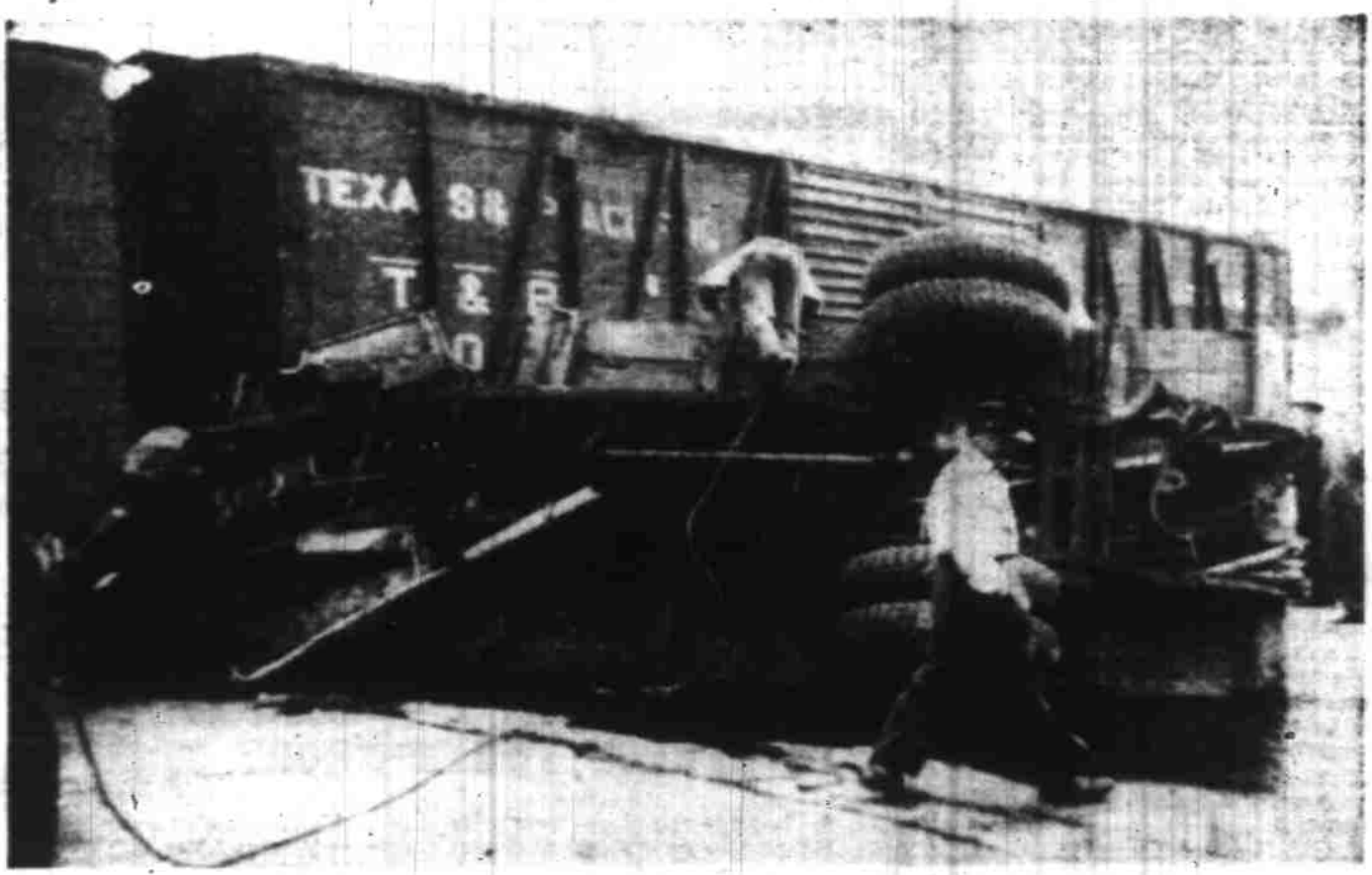


# WSB Says Fiat 'No' to AFL Seamen Raise

(Story in Column 7-8)

## Truck Loses Battle Of Behemoths



An 81-car northbound freight train overturned the truck (above) at about 2:50 p.m. Wednesday when it struck the rear of the vehicle, which was stopped astride the railroad tracks on 12th street at State street. William F. Ault, Portland, driver of the badly damaged truck, incurred a broken nose and was taken to Salem Deaconess hospital where his condition is reported as good. (Photo by Kenneth Hunt, local taxi driver, who was on the scene when the accident occurred.)

