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# Robinson Is Zield in Death of Joe Williams

# Softball Hurlers Gain Honors; Dealers Down Woodburn Entry

# Second No-No **Barely Missed** By Georgesen

Salem Champs Continue in Race; Bonneville Foe on Thursday

Griffin's Perfect Game Is Highlight; Fast Games on Tonight

GAMES TONIGHT 8:00-Corvallis vs. Julia Lee Wright. -Portland

Scores Last Night Oregon City 9, McMinnville 5. Pendleton 2, Kennedys 0. Square Deal 8, Woodburn 1. Bonneville 7, Eugene 0.

By RON GEMMELL Pitching perfection was last night attained in one of the four contests that concluded first round firing in the seventh annual state softball tournament now in progress on Sweetland field, and just one more out separated yet another moundsman from the night's second no-no achievement.

Pendleton's Harvey Griffin faced but three batters an inning Kennedy Kids—thus leaving the Square Dealers, who had little trouble dropping Woodburn by an 8 to 1 count, the capital city's (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

#### In One Ear . . -Paul Hauser's Column

Swimming is a habit which comes naturally to fish, frogs and some fowl. Most dogs and horses,

most of the lesser apes also whether they like it or not, on contact with water. Men

also swim. On the whole, fish are better gwimmers than men, though we once knew a fellow named Gilwho claimed he out-

distanced a sal- Paul H. Hauser, jr. mon over a mile course, including three fish ladders and a water hazard. We had no reason to disbelieve his statement at the Refugee Steamer

Men must learn to swim, which is where fish have the upper fin. This is a handicap which some men are able to overcome. It is often said of such persons that "He swims like a fish." It is sometimes said of some men that "He drinks like a fish," but there is no apparent parallel here. Although it had been recorded in the works of Grimpius, the Roman ichthyoulogist, that oc-casionally a carping carp has been heard to remark in slur-ring tones of another fish that swims like a man," no fish has ever been heard to say of another that "He drinks

Men, on the whole, drink much easier than fish, which is where men have it on the fish. Considering the problem from all angles, including the obtuse, wever, it must be recorded that

fish, on the whole or in filets, have a much easier time in their relations with water than men. In the first place (and as far as this discussion is concerned there are not subsequent places)

fish are never confronted with the problem of getting in the water. Men, on the other hand, must face this problem every they face a body of water with the intention of total or

One and one-half per cent of the total body of human swim-mers will when confronted with a body of water jump (or fall) in. The other 98 % per cent do nothing of the kind. Stubborn souls, they die by inches. They (the 98 % per cent) twiddle a tentative toe in the water for several minutes before deciding it's worth while wetting an ankle. The progression is gradual from

It is therefore proved that 98% per cent of the swimmers would never get in the water if they had no toes. Fish are not faced with this. This is the reason (and this, you will be surprised to learn, is the con-clusion of this monograph) that fish have no toes,

Here Comes the Bridal Party-After Interruption by Air Raid



An air raid siren interrupted their wedding ceremony at All Saints church, Eastbourne, England, so Eric William Essex and Miss Doris Bailey, accompanied by the bridal party, headed for this air raid shelter. Time passed, so did the bombers. Out came the bridal party to return to the church for the final "I do."-AP Telemat.

### team to a 2 to 0 win over Salem's Transport Course Brings Accusation

Way to War Peril, Is Charge in Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 .- (AP)-The senate heard an accusation tosomeone in the state department," of the refugee ship American Le- ney. gion and thereby had risked a

The accuser, Senator Bone (Dtransport bearing 897 passengers headed for New York, apparently safely beyond the waters off Scotland which Germany had warned

"Someone is risking the lives of 900 human beings aboard that vessel." Bone told the senate, "if (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

DUBLIN, Aug. 20-(AP)-The ish steamer bound to the Americas with British war refugees, Senator Harry B. Henderson, jr., some of them en route to the of Cheyenne, was running second United States, was disclosed to-

Seven persons were killed, survivors said, when two torpedoes struck their ship when it was two cratic vote total would exceed the days out from a British port. The republican was made by R. H. survivors were landed Sunday Rose of Casper, state democratic might at a port of northwestern Ireland by a Yugoslav steamer, crats polled more primary elec-The name of the British ship was tion votes than republicans for not disclosed. Her destination the first time in Wyoming's his-

### O'Mahoney Holds Big Lead in Vote

Some Stubborn Man Opens Simpson Tops GOP List; **Bourbons May Again** Lead, Total Count

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 20 .-(AP)-Wyoming's senior senator, J. C. O'Mahoney, piled up a \$000 cratic primary election for renomination over his opponent, had refused to change the course Cecil W. Clark, Newcastle attor-

In returns from 173 precincts provocative incident that might out of the state's 695, O'Mahoney have "precipitated this country received \$804 votes to 401 for Clark.

