

# Remodeling at Post Office Gives More 'Elbow Room'

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The fellow at the post office who sorts the mail for distribution and the man who supervises the stamping machines have a lot more elbow room now.

The reason? The long-drawn-out task of converting the basement into a modern workshop has been completed.

When the post office was constructed several years ago, the basement, except for a small section, was left in the raw state. There was a dirt floor, bare ugly walls and an old fashioned drop light here and there to provide illumination.

Room Changed  
Now all of that is changed. The room, without partitions, has ample-height ceilings and row after row of fluorescent light fixtures. A new type of flooring is said to be easy on the feet. Forced air ventilation is provided.

Except for the weighing and stamping of all outgoing parcel post packages, this branch of the postal service is handled exclusively in the basement. This means more room on the first floor for the clerks who work the first class mail. It also provides space for placing the cases in a more convenient manner.

Once an outgoing parcel post package has been weighed and stamped it is dropped down a chute into the basement. There it is picked up by a clerk who deposits it in a sack. Then it is sent to the loading platform at the rear of the building on an endless belt. The accumulation sacks are loaded into trucks for ultimate delivery to a railway mail car or for transportation over the highways.

Delivered to Platform  
Incoming parcel post mail is delivered from the rear platform through a chute into the basement. There it is segregated, according to city routes, placed in sacks and sent back up for the convenience of the carrier. Much of the parcel post matter, especially the heavier parcels, are delivered by motorized carrier. However, the foot carrier still packs a lot of the stuff.

Finishing off the basement quarters, enlarging the loading platform and providing larger driveways, all at an expense of approximately \$100,000, will eliminate the necessity of renting a warehouse for use during the Christmas holiday season, Postmaster Albert C. Gragg states.

## Stroke Sends NS Teacher To Hospital

Mrs. Mabel Prentiss, 2720 Center St., was reported in serious condition Tuesday at Salem Memorial hospital where she was taken after suffering a stroke Monday.

Mrs. Prentiss, a home economics instructor at North Salem high school, collapsed in the hall at the school Monday. She was holding her own Tuesday, hospital officials said, but her condition was still listed as serious.

## Rosenbaum Rites To Be Wednesday

Funeral services will be held at the Virgil T. Golden chapel Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Eugene Augustus Rosenbaum, resident of this area for many years, who died at a local hospital Sunday. Rev. Richard T. Owen will officiate at the service.

A house painter and a late resident of 1155 South 13th St., Rosenbaum, was born July 18, 1880, in Irvington, Neb. He came to this area at the age of eight years and in his youth was employed in an Oregon City paper mill. For several years Rosenbaum was floor manager of the Crystal Gardens ballroom here. Lately he did painting and spraying for himself.

In 1925 Rosenbaum was married to Viola Carden. She died in 1942 and six years later he remarried. Rosenbaum was a member of the Modern Woodmen at Clatskanie.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Inez Rosenbaum; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Frank Crozier, Salem, and Mrs. W. W. Corcoran, Seattle; a stepson, J. K. Durkee, Vancouver, Wash.; a brother Oscar Rosenbaum, Grand Ronde, Ore.; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Willamette ROTC Staffer to Leave

Capt. William A. Kirkman, member of the Air Force ROTC staff at Willamette university since August, 1952, will report March 31 for duty in the material office of headquarters at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Denver.

Kirkman, veteran of almost 13 years of duty with the air force, came to the Willamette assignment after duty at the air force base at Presque Isle, Maine. The past semester he has been a student at Willamette university, receiving his degree in mathematics at the end of the semester. Kirkman, his wife, their three daughters and their son left Salem Tuesday and prior to going to Denver, will visit relatives in Long Beach, Calif.

Leaflet Raids Made  
TAIPEI, Formosa, (AP)—Nationalist Chinese planes showered anti-leaflet bombs over six mainland provinces early Tuesday.

## New Equipment Speeds Postal Work



Parcel post handling at the Salem post office is both faster and more efficient after the completion of a remodeling job in the basement. Here parcel post handler Marvin Humphrey sends some packages up a rotating belt chute to waiting delivery trucks outside the building. (Capital Journal Photo)

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## CHAMBER TOLD POLICY

# Ad Rates Set Low as Possible, Brown Says

Advertising rates at the Statesman-Journal company newspapers have been set as low as costs of production have allowed, E. A. Brown, vice-president of the corporation and publisher of the Salem Journal, told members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Brown spoke at a chamber luncheon program put on by the newspaper in recognition of National Advertising week. Maintained Low Rates  
He told the group that the late Bernard Mainwaring, publisher of the Capital Journal until his death Jan. 19, had always believed in keeping advertising rates as low as possible while giving readers their most for their newspaper dollar. He cited passages from a letter from a businessman in a city where Mr. Mainwaring formerly published a newspaper. After Mr. Mainwaring left, the writer said, the new publisher jumped advertising rates to nearly twice what they had been. Brown said the Mainwaring practice of lowest possible rates would continue at the States-

man-Journal newspapers. In a prepared statement, Brown outlined future plans for the Capital Journal to members of the chamber of commerce. He said, "Since I have become the publisher of the Capital Journal, many hopes and many wild guesses have come to my attention. So I know of no better time or place to make this statement of policy."  
Journal Not For Sale  
"The Capital Journal will be operated just exactly as it would have been under Mr. Mainwaring's guidance or as close as we can come to it. The Capital Journal is not for sale to any one at any price at any time. It will continue to be operated by the Mainwaring family and will carry the Mainwaring banner for many years to come."

