

Futile Effort To Break Jail

New mortar plastered bricks back into place Tuesday after a Marion county jail window to repair damage done to the wall in the fourth abortive jail break within a year.

The latest attempt to break out of the jail was discovered early Monday evening. Some 25 bricks had been pried loose by prisoners who used strips of metal from jail cots to dig out the old mortar.

Sheriff Denver Young said that four men, believed to be ringleaders in the attempt, were under "closer confinement" Tuesday. He declined to identify them.

"They must not like my cooking or my hospitality," Young quipped.

About a year ago, the sheriff said, prisoners were found in an attempt to tunnel under a wall. Later another prisoner was nabbed after he sawed his way out of jail and walked into the hands of a waiting deputy.

Another attempt to break jail by sawing the bars was made last summer when a suspect in an Arizona murder case was in custody.

The old Marion county jail is located on the ground floor of the courthouse while the sheriff's office is on the second floor. The bars of the jail are constructed of soft steel.

72 Pints Given At Mt. Angel

Mt. Angel residents contributed 72 pints of blood when the mobile unit from the Portland regional blood center stopped there on Monday.

It was the second time the unit had visited Mt. Angel since the blood program was inaugurated nearly a year ago.

Two more visits are scheduled by the mobile unit to Marion county during early March. On March 7 the operations will be set up at St. Paul, for the second time there within a year, and on March 14 for the regular monthly stop at Salem.

Delay Widening of North Commercial

It would cost the city \$6022.44 to widen North Commercial street from 60 to 66 feet between Hickory street and North River road, and City Manager J. L. Franzen recommended against it last night.

On account of recent interceptor sewer work done in the street the manager advised against anything in the way of permanent improvement at this time.

Kenneth Hutchins made a plea that the council set about widening the street. Franzen advised against that. But the council voted to move toward ultimate widening by purchase of two small pieces of property, one owned by Sui Sun and the other by Chris Jacobson; also to negotiate with Floyd Bressler relative to moving a house to get further right of way. Removal of the house is estimated to cost about \$5500.

Gates Wins Contract For Detroit Clearing

Portland, Ore., Feb. 28—E. L. Gates and Company, Inc., Med-

Farmer-Labor Alliance for Political Campaign Formed

A Marion county farmer-labor alliance was formed at a meeting held Monday night at the Salem Labor temple.

F. J. A. Boehringer, who long has been a member of both the Salem Central Labor council and the Farmers Union, was elected president of the organization.

Other officers named at the meeting included Prof. Alfred Sheets, of Willamette university, vice president; Alice Palmette, of the Culinary Workers Union, secretary-treasurer; Roy Carr, chairman of the legislative committee with Prof. John Rademaker, also of Willamette university and Ralph Shepard, representing the grange as members.

Shepard was the only grange member in attendance and although invitations had been issued to the CIO no member of that organization was present.

An organization committee headed by F. D. Van Sweringen, executive secretary of the Salem Building Trades council, will meet Saturday with officers of the new organization to map out plans to be followed.

Certain Candidates Rapped VanSweringen indicated that the new alliance will take an active part in the legislative campaign in the county by stating that if the organization "can get rid of some of our present legislators in Marion county and put some in who will work for labor and the farmers, the organization will be justified."

"I see we have some members of the house now running for

ford, has been awarded a \$129,550 contract for clearing 285 acres in the reservoir area of Detroit dam on the North Santiam river, the corps of engineers announced here today.

The area to be cleared is about 15 miles east of Mill City.

Labor Fights Daylight Saving

An emphatic protest against daylight saving reached the city council Monday night from the Salem Trades and Labor council, and another came from C. C. Franklin, a rental property owner.

Two daylight savings ordinances had been prepared for introduction, one for this year only, and the other to cover future years without further action from the council.

Mayor Elstrom had the bills held up for the reason that the subject is to be discussed at the regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities at the Marion hotel tonight, and also because he thought the council should give the question some further study before the bills go on the calendar.

The labor protest was in the form of a resolution. It said "daylight saving has never been a success, and has caused more confusion, turmoil and disorder of schedules and routine events than any other factor."

Also it said that "certain organizations in the labor movement suffer a reduction of employment because of daylight saving, such as the musicians and theatrical workers."

Brown speaks for Trucking Industry

The part the trucking industry plays in the transportation system of the country was stressed by Clair Brown, of the Salem Navigation company, when he spoke to the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday noon.

Brown stated that of the 6½ million trucks in operation, about one million were engaged in interstate traffic. These are the only ones that are compelled to make full reports concerning their business transactions. They are paid \$2,500,000,000 annually for their services, employ more than four million persons and materials that go into the manufacture of trucks come from every state in the union.

