



# Vic Fryer

Today in Salem

L. W. Mallett, executive manager of Portland Rose Festival Association, made kidding reference to Portland vice probe when he spoke at Salem Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday.

Nothing radio station equipment for recording his talk, he looked around apprehensively and quipped, "I didn't know what I was going to say was going to be taped."

A wire service story carried in the Capital Journal recently told about a drunk who kept pleading deafness each time the judge stated the charge. Finally the judge whispered, "Dismissed," at which the drunk turned and walked briskly from the courtroom.

The Oregon Outlook, newspaper of the Oregon State School for the Deaf, reprinted the story in its last issue and added the comment: "We have always found the whisper much easier to lipread than a shout (which) depends on volume to get the message across. A whisper needs clear enunciation to be understood."

In an added thought, the editor commented that the deaf probably shouldn't speechread whispers—but do because they find them "much more interesting."

Young housewife know is avid contest fan, buying all types of stuff to get entry coupons, box tops, carton ends, etc. to try for everything from free theater tickets to new cars.

Recently she entered a contest where one was to guess the number of ounces of potato chips in a huge bag. Figured it very scientifically according to measurements of the bag, average weight of potato chips, etc., etc.

But end result sounded too large so she subtracted her weight from the total, sent in the answer and won something like \$25. The scientific guess was also sent in but didn't win anything.

Someone has wondered if Mark Hatfield is so determined to do something about parking for state employees because he is planning on running in the next election on a parking ticket, Ouch.

News Item: State Senate Republicans decided in a caucus Monday that each member could vote for himself on the personal income tax bill.

Funny thing: At election time, most voters seemed to be under the illusion they were voting for someone who could think and vote for himself on all the bills.

# City Approves Contract for New Memorial

### Two Aldermen Call Planned Statuary 'Waste of Money'

Way was cleared Monday evening for the start of work on a memorial to pioneers under the will of the late Carroll Moores when the Salem City Council approved a contract with Dr. Arvard Fairbanks for the statuary.

The contract previously had been approved by Fairbanks. Moores who died several years ago bequeathed a memorial to the pioneers in his will.

**MEMORIAL CONTROVERSY**

Selection of a suitable memorial caused considerable controversy. A design submitted by Dr. Fairbanks was selected following a contest a year ago.

Although there was no discussion on the matter last night two aldermen, E. C. Charlton and P. W. Hale, voted against approving the contract.

"It's the waste of a lot of good money," Charlton declared in explaining his vote.

In other action Monday the council received a lengthy report from the Citizens Water Advisory Committee which has been making a study of the city's water situation.

The report was referred to the city manager for study and report at a future council meeting.

### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were included from the four sub-committees of the water group, which had studied interest rates, construction plans, net earnings projections and rate structures.

Mayor Robert F. White said, "I want to publicly thank the committee. We appreciate the fine work they have done. We'll give the report a thorough study."

Taking a license committee recommendation the council turned down the request of Donald F. Waters, 1717 S. 16th St. for an automobile wreckers license.

Alderman James Nicholson, chairman of the council license committee, said the premises do not comply with the requirements of the city ordinances.

### PEITION REFERRED

The council referred to the city engineer a petition of 49 persons protesting the improvement of Duncan Avenue. The petition which had requested the improvement had not yet come before the council.

Purchase of 6 1/2 acres of land from W. M. Nelson for the extension of Wallace Marine Park was approved.

Asten-Hill Manufacturing Co. was given permission to extend a spur track not to exceed 15 feet into Ninth Street in West Salem.

Request of Orchard Heights Road Rural Fire Protection District to renew its contract with the city of Salem for fire protection was approved. The district will pay six mills for each dollar of valuation in the district.

# Fair Money Plan Voted

The Senate decided 17-13 Monday it wants to finance a proposed \$300,000 dormitory building at the State Fair out of the general fund.

That was the vote on a motion to send back to the Ways and Means Committee with instructions to amend. The committee was ordered to delete a provision that the money would come from the public employees retirement fund, to be repaid from racing revenues.

# HERE IN THE HOMETOWN

## Impact of Community Fetes Told

Economic impact of a community festival was pointed out to members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon by L. W. (Bud) Mallett, executive secretary of the Portland Rose Festival Assn.

He said that while most merchants question whether or not the festival brings in more money statistics show the amount of check volume in the city increases about 27 per cent.

Mallett also discussed a survey taken of 1,000 Rose Festival visitors from out-of-state which showed that an average of \$97 each was spent while in Oregon. He said that 47 per cent of those who came stayed with friends and that virtually all made purchases from merchants.

# Civil Service Report Slated

A report from the City Civil Service Commission is due at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The report relates to the right of members of the fire and police departments, the only city departments under civil service, to work at employment outside their civil service duties.

In the present case three members of the fire department are involved. A hearing was held before the commission several weeks ago. After the hearing briefs were prepared by the city attorney's office and by the attorney for the commission and have since been studied by the commission.

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## Citizens Hail



Dr. Leslie R. Burdette has been greeted as the mayor of San Francisco.

## Bay City Mayor



Elmer Robinson, former mayor of San Francisco, could pass for twin brother of Salem's Dr. Leslie R. Burdette.

# Salem Joins Planning Unit

Establishment of the Mid-Willamette Valley Planning Council moved a step nearer reality Monday night as members of the Salem City Council approved city participation in the joint planning group.

The city thus became the final of the four governmental units in the area which have been discussing the idea to endorse the proposal to establish a single planning staff for care for the needs of the member groups.

Earlier this spring the Marion and Polk county courts and Salem School District No. 23CJ had voted to become a part of the single planning group.

