

### Question of Constitution Goes Before Historical Group

Approval of a constitution will be one of the business items at an organization meeting of the recently formed Marion County Historical society to be held Monday night at 7:30 in the Fire-place room of Salem Public Library.

The committee on constitution is Allan Carson and Herbert J. Salisbury of Salem and Blaine McCord of Woodburn.

Invited to attend the meeting are all people interested. And among those invited are all who signed the petitions for preservation of the old Marion county courthouse which is soon to be replaced by a new one.

On the agenda for discussion at the Monday night meeting will be a proposed county museum. David Dunaway, state archivist and temporary chairman, says some funds are available toward the main project and any pledges received for the time being will be used for this purpose.

Sites under consideration are the building at Commercial and Ferry where the legislature once convened, and the old county courthouse if it is preserved. All persons interested in becoming charter members may attend the meeting.

### Stores Making Festive Plans

Damp weather has not dampened plans for Salem's Annual Spring Opening now less than a week away—March 23.

Merchants are in the midst of making plans and stores after a poll was taken this week agreed that all would remain closed that evening, placing all of their emphasis on their window displays.

A preliminary to the annual event is the distribution of tickets for the treasure hunt. Merchants will start distributing these tickets, which are "free for the asking," next Monday and will continue their distribution through Thursday.

Another musical organization Friday morning added its name to the list of bands and orchestras that would participate in the Thursday evening program. Latest to add their name is the drum and bugle corps of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion.

### Pilots Swarm To Vancouver

The Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon are opening the season Sunday morning with a breakfast hop to Pearson airport at Vancouver, Wash., where they will take part in the opening of the city's 125th birthday celebration.

Among the 13 similar visits planned during the season are those to Salem August 8; Lebanon July 20 and Newberg August 13. Other flights are tentatively scheduled. A dinner dance in conjunction with other flying clubs of the state will be held in Portland April 14.

The Vancouver breakfast will be served at the airport at 8 o'clock with formal flag-raising ceremonies on the parade ground at the barracks at 1 o'clock.

### Haywire Orchestra to Be Entered by FFA Lad

The Salem high school chapter of Future Farmers of America will enter a "haywire orchestra" in competition in connection with the state FFA convention to be held in LaGrande March 23.

Salem will be entitled to two official delegates and two alternates. They are Clay Rambo and Wayne Johnston; Kenneth Koppinger and Dallas Roquemore.

The orchestra members are Wayne Johnston, Dallas Roquemore, Kenneth Koppinger, Ray Tunnel, Don Shryder, Clay Rambo and Max Moores. The instruments include electric guitars, violins, mandolin, piano and bass fiddle.

The group will be accompanied to LaGrande by Wm. McKinney, instructor in agriculture.

### Squeez-Easy Invited To Show at Exposition

Society of Plastics Industry, which annually sponsors the National Plastics Exposition has invited a Salem firm, the Squeez-Easy Dispenser and Container Co. Inc., to participate in the annual exposition set for March 27-30 this year in Chicago.

The polyethylene squeez-easy

### Labor Man on Chest Drive

Salem is to have a visit Friday afternoon from the AF of L representative on the National Community Chest staff of New York City, Robert A. Rosenkrans.

Arrangements for the visit here of Rosenkrans were made Thursday and a meeting has been scheduled for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Salem Labor Temple with not only Community Chest workers in attendance but all interested persons invited to attend.

Subject of Rosenkrans' talk at the meeting is to be "Labor Participation in Community Chest Affairs."

Rosenkrans is in the west to attend the annual Pacific Region Conference of Community Chests and Councils, which opens in San Francisco April 3. Prior to that he also plans speaking engagements in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane.

### N W Solons to Talk to Brannan

Washington, March 17 (AP)—The Washington and Oregon congressional delegations today asked Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan to meet with them next week to discuss pricing and marketing problems of Pacific northwest wheat and flour.

The request was made in a letter signed by Sens. Warren G. Magnuson, (D., Wash.), and Wayne Morse (R., Ore.). They said the two delegations decided to ask for the meeting with Brannan to talk over "problems of mutual concern" as the result of a joint parley two weeks ago.