The trucking industry, said Brown, grew up something on the order of Topsy. However, he said, this particular part of transportation has made it unnecessary for people to herd together in large centers.

Jaycees Wire Support Of Hoover Report

Members of the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce voted Tuesday to telegraph members of the Oregon congressional delegation urging them to "keep an open mind" on recommendations of the Hoover commission reports.

The action was taken as Jaycee members moved to counter lobby efforts to stifle hearings on the Hoover reports dealing with economy measures in veterans administration offices.

Prior to the vote, Dorothy Cannon, Salem senior high student, spoke before the meeting urging their support of the Red Cross drive for funds.

Artificial insemination of dairy cows has been carried through three generations.

Surplus Food Given to State

Non-penal institutions in Oregon received a total of \$34,710 of surplus commodities from the federal government during the six months ending January 31, 1950, according to a report made by Roy T. Mills, secretary of the state board of control.

Included in the shipments received were 4320 sacks of Irish potatoes; 3980 boxes of fresh apples; 8000 boxes of fresh pears and 39,400 pounds of dried milk.

Under present federal regulations surplus commodities cannot be furnished to penal institutions and an effort is being made by some other states to have this regulation changed. The state board of control voted to join in this request in order to utilize the surplus goods in the penitentiary.

"If the government is going to throw this food into the river, we might as well have it for the convicts," Governor McKay said.

County Shy of Funds for Roads

Do you cuss every time your car wheel strikes a chuck hole in a county road? Then you might as well keep on cussing, brother, or else mend your language; for the holes are going to remain for awhile.

Two consecutive severe winters have so damaged roads and so depleted county funds that repairs will have to be postponed for several months, members of the county court have indicated. Marion county simply can't afford any extensive smoothing-out operations now.

Some of the holes won't be patched up until next July, after the start of the county's new fiscal year. Meanwhile, however, the county will endeavor to level the most severe spots as rapidly as finances permit.

Road appropriation for the county in the fiscal year 1949-50 was \$688,925. All but \$248,000 of that fund had been spent by January 31. Ordinarily, the remaining amount would be enough to tide the county over until the new fiscal year, but Old Man Winter settled so snugly and stayed so long this year that the \$248,000 will be insufficient to repair the damages brought about by the recent cold spell.

Once the new fiscal year gets under way, the county will still have to pinch its road-repairing pennies. After the 1949 freeze, Marion county borrowed \$100,000 from the state for emergency road work usage. The state will have to be repaid during the 1950-51 fiscal year, which means the county must dig down in its road fund in order to pay back the 100 grand.

So, if you're one who's been directing verbal attacks at those chuck holes, you'll just have to go on cussing the things.

Visits Scheduled to Subordinate Granges

Schedule of visitation among the subordinates Granges of the county has been completed by a committee named by Mrs. George Benson, Marion County Pomona Grange master.

Competition has been eliminated as a past feature of the program.

Members of the committee meeting with Mrs. Benson were Mrs. John Zehner, Mrs. Carl Specht, Mrs. Thomas Bump, Mrs. J. C. Krenz and W. E. Savage.

The program takes Roberts to Fairfield March 10; Woodburn

to Red Hills March 14; North Howell to Silverton Hills March 17; Silverton to Union Hill March 18; Red Hills to Roberts March 18; Keizer to Silverton March 24; Silverton Hills to Waldo Hills March 25; Macleay to Ankeny April 1; Union Hill to Stayton April 1; Waldo Hills to North Howell April 3; Ankeny to Keizer April 5; Stayton to Macleay April 7 and Fairfield to Woodburn April 7.

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The requests were referred to City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz.

More 2 Hour Parking Meters

Two-hour parking meters are now operating in another Salem block.

The new meters, 21 of them, are on the north side of Chemeke street between Church and Cottage.

The meters do not give two hours of parking for a nickel. But you can insert two nickels at the same time and get two hours parking without returning to your car to feed the meter.

Other meters downtown will only take one nickel or five pennies at a time.

Something else new in Salem traffic regulation is the posting of four of the two dozen pedestrian safety signs ordered by the city council for some of the busiest street intersections in the city.

Two of the signs are on East and West Summer streets just north of the State House. One is at South Commercial and McGilchrist where many school children cross, and another is at Hood and North Capitol. In a few days one will be posted at Hood and Fairgrounds.

The signs, lettered on both sides of a disc, warn motorists to give right of way to pedestrians crossing the street.

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