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Today in Salem

Things should start popping at the state legislature if the experience of Bill Warren, veteran United Press correspondent, means anything.

Bill remarked the other day that what was needed to get the legislature in gear was three straight days of sunshine. The lawmakers can't get it in their mind that time is flying until they get a good dose of sunshine, Bill opines. Then they suddenly realize it's spring; there are crops to be put in, buildings to be built, business to take care of and all kinds of work to do at home and they suddenly get busy.

Several persons (to put it mildly) are hoping Bill is right.

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More on spring and campus capers.

At Oregon, Greek (fraternity and sorority) students will use one day of Greek Week this week for a community clean-up project. They will take on the task of cleaning up Skinner's Butte, a Eugene landmark.

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Also at the state U. Bill Mainwaring of Salem escaped a "one-way ride" the other day only by becoming a "human fly" for a moment.

It seems a bunch of freshmen grabbed Bill to take him on a traditional "senior ride," in which the honored senior rides only one way as a guest and can find his own way home (eastern Oregon is not unheard of as a place to start from).

Smooth-talking Bill, editor of the Daily Emerald, convinced the group that he had to write an editorial first and was allowed to go into his office to do so while his would - be abductors guarded the door.

Bill glanced out the third story window and noted that a ledge gave access to a window in a neighboring room. While an assistant clattered merrily away on the typewriter, Bill slipped along the ledge to the other room and out of the building by another route.

When the frosh got suspicious a half hour or so later and checked the office, they found only the smiling assistant and an open window.

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And at Corvallis, one OCS fraternity was having a chapter meeting — everyone required to attend. When the meeting was over, members found that someone had backed a truck up to the back door and raided the deep freeze.

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And companies needing engineers and scientists are in the midst of the annual battle for graduates. Large advertisements in campus papers offer personal interviews on the campus for interested students.

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Tom Berber, editor of the Canby Herald, takes a look at the unemployment situation in Portland-Vancouver area and repeats his suggestion. "Lets all quit our jobs and go to work for the government."

As April 15 draws near, Tom, most of us realize that we ARE working for the government.

Circus Theme Will Highlight 'Y' Gym Show

A circus theme, with action in three rings, will constitute the program of the annual YMCA gym show which will be held at the Y Wednesday night at 7:15.

The show was originally scheduled for Thursday night but was changed to avoid a conflict with North Salem High's gym festival.

Included in the YMCA production will be performances of nine boys and girls classes covering tumbling, trampoline, Indian clubs, pyramids, calisthenics and similar activities.

Colorado Rites Due for Winslow

Funeral services are to be held at Greeley, Colo., in the Macy Mortuary for William H. Winslow, 62, former member of the Willamette Law School faculty. Date of the service has not been set, the Associated Press said.

Greely died last week in Los Angeles from injuries received in a fall in that city. His only survivor is a sister, Mrs. Irene Brown, Ft. Collins, Colo.

Salemites May Vote in Spring On Park Bonds

Final Decision Hinges On Swimming Pool Proposals

By DOUGLAS SEYMOUR
Capital Journal City Editor

Salem voters may ballot this spring on three proposed bond issues for park purposes which would total $475,000.

Whether or not the measures will go before city voters will probably depend upon a decision concerning an election on another matter—the renovation of Leslie and Olinger swimming pools.

There have been indications that a vote may be held early in June to raise $180,000 to rebuild the two swimming pools which have been condemned for use after this year.

Joint Operation

The pools are jointly operated by the city and school district and it would take a special vote of the people to enable their renovation.

At its meeting Monday night, the City Council took under advisement a request from the Park Advisory Commission to call a special election on the three park bond proposals.

It was indicated, however, that if the vote on the swimming pool renovation is held that the park proposals might be placed on the same ballot.

Bond Issue Proposed

In its request to the Council, the commission proposed a $225,000 bond issue for park land acquisition, $175,000 to improve present city parks and $75,000 to acquire land for a municipal golf course.

At the city election held last May, a $700,000 bond issue for park sites and improvements was defeated 6,600 to 3,971. A companion measure for a $35,000 annual tax levy for park improvements was approved at the election, however.

James R. Warren Hired as Deputy

The hiring of James R. Warren, 1895 Waller St., as a deputy sheriff was announced Monday by Sheriff Denver Young.

Warren recently completed eight years on the Nebraska Safety Patrol and served three years in the U.S. Marines, Young said.

He will take the place of Ernest E. Clark, Jr., who resigned recently to rejoin the state police.

