

Salem, Oregon.  
January 23, 1942.

Mr. Don J. Madison, Chairman,  
Marion County Housing Committee,  
590 North High Street,  
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

The subcommittee, appointed by Mrs. I. M. Schanep to cover the city of Salem and survey facilities for care of evacuees, met on December 8, 1941 and Mrs. Schanep assigned specific duties to the members of the committee, as follows: R. W. Davis, state buildings; Mrs. Wm. Lytle, hospitals and convalescent homes; Wayne M. Price, warehouses and allied buildings; Mrs. Herbert Rahe, apartment houses and hotels; Mrs. L. Bergsvik, private homes; Mrs. Lenard Kephart, schoolhouses and churches.

Detailed reports by members of this committee are as follows:

STATE BUILDINGS AND INSTITUTIONS

Fair Grounds	5,000	If not in use by army
Forest Department	5,000	On two days notice if not in fire season, otherwise 2,000
Penitentiary	2,000	
Asylum	2,000	
Fairview Home	1,000	(Feeble minded)
T. B. Hospital	1,000	
Blind School	200	
Deaf School	200	
Hillcrest	100	(Girl's school)
	<u>16,500</u>	

This does not include the Boy's School at Woodburn nor the Penitentiary Annex or Asylum Farm - - - Maximum overall, 20,000.

HOSPITALS AND CONVALESCENT HOMES

Are not included in this report for the reason that we found an evacuees committee under the direction of Dr. Mary B. Purvine had made such a survey and included the same in their findings. This included practically all of the institutions contacted by Mrs. Lytle, except the Methodist's Old Peoples Home on Center Street, where it was stated they could take care of from 60 to 70 people very comfortably and in case of emergency they could care for from 100 to 150, by putting cots in the halls and basement.

WAREHOUSES AND ALLIED BUILDINGS

Mr. Price found that the field assigned to him had been covered otherwise, hence, made no detailed report.

APARTMENT HOUSES AND HOTELS

Mrs. Rahe reported no available space in apartment houses and hotels.

PRIVATE HOMES

Mrs. Bergsvik reported that by taking different gauges, she found that Salem had between 6,000 and 7,000 homes. Estimating that each home could accommodate two persons, the number of evacuees that could be quartered in private homes would be from 12,000 to 14,000. The caring for evacuees in private homes would entail a great deal of detail and would likely be the last place resorted to.

SCHOOLHOUSES AND CHURCHES

The report of Mrs. Kephart, covering schoolhouses and churches, was very complete and is set forth as follows:

<u>Building</u>	<u>Sq. Feet</u>		
1st Methodist Church	12,822		350
Sacred Heart Academy	4,100		
Calvery Baptist Church	7,500		200
American Luthern Church	2,154		250
Highland Friends Church	4,816		
St. Vincents Church	4,900		
St. Joseph Church		200 persons	300
Inglewood U.B. Church	2,985		
Court St. Christian Church	3,325		
Free Methodist Church	960		
First Baptist Church	5,525		
Bethell Baptist Church	1,635		
First Congregational Church	3,480		
Church of God	920		
Knight Memorial Church	4,000		
Episcopal Parish House		44 beds	
Evangelistic Tabernacle	6,000		
South Salem Friends Church	2,000		
Christs Luthern Church	2,500		
Church of the Nazarene	5,628		
Pentacostal Mission		15 persons	200
First Presbyterian Church	10,471		
First Evangelical Church	4,827		
First Christian Church	8,644		250
Jason Lee Memorial Church	6,352		
Willamette University		Detail attached	1550
Schools		Detail attached	
	<u>105,544</u>		

Besides the facilities listed above, a letter of Geo. Meisinger directed to L. F. LeGarie was turned over to this committee, in which Mr. Meisinger requested the registration of the Priscilla Meisinger Studios, listing the facilities as follows: one room 36 X 14, five rooms about 10 X 10 and a full size cement basement. The rooms are all covered by lineoleum and there is a bathroom on each floor.

While we have not summarized the number that it is estimated could be taken care of, the data obtained is herewith submitted so that it may be filed for reference in case the need arises.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs. J. M.) Mary D. Schannup,  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*R. W. Davis*

Secretary.

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