Mayor Robert F. White told council members that the estimated annual cost of the new planning organization would be \$40,000 a year with \$12,000 of the cost to be provided by the federal government.

He explained that during the first year the city would pay 25 per cent of the remaining cost, or about \$9,200. The city now pays \$8,500 yearly for planning, he said.

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By writing the Salem Fire Department, anyone in Salem can have his home inspected free of charge.

# Mistaken Identity Leads to Happy Time in Bay City

By STEPHEN A. STONE  
Capital Journal Associate Editor

It happened just a little while back in San Francisco. And it began when a man he didn't recognize hailed him genially from far across the lobby at the St. Francis.

Dr. Leslie R. Burdette of Salem smiled and waved back.

"Maybe I know him," he thought. But the man had mingled with the crowd and he couldn't find out.

Then, on the city's busiest streets, people smiled and greeted him with deference.

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At home Dr. Burdette is known as an affable man. So he just turned on the charm and enjoyed the stroll. A neighboring town, San Francisco.

Policemen were almost military in their salutes. With dignity he too saluted.

**NOT SOLD OUT**

The doctor was going to a theater to get tickets for a show that had been recommended. He wanted five, for himself, wife

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# Hussein Receives Bid

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—King Hussein has received an invitation from Kings Faisal of Iraq and Saud of Saudi Arabia to visit Baghdad, Foreign Minister Samir Rifai told a news conference Tuesday. He said Hussein was considering whether to accept.

# Both Looked Same

They were talking professional routine when Dr. Hobercht gave him a sharp look and grinned.

"Well, whaddaya know," he said. "I've never noticed it before."

"Never noticed what?" demanded the Salem doctor. "I wish you'd tell me. People all over San Francisco have been greeting me as if I were the town's favorite son."

"You almost are," Dr. Hobercht told him. "You're the spit

# Council Postpones Rezoning Action Following Protests

By DOUGLAS SEYMOUR  
Capital Journal City Editor

Decision on the rezoning of six lots on the south side of Bellevue Street east of 21st, which has stirred up a tide of protest in the neighborhood, was put off for two weeks by members of the Salem City Council Monday.

The council also ordered city police, fire and engineering departments to inspect the property owned by the Westwood Products Co., 560 S. 21st, for violation of city ordinances.

### PUBLIC HEARING

At a public hearing on the proposed zone change held by the council Monday evening strong protests were heard to changing the zone of the six lots which border the Westwood Products mill and cabinet shop.

However residents of the area expressed appreciation for the fence which had been erected by the firm since initial protests were made at a council meeting three weeks ago.

The change of zone for the six lots had been requested by the Salem Planning Commission. The request came after the commission learned that the six lots in question had been zoned to light industrial shortly before the city was completely rezoned several years ago.

When the rezoning was done the six lots again appeared in a residential zone. In asking for the zone change the planners said they believed that shifting the lots back into a residential zone just after it had been changed to light industrial had been an oversight.

Although no one from the area was on hand to protest when the planning commission held its hearing about 50 showed up at a council meeting three weeks ago to protest the action.

Approximately the same number were on hand last night.

### OPPOSITION VOICED

One of those who voiced opposition to the zone change was Kenneth Ahrendt, 460 S. 22nd, who said that the residents in the area were opposed to the rezoning of the six lots.

He declared the residents feel they have built up a nice residential area and oppose expansion of a light industrial zone.

Although expressing appreciation

# Final Marion School Vote Shows Defeat

Final returns from the recent Marion County school budget tax levy as it pertained to the amount in excess of the 6 per cent limitation shows that the issue failed by a large majority. As a result, the various districts will receive their proportionate shares of the regular budget but will hold separate elections to obtain additional funds for operations.

Of the 1,578 persons who went to the polls, only 332 favored the tax levy of \$1,007,259.

Seventeen of the county's 47 school districts failed to return a single vote in favor of the levy. Fourteen districts favored the measure—Aumsville, Aurora, Broadmeads, Brooks, Detroit, North Santiam, Lake Labish, Marion, Hubbard, Scotts Mills, Jefferson, Mt. Angel, Stayton and Turner.

Without dust, considered a plague, little rain or snow would fall, says the National Geographic Society.

for the fencing of the property which has already been done, Ahrendt pointed out that hazards to children still exist from the way the property is now being used. He also declared that lumber is now being stacked on city property.

Lloyd O. Noffsinger, 431 S. 22nd St. said that 90 per cent of the persons in the area had signed petitions in opposition to the zone change.

He questioned whether the present mill, located on property classified as light industrial was operating legally.

It was explained by Mayor Robert F. White that the mill exists on the property as a non-conforming use inasmuch as it was established prior to the time that the zoning law was put into effect.

### LUMBER CAN BE STORED

As such it can continue to operate, he said. He explained, however, that such a plant could not be built on the six lots in question if they were rezoned to light industrial. Lumber could be

stored on them, however, it was pointed out.

According to Leslie L. Hildebrand, 485 S. 22nd St., residents of the area feel that the mill is all right as long as it remains the same size but they do not want it expanded.

He said he did not think the residents would object to a zone change if they could be sure that the six lots were used only for lumber storage. But, he said, he had been told there was no way that could be done and so the residents would oppose any zone change at all.

Although Arthur Wall, head of Westwood Products was not present a letter was read from him telling of plans to fence the property, blacktop part of the area and make it comply with city regulations.

He explained that the first responsibility of the firm had been to put the run-down plant in profit-making operation. The letter said the firm employs 34 persons and that in 1956 it did a gross of \$800,000.



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