**IT SEEMS TO ME**  
*By Charles K. Stroup*

Portland schools report a reduction of 1,688 pupils on the opening day as compared with a year ago. Corvallis schools were down about 100.

These decreases occur, it may be noted at a time when the demand for housing is exceedingly heavy, which would indicate a bulge in population. In Corvallis for instance, it is almost a miracle to be able to locate a house or apartment for rental. The same is true in Salem, yet we anticipate little increase in total school enrollment when school opens next week.

One reason for this is the low birthrate of the 1930's. That serves to hold down the school population of today. This condition will not change for a year or two when the crop of war babies comes of school age. After that the growth of school enrollment will flatten out again in conformity with the long-time trend toward small families.

The return of men from military service, their marrying and setting up in housekeeping enlarges the immediate demand for housing. But another and substantial reason for the persistent shortage is the large national income. Housing demands reflects the level of prosperity. When times are good people want to buy or to build homes; they want more living space and can afford to obtain it. When times are bad houses become vacant, though the number of people to be sheltered doesn't decline. Signs of "for sale" and "for rent" become numerous. There are as many people as many families, but living is consolidated. Families move in with "in-laws"; they double up in dwellings; those at the low end (Continued on editorial page)

## Funeral Saturday For Independence Accident Victim

**INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 11**—Funeral services for Gilbert Rose who died Tuesday as a result of injuries received a few hours earlier in an automobile crash at North Dallas junction will be held from the Smith Mortuary Saturday at 2 p.m.

Survivors are the widow and two children all residents of Independence. Emmett Mills, also of Independence, driver of the automobile involved, suffered serious cuts and bruises and is in the Dallas hospital.

Mills was north bound from Dallas was attempting to pass the truck which was west bound on the Dallas-Salem highway. The automobile was crushed and the truck overturned. Edward Forrest York, driver of the Pope and Talbot logging truck was unhurt.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"My goah, what's that?"

## Lew Wallace's Statement Reinstated -- With Quotes

The statement in behalf of Lew Wallace, democratic candidate for congress in the second congressional district, will appear in the voters' pamphlet as the statement of the democratic state committee and not of an individual. This was decided when George G. Reinmiller, Portland, secretary of the committee and other Wallace supporters agreed to the condition

## Valley Bride Dies in Wreck, Groom Injured

Mrs. Luke Brittan, 20, of Mt. Angel, died at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the hospital at Bend as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident near Millcreek, 28 miles east of Bend an hour previously, according to information received by relatives in Mt. Angel.

Her husband of 12 days was in a serious condition Wednesday night but was believed in no immediate danger.

The Brittans were returning from their wedding trip and had notified relatives they would be back today. Sgt. L. L. Hirtzil of the state police said at Bend Wednesday night the cause of the accident was unknown pending an investigation.

The injured couple was brought to the hospital by Mrs. Frank Hayek of Portland who reported the Brittan car had passed her just before the accident.

Mrs. Brittan was the former Dorris Burger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burger of Mt. Angel, who left for Bend upon receipt of word of their daughter's death. Brittan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Brittan of Woodburn who also left for Bend with their son and daughter, John and Mrs. Lester Walls.

Besides the widower and her parents, Mrs. Brittan is survived by two sisters, Fannie and Agnes of Portland, and a brother, Bill, in California.

## Competitive Bus Service Favored

**PORTLAND, Sept. 11**—(AP)—Over the protest of the city public utility commissioner, the city council voted today to intervene at a state public utilities hearing in Salem September 23 on behalf of West Coast Trailways.

