

10,000 Salem Youngsters to Troop Back to School

Public Schools Open on 21st, Catholic on 14th

Another school year fast approaches for approximately 10,000 Salem youngsters, already are in the process of converting from vacation thoughts to a back-to-school frame of mind. In line with increased population, officials

are prepared to handle a record enrollment when the city's public schools open on September 21.

Bigger enrollments also are anticipated at the three Catholic schools in the city, which open on September 14.

To meet the swelling enrollment, 14 classrooms have been added to the public grade schools. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic school's facilities will include one new classroom.

Delay in completion of the new Morningside school may prove to be a temporary bottleneck for an otherwise smooth-functioning program. If the Morningside project is not ready by the 21st opening day, pupils will temporarily be handled by the other grade schools.

The Morningside school is a part of the Salem School District's ambitious elementary school construction program—a close to half a million dollar series of projects.

Improvements and additions have been made at Liberty school, Hayesville and Roberts. A six-classroom structure has been added at Liberty and one at Hayesville.

Construction continues on the mammoth South Salem high school project, scheduled to be ready in another year. Considerable painting and repair work was done at Salem high school during the summer.

Students entering Salem public schools for the first time must undergo a physical examination as must all entering the first or seventh grades. Exceptions are made on religious grounds.

All first graders in the public schools are asked to register with school principals before September 21. Others to register on September 21.

At Sacred Heart Academy freshmen will register September 8 and report for entrance exams at 10 a.m. September 9. Others will register from September 8 through 12, with classes starting September 14. Registration now is in progress at St. Joseph's and will continue until school opens September 14. Registrations are all but complete at St. Vincent's school.

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Construction of new, \$3,500,000 South Salem high school makes it difficult for the casual observer to determine where Leslie Junior high school ends and new high school construction begins.

Good News Finally Prevails In Captain Harry's Family

New York (AP)—The parents and wife of Air Force Capt. Ronald C. Harry, 35, learned Monday that he is coming home from Korea as a released prisoner of war. But that is only half the story.

Harry went to Korea in February, 1952. In June of that year, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harry of Brooklyn, his parents, and his wife, Gertrude, got a happy letter from the captain. He felt fine, and, in his next letter, would send them a picture.

An hour later, on that June day, the Brooklyn home was plunged into sorrow. A War Department telegram said Harry was missing in action. Hope faded as months passed.

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cited neighbor telephoned the Harrys. Ronald, alive and well, had been officially announced among those in the days' prisoner exchange. He is due home in a couple of weeks.

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Willamina to Pay High Tax

Willamina—Willamina Property owners will pay an increased tax over last year in the city as well as in the rural area, thus returning to the doubtful place of honor at the top of the list as far as millage rates are concerned.

The county millage rate this year including roads is 17.2 mills compared to 16.6 mills, showing an increase of .6 of a mill over last year. The Willamina city millage rate is 23.7 mills compared to 21.1 mills last year. The consolidated levy for the city of Willamina is 113.8 mills compared to 92.6 mills last year. This consolidated millage rate of 113.8 is the highest millage rate in Yamhill county. The largest consolidated millage rate last year is 39.18 mills compared to of Carlton.

The millage tax rate for Willamina School District this year is 29.8 mills compared to

loading facilities will be completely enclosed.

30.8 mills last year. Willamina Union High millage rate this year is 33.1 mills compared to 24.1 mills last year.

RETURNS TO HOSPITAL
Woodburn — Mrs. Ermine

Bushnell Falk of Rickreall, sister of Mrs. J. Melvin Ringo of Woodburn, has returned to Salem Memorial hospital for surgery on her arm, which was injured in an automobile accident in June.

Thornton Rules On Court Actions

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Monday that Oregon criminal courts should not reduce fines in part or suspend parts of sentences already imposed.

"All criminal courts have the power to suspend imposition and execution of sentence unless expressly forbidden by statute. However, it is my opinion that the court has the power to suspend sentence or execution as a whole and not in part," he said in an opinion requested by John J. Pickett, district attorney of Coos county.

It has been common practice in courts of the state to reduce fines in part and to cut sentences.

Thornton's rulings are of an advisory nature, and courts are under no compulsion to follow them.

Willamina

Willamina — Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Connick of Missoula, Mont., are visiting his brother, E. E. Connick and family.

Melva Kibistadius celebrated her birthday Tuesday. Her guests at a birthday party were Beverly Gill, Marlene Greenlaw, Miriam Hirm, Sharon Werth, Mrs. Louis Galliger and Mrs. Reuben Johnson.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Kirk and son of Griswold, Iowa, visited with his cousin, Oscar Rudig and Mrs. Rudig this week.

James Stillwell returned to the states two weeks ago after spending 22 months with the navy on Guam. He and his wife are now living at their home near Willamina.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kanells are now in Columbus, Ga., where he is taking advanced officers training at Fort Benning.

Dr. and Mrs. Otis Barr and family have returned from a vacation trip spent at Northwood lodge near Monterey, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Felton and Gary accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Don Keuhn and daughter on a three weeks trip to Minnesota.

Mrs. Avis Brock was hostess to the Pinochle club at her home this week. Mrs. Clara Krauthoefer won high, Mrs. Roseada Haenny second and Miss Martha Hintzen low. Clara Tatam and Helen Tharp won pinochle.

The annual firemen's picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 30 in the yard of the Christian church.

Mrs. Sadie Brock was hostess to the Friendship club at her home recently. Guests were Mrs. Frank Smelser, Mrs. Ann Call, Mrs. Dixie Weber, Mrs. Josephine Rumrill, Mrs. Alma Lentz, Mrs. Ethel Tremblay, Mrs. Earl Richardson, Mrs. Elizabeth Rugg and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. James Linville of Willamina are the parents of a daughter, Kathleen Anne, born Aug. 21 at Dr. Barr's clinic.

Robert Leon Henthorn and Ruth Mae Henthorn, graduates of the Willamina high school, have been admitted to Oregon State college for the 1953-54 school year.

The Willamina Garden club will meet Thursday, Sept. 3, at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, with Mrs. Emery Dentel co-hostess. This will be the first meeting of the fall season.

The Grade School PTA had an executive board session at the home of Mrs. Emery Dentel, president, this week. Officers attending were first vice-president, Mrs. Marie Swanson; secretary, Mrs. Doris Sundrud; treasurer, Mrs. Elfrida Myers, and school principal, Kenneth Ramey. Mrs. Dorothy Buffington resigned as second vice-president and Mrs. Enola Johnson was appointed in her place.

Committee chairmen appointed included: Program committee, Mr. and Mrs. James Buswell; membership committee, Mrs. Earl Dickey; budget, Mrs. Barbara Elliott; room mothers, Mrs. Royce Coan; county council, Mrs. Melba Yoder; art, Mrs. Herbert Rydell; hospitality, Mrs. Ethel Read; decorations, Mrs. Charles McBee and publicity, Mrs. Albert Endres.

Chevrolet to Erect Center in Portland

Portland (AP)—Construction of a warehouse-office building to serve about 427 dealers in Oregon and Washington was announced Monday by James C. Rice, Chevrolet motor division zone manager.

The building, in Portland's northwest industrial area, will be a distribution center for parts and accessories. Floor space will total 105,000 square feet, and all loading and un-

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