

# Local Paragraphs

## Parking Meters Take Beating

Parking meters are taking a beating. So is the city of Salem. It's because of the cold spell of weather which has frozen a lot of the meters so they won't operate, especially in the early part of the day. So there are parts of the day when the police don't tag cars in places where the meters are out, and the city loses both the fine and the meter money.

Police estimate that car tagging right now is running about a third of normal. Figures for the first cold spell this month show the situation. They ran only \$1016.50, against \$1981.75 for the corresponding no-snow period of last year. The average is around \$2000 a week.

Last week's collection, however, which was between snows, jumped again to about \$1800. But collections for the present week are likely to show a severe drop.

The biggest week of 1949 in meter collections was December 19 to 24, the pre-Christmas week, when the total was \$2785.84. But the following week it was only \$1396.

Cy Eakin Coming — Harold (Cy) Eakin, who once lived in Salem, now living in Cottage Grove, will preside at the Salem Elks meeting Thursday night, which is past exalted rulers' night. Eakin was exalted ruler in 1951 and 1952.

Ferry to Re-Open — Marion county judge Grant Murphy was told by the judge of the Yamhill county court in a telephone conversation Tuesday that a crew of workmen from Yamhill county was to repair the road on the Yamhill side of the Wheatland ferry Wednesday. It is expected that the road will be re-opened and the ferry in operation by Thursday morning.

No Drill Thursday — Company B of the Oregon National guard has cancelled its Thursday drill this week. The next drill is scheduled for February 5.

Dimes Windfalls — The March of Dimes people made a good move when they bargained with the city to get all the dimes that were put into parking meters. In an average week car owners put about \$8.50 in dimes into the meters by mistake. But last week the dimes totaled \$50, and they were deposited to help the March of Dimes fight against polio. A dime doesn't work the mechanism of a parking meter and gives no parking time.

## County Delays Action On Gasoline Bill

Representatives from seven major oil companies met with the Marion county court Wednesday on the matter of placing bids for gasoline and oil to be used by the county vehicles and machinery. After the court had weighed the various bids, it was discovered that two oil companies had almost identical figures on gasoline, oil, diesel fuel, etc. The court has taken the matter under further consideration, and will notify the oil companies of their decision within a few days.

Marion county is now under contract with Union Oil company. Contracts are issued annually for a period from March 1 to March 1.

## Plan Honeymoon At Woodburn, Ore.

San Diego, Feb. 1 (AP)—An elderly couple will have a delayed honeymoon in Woodburn, Ore., where they first met four years ago at a Church of God camp meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Welty, 76, and Winfield Hanson, 71, were married here yesterday, and told of their meeting. They were introduced at the Woodburn camp meeting. Subsequently Mrs. Welty's husband died and she and Hanson began corresponding. Last November she came to San Diego from her home in Indiana. Hanson, living at Pomona, visited her — and wedding plans were made. They will live at Pomona, but plan a trip to Woodburn.

Miss Donna Alm now with Lipstick Beauty Salon. For appointments, Ph. 33836. 27\* Phone 22406 before 6 p.m. if you miss your Capital Journal. 28\*

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Ready to Probe Foundation Formations—A. C. Thomas (left) foreman for Raymond Concrete Pile company and E. G. Ricketts (right), state highway bridge investigating engineer, who holds halves of a Gow sampler spoon to be used in investigating earth structures at the site of Willamette bridge piers.

## Seniors Will Vie for Prize

High school seniors throughout Oregon will be able to compete for a new \$500 college scholarship award, which can be used in any accredited Oregon college or university. Oregon Mutual Savings bank is sponsoring the scholarship, according to George F. Brice, president.

An essay competition among high school students will determine the winner of the award. In addition to the \$500 award, two alternates will be chosen for the scholarship and will receive \$25 each.

The bank's board of directors suggested and approved the scholarship award to encourage a talented boy or girl to attend a college or university in Oregon, Brice said.

The essay competition is designed to increase state-wide knowledge of the history and organization of mutual savings banks among high school students, at the age when they are forming future thrift habits.

Although mutual savings banks have played a prominent role in the economic life of the east for 132 years and there are more than 500 of these banks, they are comparatively new to the west. Oregon Mutual Savings bank, established 20 years ago, is the only mutual savings bank in Oregon and one of the three on the west coast.