Trailways' petition to establish intrastate bus service on the Pacific highway is opposed by the Pacific Greyhound company, but backed by several southern Oregon towns. The city council said it favored establishing competitive bus service.

## Surplus Sugar Said Shipped from State

**PORTLAND, Sept. 11**—(AP)—Most of the stored surplus sugar that Oregon officials wanted distributed to housewives for canning is gone, the national OPA said today.

So much of Oregon-Washington sugar supplies have been shipped out, reported the OPA, that some shipments will have to come into the state to fill ordinary September demands.

## John Cotton Elected Salem AVC Secretary

John Cotton was elected secretary of Salem Chapter, American Veterans Committee, at its meeting last night in the YMCA. Cotton will fill a resignation vacancy until regular elections in October. The group last night rounded out plans for its share in the nationwide AVC "Ring the Bell" membership campaign, September 16 to October 17.

# 135 Negro GIs Jailed After Race Clash

## Fighting Continues 4 Hours

**FLORENCE, S.C., Sept. 11**—(AP)—One hundred and thirty-five southern Negro soldiers, most of them recently returned from overseas, were arrested here tonight and lodged in two local jails after Police Chief J. A. Price said they participated in a mob fight with police officers at the railroad station.

Chief Price said over 100 of the soldiers, milling about the station while the train on which they were traveling stopped a few minutes, attacked en masse six military policemen in an attempt to free five fellow passengers the MP's said they took into custody because of disorderly conduct on the train.

The fight started about 8 p.m., Price said, but it was not until almost midnight before the situation was brought completely under control and all of the soldiers were lodged in jail cells to await hearings before city recorder tomorrow on charges of "disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and interfering with an officer in discharging his duty."

The soldiers then were lined up and marched single file through the streets of Florence to the jail about a mile from the station.

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## Mine Owners, Lewis Handed Plan by U. S.

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 11**—(AP)—The coal mines administration handed a set of proposals for a new contract to John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators today and asked them to try it for size. If Lewis and the operators like it, or can use it as the basis for an agreement of their own, the bituminous coal mines which the government has been operating for nearly four months can be restored to private operation.

The contract suggestions, based on the government's own agreement, signed by Lewis and Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug ending the 89-day strike last May 29, suggests an 18-month agreement, expiring April 1, 1948, but permitting reopening of discussion of wages with 30 days' notice.

## Vets to See Surplus Cover

A sample of the long-discussed surplus sleeping bag covers which now are on sale by the war assets administration in Oregon will be shown to members of the Marion County Federated Veterans Council at its meeting in Legion hall at 8 p.m. today.

Chairman Don Goode announced the sample cover is one of three recently purchased by a world war II veteran of Woodburn Post 46, who will bring it to the council's meeting Wednesday. The "heavy" pickers are Mr. and Mrs. Matt Campbell and their 9-11- and 13-year-old children.

Despite the fact that bean and prune picking is virtually at a standstill, the need for hop pickers is greater than ever, the farm office indicated in citing its orders from hop ranches for thousands of pickers representing from 50 per cent to as high as 300 per cent more pickers than now employed at the individual hop yards. Beans are nearly all picked and prune picking is down because there is an overload at the canneries, it was reported.

## 721-Pound Man Dies

**FITTSBURGH, Sept. 11**—(AP)—John Porter, 721-pound circus "fat man" whose bulk required two beds to be welded together, died today at Allegheny hospital.

## Chiefs of Staff Report Recommends U. S. Prepare for Atom Bomb Attacks

By Howard W. Blakeslee Associated Press Staff Reporter

**CHICAGO, Sept. 11**—(AP)—A hitherto secret section of the staff report to the joint chiefs of staff, recommending preparedness against nuclear fission attacks on the United States, was read to the American Chemical society tonight by Col. Bradley Dewey, president of the society.

Dewey also declared that A-bombs, instead of destroying civilization, might shorten future wars. But he favored using them to outlast war.

Colonel Dewey, rubber coordinator in the war, was an official Bikini bomb test observer this summer, and member of both the president's and the joint chiefs of staff evaluation boards.