West Salem Bus Firm Makes Plea For Flexible Plan

A "flexible" franchise, such as was recently granted to City Transit Lines, is now being requested from the city by West Salem Bus Co.

The matter was referred to the city manager by City Council Monday night.

Under a "flexible" franchise, the bus firm is given power to set its own rates and schedules.

In its request to the council, the bus firm also asked that its franchise fee be reduced.

Advisory Unit Studies Speed Sign Proposal

Proposal to increase the posted speed signs on arterial Salem streets from 25 miles an hour to 30 has been sent to the Traffic Advisory Commission by the Salem City Council.

Request that the study be made on increasing the speed on the arterial streets was made by Alderman E. C. Charlton. Alderman P. W. Hale had earlier requested that the speed on 12th street be increased.

In other matters dealing with traffic, the Council approved a recommendation of the advisory group to place traffic signals on 12th street at Chemeketa and Court streets, High and Ferry streets and Cottage and State streets.

Cost of the installations was placed at $15,000. The state is expected to participate in the two 12th street installations which would mean that cost to the city would be $11,000. Money for the project is available, City Manager Kent Mathewson said.

Club Slates Flower Talks

Talks on orchids, mums and marigolds will be given at the meeting of the Salem Men's Garden Club at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the YMCA.

"New Mums for '57," will be the topic of the talk to be given by Marvin Black. William Egan will discuss "Growing Marigolds from Seed," and "Growing Orchids," will be the topic of Arthur Oppen.

In addition there will be a display of house grown plants. Walter Barkus will conduct an auction of marigold plants, mums and orchids.

Personal Effects Distribution Starts On Estate of Cornelia Marvin Pierce

By BEN MAXWELL
Capital Journal Writer

Distribution of personal effects owned by the late Cornelia Marvin Pierce, for 35 years associated with the decor of her century old country home at Eola, are now underway according to A. H. Bone, administrator.

Upwards of 1800 volumes in Mrs. Pierce's library have been bequeathed to the Oregon State library and Reed College. Other personal effects — 18th century prints and bric-a-brac, glass, linens and housewares will be distributed to friends named by Mrs. Pierce.

Mrs. Pierce's home was willed to Reed College. Bone believes that the aging structure will be razed. Site of the house is a part of the William Duran donation land claim.

When Duran made a deed to T. J. Riggs on Sept. 22, 1855, the growing hamlet of Eola was known as Cincinnati.

The Pierce house is said to be among the older in Eola, a community distinguished for the number of standing homes erected in the 1850s.

In 1921 Mrs. Pierce acquired the home and additional acreage from heirs of Emma Mitty who in turn had a quit claim deed to the property from J. J. Reed. A gruesome suicide occurred in the house Dec. 2, 1920, when a resident there took his life with a shotgun.

Mrs. Pierce was state librarian from 1909 to 1928. In 1928 she was married to Former Gov. Walter M. Pierce, who also served as an Oregon congressman between 1933 and 1943.

Pierce died March 27, 1954. Mrs. Pierce died about two months ago. Her estate has an appraised valuation of $421,000, consisting largely of agricultural lands in Eastern Oregon.

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Old Pierce Home Nears End of Road

The study in the old Cornelia Marvin Pierce home near Eola will soon be bare. The house is being dismantled. More than 1,500 books, some of which are at right, are being given to the Oregon State Library. (Capital Journal Photo)

Employe Unit Meets

The Oregon State Employes Assn., at an all-day board meeting in Salem Saturday, went on record as vigorously pushing for a pay plan that would adequately compensate all state employes.

Vandals Hit Empty House East of City

Vandalism and destruction to an unoccupied house east of Salem that resulted in an estimated $2,500 damage has been admitted by two young boys, the Marion County Sheriff's Office reported Monday.

Deputies said the boys, ages 10 and 12, admitted breaking out more than 20 windows in the house, chopped the window frames with a hatchet, tore several 4 by 8-foot plaster board sections from the ceiling and more sections from the wall, broke electrical fixtures, chopped into the electric meter, cut wiring and smashed bathroom fixtures to bits.

The house, owned by Leonard Reimann, 1640 Aerial Way, is at 5085 Dennis Ave., near Middle Grove School northeast of Salem.

Reimann discovered the damage last week and reported it to the sheriff's office. The destruction occurred between March 23 and April 1, he said.

The youths were cited to the Marion County Juvenile court.

COSTS FITTED TO FUNDS

Councilmen Approve Water Line Cutbacks

Means to bring the costs of the new water supply line from the North Santiam River within the funds available from the recently sold $3,750,000 bond issue were approved by the Salem City Council Monday.