The subject and dates of the essay competition will be announced next week, Brice said.

313 Inches Snow at Crater — Medford, Feb. 1 (AP)—The snowfall at Crater Lake set a new record in January. Superintendent E. P. Leavitt said today. The park got 313 inches of snow during the month, with a water content of 19.94 inches.

## COURT NEWS

Circuit Court — Cecil J. Moller vs. Ruby Moller: Complaint for divorce alleges cruel and inhuman treatment, seeks settlement of property rights.

James P. Morris vs. Alphonse John Van Danme: Order dismisses suit with prejudice and without cost.

James Lawrence Peterson vs. Mary Maxine Peterson: Application to set for trial.

Gerald McGuire vs. Myrtle M. McGuire: Order of default against defendant.

John G. Blasek and others vs. Michael Hogan and others: Order quashes title to real estate.

William Brenner vs. Marjorie Ann Brenner: Defendant files cross-complaint for divorce alleging cruel and inhuman treatment, seeks settlement of property rights and \$50 monthly alimony.

State of Oregon vs. Norris S. Walden: Order directs defendant to appear in court February 11 to show cause why he should not be adjudged guilty of contempt of court for failure to comply with divorce decree.

Probate Court — Loretta Pearl guardianship: Martina J. Huxley petitions for amendment of inventory.

William A. Westley estate: Report of sale of personal property.

Marion Verhaeghe guardianship: Order approves first annual account.

## Governor Plans

Members of the committee include Dr. Charles Bates, superintendent of the state hospital; Dr. Donald Wair, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon state hospital; Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of Hillcrest school; James Lamb, superintendent of the Woodburn school for boys; H. M. Randall, state parole administrator; a staff member of the medical school, Dr. Harold McNeill, state board of health; a representative of the attorney general's office and Col. William Ryan, director of state institutions.

The Pacific Power and Light company won a five-year contract to provide electricity and steam heat to the new state office building in Portland. Construction of the new building is scheduled to start April 1.

Reject PGE Offer — The board rejected a proposal by the Portland General Electric company offering to reduce its rates to the Salem buildings from 7.8 mills per kilowatt hour to 7.5 mills provided the state sign a new four-year contract and give the PGE the Portland building business.

State Treasurer Walter Pearson branded this offer as "bribery" by the PGE company, adding that he thought the PGE's sole purpose was to shut out the Bonneville power administration from furnishing power to Salem buildings for the next four years.

The present PGE contract with the state for Salem buildings has 17 months to run. It was decided to study the Bonneville proposal more carefully during the next year before any decision was reached.

## Care in Use of Power Urged to Save Energy

Care in the use of electrical power with curtailment whenever possible is urged by Fred G. Starrett, manager of the Portland General Electric company. This applies particularly to the peak hours, both morning and evening, he said.

"The Tuesday demand created maximum capacity use of the generating equipment in the northwest power pool," Starrett said. He reported that with the exception of a few minor repair jobs on a burned-out transformer at Chemawa and on downed wires along Garden road, little damage has been sustained.

Meeting Postponed—Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, announced Wednesday that the principals' conference scheduled to be held at Newberg Saturday, Feb. 4, has been postponed because of weather conditions. A new date will be announced later.

## March of Dimes Ends Febr'y 10

Regardless of what the weather man may bring forth, the 1950 "March of Dimes" campaign will definitely close February 10, stated Gene Malecki, director of operations Tuesday. The annual roll call of the American Red Cross and solicitation of funds by those interested in the control of heart ailments will necessitate the termination of the polio drive.

Events scheduled for next week, all in the interest of the polio campaign include:

February 6, talent show at Mt. Angel; February 7, talent show at Woodburn; February 7, Salem Elks club dance at Crystal Gardens; February 8, talent show at Mill City; February 8, amateur boxing card at Salem armory; February 10, talent show at Silverton.

The campaign has been made difficult by reason of low temperatures and snow ever since its inauguration. Many postponements have been necessary, but the schedule as now compiled will stand, Malecki states.

## USS Missouri

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"For Rear Admiral Smith, Please convey to all activities that have been under your optional control in connection with salvage of Missouri my hearty congratulations and a well done for the outstanding manner in which all phases of the operation have been conducted.

"The skillful planning, coordination of effort and smart seamanship displayed reflect a high degree of leadership and an excellent performance by all officers and men who participated."