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## Price Of Flour To Increase

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 11**—(AP)—Flour millers were granted a price increase of 20 cents per 100 pounds today and OPA said the result would be a retail increase of one to two cents on a five-pound package of flour.

OPA officials told reporters that the millers' increase is temporary and should not increase retail bread prices.

Earlier the price agency raised its ceilings on work gloves, certain cotton rugs, and window and picture glass.

It also abolished price lids altogether on a widely assorted list ranging from razor blades and television sets to baby carriages and motor scooters. In addition, it prepared to increase sugar prices soon.

The flour increase—third since June 30—was granted because millers now are producing white flour and are required to buy and use more wheat.

Retail bread prices should not rise, OPA explained, because they now are under a temporary increase of one cent a loaf granted in August. The increase is temporary, the pricing agency explained, pending completion of a cost study.

## Taken by Death



**ABILENE, Kan., Sept. 11**—Mrs. Ida Stover Eisenhower, mother of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, died in her home here today. She was 84. Death was attributed to a heart attack. (AP wirephoto)

## U. S. Abandons Claim for Italy Reparations

**PARIS, Sept. 11**—(AP)—American delegates in two statements to the peace conference today assailed soviet-supported Bulgarian claims to Greek territory and announced that the United States wanted no reparations from Italy.

U.S. Ambassador to France Jefferson Caffery said the United States rejected Bulgaria's claims on Greece, but had considered with "full sympathy" Greece's counter-claims, which are opposed by Russia. He said the United States suggests that "some arrangement for demilitarization of the Bulgarian side of the frontier" be studied to "meet Greece's security requirements."

U.S. State Department Representative Willard Thornp told the Italian economic commission that while the United States wants no reparations from Italy, it does not intend to continue pouring aid to the Italians only to see it go out again to meet claims of other nations.

## Mothers, Babies To Face Camera For Salem Movie

Some future movie stars may make their debuts Friday morning when children are filmed at 10:30 at Willson park for the "Life in Salem" all-color picture to be shown at a local theatre late in the month.

The "heavy" pickers are Mr. and Mrs. Matt Campbell and their 9-11- and 13-year-old children. All children brought to the park for the occasion will get into the picture, Cayton said, indicating that interested mothers might also be shown.

A service club, a hopyard, women golfers, a city commission, chamber of commerce board meeting, wrestling, state employees leaving offices and similar features of the capital city's life have already been caught.

## Shipyard Strike Promised Today By Irate Unions

**WASHINGTON, Sept. 11**—(AP)—The wage stabilization board flatly refused to back down tonight on its veto of seamen's pay increases in the face of the AFL maritime strike and a CIO walkout threatened for Friday.

"No further action is contemplated by this board," Chairman Willard W. Wirtz announced to a tense news conference—and a nation of paralyzed ports. The decision apparently moved the maritime crisis directly to the White House door. President Truman, who has taken to direct action is expected to produce some plan for handling the crisis. Nobody professed to know what this plan will be.

The board voted down proposals to slip the hot potato into the hands of the economic stabilization director, Dr. John R. Steelman. Wirtz said he did not know, therefore, whether Steelman would have any authority to overrule the board if he should wish to do so.

The board reaffirmed its decision of last month—which brought on the strike—by a 4 to 2 vote, this time two labor members dissenting. The CIO National Maritime Union announced tonight that its national council will meet tomorrow in New York to consider striking on Friday morning. The CIO unionists now are generally observing the AFL picket lines.

## San Francisco

**SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11**—(AP)—All Pacific coast shipyards as well as ports will be "closed tight" tomorrow as a result of the wage stabilization board's rejection of the maritime workers' demands, Harry Lundberg, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific, said tonight.

"The metal trades council (AFL) has pledged its full support," he declared after a meeting with the maritime strike committee. "We will picket the shipyards and docks and the metal trades workers will back us."

Lundberg said shutdown of the shipyards would begin at midnight tonight in the San Francisco bay area and would spread to other ports "throughout the nation as soon as we can get in touch with our other locals."

