

Improvements and One Major Loss at Airport

Salem's airport during 1953 had several minor improvements, but it also had one major loss—the CAA control tower, which was used in controlling air traffic.

The tower was closed the last day of June and the men operating it moved to other stations.

It was during 1953 that the installation of the high intensity lights at the airport was completed and one of the taxiways also was patched, along with the maintenance of the airport equipment.

The airport was visited in July and August by a Navy blimp, which was moored near the Salem Naval Air Facility. After the visit, the Navy left the deadmen for the mooring tower and now the airport has a place where a portable blimp mooring tower can be anchored.

Speaking of the Salem Naval Air Facility, which is on the airport, the facility during 1953 had a new boiler installed for its heating system.

During 1953, a contract was signed between the city and Richard and J. C. Krenz for the farming of the land included on the airport. Arrangements also were made for leasing buildings on the airport to Consolidated Builders, the Oregon National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol.

New to the airport in 1953 was George Kretzberg, who purchased both Farm Air and the Salem Air Service and operates the airport under the Kretzberg Aviation company.

The year 1953 found hunters permanently barred from the airport by having the field placed in the game reserve.

Not in line with improvements, but a move that will certainly have the approval of taxpayers is the reduction of the budget for the airport by about \$3,000, and Airport Manager Charles Barclay points out it is the only department in the city reducing its budget.

Railroads Hit By Layoffs

Recent and planned layoffs of employes in industry and railroads which employ nearly 20 million workers, total 53,000 a survey has disclosed.

The nation's total unemployed, as of November, was 1,428,000, an increase of only 10,000 from November, 1952. Of the 61,925,000 workers in all gainful occupations in November, 16,711,000 were in manufacturing industries and 2,956,000 in railroads.

The Associated Press survey showed that most of the 53,000 workers were laid off in the last few weeks or face unemployment by the middle of January. Although most of the layoffs appeared to be of the long-range type, there appeared openings in other fields.

Railroads and related industries appeared hardest hit by the recent layoffs. The Associated Press survey disclosed. At least 18,680 rail workers have lost their jobs or face unemployment in the near future.

978 Join Armed Services Here During Last Year

This area sent 978 men and women to active duty with some branch of the Armed Forces during the year 1953 and many were training here as members of the service.

Two hundred and eighty-five of these reporting for active duty were called through the draft. The local selective service office had calls for 356 men, but part of these men were either reclassified or enlisted in some branch of the service before ordered to report. During 1953 a total of 893 men were given pre-induction physical examinations.

The Army enlisted the largest number of men of any branch of the service during the past year with their figure for the year 287. The Air Force signed 127; the Navy had 125 first enlistment and nine re-enlistments and the Marine corps enlisted 122 men.

Several women from this area also joined some branch of the Armed Forces during 1953, with a total of 23 enlisted. Ten of these joined the Waf, eight, the Wacs and five the Waves.

All of the recruiting services except the Navy topped their last year enlistment figures and the Navy is operating on a quota and so that it had only 49.66 per cent of last year's enlistment figures. Marines were above last year and the total figures for 1952 for the Air Force and Army were 233 compared to the 432 this year.

Marines, Air Force, Navy and the Army all have reserve outfits in Salem, and Salem has three National Guard units. Also a number of Salem men belong to the headquarters of the Oregon National Guard.

The National Guard claims the largest number of men. Company B, 162nd Infantry Regiment, has five officers, one warrant officer and 81 enlisted men. D company of the same regiment has four officers, one warrant officer and 62 enlisted men. The third National Guard unit here, D battery, 722nd anti-aircraft artillery, automatic weapons, has four officers, one warrant officer and 57 enlisted men.

Uncle Sam's Navy has three different types of units here, the air, the surface and Seabees.

Naval airmen train at the Salem Naval Air Facility in three different squadrons. Total number of pilots training is 70 and the enlisted men in these squadrons numbers 67. Also training there are the 10 officers of the aviation ground unit.

Fifteen officers and 135 enlisted men train with Naval surface division 13-28, and the Seabee reserve unit, division 13-9, contains four officers and 19 enlisted men. These men, like members of the Marine Reserve unit, train at the Salem Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center.

Salem's Marine reserve unit is the Third 155 mm Gun Battery. Belonging to this outfit are four officers and 26 enlisted men.

Both members of the Army reserve units and the Air Force Reserve unit train at the Salem Army Reserve Armory.

The Army has 72 officers and 37 enlisted men taking training with some unit or in one of the school branches. Army reserve units are E company of the 413th Infantry Regiment of the 104th division (reserves); headquarters and headquarters company and A battery of the 929th field artillery; and Oregon mobilization designation detachment No. 1.

Branches of the Army Reserve school attended by reserves here are command and general staff, military intelligence, medical service and infantry.

Salem's Air Reserve unit is the 9414th Air Reserve Squadron. This outfit contains 54 officers and eight airmen and has five officers, attached to the unit for training.

