire is quenched the water damage is very light. In field or grass fires the equipment can be operated while the truck is in motion.

Coast Facing Ship Walkout

San Francisco, July 13 (AP)—The West Coast faced a prolonged maritime work stoppage today when CIO longshoremen threatened to walk off jobs in protest over a delay in payment of retroactive wages by Pacific Waterfront Employers' association.

The tie-up is scheduled to go into effect Monday morning when 3,000 Puget Sound, Wash., CIO dock workers leave their jobs in protest over the alleged "stalling" by the employers, scheduled a stop work meeting Longshoremen in Portland, scheduled a stop work meeting for Monday but said they did not intend to strike.

The prospective coastwide tie-up came as the 14-day-old AFL-CIO maritime jurisdictional strike spread to New York and other east coast ports.

In an attempt to avert a nationwide paralysis, a special labor department representative, Nathan P. Feinsinger, arrived in San Francisco to arbitrate the inter-union dispute.

Feinsinger will check the Coos Bay, Ore., incident which started the battle between the CIO maritime unions and the AFL sailors union of the Pacific.

The jurisdictional row started when CIO longshoremen refused to load the SS Mello Franco, an American-Pacific steamship company vessel. They claimed the company illegally gave the SUP bargaining privileges in several ship board departments previously manned by the CIO.

Give Man Enough Rope And He'll Hang Self

Charles W. Kaufer, who had a rope stretched around his lawn at 950 Belmont street, reported to police Friday that the rope was cut and about 60 feet of it stolen Thursday night.

The Woody Auction market, 1605 North Summer, reported the theft of about \$5 worth of postage stamps by someone who entered by forcing a window. The office was ransacked, but nothing else taken.

He's Read Bible 151 Times



J. F. Davis (above) who lives at 850 E street, has read his Bible through 151 times during the past six years. And he feels that every reading of the "Book of Books" has provided additional spiritual value.

Davis, who has physical disabilities that confine him close to home and make conversation difficult, started reading the Bible as a diversion. Now he requires about five days to read it through. Prophets are his favorite books, particularly Daniel.

This 78 year old Bibliist, whose next birthday will be July 30, was born at Scotts Mills in 1867. He is an Adventist in faith, a descendant of a pioneer family and has linguistic capacities in Chinook jargon. Davis has resided in Salem since 1909 and is father of Harold Davis, city engineer.

BUILDING A SPAN OVER DRY LAND

Bend, July 13 (AP)—They're building a bridge over dry land in the Deschutes national forest—but later on, they'll put a river under it.

Reason: The Deschutes river channel is being shifted to eliminate erosion. The bridge site is below the stream's source in Little Lava lake.

Reno Dice Table Nets Him \$188,000

Reno, Nev., July 13 (AP)—Fourteen hours at Reno dice table netted Fred Murill, Dallas, Tex., \$188,000 and a bid for the title of the biggest winner in a Nevada gambling club this year. It was disclosed here today by owners of the Frontier club, where Murill made a profit of \$115,000 on one throw of the dice.

Murill, a night club operator himself, is better known as Fred Oldsten.

NOTICES DESTROYED

Eugene, July 13 (AP)—The University of Oregon reported today it had accepted 2300 new students for the fall term, but hasn't been able to notify them all. The notices were destroyed in the University Press fire June 27.

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3508 Marion Residents Sign

Petitions signed by 3508 residents of Marion county were included in the 39,960 certified signatures which initiated the basic school support fund bill to be voted on at the November election, Mrs. Harry G. George, Portland, chairman of the sponsoring committee, reports.

The work of obtaining the support necessary to place the "equal opportunity for every school child" measure on the ballot was accomplished through the co-operation of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, Oregon State Association of School Boards, the Oregon Education association and Ronald E. Jones, the latter prominent in the Oregon Farmers Union.

V. D. Rate Up In Germany

Frankfurt, Germany, July 13 (AP)—The U.S. army said today the venereal disease rate among its troops in Europe "is probably the highest in American military history." A medical officer reported more than half the troops in some areas were infected in the course of a year.

"The trend is still upward," the report said, despite three months of strict discipline ordered by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, theater commander, in an effort to check the rising rate.

On June 16 the average rate of infection in Europe was 26.1 percent over a year's time. This was up 5.3 points from the figure given April 25, when McNarney ordered a strict return to garrison life.

The army attributed the rising rate to the decreasing number of troops in relation to the number of promiscuous women; the youth and relative irresponsibility of troop replacements; the high disease rate among German civilians because of state-sponsored promiscuity under the Nazi regime and food shortages caused.

Crown-Zellerbach and Hawley Pulp and Paper company, important newsprint manufacturers, boosted their prices \$6.80 a ton to the \$73.80 figure. John H. Smith, Hawley president, said he understood all this country's newsprint producers were taking similar action.

Canadian manufacturers announced at Montreal yesterday that they were raising prices as a result of the devaluation of the Canadian dollar.

Escort Carriers Damaged
Boston, July 13 (AP)—Two decommissioned escort carriers were damaged today in a three-alarm fire which burned 50 yards of a dock in the navy yard annex at south Boston.

ing girls to trade themselves for chocolate bars, and the faculty but widespread soldier faith in penicillin as a cureall for venereal diseases.

The army said the rate continues to rise "despite adequate prophylactic stations, vice raids, and treatment centers for German civilians at which proper drugs are available."

Inventor Hit the Jackpot at 73

Auburndale, Mass. (AP)—Life began for 80-year-old J. Parker B. Fiske, Auburndale inventor, when at the age of 73, his left side was crippled by a paralytic stroke and he got to fooling around with chemicals.

Fiske tossed some chemical crystals into the fireplace at his home, and lo and behold, there was a gorgeous array of colors, flaming blues, reds, greens and yellows. Suddenly they died down and Fiske was disappointed. So he went to work and finally hit on a solution of paraffin and copper chloride to get a prolonged effect.

He began advertising "fire magic" tellings newspaper readers to "turn the lights low and

dream your dreams" by a "rain-bow fire that dances and crackles and turns to green, blue, purple, violet, pink and orange."

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297 Oregon State Alumni Die in War
Corvallis, July 13 (AP)—A total of 297 Oregon State college alumni were killed in World War II, the alumni magazine, Oregon Stater, estimated today.
The war heroes were from 25 classes from 1908 through 1947. The largest number of war dead—40—were from the class of 1940.