



BANK OCCUPIES NEW BUILDING—Drain Branch of the United States National Bank of Portland has occupied this new building seen in the architect's sketch above. The bank formerly was located at Yoncalla, where the U. S. National bought the former Farmers Security Bank in February of this year. Pictured at right is James H. Innes, who will serve as manager.

License Renewals to Pass Half Million Mark Soon

Oregon's new system of renewing drivers' licenses will pass the

half million mark in September, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has reported.

Expiration and renewal of old permits, postponed during the war, has been proceeding at the rate of 33,000 each month since June, 1947. The new program will be completed by June, 1949, after which expiration will occur every two years on the birthdate of the holder, Newbry said.

All old licenses numbered between 5R495001 and 5R52800 will expire in September. Since renewal fees vary according to birthdates, the secretary urges careful inspection of schedules by those who renew by mail. Schedules are available from license examiners, sheriffs, and police departments.

State police have made thousands of arrests for invalid operator's permits since the new program went into effect, Newbry said.

BIG BASS CAUGHT

Large numbers of striped bass have been caught in the Umpqua River in the Reedsport vicinity recently, the best catches being made from Reedsport to the mouth of the river. The bass are running larger than those caught earlier in the season.

Salmon have not been so plentiful recently, and the weather has not been favorable to trolling on the bar with small boats.



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Purpose of Berlin Riots Explained

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary Marshall says Communist attacks on the Berlin city government were largely intended to upset talks of the Big Four military governors on the crisis in the Soviet-blockaded capital.

Marshall said that the efforts to disrupt these talks must be firmly resisted. He declined at a news conference to say that any resistance involves military measures.

Just before seeing newsmen, the secretary of state received from the military high command at the Pentagon a detailed account of the situation in Germany and in Berlin.

This meeting followed a session of the National Security Council at which Marshall outlined the diplomatic picture in Berlin.

It was understood the meeting with the military chiefs was called to give the secretary a precise briefing on the strength and capabilities of American armed forces in the area.

Questioned at his news conference, Marshall said the Berlin disorders followed a familiar Communist pattern. He said they were not inclined to aid efforts of the military governors to work out a settlement there.

After he noted the talks are proceeding, Marshall was asked whether the disorders, climaxed by the kidnapping of 19 western zone Berlin policemen, cast a shadow on the negotiations. The secretary said he would leave this deduction to the questioner.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10 — (AP) — President Truman today proclaimed Oct. 24 as "United Nations Day."

He said the American people are firmly resolved to cooperate with other nations for "peace, freedom and justice." The president added that it is fitting that the day be observed as an expression of "our support of the United Nations."

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Eric Johnson Said Slated For Flight to the Kremlin

LONDON — (AP) — A reliable source said today Eric Johnson, American film boss, will fly to Moscow from Paris about Sept. 20 on an unofficial visit that may take him to the Kremlin.

Friends of Johnson linked his trip with rumors from the United States that the president of the Motion Picture Association of America might be offered a high government post if the Republicans win the November elections.

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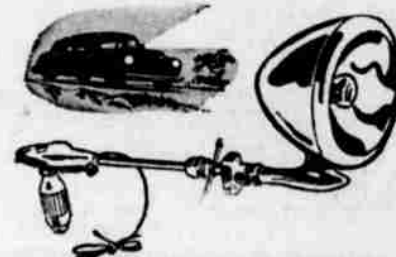
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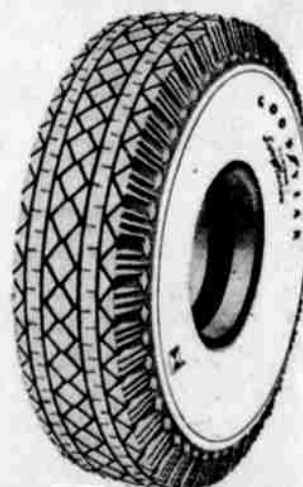
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