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Jowl Bacon lb. **25c**

More Born, Fewer Die Here During Past Year

The health of Marion County residents during 1953 appeared about on a par compared with previous years, judging by statistics issued by the Department of Health.

With the exception of measles there was no great upsurge in communicable dis-

eases, although the incidence of poliomyelitis was greater, stepped up from 27 to 30 because of a rash of 10 cases in November. There were 739 cases of measles as against 165 during the first 11 month period of 1952.

The birth rate, mounting rapidly since the close of World War II, leveled off during 1953, although the 2519 babies who were born through November were six in excess of those who appeared during last year. Male babies outnumbered female 1315 to 1204.

Deaths—804—during the 11 months, were less by 25 than for the preceding similar period of 1952. Male deaths totaled 457.

Heart disease continued to be the chief killer, with 309 deaths being attributed to that cause. This is an increase of 44 over 1952. Cancer claimed 107 victims, up from 98. Apoplexy was responsible for 78 deaths, and increase of 31 over last year. Automobile accidents killed 19 persons during the 11 months, identical with the number who died from this cause in 1952.

In the field of communicable disease, there was an increase in mumps from 7 to 182 cases in comparing 1952 with 1953. There were decreases in bronchial pneumonia, 63 to 30, scarlet fever, 52 to 16; and rheumatic fever, 14 to 9.

Baby Contest At Woodburn

Woodburn — The annual "First Baby of the New Year" contest, sponsored by Woodburn merchants, is now under way and a wide variety of valuable gifts await two lucky babies. One group of awards will go to the first baby born in 1954 to parents residing within the Woodburn city limits, and another group to the first baby of the new year born to parents living in the Woodburn trading area.

Included in area I of the contest are residents within the Woodburn city limits served by the Woodburn city mail service. Area II is designated for persons residing on Woodburn routes 1 and 2, Hubbard city and Hubbard route 1, Gervais city and Gervais route 1, Monitor, Donald, Aurora city and Aurora route 1 in Marion county. To be eligible the parents must be bonafide residents of the area for which prizes are claimed and must have lived in the area for at least the entire month of December, 1953.

It will be the responsibility of the parents of the babies eligible for the awards to report the birth to the local independent office by Tuesday noon, Jan. 5, 1954. Information required will be: I, the name, sex, weight and color of hair and eyes of the baby; II, the place, date, hour and minute of the birth. The information must carry the signature and address of the attending physician and the signatures of the mother and father and their address. In case of a tie the gifts will be divided. If no winners are reported in one or both areas by the expiration of the first deadline the time for reporting will be extended.

All of the prizes to be awarded in the contest have been donated by Woodburn merchants.

Post Office Receipts for Year Just Under Million

Cash receipts for the Salem post office were \$984,596.62 for 1953 according to compilations made late Thursday by the office of Postmaster Albert C. Gragg.

The total is \$13,230 greater than for the calendar year 1952, but is short by some \$15,404 of the million-dollar mark at which the office had been shooting.

However, there is a strong possibility that the million-dollar figure will be reached when the office is credited with certain sums that are handled

by the U. S. postal department. Receipts for December of this year were \$146,864.29, greater by \$16,122 the amount taken in during the final month of 1952.

While the parcel post rates were upped during the last three months of this year, Postmaster Gragg stated that the increase didn't make too much difference, especially in the Christmas trade. "People just bought and sent smaller packages," he explained.

Postal receipts have more than doubled since 1943 when they were \$433,507. The period of greatest growth appears to have been between 1943 and 1949. In the latter year they reached \$850,796. In 1950 the figure was \$876,486; 1951, \$876,444, and in 1952, \$995,955.

There was a considerable backing and filling month by month during 1953. Receipts were: January, \$77,924; February, \$80,607; March, \$76,938; April, \$82,173; May, \$79,086; June, \$78,259; July, \$68,800; August, \$75,438; September, \$67,710; October, \$75,243; November, \$78,967.

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Price's will be CLOSED SATURDAY, Jan. 2, 1954

We at Price's wish to extend to all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We are closing to allow our personnel an extended weekend. Our Clearance Sale will continue Monday with many great savings and values.

Stayton Phone Co. To Elect Directors

Stayton — Stockholders of the Stayton Mutual Telephone company will meet at the city hall at 8 p.m., January 11, with one of the major issues conversion of the present system to dial as approved at the last meeting.

Also at this meeting, three directors will be elected, reports of officers will be heard and opinions will be voiced on the matter of consolidation of the company with others operating through the switchboard association.

CHILD IN HOSPITAL

Webfoot—Jeanette Richards, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Richards of Webfoot district, has been critically ill at the Providence hospital, Portland, several days and has received three blood transfusions, one given before an emergency operation.

Jasper McLevy, a Socialist, is serving his 11th consecutive term as mayor of Bridgeport, Conn.

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