Mr. Brown said that plans originally laid by Mr. Mainwaring for research and development to continue bringing Journal readers a modern, up-to-date newspaper will be pursued during 1957 and thereafter.

## Salem Willamette Alumni Elect Glen E. Fravel New President

Salem alumni of Willamette university elected Glen E. Fravel as president of the Salem group at a meeting Monday night at Doney hall.

Other officers elected were Robert C. Brady, president-elect, and Mrs. Robert G. Brady, secretary-treasurer.

## A-Research Pioneer Dies Of Leukemia

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Dr. Joseph G. Hamilton, University of California scientist who pioneered atomic medicine more than 20 years ago, died Monday of leukemia, a cancer-like disease of the white blood cells common among those subjected to radiation. He was 49.

He had been working with radioactive materials since 1926, when he first injected radioactive sodium into a human bloodstream in collaboration with Dr. Robert Stone, UC professor of radiology. Colleagues expressed belief he fell victim to leukemia because of his work. Authorities listed his death as an industrial accident.

## Margaret Smith Asks Legalized Father's Day

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine), the only woman senator, asked Congress today to legalize Father's Day. She said failure to do so is "the most grievous insult imaginable" to the nation's fathers.

Congress legalized Mother's Day in 1917.  
Lives Up to His Name  
PITTSBURGH (AP)—Edward G. Oulaw was held today on charges of robbing a service station.

## Class Elections Get Under Way At Willamette

### More Than 70 Students Nominated For Term Primary Runoff

Where to put the "x" is the problem for Willamette university students this week, as each class conducts elections for new officers for the spring semester.

More than 70 students were nominated this week for offices in their respective classes, and primary voting will be held Friday and Monday, with runoff elections slated for next Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition to class officer elections, new members of the rally squad will be determined, and Willamette coeds will designate who will be the leaders of the Associated Women students group for the coming year.

A week early are members of the college of law in choosing their leaders. Nominations for class and student body officers were made last week, and elections are being conducted today.

## Hatfield Calls For Basement Office Cleanup

Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said Monday that conditions in the basement of the state office building here are "unhealthy and inefficient," and called for immediate correction.

The secretary said he had written letters to the state Board of Health, the labor commissioner and the fire marshal asking them to make prompt inspection of the building and make recommendations for improvement.

"Although I am not fully familiar with all aspects of sanitation and safety regulations, I question if the conditions would meet basic standards for private employment," Hatfield said. "The state should meet the same standards it imposes on others in fairness to its employees."

Among agencies occupying space in the basement of the building is the state Civil Defense Agency.

A year ago repairs were made to the building after the basement ceiling had weakened and had threatened to collapse. The structure was built during the 1930s.

## Services Held for Former Resident

Funeral services were held at the Hillside chapel in Oregon City Monday for Mrs. Ray Snyder, former Salem resident, who died at her home in Gladstone last Thursday following an illness. Interment was in Salem at Belcrest Memorial park.

Mrs. Snyder, who was the former Nina White, was born in 1915 at Brookshaw, Noh. She moved from Salem to Gladstone nine years ago.

Surviving Mrs. Snyder are her husband Ray Snyder, Gladstone; mother, Mrs. White, Jennings Lodge; three sisters, Mrs. John Brody, and Mrs. Perry Anderson, Jennings Lodge; and Mrs. Barney Fahey, Portland; and a brother, Leslie White, Philadelphia, Pa.

## 7 Priests Arrested

NICOSIA, Cyprus, (AP)—Seven Greek Orthodox priests were arrested Tuesday as a result of the recent anti-EOKA drive in the Troodos Mountain area. British authorities charged the priests sheltered extremists. The seven joined 31 priests already held without trial for varying periods.

Surviving are three daughters, Bernice Mack, Pasco, Wash.; Eleanor B. Chman, Vancouver, Wash.; and Evelyn Winchell, Phoenix, Ariz.; two sons, Merle, Baltimore, Md., and Lloyd Schildmeyer, Salem, Ore. Her husband, Charles A. Schildmeyer, preceded her in death several years ago.

Funeral services will be in the Presbyterian church at Brownsville at 2 p. m. Thursday with burial to follow in the Brownsville cemetery.