In the republican primary, Con-Wash), spoke while the army gressman Frank O. Horton was leading his opponent, B. Frank Bratcher, Sheridan attorney, 4131

were mine-infested and highly in the four-man democratic congressional race as returns from 171 precincts showed that Dr. J. C. McHenry of Gillette, Townsend old age pension group-approved perty." candidate, and John McIntyre, Douglas attorney, were running within 100 votes of each other. McHenry had polled 1468 votes

Is Reported Sunk Milward Simpson, Cody attorney and University of Wyoming trustee, was leading the republican's five-man race for the nomorpedo sinking of a 500-ton Brit- ination for US senator with 2201 votes from 153 precincts. State with 1611 votes; Former Congressman C. E. Winter of Casper,

third, with 702. A prediction that the demochairman. Two years ago demo-

## Salem's Part in McNary Day Event to be Outlined Today

of his nomination for vice-president will be worked out at a meet- United States. ing here today, Ernest A. Miller, president of the Marion County Willkie-McNary club, disclosed vesterday. Exact time and place last night.

Representatives of the Salem Merchants association, interested war veterans' organizations, the lican national candidates for dis-Salem chamber of commerce and tribution by merchants to the pubthe Marian county republican cen- lic. tral committee, headed by Dr. B. F. Pound, will attend.

Merchants will be asked to close their stores at 3 o'clock the afternoon of the notification cere- tennial stage at the fairgrounds monies, which will begin at the have been changed to bring the state fairgrounds at 4:30, Miller notification speakers' platform said. The state board of control within the view of a larger numis expected to consider at a meeting today a suggestion that state ple will be able both to see and to

tend. Outside communities will he in-

Salem's part in providing a fit- er show organizations to Salem tion." ing welcome for and tribute to for the day, to add color for the United States Senator Charles L. benefit of the crowds expected to McNary next Tuesday in connec- come in large numbers from all tion with the formal notification Oregon and in smaller numbers from many other parts of the

Arrangements to have streets properly decorated with flags and banners are certain to be effected, Miller said. In addiof the meeting had not been fixed tion the Willkie-McNary club hopes to obtain several thousand pictures, stickers and banners bearing pictures of the two repub-

"The town will be dressed to fit the occasion down to the minutest details." Miller declared.

Alteration plans for the Cenoffices be closed at the same hour to enable state employes to attend. hear the speakers, according to Ralph H. Cake, republican national committeeman for Oregon. (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

# Italian Force **Massing Upon** Greek Border

British - American Union Is Possible, Claimed in Parliament Talk

Foes Exchange Air Blows as Air Base Deal Is Deemed Imminent

(By The Associated Press) possibility of eventual unlon of the United States and the British empire was visioned by a former war cabinet officer in the British commons Tuesday night after Britain's war government disclosed an agreement "in principle" to lease naval and air bases on British possessions in the western hemisphere to the United

Prime Minister Churchill ended his eighth war statement to the house of commons by picturing the mutual interests of Britain and the United States as a flood which, like the Mississippi "just keeps rolling along" Then Leslie Hore-Belisha, for-

mer British war secretary, told "If that trend should lead to the same kind of consummation for help from Trotsky.

as we hoped for in the case of

France, namely an eventual com-

this war will have been worth-Just before France collapsed, Britain offered as a last desperate. measure to bring the French and

British empires still closer together by making all Britons and Frenchmen citizens in a common, In Hyde Park, NY, President Roosevelt said that conversations with Britain on the acquistion of

naval and air bases by the United States were progressing satisfac-Bad feeling between Greece and

Italy increased. Usually well informed circles

in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, said Italy is massing troops in Albania on the Greek border. Several thousand men of new Greek military classes were called to the colors. It was the third time Greece has strengthened her army in the last week.

