

# \$80,900 LESS Salem Fire Losses Below 1956 Figure

Fire losses in Salem dropped by \$80,900 in 1956 from the previous year even though there was a jump in alarms answered, Fire Chief Robert Mills reported in connection with his annual report issued this week.

The loss figure for 1956 was \$106,285, as compared to \$187,200 for 1955 and \$131,000 in 1954, the Chief stated in his report to the city council. Alarms were 462 in 1956 as compared to 429 the previous year. It was the first year in six that there was not a reduction of alarms, Chief Mills noted, but the figure was still lower than in 1954 and earlier years.

Value of the buildings involved in 1956 blazes was placed at nearly \$35 million.

Pumper Replacement Asked

Three recommendations to the city council were made in the report: The replacement of a pumper

at the North Salem station that was put in service in 1931. Upkeep has become too expensive and its dependability has become questionable, he said.

The increase of personnel at the West Salem station from two to three men per shift. It would double the efficiency of the crew in his opinion, Chief Mills said.

New Inspector Wanted

The addition of one inspector to the department to enable better inspection and supervision of fire regulations in the expanding city.

The report noted that the cost of the fire department last year was \$417,694.19, which included salaries, equipment repair and replacement, insurance, supplies, station maintenance and repair, fuel and oil, uniforms and retirement fund.

Fire protection in Salem was described in a national survey as a more efficiently operated system than in most cities its size, the Chief noted.

In addition to the 312 calls to fires in buildings, the department was called on 36 car fires, 25 grass fires, 13 brush fires, and 1 airplane crash and fire.

There were 2800 man hours of drills and classes for firemen, 2930 inspections of buildings made and 1128 first aid calls answered during the year, the report said.

The report was dedicated to the four persons who lost their lives in fires during the year.

Use of Wool Up

The consumption of apparel wool in 1956 ran about five per cent more than the previous year and 14 per cent above 1954. At the same time domestic production did not increase and imports of apparel wool remained low.

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# 122 Students Win Honors at North Salem

The honor roll for the first six weeks of the second semester was announced yesterday at North Salem High. A total of 122 students received recognition as having a 3.5 grade average, or better. Of this total, 21 students had a 4.0 average, or straight "A" grades.

Students receiving straight "A" marks were:

- Gary Allison, Kathryn Beatty, Diana Boyd, Edith Brown, Joy Brown, Donna Elbert, Donna Hamman, Kent Lammer, Jim Litchfield, Mary Ann Looney, Joan Marsh, Carol Mason, Sam Mayer, Mabel Miller, Mary Olson, Dean Posvar, Ken Simola, John Socolofsky, Carol Stok, Julie Sutherland and Gary Vestal.

Receiving 3.5, or better, averages were:

- Bob Aasterud, Nancy Bates, Diane Baster, Renee Bertch, Rosamond Bothman, Dick Buchanan, Sue Carol Budd, Mary Campbell, Pat Campbell, Paul Clagett, Diane Collette, Douglas Craig, Janet Curry, Sharon Davis, Gerald Denney, Marie Lind, Doerflinger, Dale Drake, Glen Durham, Mary Kay Emerson and Kathy Evans.

Receiving 3.0, or better, averages were:

- Kathy Fiedler, Tom Fiske, Jack Fletcher, Gary Frame, Jim Franklin, Bev Frey, Sue Griffin, Jacqueline Hague, Harry Haller, Helen Harrison, Val Letta, Mary Latta, Hazel Latta, Heise, Lucille Hill, Willis Holcher, Beth Horn, Tom Hurlig, Sue Jenkins, Sylvia Jessop, Chris Johnson, Sandie Johnson, Jo Johnston, Dennis Jones, Marie Jones, Larry Kantz, Donna Kelley, Liz Keyser, Judie Kipper, Carolyn Klein, Stefanie Kurtz, Lynda Lawrence and Jeanne Lumley.