Goes to Drydock — The Missouri has been anchored in Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of Hampton Roads, awaiting her tow to drydock.

As she slipped afloat sternward orders were given to take soundings along the half mile of water back to the safe deep channel. Dredges had been working to clear a path for her.

Navy men afloat and ashore greeted the news with whoops.

Once more the Missouri was the fleet's pride instead of a thorn in the fleet's side.

## Work Started

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Samplings are accomplished by use of a Gow sampling spoon driven into river bottom earth at sites selected for bridge piers. When this tool, resembling a bit-section pipe about an inch and a half in diameter and 30 inches long, is removed and opened it contains a specimen of earth formation encountered on its downward course. The spoon, operating in a four inch casing, is driven by a 140-hp mechanical hammer.

Greatest depth of the river at the Marion street crossing is 32 feet with the Willamette at its present stage of six feet above low water. Engineers consider that core sampling may be carried to a depth of 40 feet below the bottom of the river but they are hopeful of encountering earth structures at less depth that will sustain bridge piers without the necessity of pile driving for pier foundations.

Four Piers Under Bridge — Four piers will support the 250 foot main span of the new bridge and the two side spans, each 210 feet in length. Highest of these piers will be near 100 feet from its top to the foundation well below the scour floor of the river.

Previous soundings for pier footings at the site of a Marion street bridge were made in 1914. Engineers have found that the channel at mid river has become 14 feet deeper during the 36 year interval.

## Congress to Keep Hands Off 'Hot Potato' Problem

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—The question of what to do with 50,000,000 bushels of surplus potatoes is a "hot potato" for the agriculture department, not congress, two senate farm leaders said today.

The two, Republican Senator Aiken of Vermont and Democratic Senator Anderson of New Mexico, agreed that the senate agriculture committee should keep hands off the touchy situation.

The two spoke out in separate interviews as Chairman Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.) called a committee meeting (10 a.m. EST) to discuss testimony given yesterday by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

Brannan said the department plans to "dump" all of the 1949 surplus locally where they are raised, "unless congress directs us to do otherwise." By doing this, he said, the government would save about \$15,000,000 in transportation costs it would have to pay if the spuds were moved to consumer outlets like industrial alcohol plants.

The potatoes cost the government an average of about \$1.25 a bushel. Counting throwaway and other potato operations on which it took losses, the government stands to lose a total of \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000 on last year's crop.

It lost nearly \$250,000,000 on 1948's crop, however.

The 50,000,000 bushel figure is the amount of potatoes from the 1949 crop which the department does not expect to be able to dispose of through give-away programs to domestic and foreign relief agencies, the school lunch program, and diversion locally to livestock feed and manufacture into starch.

Alcohol processors will take the potatoes only if the government pays the freight from areas of production to plants.

The spuds were bought under the government farm price support program.

Senator Young (R., N.D.) told a reporter he thought—but wasn't at all certain—that the committee would ask Brannan to junk the dumping plan.

## Little Hope

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Minor snow flurries came drifting down through Tuesday afternoon and evening but only enough fell to register a trace of precipitation in the 24-hour period ending at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The weather bureau forecast states some moderation is due with rain in the southern part of the state by Friday or Saturday, but that the northern sections will continue with the cold temperatures and occasional snow this week.

Continuance of the bitter cold has caused cancellations and postponements of many meetings and community events.

Chin-Uppers Postpone — The Salem chapter of the Chin-Up organization will not hold its scheduled February 2 meeting.

Salem Lions Club—Theo J. Pierson, coordinator of vocational education at Salem high school, will take the role of guest speaker during Thursday's Salem Lions club luncheon.

Albany Invites McKay—Governor Douglas McKay will speak at the annual father and son dinner of the men of the Albany Methodist church the evening of February 14. His subject will be "Opportunities Unlimited."

Dear Mrs. Housewife: It's an even trade... you drop the work, and we do it for you. Sure, we shop for groceries, cook meals, set tables and wash dishes. All you do is eat... all you want! Cost is only 99¢ for grownups and 44¢ for kids under 10. The Nohlgrens

P.S. We're having 25 different vegetables for dinner tonight!

Saalfeld in Portland—H. C. (Hub) Saalfeld, Marion county veterans service officer, will be in Portland Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to attend a service officers' school. Saalfeld is president of the Oregon Association of County Service Officers.