As originally envisioned the project would cost $4,,079,747, according to figures provided to the Council by John Geren, water department superintendent. The city realized a net of $3,676,654.88 from the sale of the bonds.

To eliminate the $403,092.12 deficit, it was decided to defer construction of two parts of the project and to provide $41,535 from current water department earnings.

Portions of the project to be postponed are the section of line from D street to Silverton road and a portion of the infiltration system at Stayton Island.

City Manager Kent Mathewson told members of the Council that the full capacity of the infiltration plant was not needed at this time. Postponement of the construction of the D street-Silverton road section of the line was suggested because it is expected it will be several years before it will be needed.

Mathewson said the plan coincided with recommendations made by the Citizens Advisory Water Committee appointed by Mayor Robert F. White.

The city manager said that as presently set up the project contains a one per cent contigency fund. Although this is low, Mathewson said, it is expected that other funds will be made available for the project through investment.

Council Okays Investment of Surplus Money

Investment of surplus money in three city funds was authorized by the Salem City Council Monday night.

Council members gave the go ahead to the proposal of City Manager Kent Mathewson to place $125,000 in general fund money and $125,000 in water utility fund cash in a 90-day interest-bearing deposit which would yield $12,500 for the city.

Approval was also given to invest funds from the sale of the $3,750,000 bond issue for a new water supply line until the money is actually needed.

Branvold Studies

City Finance Officer Howard Branvold is now engaged in determining how the money be most advantageously invested, the city manager explained.

In other action Monday the Council sent to the City Planning Commission a request from Asten-Hill Manufacturing Co. for permission to use portions of 9th street for loading and unloading railroad cars.

In the letter the firm said that another company is interested in using part of the Asten-Hill building and that the right of way requested would be used for a spur track.

Ordinance Amended

On final reading the Council amended an ordinance calling for sidewalks on the north side of Hansen avenue between Holiday drive and Ben Vista drive.

As originally presented, the ordinance called for 4-foot sidewalks. As amended, 3-foot sidewalks were approved.

During discussion on the matter, Alderman Russell Bonesteele questioned the present practice of allowing a concrete walk to be constructed which does not meet city specifications.

City Engineer J. H. Davis explained that such walks will not be permitted in the future. He said that in the past some had been put in with the understanding that they were not city sidewalks and that they might be required to be brought up to specification.

"We felt that partial walks were better than none," he explained.

Troubles have arisen following the sale of property with such sidewalks where the new owners have not known they could be forced to bring the walks up to city specifications.

Referred to Manager

A recommendation of the Park Advisory Commission that John Taylor be permitted to operate an excursion boat from Wallace Park for a year on a trial basis was referred to the city manager. The manager is to negotiate the matter with Taylor.

Resolutions were introduced to improve Cascade drive between Edgewater and Eola drives and Eola drive between Cascade and Kingwood; West Hills Way from Lot 15; Engle Heights Annex to Lowen; and Broadway, north of Locust.

Dallas Shop Sold

DALLAS (Special) — Change of ownership of Rich-Maid Ice Cream Shop was announced this week. Roy Wickstrom has purchased the shop from Harold Daniels, who has operated the store since 1949 assisted by his wife and two sons.

Merit Medals Awarded Here To 8 Teachers

Eight Salem public school teachers were honored by Freedoms Foundation, through its president, Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, during Monday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The instructors, the first in the nation to be so honored, were given bronze medals as a "token of outstanding work to preserve and extend the ideals of freedom."

Receiving the medals were Mrs. Alice Robinson, teacher, Leslie Junior High School; Mrs. Dorothy Daugherty, principal Englewood, and Mrs. Carmalite I. Weddle, principal, Keizer.

Others selected to receive the awards were Charles C. Woodcock, principal Oregon State School for the Blind; Mrs. Laura Eaton and Mrs. Louise Wharton, teachers, Englewood; Joseph D. Formick and Mrs. Ione Macnamara, teachers, Keizer.

Dr. Wells, who came here especially to attend the luncheon, acknowledged the work of several Salem schools during the luncheon.

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HERE IN THE HOMETOWN

2 Panels Slated at UF Meet

"It's by the People and for the People" will be the theme of the sixth annual labor-management institute of the Salem United Fund.

The UF institute Committee has set the date for Monday night, May 16, at the Marion Hotel.

Plans call for two panel discussions which will point to the needs of United Fund member agencies in the community. Norman O. Nilsen, state labor commissioner, who is chairman of the institute committee, will preside.

