

October 1st will mark the end of the whirling dervish trip to Albany from Salem along old, dangerous highway 99E and the opening of the new, wide, straight 99E. Beginning about ten miles south of Salem the new road is shown stretching straight ahead and the old road turning to the left around Steiwer hill. Shown (lower left photo) checking the barricades is Carl Di Nucci, Portland, construction foreman for Warren and Northwest, Inc., construction

company which has been building the road since July, 1945. Graceful arches (upper left photo) mark the new bridge across the Willamette river about four miles downriver from Jefferson. Shortages of steel and cement during the last two years slowed up opening of the new highway by many months. The aerial photo (right) clearly shows how the new highway will facilitate travel from Albany and other Willamette valley towns with the elimination of the



old road's many curves. The overpass over the Southern Pacific railroad is located about four miles south of Jefferson. Entering the picture at lower left is the old highway and five sharp curves are pictured. The new highway cuts across the picture and leads to Albany at the left and to Salem at the right of the picture. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

# 25 Parachutists Safe After Drop In Luzon Jungle

MANILA, Sunday, Sept. 21 (AP)—Twenty-five of 27 men who parachuted from a lost U. S. army transport over northern Luzon have been found safe, one was killed and another still is missing, the 13th air force announced today.

The major James T. Gribble, senior air force officer aboard the plane, notified the air force directly from Bontoc, 24 miles from the scene of the crash. He said the dead man was killed in bailing out. The army personnel were members of a baseball team of the 13th air force, returning to Luzon from games at Tokyo and Okinawa. Previously, the air force had said 29 men were aboard and that 26 had been found safe. The air force announcement said the pilot of the ill-fated plane himself had telephoned from the mountainous Bontoc area, about 175 miles north of Manila.

Bontoc is 2 miles northeast of Corda, near where the wreckage of the plane was spotted in the Cagayan valley. A ground party was immediately dispatched to the Bontoc region. A party was nearing the wreckage, and two liaison type spotter planes landed at the scene, which is near Corda in the Cagayan valley 160 miles northeast of Manila.

Twenty-six 13th air force planes were flying in search of the plane along the route the plane took from Okinawa in stormy weather yesterday. The valley, up which the 37th infantry drove in the closing phases of the Japanese war, is one of the most favorable areas in the Philippines for parachute landings.

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At Biloxi, concern was felt for the safety of many Mississippi coast fishermen who were reported to have scurried to Louisiana marshes when the hurricane blew down. Cosman Eisenbrath, Biloxi newspaperman, said that a coast guard plane had made contact with 40 of the fishermen, who were safe, and were searching for about 160 others.

In New Orleans, 4,000 volunteers were called to stem the inflow of flood waters pushed up by yesterday's storm. Damage to New Orleans property, the area's crops and the fishing industry was counted in the tens of millions.

An emergency appeal was made for doctors and nurses at Pass Christian and Bay St. Louis. Rex Thomas, Associated Press reporter, said at Gulfport that damage in those two communities seemed to be much heavier than at Gulfport. The entire coastal area was under martial law tonight as the storm, which earlier had blasted across Florida, blew itself out harmlessly in northeast Texas.

Slavs Encroach On Italian Area

TRISTE, Sept. 20 (AP)—Allied military government sources said today that Yugoslav troops, moving last night when nobody was on guard, took over a section of road from the Italians on the new frontier near Caporetto.

The sources said the Italians were reported to have offered no opposition when the move was discovered today except to warn the Yugoslavs to advance no further. The surprise action, at a curve in the road about 200 yards inside Italian territory, placed the entire highway within Yugoslavia.

Police Checking Drivers' Licenses

Salem police are cooperating with state authorities by checking motorists' driver licenses to determine if they have been renewed under the new state law. Chief of Police Frank A. Minto announced Saturday.

Minto warned all drivers licenses numbered between 5R-99,000 and 5R-132,000 must be renewed this month. Permits bearing numbers below 5R-99,000 have already expired, Minto said.

"We have no intention of allowing drivers on city streets with no license or one that has expired," the chief said.

Taft Favors Western Cabinet Representation

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Sept. 20 (AP)—Western states, particularly those along the Pacific coast, are entitled to greater representation in the president's cabinet and other high United States policy making offices, Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) declared here today.

# Red Cross Estimates 84 Dead, Missing as Gale Ends

## Europe Nations Set Estimate of Need at \$16 Billion

### U.S. Asked to Foot Bill for 4-Year Plan

PARIS, Sept. 20 (AP)—Representatives of 16 nations, winding up two and a half months' discussions of the Marshall plan to aid Europe economically, today approved unanimously a reconstruction program under which the United States will be asked to foot a bill of at least \$16,295,000,000 during the next four years.

The program will be signed formally Monday afternoon in the French foreign ministry's "clock room," when an abstract of the conference report will be released simultaneously by the 16 participating foreign ministries and the U. S. state department.

After the signing, a British "king's messenger" will leave by plane for Washington to deliver a copy of the program to U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, who first suggested in an address at Harvard university June 5 that Europe agree upon a plan.

The original bill for reconstruction of the participating nations was \$22,499,000,000. A conference spokesman said the delegates decided to reduce this by \$3,394,000,000 for machinery and other capital equipment. In accordance with a suggestion of U. S. Undersecretary of State William L. Clayton, the international bank for reconstruction and development (world bank) will be asked to underwrite the capital equipment item.

### Grains Still in Price Plunge

Wheat, corn and oats continued their sharp plunge on the nation's major markets Saturday heralding a possible puncture in the record high cost of living.

