

State Capitol NEWS

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(State Capitol News Bureau)

SALEM, ORE.—The new building which the state will erect on property being acquired just north of the capitol site will be a combined office and library building. This was decided at a meeting of the Capitol Reconstruction commission with the Board of Control here Saturday. The new structure which will be approximately 100 by 200 feet and three stories high will cost approximately \$739,000. It will be finished in marble to match the cap-

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ital building if that material can be had at the architect's estimate. Otherwise Indiana limestone will be substituted.

While the plans for the new structure will make provision for the accommodation of a number of other state departments it will be so arranged that the entire building may be converted to library uses in the future if necessary. Provisions will be made in the immediate plans to take care of library expansion for at least 12 years.

Whitehouse & Church, Portland architects, who are designing the new structure expressed doubt as to their ability to complete the plans by November 1, the deadline set by the Public Works administration which is contributing \$450,000 toward the construction cost to supplement the \$550,000 appropriation voted by the last legislature.

The board also gave its approval to the capitol commission's plans for the construction of a power and heating plant to serve the entire capitol according to plans submitted by the designers of the new capitol. These plans include widening of Summer street to provide a more dignified approach to the capitol, construction of mirror pools and the planting of shrubs and trees in the parkings and on the building sites. Governor Martin told the capitol commission that the State Highway Department would take over most of the proposed landscaping program, thus saving most of the \$57,000 estimated cost of this program which will thus be available for expenditure on the new building.

The capitol commission at Saturday's meeting revealed that it plans to not only purchase the entire block of property north of the capitol site and west of Summer street on which the new building is to be located but the half block bordering on Summer street just east of that property and the corner lots on the two blocks to the north. This will permit of immediate widening of the capitol approach, it was explained.

Oregon's relief roll hit a new low in the five-year history of the state relief committee during August, according to a report submitted to Governor Martin by Elmer Goudy, relief administrator. Only 6418 persons were on direct relief throughout the state in August, the report shows. That is a decrease of 1141 from July and 429 fewer than were on relief in August, 1936. Goudy said that he expected little if any change in the relief situation for September.

Lotus Langley of Portland who was appointed to the State Parole Board only a few weeks ago tendered his resignation to Governor Martin this week, giving "press of private business" as his reason.



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Langley succeeded W. H. Treece who quit the parole board to accept appointment as a member of the Capitol Reconstruction commission. It is expected that a new parole board member will be named immediately.

Miss Ariel E. V. Dunn of Portland has been appointed to the newly created position of State Supervisor of Distributive Education, according to announcement by Rex Putnam, executive officer of the State Board for Vocational Education. Miss Dunn was for the past six years director of the vocational placement bureau of the Portland Public Schools. In her new position she will organize training programs for adult workers in various commercial occupations.

SALEM, ORE.—Major General George A. White has announced that Oregon's national guard troops will train next year on Oregon soil in the largest gathering of fighting men in the history of the state. For the first time all of the Oregon guard units will assemble at Camp Clatsop at the same time. That will include the two infantry regiments, the Field Artillery regiment, the Coast artillery regiment and the independent units. Heretofore when the other units were in camp at Clatsop the coast artillery regiment has been camped at Fort Stevens, nine miles away. Extensive improvements at Clatsop during the past two years, General White explains, will make possible the accommodation of all the units at Clatsop hereafter, the coast artillery units going back and forth between Clatsop and Fort Stevens by truck. The 1938 maneuvers will find more than 3600 officers and men in camp, according to General White. Recent new federal allotments of troops have made possible an increase in the size of the regiments and expansion of the 218 Field Artillery to a complete regiment.

It takes the average motorist three-fourths of a second to react to an emergency, according to "reactometer" tests made at the state fair under the direction of Secretary of State Snell. In that three-fourths of a second an automobile travelling at a speed of 40 miles an hour will cover a distance of 44 feet, plus an additional 88 feet after the motorist has reacted to the emergency and applied the brakes.

More than 6800 Oregon motorists have been refused operators permits this year, according to Secretary of State Snell. Examiners for the motor vehicle operators' division have rejected 2217 because they did not know how to drive, 2121 were turned down because of ignorance of the traffic laws, 1540 applicants were found to have defective vision and 612 had other physical or mental handicaps. Twenty-three applicants were found to be epileptics. Twenty-two could not interpret road signs.

Governor Martin is urging Willamette valley farmers to quit raising prunes and hops and devote their acreage to flax. While there is a big surplus of the two crops now so popular in western Oregon, the governor points out, there is a big demand for flax which can be produced in only a few places of which the Willamette valley is one of the most favorable.

Numerous improvements at the state fair ground will be made possible as a result of the financial success of the fair this year, according to Leo Spitzbart, manager. One of the improvements to be undertaken immediately will be the construction of an extension to the new livestock pavillion. Cash receipts at the fair this year exceeded \$80,000, 1936 receipts by more than \$10,000. More than 95,000 persons paid their way into the grounds during the week and the wagering on the horse races, totalling \$93,776, far exceeded any previous year's record since the pari-mutuals were installed at the fair.

Increasing population at the state hospital for insane at Salem made necessary the employment of an additional physician. The Board of Control authorized the increase in the hospital staff this week.

Fifty-eight of the 94 applicants for admission to the state bar were successful in passing the test according to the list released this week by the supreme court. Four of the number are women. Included in the list are Arvin O. Robb and Thomas H. Tongue of Hillsboro; Ellen P. Arnold of Forest Grove; Henry McCall, Jr., of Redmond; and Lynn L. Moore of Toledo.

APPLE VALLEY
By MISS NORMA STOUT

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Higby of Boise were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Higby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Correll attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars picnic in Big Bend Park Sunday.

Betty Osterkamp was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Webster Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson and Duane of Parma called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Caldwell on Sunday.

Harry Barker and children and Mrs. Barker, Sr., of New Meadows have moved into the house owned by Richard Webourn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Alan Cearly of Chico, California arrived Sunday for a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Schultz and family.

Mrs. Orval Vandiver of Parma spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry French of Roswell, Mr. Elbert Fretwell and Miss Irene Sparks were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Leigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wilson and

daughter Jeanette of Nampa were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Caldwell Saturday and remained until Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Summy motored to Home, Oregon Sunday after peaches.

Ralph Castater returned from McCall Monday after working during the summer there as bookkeeper for Richmond and Samuels.

Tom Crosswhite of Nampa was an overnight guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Wilson.

Boman Vertrees is attending the College of Idaho in Caldwell this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart of New Plymouth were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vertrees Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey and daughter Olive, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barker were callers at the home of Mr. Harry Barker and Mrs. Barker, Sr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Reed of Parma were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebert Fox and family were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox

at Lake Lowell.
Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Van Lindingham moved to Caldwell Saturday. Mrs. Lenis Wilson and her brother Tom Crosswhite will run the place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vertrees drove to Home, Oregon Thursday after several baskets of peaches.

Arthur Johnson returned Wednesday evening from Minot, North Dakota after spending the summer there visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

Mrs. E. E. Castater of Boise is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Castater for a few days.

Bowman Vertrees spent the week end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vertrees.

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