The consensus of the congressmen at that time, they said, was that the "particularly acute" wheat and flour problem in Oregon, Washington, and northern Idaho "is traceable to three chief factors."

### County Road Estimates Made

Estimates for the improvement of two roads in Marion county were submitted to the county court Friday by A. D. Graham, county surveyor.

The two roads are Bradley drive, in the Neef subdivision south of Salem, and Illinois avenue, east of Salem. The road improvements would be financed through an Oregon law which permits the county to conduct the work, then assess those who own land adjoining the road.

Graham estimates that the total cost of improving Bradley drive would be \$1650.22. This would mean an assessment of \$1.77 per ownership foot. The estimate on Illinois avenue is \$2420, or \$1.70 per ownership foot.

Hearings will be conducted later, when landowners may appear to object to such road improvement.

### Howard Miller Will Fly to Convention

Howard F. Miller, vocal music director at Salem high school, left early Friday by plane for St. Louis, Mo., to attend the National Music Educators convention.

As president of the music teachers of Oregon, Miller will represent the state in the executive sessions.

While at the convention, Miller will also lead the traditional lobby sing in the huge Jefferson hotel. These are a highlight of all music conventions.

bottles of the firm are to be included in an educational exhibit based on the "Plastics Build Better Products and Better Values" theme of the January and April issues of Modern Plastics magazine.

One of the stories in the April issue of the magazine was on the Salem firm's product.



Floyd Morgan

### Floyd Morgan Owl Manager

When Floyd Morgan, manager, officially opened the doors of the new Owl Drug store at the Capitol Shopping center Thursday morning he was assured by Robert Campbell, secretary of the Oregon Board of Pharmacy, that the Salem store was the "most modern drug store in Oregon."

Morgan, a native of Portland, is a pharmacist graduate from the University of Denver. He has been associated with drug merchandising for the past 23 years in California, Colorado, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Kentucky and Iowa. Since coming to Salem he has acquired a family home at 135 Kenwood avenue.

New Owl Drug store has a 50 foot frontage on Capitol street and 125 on Center. Walls and ceiling are finished in pastel shades and all lighting is fluorescent. Full vision windows are featured throughout.

Besides a complete line of all nationally advertised drugs and pharmaceuticals the store will stock associated sundries and many household wares. In addition there is an extensive camera department and a refreshment fountain. Morgan, however, is particularly proud of the ultra modern prescription department in the new Owl Drug store.

Assisting the manager will be a sales and clerical force of 30 persons all of whom are residents of Salem.

### Actuary Tells Group Of Legal Provisions

Roy Green, actuary for the state industrial accident commission, told members of the Salem Credit association Friday of provisions of the law governing the state agency.

He pointed out that employers could remove themselves from liability for injuries of employees by coming under the act. Workmen receive compensation for lost time, medical costs, and, if there is permanent disability, they receive regular benefits.

Before Green's talk, Charles Schmitz, secretary of the association, announced that the 29th regional retail credit conference would be held in Spokane in May.

### Student Marked For Electric Chair

Lancaster, Pa., March 17 (AP)—A sobbing Franklin and Marshall college student was marked last night for death in the electric chair in the "impulse" slaying of Marian Louise Baker.

A jury of seven men and five women found dark-haired Edward Lester Gibbs, 25-year-old senior from Pitman, N. J., guilty of first degree murder with the death penalty mandatory.

### SATURDAY NITE!



Joe Lane and His 'Western Dance Gang' Return to SLOPER HALL INDEPENDENCE 9:30 to 12:30 Every Sat. Nite!

### 11 of 16 Top Places Taken

Taking 11 out of 16 top places the Salem high school debate squad swept the district speech tournament at Linfield college at McMinnville Thursday with all first and second place winners eligible to compete in the state meet March 31 and April 1.

First places in seven of the eight events went to Salem students with James Frantz, Independence, taking the only other first place. The Salem squad is coached by Miss Amanda Anderson.

Other schools taking part in the tournament were Woodburn, Dallas, Independence, Albany, Sweet Home and Monroe.

