

Salem Upstate Leader Again

Salem again led Oregon's upstate cities in building permits for March, but tumbled 46 per cent below a huge March, 1955 figure, the monthly summary for 19 Oregon cities by the Equitable Savings & Loan Assn. of Portland, received here today, revealed.

Salem's March, 1956 total was \$470,498. Next highest upstate figure was Klamath Falls' \$327,490. Eugene followed with \$310,661. Portland led as always with \$4,295,520. The total of \$7,187,617 was nine percent below the previous March. Totals for the 1956 and 1955 months follow:

	1956	1955	Change
Albany	82,260	122,100	-33
Astoria	30,328	13,840	233
Beaumont	41,967	32,250	92
Boardman	107,509	172,152	-63
Cornvallis	227,547	200,195	44
Eugene	310,661	472,725	-25
Grants Pass	68,120	160,485	-58
Klamath Falls	327,490	66,300	409
LaGrande	37,640	30,409	89
Coos Bay	108,608	82,745	21
Medford	285,648	253,060	1
Oregon City	31,700	103,294	-69
Princeton	200,845	29,267	428
Portland	4,295,520	4,562,215	-6
Roseburg	88,725	63,703	26
St. Helens	29,700	14,608	15
Salem	470,498	86,086	416
Springfield	192,408	76,710	157
The Dalles	116,843	162,258	-49
Total Ore.	7,187,617	7,806,408	-9

Okay Given Bond Issue At Bethel

Bethel school district patrons approved a \$23,000 bond issue for an additional classroom with full basement play area by a vote of 39 to 11 Thursday.

William Williams, Salem architect, said Friday that the classroom will be ready for the fall school opening. He said it will conform to the architecture of the original school building.

Additional land will be purchased by the school board from Nile Hillborn to provide room for the addition.

A 10-year six mill levy will be imposed to retire the bonds.

Delegate Picked For Employment National Session

Mrs. Lois Cecil, Portland, member of the Oregon chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security, holding a two-day session in Salem, won the right to represent the state chapter at the international convention in Toronto next August.

Mrs. Cecil was winner in an essay contest with Mrs. Rose Pappas of Portland, runner-up and Jack Norton, Salem, outgoing state president, was third.

Governor Elmo Smith, speaking to the more than 100 persons attending the meeting Thursday that scarcity of skilled workers in state employment means "opportunity unlimited" for present employees.

The governor said there is a nationwide shortage in many of skills needed, with many state workers lost to federal and local agencies as well as to industry, all offering more pay and opportunity.

Copper Wire Theft Told

Theft of 700 feet of copper wire, cut from a power pole leading to a sawmill near Astoria, was reported to the Marion county sheriff's office Thursday.

C. W. Wright, 2383 S. Cottage St., Salem, who owns the mill, said the theft occurred sometime during the 10 days previous to its discovery Wednesday.

Sheriff's deputies also were told of a thief's effort to enter Powell's grocery, in Jefferson through the store's skylight. But a wire mesh screen halted the thief, the deputies said.

Moose Lodge Ceremony Set

The Salem Moose lodge will hold a special enrollment ceremony Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Moose hall, 3057 Portland rd. The degree work will be done by the ritualistic team from the Eugene lodge which is the champion degree team of the state.

Several of the officers of the Oregon Moose association will be in Salem for the ceremony, including Charles W. Skill, state director and Charles W. Allig, vice president of district 1, both of Portland; and Wendell Deller, vice president, district 2 of Eugene. Visitors from many of the Moose lodges of the state are expected. Serving as governor of the Salem lodge is Ernest V. Smyers.

Youth to Wed Girl He Shot

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Allen Dale Elgin Jr., 20, still hopes to marry the girl he shot last month in a lovers' quarrel.

The Monrovia, Calif., youth pleaded guilty yesterday to a deadly weapons possession charge and was ordered to appear May 2 for probation hearing and sentencing in the shooting of Judy Ann Frechette, 16.

A deputy district attorney told the court Elgin apparently shot Miss Frechette when she refused to marry him.

The girl, recovered from an abdominal wound, said she was considering Elgin's renewed offer of marriage.

