



CORVALLIS, OREGON

JUNE 26, 1941

# NEWS BITS FROM BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Two fireproof doors and one window have arrived and will be installed in the room adjoining the sheriff's office, which room has been rebuilt for a fireproof vault. It is a much needed project as up to the completion of this vault, all the records of sheriff's office, including the tax records, have been kept without fire protection and the sheriff's office in the court house is right over the heating system in the basement. George Abraham is doing the work on this vault.

Seven men are guests at "hotel" harper under the maples.

## GRACE FALLS FROM GRACE?

One Clemmons G. Grace who is in the county jail on a bum check charge, appears to have a complication of difficulties. One C. L. Hall and Grace were assumed to be one and the same person until Grace's apprehension and now the authorities think Hall's operations, though similar, are independent from Grace's who appears to be a parole violator from Minnesota. It is also alleged that Grace in registering for the draft, reported being a married man which appears in much doubt.

## NEW CIRCUIT COURT CASES.

Electrical Products Corp. vs. Peter and Sarah Van Datta, action on an account. Jost Carl Erwin seeks a divorce from Fanny Pearl, they were married in 1936.

## PROBATE COURT

The probate judge yesterday was hearing the application for appointment of a guardian in the George W. Ferguson matter which application was being contested.

Bulah C. Blackledge was appointed administratrix of the estate of Thad L. Blackledge. Chas. A. Cole was appointed administrator of the estate of Carrie A. McDevitt.

# Corvallis Gazette-Times

CORVALLIS, OREGON

NOVEMBER 28, 1945

## Ration Board Moves To Court House; Cut In Personnel Made

The local ration board moved and reduced today.

The office was closed today and tomorrow and will reopen on Friday at its new location in the basement of the court house.

Entrance to the office is underneath the front steps on the Fourth street side of the building. The office has been located in the city hall.

Recent ending of meat rationing has drastically reduced the business transacted by the board and in the new location the personnel will be cut to three persons.

The only items still on the ration list are tires and sugar, but the board still will have charge of price and rent controls.

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# Corvallis Gazette-Times

CORVALLIS, OREGON

DECEMBER 14, 1945

## *What's Going On.*

Tree Goes Up — The traditional Christmas tree is in place in the corridor of the Benton county court house. The tree has been placed near the Fourth street entrance and is lighted and trimmed for the holiday season.

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# Corvallis Gazette-Times

CORVALLIS, OREGON

JANUARY 25, 1946

## Justice of Peace To Be in Court House

Carpenters began remodeling operations in the basement of the court house here this morning to provide quarters for the office of the justice of the peace, which are currently located at 222½ south Second.

Two rooms which formerly served as store rooms on the south side of the building are being altered to provide office space and it is possible the office may be moved by the first of February, County Judge George McBee said.

The new office will represent the last available space in the basement and the county veterans service office cannot be moved to the court house until the OPA ration board vacates its quarters, possibly by the middle of the year.

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# The Corvallis Gazette Times

CORVALLIS, OREGON

JANUARY 11, 1949

## Frozen, Broken Pipes Hamper Court House

Add to the woes of Court House Janitor Simon Koelling today, bursted water pipes and consequent flooding.

Koelling has been hard put the last few days to keep the building warm, especially the big circuit court room, with a furnace reduced to burning wood when its normal supply of sawdust was exhausted.

Today he reported one radiator in the building apparently had frozen during the night, but the bursted pipe was in an exposed lavatory on the first floor near the Fourth street entrance. Water covered the floor and dripped through into the basement.

The court house is one of several down town buildings which is being heated make shift style these days since the sawdust supply has been consumed.

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# Benton County Herald

CORVALLIS, OREGON

MAY 12, 1949

## Much Needed Remodeling Going on at Court House

Minor but much needed remodeling was going on this week at the county court house building. Among the things being done was the installation of florescent lights in the office of the Benton county treasurer, Mrs. Agnes Flint. This office was perhaps one of the last of the much used quarters in the building to receive new lights. Mrs. Flint was pleased over the addition as the old lights were not sufficiently strong to furnish light for the close reading of figures.

Much needed repairs and also new linoleum was being placed in the hallway and also rooms adjacent to the circuit court room to the west. Now that Benton county has a resident circuit judge, Judge Fred McHenry, it was necessary to make some minor but much needed changes and repairs in this part of the court house building. It was pointed out this week by Judge George I. McBee of the county court that with a resident judge here there naturally would be many times the traffic to the adjoining judicial chambers off the circuit court room.

The office of the county superintendent of schools to the south and east on the second floor also underwent some changes the past week. A partition was removed, cabinets built in and a counter, a bulletin board and also linoleum laid.

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