Winners of the various sections were Paul Ward, first, Salem and Millie McCormick, Dallas, second, after dinner speaking; Frank ViTaris, Salem, first and Richie Wilbanks, Albany, second, impromptu; Gilbert Bateson, Salem, first and Frank ViTaris, Salem, second, panel discussion; John Bone, Salem, first and Albert Hansen, Woodburn, second, humorous reading; James Frantz, Independence, first and John Bone, second, extempore; Gene Poindexter, Salem, first and Eunice Peckenpaugh, Salem, second, oratory; James Humphrey, Salem, first and Paul Ward, Salem, second, radio; and Eunice Peckenpaugh, Salem, first and Janet Lundy, Dallas, second, poetry reading.

### Peak Reached In Selling Price

The majority of lending institutions feel that a peak has been reached in the selling price of property and that it has slid off to some degree.

This was the opinion expressed by Robert B. Hynd, head of the real estate loan department, Salem branch of the First National bank as he spoke before members of the Salem Board of Realtors Friday noon.

Hynd believes that the present level will be maintained for quite a period, a condition that should result in loosening funds for building to some extent.

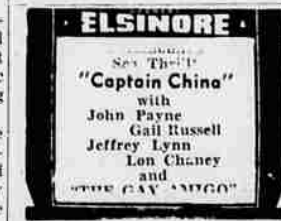
Recent action of the First National in placing a 12-year limit on GI loans resulted in virtual elimination of this type of transaction, said Hynd. As a result his organization is now prepared to loan for a maximum period of 20 years to qualified applicants. On new construction the maximum might be stretched to 25 years.

Hynd went into some detail concerning FHA and GI loans as well as so-called "combination" loans. He stated that within the past few months FHA has tightened its restrictions considerably in regard to location of property involved and the condition of the streets.

### Texture Wall Paints To Be Demonstrated

Tips to homemakers who plan to do their own painting and decorating will be given tonight and Saturday at the Montgomery Ward store in Salem by Frank Mallin, paint expert now touring Montgomery Ward stores in Oregon.

Mallin will demonstrate new texture wall paints with which an amateur can cover even cracked plaster and nail holes.



### EXPERT OPINION



"I laughed twice as hard at 'Dear Wife' as I did at 'Dear Ruth'!" Starts SUNDAY! EL SINORE

### Calico Cat Really Was Fire Resistant

Minerva, O., March 17 (AP)—Minerva's celebrated cat-in-the-kiln test was completed today. The experimenters said they found:

That Miracle, the calico cat, really was fire-resistant; That she could have lived for 36 hours in a brick kiln where the temperature reached 900 degrees.

"Now," exclaimed Joe Bucola, superintendent of the brick plant, "maybe they'll believe we're not a bunch of liars."

Miracle, a stray feline staggered out of one of Bucola's kilns March 5. Her fur was singed, an inch and a half of her tail was burned off and her paws were badly burned but she was alive.

The cat tale was scorned by some experts. So a test was undertaken to prove the story. Because it would have been sinful to put the cat back into the kiln, a synthetic cat was substituted. It was made up of a sirloin steak wrapped in a second-hand sealskin hat.

This prefabricated cat was placed in the kiln Wednesday. Again the temperature was raised to 900 degrees. This morning, 36 hours later, the kiln was reopened.

One end of the package—steak and fur—was burned to a crisp. But most of the package was in good condition. The fur was soft and the steak was tender and juicy.

A thermometer wrapped in the synthetic cat still registered 320 degrees. And this was hours after the kiln's heat had been turned down.

The National Geographic Society says there is evidence the Norwegians occupied parts of the Shetland Islands in AD 700.

giving walls and masonry the appearance of expensive textured surfaces.

Interesting patterns and finishes can be worked into the texture paint much as can be done with plaster, Mallin said. These patterns will be shown by Mallin while demonstrating the versatility of texture paints, which are merely mixed with water before being applied to interior surfaces.