Clair Brown, president of the United Fund for this year, will talk about its benefits in a general way. A. C. Offenstein, member of the board of directors, will speak on "Labor's Stake in the United Fund."

"We'll Serve the People and Help Build a Better Community" is the topic assigned Joseph A. H. Dodd, also a director.

Otto J. Wilson will be coordinator for one of the panel discussions and the subject will be "Our Agencies Exist to Serve People." Another panel, discussing "We Stand Back of Our Agencies to Help People," will be coordinated by Herbert E. Barker.

Participants in the panels will be all committee members.

Completes Training

A Salem police officer, who has just completed a special training course, was presented with a certificate of award by Mayor Robert F. White Monday.

It was given to Ray Cummings, who has completed the Municipal Police Administration course given by the training division of the International City Managers Assn.

Cummings worked under Bernard Garmine, Eau Claire, Wis., police chief, who in a letter stated that Cummings' work was well above average.

Leslie Elected

The Richmond Parent-Teacher Assn. meeting Monday night elected S. B. Leslie as its president for next year. His term begins at the opening of the next school year when he will succeed Russell Miller. Leslie is chief accountant at the Salem Post Office.

Other officers elected were: Harold Gilmore, first vice president; Miss Jeanette Buck, second vice president; Mrs. Robert Clark, secretary; Harold Hatzenbuhler, treasurer.

The theme of the meeting Monday night was problems brought on by Salem's growth, and the speakers were Charles D. Schmidt, city superintendent of schools; Robert K. Powell, chairman of Salem Planning Commission; Leland D. Weaver, captain, Salem Police Department; Dr. Willard J. Stone, public health officer, and Rev. Wayne Greene, pastor of First Christian Church.

Students Set Trip

Nine Willamette University students will put into practice their months of study on the United Nations when they travel to Stanford University this week for the Western States Division of the 7th annual Model United Nations, April 10-13.

Each college is assigned countries to represent it in the U.N., Willamette's being Bulgaria and Albania. As a result, the delegates have investigated the communist party line, parliamentary procedure and history of the countries prior to their communistic affiliations.

At Stanford they will spend two days in committee meeting debating issues. The following day the general assembly will meet to vote on the issues. Traveling to Palo Alto for the Model U.N. are Kay Ruberg, Fred Chambers, Pricilla Payne, Dale Greenlee, Salem; George Hoyt and Sondra Roark, Portland; Lou Ann Mergler, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; Martin Wolf, Vancouver, Wash., and Charlotte Means, Eugene.

Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Shay will chaperone the group on the California trip.

Damage Suit Filed

A corrected complaint, involving a $25,966 damage suit resulting from a traffic accident of almost a year ago, was filed Monday in Marion County Circuit Court.

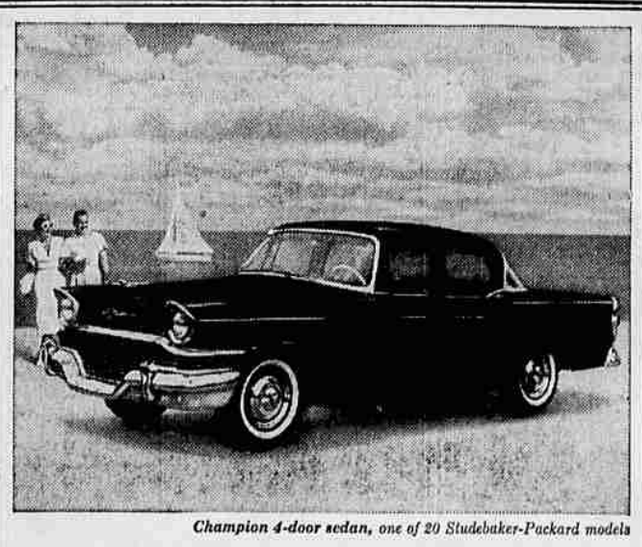
The plaintiff is Darrell Meithof, a minor, by his guardian ad litem, William J. Meithof, who names Ardeen Evon Heinrichs as the defendant.

The complaint stems from a motorcycle - automobile accident on River Road last May in which the plaintiff is said to have received numerous injuries.

The original case was dismissed upon the request of the defendant's attorney due to a technicality.

zAnother damage suit filed Monday is the result of an accident at the intersection of Tile road and North Capitol street in the Hollywood area.

Anna Bowers seeks to collect $9,000 in general damages and $400 special damages from Robert Eugene Norton and N. E. Norton who are charged with negligence in a two-car crash.



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