In Rome, the official Italian news agency, Stefani, charged that Greek terrorists had gone into the Ciamuria district of Greece with the evident purpose of killing Al- challenge to debate campaign isbanians and burning their pro- sues - and reported that con-It was the alleged murder of an

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## Coordination of **Utilities Urged**

PORTLAND, Aug. 20.-(AP)-Co-ordination of the northwest's transportation, com m unication and power generating facilities as a national defense measure was proposed today by O. R. Bean, Oregon utilities commissioner. He invited Bonnsville Adminis-

trator Paul J. Raver and Wash-

ington Public Service Director

Don G. Abel to a conference. "All power production units, transmission lines, distribution centers and interconnection of power sources (in Oregon and Washington) should be coordinated into a system for general use "The same should be worked out for bus, truck, rail, water and air transportation, and for telephone, telegraph and air communications so that the proper defense or emergency authorities can have By STEPHEN C. MERGLER | vited to send their bands and oth- at hand all available informa-

#### **Socialized Banks** Fear Expressed

SEATTLE, Aug. 20-(A)-C. B. Stephenson, vice president of the First National bank of Portland, commented here today that "It is hard to tell where bankers will be 10 years from now." With encroachment of gov-

ernment, signs point to some form of socialized banking," he said in an interview while here to address the Pacific Northwest Banking school. "I don't say it will happen, but it could. These trends should be arrested, if you believe in private enterprise."

Similing and licking the ashes from a cigaret, Mr. Roosevelt told the reported they knew as well (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8.)

Stamp Plan is Extended believe in private enterprise."



# Leon Trotsky **Gravely Hurt** With Pick-Ax

Russian Exile Attacked by Supposed Friend; Assailant Held

Two Chatting Alone Just Before Assault, Say Mexican Police

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20.-(AP)-supposed friend drove a pick-ax into the skull of Leon Trotsky as the two chatted in the home of the exiled Russian revolutionist at nearby Coyoacan late today. Gen. Jose Manuel, chief of the federal district police, told re-porters surgeons had operated on Trotsky and "there are hopes of saving his life."

Police tonight said the assailant gave his name as Jacques Mortan, 36, a Belgian. They said that besides the attack weapon he also carried a revolver.

Hospital attaches said it appeared Trotsky had a fracture at the base of the skull, a hole in the skull where the pick-ax entered, one wound on the right shoulder, and another on the right hip.

Trotsky only recently escaped unharmed in a machine gun attack on his house in which about 20 persons have been arrested. He blamed the attack on the OGPU. the Russian secret police, because of Trotsky's attacks on Josef Stalin, the Russian dictator. As pieced together from unofficial versions, the story of the

attack follows: Trotsky and the acquaintance **House Draft Bill** -regarded as a friend-were chatting in Trotsky's office alone when suddenly there was a cry

One of Trotsky's bodyguards dashed in and found the visitor mon citizenship-all the evils of raining blows on the Russian's head with the small pick, about 12 inches from tip to tip. The bodyguard disarmed the assailant

Trotsky and the assallant were taken to the police hospital where patrolmen, armed with tear-gas rifles, stood before a heavy iron gate to keep the crowd away. Police officials said they could not discuss the case immediately.

### Roosevelt Turns **Down Debate Bid**

And Tells of Progress on Defense Bases: Willkie Renews Challenge

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL HYDE PARK, NY, Aug. 20-(AP) President Roosevelt answered no today to Wendell L. Willkie's versations with Britain on US acquisition of naval and air bases on English possessions in this hemisphere were progressing sat-

Both subjects were discussed at his regular press conference at the summer white house, with the chief executive indicating that it was defense problems like the naval-air base situation which would keep him from campaign-

ing for a third term. Things are in such shape this year, he said, that he can do no political campaigning, including debating with Willkie, as the republican presidential candidate suggested in his acceptance speech at Elwood, Ind., Saturday.