Receiving 2.5, or better, averages were:

- Sandra Mann, Karen Mantle, Alexandra March, Betty McCue, Myra McGowan, Beverly McKinney, Linda Mentzer, Patti Miller, Kaye Morris, Nancy Nelson, Wanda Noel, Monte Olson, Judy Paul, Louis Parker, David Patch, Larry Patton, Juana Perlich, Jackie Posvar, Judy Query, Bev Ready, Marilyn Rehm, Dwight Reinwald, Bob Richardson, Jeanette Roake and Bob Russell.

Receiving 2.0, or better, averages were:

- Brenda Russell, Beverly Schnell, Vinita Seal, Carol Shelton, Marjorie Smith, Carolyn Sparks, Sandra Stenbom, Cliff Stephenson, Lynn Sletzer, Dick Surro, Eileen Truax, Eileen Walker, Gary Walker, Linda Watson, Dean Westling, Helen Willis, Joe Wilson, Jack Wilner, Gloria Wittrock, Gloria Wood, Homer Wood, Mary Wood, Jim Wright and Dan Zain.

# 100 Chamber Members Urge Solution to Tax Problem

More than 100 Chamber of Commerce members from Portland and Willamette Valley cities met here Wednesday night at the Marion Hotel with members of the House committees on taxation and education of the Legislature.

The legislators, for the most part not denying what had been said, could make no promises, except that they would do the best they could to distribute the tax burden on as fair a basis as possible in the short time they have to do it in.

Robert R. Johnson, chairman of the Civic Division of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, and former director of the State Department of Finance and Administration, presided, and outlined in a general way the tax and budget problem.

Taxpayers' Rebellion?

Threat of a taxpayers' rebellion was reported by Robert Hurd of the Portland Trust Bank, member of the Portland Housing Au-

thority, who spoke on real estate taxes. Tax increases, he said, are increasing faster than income from properties and valuation of home properties warrant.

All the Chamber of Commerce speakers were Portland men. Leonard Clark, speaking on personal income taxes, offered four recommendations—curb appropriations, reduce personal income taxes in the brackets from \$15,000 up, avoid surtaxes, put income taxes on those now exempt.

The state lags industrially, he said, causing serious unemployment in the winter months.

Ken Smith, who is with Jantzen Knitting Mills, speaking on corporation taxes, said the Oregon tax system discriminates against industry that brings employment.

Johnson Speaks

Fred Johnson, banker, spoke on Gov. Robert D. Holmes' proposed increase in the basic school fund from \$80 to \$120 per census child.

He recommended instead an increase to \$90, provided that a fund is created out of the increase for building aid to distressed dis-

tricts in the amount of \$7 million for the biennium beginning next July 1.

He was speaking for a committee. He said a further increase in the fund is not warranted because "continued growth of the school census will automatically require a greater state contribution each year without any offsetting sources of income.

An increase of \$10 per census child on the 1956 census would require \$4,753,000 and a continued increase of 17,000 in the annual census at \$90 per child would require an additional \$1,530,000 a year."

Urges Another Chance

Manager J. H. Van Winkle of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce urged that the Legislature give the people another chance to vote on a sales tax of three per cent, and asked for a special election.

A vice president of Blyth & Co., Robert Hall pointed to the need of a broad-base tax that everybody pays, whether it be sales tax or something else. An increase in the basic school fund to \$120 was desir-

able, he said, but not unless it reduces the property tax.

Rep. Richard Eymann, member of the tax committee, rebuked the speakers for their pessimistic attitude relative to Oregon industry, though admitting its problems. In comparing Oregon with other states, "we've got to look at overall tax collections," he said, "not just some particular category."

Rogers Talks

Rep. Joe Rogers of Independence, Education Committee chairman, said the committee was working toward an increase to \$120 in the basic school fund, but with a property tax relief. "The only way to broaden the base of the income tax is to lower the exemptions," he said.

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