

# Salem Planning Body Approves Annexation 10.9 Acre Tract Land

## Franzen Advises Group to Add To City

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Members of the Salem Planning Commission gave their approval Tuesday night to the proposed annexation of 10.92 acres into the city.

All of the owners of the area signed the petition to bring the property into the city so an election in the district will not be needed. The tract is located east of the Oregon State Fairgrounds south of Silverton road and adjoins the site of the future junior high school next to Washington school.

In recommending the area be taken into the city the Plats and Subdivision Committee of the Commission noted that sewer and water trunk lines are available to serve the area and that cost of laying the lines in the tract would be borne by the property owners and not the city.

Only cost to the city in the project would come from fire and police protection, cost of intersections and street lights, it was pointed out.

**Take In Small Areas**  
City Manager J. L. Franzen, in speaking of annexation of outside areas, said that there should be some annexation in progress all of the time. He said it was preferable to take in small areas, such as the one being discussed, because they could be more easily assimilated into the city.

The city manager explained that there is very little area left inside of the city which can be developed for housing and that if the city is to grow, it must take in the additional areas.

"If annexations are not in progress right along the progress of the city will be stilled," Franzen said. In passing on its recommendation to the city council the commission noted that while it is not the policy to favor annexation of a tract with such an irregular boundary under he circumstances there is no objection to this annexation.

**Two Variances Approved**  
The commission also approved, following public hearings, two variances.

Carroll H. Erlanson was given permission to construct a duplex on Davidson Street on the third lot south of Wilbur Street and Herman C. Feddern was given a variance to build a three unit dwelling on Summer Street between Shipping and Hood Streets.

Only objection to either request came from C. L. Fritz, 930 Cross Street, who had mailed a remonstrance protesting the duplex project on Davidson Street saying it would reduce property values in the area.

Final approval was given by the commission to the plat for Liberty Garden Annex No. 1 which is located north of Liberty Gardens on the north side of Boone Road, a half mile east of Liberty Road. The plat includes 12 lots varying from 10,000 to 12,500 feet on a four

acre tract. Developer of the project is Felix E. Riedel. Present at the meeting was F. W. Gibson, who was seeking a variance setback for an Associated Oil service station at 17th and Market Streets. He was told to file the variance request with the city recorder and that the matter would come before the commission. Members of the commission also discussed informally the need for acquiring property to extend some access streets. A committee will prepare a priority list to submit to the commission.

## Salem Students At OSC Elected To House Posts

Janet Bohnstedt, Mary Schwalen, Sally Schwalen, and Ray Conder, Salem students at Oregon State college, have been elected to officer posts of their cooperative living groups.

Miss Bohnstedt, sophomore, was elected corresponding secretary of Jameson house, women's cooperative. She is majoring in science and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bohnstedt of 5182 Sunnyside road, Salem.

Mary Schwalen was elected second vice president and Sally is the new recording secretary of Jameson house. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard O. Schwalen of Rt. 4, Box 177, Salem. Mary is majoring in physical education and Sally is majoring in science.

Conder, a senior in mechanical engineering, was elected sergeant at arms of Hawthorne manor, men's cooperative. His parents

## Recover Boy's Body From Pond



NEW YORK—Police rescue squad pulls body of 14-year-old Philip Bruno from icy waters of Pea Pond in Queens yesterday after boy drowned when he broke through thin ice while taking shortcut across pond. Two young companions, out with Bruno to shovel snow, escaped similar fate. One managed to scramble ashore and the other was saved by a quick-thinking housewife who pulled him to safety with a garden hose. (AP Photofax)

## G-I Benefits End On December 31

Oregon's veterans of World War II were advised Tuesday that next Dec. 31 is the deadline for enrolling for training under the state veterans' educational aid program. There is no deadline for veterans of the Korean War. Benefits total \$50 a month for college students.

The world is expected to produce 261 million short tons of bread grains this year. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Conder of 982 Park avenue, Salem. All of the students are graduates of Salem high school.

## 3 From Salem To Tour With OSC Singers

Three Salem students at Oregon State college—Roberta Sears, Shirley Will and Steve Lee—will take part next month in the annual state tour of the OSC singing group, the Choralaires.

Fifty students will travel with the group, Robert Walls, head of music, is director.

Concerts are planned at Bend, April 2; Baker, April 3; Vale, April 4; Prineville, April 5; and Corvallis, April 10. Last year, the group visited Southern Oregon cities.

Miss Sears, a junior in elementary education, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sears, Route 3. Miss Will, a senior in elementary education, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark M. Will, 1692 South Liberty.

Lee is a senior majoring in civil engineering at OSC. His home is at 2365 Tepper Lane.

All are graduates of Salem high school.

## 4300 Disabled Vets in Wheel Chair Houses

WASHINGTON—The Veterans Administration said today more than 4,300 seriously disabled veterans have received federal grants of over 41 million dollars for "wheel chair homes." VA pays half the cost of such homes up to a maximum of \$10,000. The average grant has been \$9,482.

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