HOLLYWOOD NOW SHOWING - OPEN 6:45 STAMPEDE ROD CAMERON GALE STORM CO-FEATURE "HOLD THAT BABY" with The Bowery Boys

HOLLYWOOD KIDS CLUB - TOMORROW - Doors Open 1:00 P.M. for Special Kids Matinee Stage Program - Prizes 3 CARTOONS SERIAL Special Matinee Features: "UNDER NEWADA SKIES" with Roy Rogers and Trigger ALSO BENSON'S BIRTHDAY CAKE for

THE STORY OF A BIG-SHOT! ROBERT ROSSENS' PRODUCTION All the King's Men with Broderick Crawford Joanne Dru - John Ireland John Derek Mercedes McCambridge

### Lammers Gets Reserve Honor

Radarmen First Class Clinton G. Lammers, USNR, Thursday night was named the first "Reservist of the Month" for the Salem Organized Naval Reserve Surface division.

Announcement of Lammers' selection was made by the commander of the unit, Lt. Comdr. Coburn Grabenhorst, at the division's regular meeting Thursday night.

Veteran of World War II with 16 months of duty as a radarmen aboard LSMs in the Pacific, Lammers was named for this honor because of his excellent record and outstanding service to the Salem unit.

The radarmen was a member of the original Naval Reserve electronics unit organized here shortly after the war and joined the surface division when it was activated in September, 1947. Since that time he has not only had a perfect attendance record for all of the meetings but has spent at least one other night a week working on classification at the training center.

Lammers is specializing in personnel classification and is considered by the 13th Naval district officials to be the best classifier in the entire district.

Employed by the state highway department since coming to Salem following his discharge from active duty with the navy after the war, Lammers prior to entering the service was an underwriter of insurance in Chicago. Navy activities do not claim all of his time here for he finds

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STARTS TODAY! NEVER BEFORE SO GREAT A PROGRAM! 2 of the Year's Finest Hits—On The Year's Biggest Double-Hit Show!

"Bravo! An Oscar Contender for sure!" KARL WILSON "One of the best pictures I've seen!" LOUIS SOBOL "It tops the stage play!" LOVELLA PARSONS The picture of the month! REDBOOK The TEN-BEST LIST WILL START WITH Warner Bros. Hasty Heart

THE PULITZER PRIZE NOVEL BECOMES A GREAT ACADEMY AWARD CONTENDER! All the King's Men with Broderick Crawford Joanne Dru - John Ireland John Derek Mercedes McCambridge

time to be a Cub Scout leader for a pack sponsored by the V. F. W.

Radarmen Lammers is married and has two sons, Dean and Kent.

### Waltons Meet Here Saturday

Directors of the state division of the Izaak Walton League will meet at the Senator hotel Saturday starting at 9:30 o'clock. This is the quarterly official session, according to George Christenson, of Silverton, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. David B. Charlton, Portland, president of the league, plans a report on the abatement of pollution in the Willamette river from industrial waste. Two of the dam projects, the Rogue and Snake river, will be discussed.

Silverton is sending a large delegation to the meeting, including Christenson, W. Clark Bachman, director; Allan T. Gribble, membership chairman and Harry Riches, Marion county agent who is serving the league as conservation chairman on soil discussions.

### Another Tree Falls on House of Sid Simning

Another tree fell on Sid Simning's house Friday.

It was the third time. The Simning house is north of Salem near the city limits, and in a grove of firs.

The first tree fell over a year

DANCE To The OLD-TIME and MODERN MUSIC of the WESTERN VALLEY BOYS Saturday MARCH 18th FINE MUSIC! FUN FOR ALL! Admission Only \$1.00 GLENWOOD BALLROOM Just 4 Mi. North of Salem on 99E

THE SALEM DRIVE-IN Theatre FRIDAY NITES ONLY. CARTOON CARNIVAL! Opens 6:15 - Starts 6:45 Brod Crawford John Ireland Joanne Dru "ALL KING'S MEN" Robert Young Barbara Hale "Baby Makes Three!" See a show from your car! Open Rain or Shine!

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ON THE CHESSMAN TRAIL? WAYNE RED RIVER Hilarious Co-Hit!

BOB HOPE JANE RUSSELL The Paleface TECHNICOLOR!

LIBERTY NOW! OPENS 6:45 P.M. Dana Andrews - In Technicolor "CANYON PASSAGE" Anna Lee "HIGH CONQUEST"

KARTOON CARNIVAL TOMORROW At 12:30 with Reg. Show

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