Building Totaled — Salem building permits for January totaled \$405,894, including the permit of \$300,000 for the Coates apartment project at 555 North Summer street, now in process of transfer to another location. Dwelling permits, 10 for single unit and one for a duplex, totaled \$70,000. For January of last year the total was \$256,466.

Roseburg Hears Sword — Dr. Victor Sword, interim pastor of the Calvary Baptist church and a member of the American Baptist foreign missionary society, is spending two weeks in Roseburg as guest leader of the national Christian teaching mission. He will speak at both church services next Sunday and at the quarterly meeting and dinner at the church Wednesday evening.

Speakers Competing — Toastmaster clubs of the area will have representatives in Newport March 25 to take part in the area speaking contest. Members of various groups in Salem, Albany and Corvallis made preliminary plans for the contest here Tuesday night with Dr. E. G. Quesinberry, Corvallis, toastmaster of the evening. Speakers will be William Hill, Deral Jones, Dr. Henry Morris, James Schuler and Ted Swaschka.

Vets Bonus Blanks — World War II veterans who are eligible for the new Pennsylvania state bonus can get application blanks from the state veterans affairs department, from county service officers, or from veterans' organizations. They also have forms for bonus payments from Washington and Indiana.

Principals Meet Postponed — The western elementary principals' conference, which was to have been held at Newport February 4, has been postponed because of bad weather.

Leave Salem General — Leaving the Salem General hospital with recently born infants are Mrs. J. C. Bowman and son, 353 Leslie; Mrs. Walter R. Shearer and son, 135 Highway avenue; Mrs. Russell Hicks and daughter, Rt. 1 Box 455; Mrs. Leonard Van Vleck and daughter, 770 Rosemont, and Mrs. Perry Clitell and daughter, Mehama.

Servicemen Convene — H. C. (Hub) Saalfeld, president of the Oregon County Service Officers' association, will attend the semi-annual officers' school in Portland Thursday and Friday. Also attending will be Mrs. Bertha McIntyre, Corvallis, service officer for Benton county. The school is arranged by the state department of veterans affairs. Discussion will center around veterans' problems, GI insurance dividends, pensions and benefits.

Polk GOP to Meet — The Polk county republican central committee will meet in the Dallas City hall at 8 o'clock the night of February 11. Speakers will be Sigfrid B. Unander, chairman of the state central committee and James Collins, state chairman for the Young Republicans.

## MILITARY MEN AND VETERANS

Wednesday, February 1 — Headquarters and Headquarters company, 318th replacement depot, army reserves, at army reserve garrison huts. Meeting of AVUA-3 unit, Naval Air Reserves, cancelled because of weather.

Thursday, February 2 — Organized Naval Reserve surface unit, at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center. 9414th Air Reserve Training squadron, at the Army Reserve garrison huts at 8 p.m.

Vacca Promoted — Spokane Air Force Base, Bong, Wash.—Edgar A. Vacca, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vacca of Salem, Ore., January 21, was promoted to the grade of corporal. The corporal, who entered the service October 18, 1949, received his basic training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Vacca was transferred to headquarters and headquarters squadron 92nd Bomb Wing, SPAFB in February, 1949, where he is a clerk typist in the Wing legal office.

Payton on Gen. H. W. Butner — Stayton—John Payton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Payton has been assigned to duty on the navy transport, USS Gen. H. W. Butner, according to a card received here by his parents from the navy department.

Another son, Alan, who has been a navy man since 1937 is a CEM on the same ship. Alan completed two years of recruiting duty at Salt Lake City last September 1. John was the last recruit whom Alan enlisted before leaving for sea duty again.

## BORN

The Capital Journal Welcomes the Following New Citizens: UNTERSCHER—To Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Unterscher, 1542 Elm, at the Salem General hospital, a boy, Feb. 1.

WOODS—To Mr. and Mrs. Forrest H. Woods, 162 N. Echols, Monmouth, at the Salem General hospital, twins, boy and girl, Jan. 31.

HENRY—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Henry, Alzira, a boy, born at the Bartlett hospital in Dallas, Jan. 19. He has been named EARL.

BARE—To Mr. and Mrs. Gale Bare, of Hubbard, at the Woodburn hospital, Jan. 24, a boy, child. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Knute Peterson, Hubbard.