## Band Concert Features Trumpet Trio



Two students from Salem are in this trumpet trio which will be featured during a concert by the Willamette university band Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium. Warming up for the part they will play are (left to right) Lloyd Yunker, Sweet Home, Jim Fiske and Larry Kimble, both Salem. (Capital Journal Photo)

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## 3 Suits Filed As Result of Auto Mishap

Injuries growing out of a traffic mishap at High and Trade streets June 26, 1955, have resulted in the filing of three suits involving total judgment of approximately \$45,000 in circuit court.

George Yokall is named as the defendant in all suits while the plaintiffs are Mrs. Evelyn Lytle, 715 McGilchrist St., and her two daughters, aged 11 and 8.

Yokall is charged with negligence in that he failed to yield right of way to the car being driven by Mrs. Lytle. Mrs. Lytle is said to have sustained a fractured left shoulder and fractures of nine ribs.

## Boat Club Slates Wednesday Meet

Action on a new constitution will be taken by members of the Salem Boat club at their meeting Wednesday night at the club rooms behind Salem Memorial hospital.

There will also be nomination of officers and the showing of colored slides of the river parade. A no-host dinner will be held at 6:30 and the meeting is to start at 7:30.

## Miss Spillman, Salemite at UO, Elected to Young G.O.P. Post

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON (Special)—Joyce Spillman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene K. Spillman, 800 Rosemont Ave., was elected national Republican

committeewoman, representing the Young Republican Federation of Oregon, at a recent meeting of the executive board of the federation in Portland.

She will attend the National Young Republican convention in Washington, D.C., June 19-22. Miss Spillman, a senior in political science, served as secretary of the Oregon Young Republican league last year. Last March she was sent as the College League delegate to the National Convention of Republican Women held in Washington, D.C.

## Twin Girls Born To Mrs. Runner

Twin girls made it a trio for the Clement A. Runner family Monday.

The babies, Debra Lynn, 5 lbs., 12 oz., and Cindy Lou, 6 lbs., 4 oz., who arrived in that order, will soon join an older sister, Linda, age 2½, at the family home at 3240 Beacon Ave.

The twins were born to Mrs. Helen Jean (Martin) Runner at 8:45 and 8:49 a.m. at Salem Memorial hospital. Mother and daughters were reported doing fine Tuesday.

## McGinnis' Trial Slated for Feb. 25

Trial is set Feb. 25 for Raymond Earl McGinnis, Portland, after he pleaded innocent Monday to a charge of driving while his operator's license was suspended. He was arrested Jan. 10.

Fined \$50 on a similar charge was Emery Cecil Wood, Seaside, after he was found guilty.

## WU Band Sets Spring Tour Concert Here

Willamette university band's spring tour concert will be presented to Salem audiences Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Fine Arts auditorium.

A repeat performance of the program which the band presented while on tour last week, the concert, which is open to the public free of charge, will include the following program:

"Chorale and Fuge in G Minor," Bach-Albert; "Rhapsody in Blue," Gershwin; "Second Suite in F," Holst; "American Legion Forever March," Gould; "Relax," Yoder; "Sea Portrait," LaGassey; "Londonderry Air," arranged by Dedrick; "Ballet for Young Americans," Hermann; selection from "My Fair Lady," Loewe, and "Beguine for Band," Oscar.

## Laura Piper Funeral Held

LEBANON (Special)—Mrs. Laura M. Piper, life-long resident of Linn county, died Saturday at her home at Lacombe after a lengthy illness. She was born at Lacombe April 14, 1896, and lived at Albany, Seio and Lacombe all her life.

She was married to Ralph Piper in Albany Sept. 20, 1947. Survivors are her husband and a brother, Bryan Sanders, both of Lacombe; and three sisters, Mrs. Victoria Ray and Mrs. Melissa Churchill of Oregon City and Mrs. Daisy Stundendorf of Sacramento.

Funeral services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Huston Funeral Home with the Rev. H. B. Roberson officiating. Burial was in Willamette Memorial cemetery in Albany.

## Langer Unchanged

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. William Langer (R-ND) was reported again Tuesday to have shown no marked change in his condition at Bethesda Naval Hospital where he is seriously ill.

Langer, 70, was taken to the hospital Feb. 4. He is suffering from both pleurisy and pneumonia.

## City Leaguers Postpone Play

City League basketball games slated for tonight at Leslie Junior High have been postponed until Thursday night, Vern Gilmore, district AAU commissioner, said today.

The games were shifted to Thursday because of a conflict with AAU district playoffs in which two of the league members, Surroz Ramblers and Orcutt's Market, are involved.

Games Thursday night will find Surroz playing First National Bank in the opener, Meier and Frank vs. Wolgamott's in the second game and Simpson Logging meeting Orcutt's in the finals.

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