While Mr. Roosevelt could not be persuaded to say when decisions in the British-American conversations might be reached, British Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax told the house of lords in London that "agreement in principle" had been arrived at for the leasing to the United States for 99 years of British sites in the Atlantic, various West Indian points and Newfoundland. And while British Prime Minister Churchill, speaking in the

house of commons, appealed to this country for "timely reinforcement" of the British navy, Mr. Roosevelt told reporters they should not speculate on proposals that the United States sell to England destroyers built in World war days. He did not deny, however, that such sales were under consideration.

President Roosevelt's no to the Willkie challenge came when a reporter asked this question; "Mr. President, when are you going to start the debates with Wendell Willkie?" Smiling and flicking the ashes

to 13 Oregon Counties

tood stamp plan will be extended to 13 Oregon counties—Malheur. Harney, Lake, Deschutes, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler—the agriculture department said today.

"But what would you have had us de?" he asked. "Our army in Africa was very weak. We had nothing but the debris of an army left on the continent, What could we do?"

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He described France in her operation of the courthouse, and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and was treated by Dr. C. Hayes before being the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the courthouse and the described france in her operation of the

#### Battered Gunsmith Faces Charge Of Using Auto as Lethal Weapon



istered by Joseph Williams of Salem, is shown with a state policeman following his arrest on a charge, not yet filed formally, that he injured Williams fatally by driving an automobile over him. Robinson is a Rickreall gunsmith and gun dealer .- Statesman staff

### Plan; Would Register Men Aged 21-45

Is More Drastic

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20-(A)-broad conscription bill making men 21 to 45 years old, inclusive, for immediate military training was tentatively approved by the house military committee a less sweeping measure.

The house bill calls for registration of men from 18 through 64. Those selected immediately for a year's compulsory service would come from the 21-45 classifications, however.

Chairman May (D-Ky) that the committee, by an almost unanimous vote, turned down proposals that provisions of the senate bill, calling only for registration and training of men 21 to 30, inclusive, be inserted in the house measure.

"It's the opinion of the committee that these are the proper ages and we're going to put the bill out this way," said May. Clergymen, divinity students and conscientious objectors would

year would be deferred. An exemption for students studying for the ministry in theological and divinity schools was (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

#### Valley Project's **Inspection Looms**

PORTLAND, Aug. 20 .- (AP)-The rivers and harbors board of the army engineers will visit Oregon projects next week and attend is alleged too much money was Williams' house disclosed Robinpublic hearings at Port Orford paid.

Brigadier General Thomas M. Robins will accompany the board

# Woman Is Killed

Committee Rejects Senate Recent Spokane Resident Victim; Three Girls Suffer Injuries

SILVERTON, Aug. 20-Mrs. E. C. Sibley, about 50, recently of Spokane, was killed and her two daughters and another young woman were injured when the automobile driven by Mrs. Sibley crashed into a power pole on the Mt. Angel road about 10 o'clock

Ellen and Eileen Sibley suffered fractures and June Cook of Spokane suffered a broken thigh. They were brought to the Silverton hospital where it was indicated their injuries were serious, but not critical.

The automobile appeared to go out of control after passing another car at the first turn on the south side of the Abiqua bridge. The car was badly smashed.

The Sibleys had been visiting for several weeks at the Dawes Drove over Williams home on South Water street. Miss Cook had arrived recently to visit the Sibleys.

### be exempt, and the training of college students in their senior Argentina Crisis Imminent, Hinted

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 21 .-(Wednesday)-(P)-President Roberto M. Ortiz, who had turned his duties over to an acting president because of illness, was re- telephoned the Marion county ported suddenly to have reassumed leadership of his cabinet iff L. L. Pittinger, who respondearly this morning ni an attempt ed, summoned the city first aid to check a growing crisis threat- car. The latter took Williams to

The crisis centers around an at 3:55 p. m.

rmy land purchase in which it A hat found in the yard near army land purchase in which it

called the cabinet into session at his home at 1:30 a. m., and as which will inspect the Willamette the group met it was said the battery and automobile electric valley flood control work near resignations of some or perhaps

# Ortiz was reported to have

### Democracy to Survive, View Of Petain; Friendly to US

said today, and "will remain firmly attached to the ideals she The marshal disclosed to for-

rade-at-arms during these criti-cal days, and added:
"I was deeply moved and pro-foundly grateful for his wish to help in saving France and the youth of France." Petain confidently predcited

strength through renewed con-"She will restore those old tra-

ditions of craftsmanship which in the past made her fortune and glory. It goes without saying that she will remain a land of arts, of which culture, of disinterested research. Petain declared America was

doing well to prepare herself against any possible invasion. It is not only the right of American nations to prepare themselves ma-terially and morally, he said, but

after defeat on the continent.