Jackson Estate Tops \$2 Million

PORTLAND (AP) — Court appraisal records list the estate of Maria C. Jackson, widow of the founder of the Oregon Journal, at \$2,471,176.

Mrs. Jackson died last February at the age of 93. Most of her holdings were in stock in the Journal Publishing Co. and the Journal Building Co. She was chairman of the board of the publishing company at the time of her death.

Under terms of her will a large portion of the estate was put in a trust fund for charitable and educational purposes.

She was the widow of C. S. Jackson, founder of the Journal, and mother of Philip L. Jackson, late publisher of the newspaper.

Candidate Questionnaire

League of Women Voters of Salem, Project to Inform the Voters on Who the Candidates at the May 18 Primary Are and Their Views on Public Questions. One Will Appear in the Capital Journal Daily Until Election.

Lee Byers

Republican Candidate for State Representative, Marion County.

Questionnaire of Lee Byers, candidate for the office of state representative, Dist. 12, Resides at Route 3 Box 938, Salem, Age 70, Party: Republican. Education: High school. Wooster college (Ohio); later, Oregon and North Dakota College of Education and State College. Occupation: Farmer, partially retired. Occupational history: Educational work, more than 25 years; various part time work during vacations; some farm and business; supervisor of state unit with Unemployment Compensation Commission 12 years, until retirement in 1952; operates farm and traveled since that time, three months in Europe, all states in U.S. except one, Canada and Mexico. Not associated with any civic organizations at present. Has been associated with several during educational and state service; one farm group now but not necessarily classed strictly civic. No previous political experience.



1. Q. If additional state revenue is required over and above what present taxes would bring in, what method would you prefer?

A. Each group particularly affected by a tax claims it unfair. The property tax may be considered thus because assessments have not and perhaps may never be on a strictly equitable basis. Yet property taxes are necessary. But many of those who receive benefits from the state services do not pay any property tax even in those states which levy such a tax.

An income tax may also be unfair in some instances: Certain incomes are reported to the state and must be included by the individual when making the tax return; other incomes are not reported and are difficult or impossible to locate. The gas tax is a form of sales tax and is generally accepted even though it is a very high rate of taxation.

With increased demands for services from the state and the necessity of perhaps securing more funds a different tax program may be necessary. The increase made by the last legislature in state taxes seems excessive, the \$500 personal exemption provision together with the 45 per cent surtax seems unfair.

Adjoining states have sales taxes, yet tourists do not shun them and what is even more important, new industries locate there instead of in Oregon.

I would work to have: The 45 per cent surtax removed and the \$500 exemption restored; a general sales tax put into effect (excluding food items and not "ear marking that fund for education." If

however, be permitted to shift all support to the state. There should be some standards set up upon which to determine the eligibility of a district but these standards should be agreed on by all groups interested in good schools.

I note that your questions are nonpolitical, and perhaps all legislative questions should be considered on that basis.

When speaking of taxes in the above paragraph I am speaking of direct taxes as distinguished from the indirect ones. (No. 1).

4. Q. Should the specific structure of county government be stipulated in the state constitution?

A. I have never given this question much thought. I can understand that it would be very important that the state constitution provide for county structure, organization and government.

5. Q. Do you support the method of legislative apportionment as defined in the Oregon constitution?

A. Yes, I regret that the past legislatures have not complied with the provisions set forth in the constitution.

6. Q. Should the state take leadership in helping fringe area problems?

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convention. If, however, minor revisions are suggested they could be made by amendment. A convention could initiate in the first instance but the ratification should be made by a vote of the people.

3. Q. Do you feel the state should provide more money to meet needs of growing school population or should the local districts assume this responsibility? Should additional qualifications be required of local districts to participate in state funds?

A. Having been in school work for many years and having made a careful study of the school financial setup, I would work for more substantial state support for school systems, thus there would be better equalization throughout the state. Local areas should not,

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Election Interim Meeting Delayed

The usual monthly meeting of the legislative interim committee on elections, usually held on the first Thursday of each month, has been delayed until after the primaries, it was announced Thursday. The meeting is expected to be scheduled later in the month.

A research staff from Willamette university, will present several suggestions for the May meeting agenda.

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