

Funeral Escorts to Be Discontinued

The Medford police department will discontinue escort service for funeral processions beginning July 1, City Manager Robert Duff reported Friday.

Reason for discontinuance of the service, Duff said, is pressure of regular police work. He pointed out that each funeral occupies an officer and police equipment for 30 to 45 minutes. In the 12 month period from July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955, there were a total of 241 funerals in Medford.

The city manager explained that relatively few cities in Oregon now provide police escort service for funerals. He said escort discontinuance was discussed a year ago and the current decision followed the last city budget meeting.

Duff indicated that discontinuance of a few other services now extended by the police department is also under consideration, but no decisions have as yet been made.

Ray Sorenson Elected Manager of Firm Here

Directors of the Oregon Veneer company have elected Ray Sorenson officer and manager of the company, Loren Haugen, president of the company, announced Saturday.

The board's action followed Sorenson's election as a director at the recent stockholders meeting.

Sorenson was associated with the First National Bank of Portland for several years and until recently was assistant manager of the Medford branch. He joined the Oregon Veneer company on June 1.

Sorenson is treasurer and director of the United Medford Crusade as well as the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also a member of the Rogue Valley Memorial hospital board.

Salem Board Approves Plans for New School

Salem — (UP) — Salem school board has approved preliminary plans for the new Fay Wright elementary school and Architect James L. Payne said bids would be called for in 1957.

The new school was delayed to give priority to other projects in the crowded district.

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