# Struck by Car After Quarrel Witnesses Say

Rickreall Man Hit Over Head With Shotgun, Story of Affray

Charges Await Outcome of Autopsy; Both Men Drinking, Claimed

Joseph Williams, 52, pioneer Salem battery man, was dead last night, and L. D. Rebinson, 60, of Rickreall, was held in the county jail on an open charge involving homicide as the result of an altercation over sale of a shotgun which occurred early yesterday afternoon at Williams' trailerhouse home a half-mile south of

Formal charges will probably be placed against Robinson today, District Attorney Lyle J. Page indicated last hight, following further investigation of the matter by local authorities and the filing of an autopsy report by Dr. Joseph Beeman, Portland medical criminologist.

The dispute, in the course of which Robinson allegedly drove a car over Williams, injuring him fatally, arose over details of a gun-swapping deal, investigating authorities reported Robinson, a gunsmith and bow-

naker, called on Williams shortly after noon to interest him in a bargain involving shotguns belonging to both parties, and the dispute originated when the two men were unable to agree on final terms of their bargain.

Theft of Watch Is Charged, Related

Witnesses, including Mrs. Phyl-In Auto Smashup lis Ramsden and Mrs. Maude Beckman, both of whom live next door to Williams' trailer-house, reported that the two men were arguing when they emerged from Williams' house and Robinson started to get into his car. Both men had been drinking.

Williams was reported to have charged Robinson with taking a watch belonging to him, and socording to one witness was seen to search Robinson's clothes in an effort to find it.

The two fell to scuffling, in the course of which Williams struck Robinson over the head with a 12-gauge shotgun, and then sought to choke the older man. Williams then returned to his

house, leaving Robinson,

car, a 1930 Ford coupe, and began to drive slowly down a 100foot driveway toward the road, Williams jumped on the runningboard of the machine. Witnesses reported that Robinson, evidently confused, steered into a pergola of the Robert

Ramsden house adjoining the

driveway and knocked it down,

when the latter climbed into his

Twice, Is Story He then turned his car toward Williams, who had moved to the center of the driveway, struck him down and drove over him, Witnesses said that Robinson then reversed his machine and backed over the prone body of Williams. He then drove away, and was later reported to have

returned to Rickreall, where he was arrested by state police. Mrs. Ramsden and Mrs. Beckman, who saw the altercation, sheriff's office, and Deputy Shera local hospital where he died

son's identity to the authorities, Williams had been living on a 10-acre prune tract belonging to him after having been in the business in Salem for 15 years prior to 1936. He is survived by a son, Joseph Williams, jr., new serving in the navy, and by a brother, William, living in We-natchee. Funeral arrangements are in charge of a gousin, Palmer Williams, of route three. Mudd Is Present

During Altereation Police authorities also questioned G. R. Mudd in reference to the case Mudd was present during the dispute between Rob the day and preceding night with Williams. He was a witness of their dispute.

He was held briefly as a ma-terial witness and released late

Authorities said Robinson made the statement that Williams shot at him twice as he was leaving in his car, and that the shots shattered the windshield and both side windows of his car. Other witnesses reported hear-

vestigating officers were unable to find empty cartridge cases Petain observed that there has been some criticism of France for not fighting on from her colonies yesterday that Robinson, asked if he deliberately backed his car

#### By JOHN LLOYD she never should have ceased to VICHY, France, Aug. 20-(A)- be — an essentially agricultural The new France views with sym- nation. Like the giant in the pathy the American trend to fable, she will regain all her ward armed preparedness, chief of state Marshal Philippe Petain tact with the earth.

professes in common with "the great American democracles." eign correspondents that he had received a message from General John J. Pershing expressing the wish that Pershing could be at the side of his old French company of the side of the side of his old French company of the side of the sid

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(P)— cover from its present trials.

The surplus farm commodities The will to recover exists, he food stamp plan will be extended said, and added grimly: "If in