Commenting on the stabilization board's action, Lundberg asserted: "I didn't expect anything else from that senile board."

## Portland

**PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 11**—(AP)—Picketing of foreign ships in the Columbia river harbors will begin tomorrow, members of the AFL Sailors' Union of the Pacific voted tonight after the wage stabilization board refused to change its policy in the maritime wage dispute.

## Poliomyelitis Light In Marion County

Marion county had but one case of infantile paralysis reported this summer, which contrasts greatly to the large numbers reported in other sections of the county, Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer, said Wednesday. Dr. Stone pointed to the fact that September 7 is regarded as the date after which a decline in summer epidemics of polio may be expected. The few cases of malaria reported were recurrences, and no new cases have been noted.

## C. of C. to Print Report Of Long-Range Planners

Salem Chamber of Commerce will distribute copies of the city long range planning commission's annual report, to be published next month. It was decided at last night's chamber directors' meeting of the chamber office. Extent of the distribution was not decided, but it was considered advisable to exceed the 5,000-copy distribution of last year's planning report.

## Opening of Silverton Schools Delayed Week

**SILVERTON, Sept. 11**—Opening of Silverton schools has been postponed from September 16 to September 23, in compliance with the wishes of the hop and prune growers. A. E. Anderson, school superintendent announced today.

## Col. Glenard McLaughlin Named to Army Position

Appointment of Col. Glenard McLaughlin, Portland, as inspector general for the Oregon military department was approved by Gov. Earl Snell Wednesday. Brig. Gen. Raymond F. Olson, acting adjutant general, announced. His station will be in Portland.

## Truck Drivers To Return to Work in N. Y.

**NEW YORK, Sept. 11**—(AP)—Union leaders pledged tonight that thousands of striking AFL truck drivers would return to work tomorrow as high officials of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters intervened in a strike they called "the worst rank and file revolt in teamsters' history."

International President Daniel J. Tobin ordered 10,000 sympathizing strikers in New York and New Jersey—not involved in contract negotiations—to abide by their contracts, or, in effect, to get back to work. The order did not affect 15,000 other idle truckmen, members of locals 807, 282 and 816 in New York City. They are striking to enforce demands for a 30 per cent wage boost in a new contract with truck operators.

A few hours after Tobin's directive was announced at his Indianapolis headquarters, International Vice President John Conlin said in Jersey City, N. J., that 5000 striking truckers in northern Jersey would return to work tomorrow.

## Delegates Visit Chest Projects In Portland

State agencies participating in Salem's Community Chest fabric were visited in Portland on Wednesday by a delegation of four Salem chest workers, Trinkham Gilbert, who heads this fall's campaign for money, with Herbert Barker, secretary of the city's labor council, R. L. Rawlow, secretary of the retail clerks' union, and C. A. Kells, YMCA executive, were escorted on their call by Elda Russell, secretary of the Oregon Protective society.

Miss Russell, former superintendent of Hillcrest school here, discussed her own organization's work with children with the group and then took them to the office of the Catholic Charities, to Albertina Kerr nursery, the Provident Home for Infants, White Shield home and offices of the Boys' and Girls' State aid society.

The men reported themselves impressed with the number of Marion county residents who have received service from these establishments and with the type of service given.

## Building of Garage Is Denied by CPA

Appeal to the Washington, D. C., office of the civilian production administration for permission to build a \$26,500 garage at Independence was denied August 21, Fulmer Wednesday. Associated Press reported from the Portland OPA headquarters. It was reported also that applications had been received in Portland from J. H. Hart Motor Co. for a \$21,000 addition in Independence.

## Greek Violence Reported

**ATHENS, Sept. 11**—(AP)—Government announcements reported tonight that at least 10 persons had been killed in a new outbreak of violence in Greece, and Acting Premier Stylianos Lonias indicated that extreme leftist leaders might be prosecuted for "Anarchy."

## 'Dreamboat Delayed

**HONOLULU, Sept. 11**—(AP)—The take-off of the "Facusan Dreamboat" for a flight across the roof of the world to Cairo has been delayed for several days by the discovery of a gas tank leak.