The tumble in grain prices—fifth in the last six days on the world's largest exchange at Chicago—was accompanied by declines during the last few days in livestock prices and a long list of commodities.

### Women Sponsor Sales Tax Panel

The proposed sales tax will be the subject of a panel discussion Thursday at the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms, under sponsorship of the Salem League of Women Voters and the legislative committee of the Salem Business and Professional Women's clubs.

# Rail Crossings Still Minus Signals Year After Tragic Deaths of 3 Boys

By Marguerite Wright Staff Writer, The Statesman

Three teen-age Salem high school boys were killed a year ago last night when the brand new pickup truck they occupied was struck by a southbound Southern Pacific train at the Madison street crossing.

The tragedy which snuffed the lives of Richard H. Albin, Richard A. Emmons and Norman D. Schofield immediately prompted much talk about "doing something" to decrease danger at railroad crossings within city limits.

Today, a year later, little has been done to improve the hazardous conditions brought about by trains going through Salem's business and residential districts.

In September, 1946, student members of the Salem high school safety council said they would reiterate to Southern Pacific officials their 1945 request for wig wag signals to herald the approach of trains at Madison,

Market and Mission street crossings, and to draft an ordinance restricting train speed.

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Middleton's death was the fifth traffic fatality in Salem this year. He was taken to the hospital about 8 p. m. Friday by the Salem first aid car and hospital authorities Saturday described his condition as "very critical." He received severe internal and head injuries, according to the hospital report.

Olson pleaded innocent in municipal court Saturday to a charge of driving with defective brakes. He was released on \$10 bail, and his trial set for October 3 at 1:30 p. m.

# Martial Law in Area, Casualty Reports Grow

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 20 (AP)—A rising death toll from the fearful hurricane that swept the eastern gulf coast was counted tonight as ebbing waters permitted a survey of casualties and destruction.

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# Ike Mentioned as Demo Candidate

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), considered by some as a possible candidate for the post himself, said today General Dwight D. Eisenhower would suit him as the democratic vice-presidential nominee, "if that meets the approval of the president."

Eisenhower, prominently mentioned as a possible republican presidential nominee, was proposed recently by Rep. Smathers (D-Fla.) as a running mate for President Truman on the 1948 democratic ticket.

# Lebanon Child, 4, Rescued After Being Buried in Mud at Bottom of Mill Pond

LEBANON, Sept. 20 — Lucky to be alive, little 4-year-old Jimmy Houston is recovering in Lebanon hospital today following a near-tragic ordeal at the bottom of a log pond here Friday morning.

This morning, 24 hours after his brush with death, Jimmy was coughing up bits and mud and bark he had accumulated inside him during his stay of several minutes at the bottom of the pond. He owes his life to Lewis Fenner, a workman, who pulled him from the mud, and to the Lebanon fire department emergency crew who worked two hours pulling life back into his seemingly lifeless body.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The greatest of the contributions of the negro race in America has been in music. The negro spiritual is one of the authentic originals, whose quality is recognized in the highest musical circles. Modern jazz finds root in the rhythms and accents and stridencies of African natives.

One of the greatest of modern historians, perhaps the leading one, Arnold J. Toynbee, whose "Study in History" in its attempt at analysis and synthesis of human history is one of the profound works of our time, suggests that the negro in America may bring a fresh and stimulating interpretation of Christianity to the west. Toynbee is concerned with the play of religious influence in our history and associates Christianity with the current epoch.

"The Negro has not, indeed, brought any ancestral religion of his own from Africa to captivate the hearts of his White fellow-citizens in America. His primitive, social heritage was of a few shreds, it was scattered to the winds on the impact of our Western Civilization. Thus he came to America spiritually as well as physically naked; and he has met the emergency by covering his nakedness with his enslaver's cast-off clothes. The Negro has adapted himself to his new social environment by rediscovering in Christianity certain original meanings and values which western Christendom has long ignored.

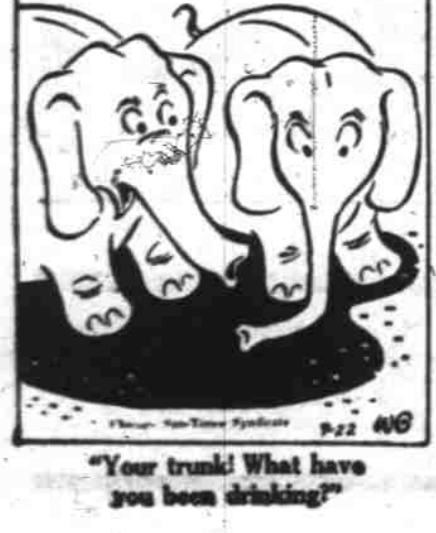
Opening a simple and impressionable mind to the Gospels, he has discovered that Jesus was a prophet who came into the world not to confirm the mighty in their seats but to exalt the humble and meek.

"The Syrian slave immigrants who once brought Christianity into Roman (Continued on editorial page)

# Hop Harvest to Finish This Week

Salem area hop harvests will probably finish early this week, the Salem farm labor office reported Saturday. Most of the larger yards in this area ended picking late last week, said Gladys Turnbull, local farm labor assistant.

# Animal Crackers



BISHOP TO UMATILLA

PENDLETON, Sept. 20 (AP)—James F. Bishop, who has been Marion county 4-H club agent for the last four years, was appointed to the same post in Umatilla county today. Bishop will succeed Ernest Lathrop, who was transferred to Wasco county. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houston, 510 W. Carroll st., Friday morning about 9 o'clock, his mother spruced him up and his brother Michael, age 2, to go shopping. She set them out on the front porch. Ten minutes later they were gone.

The boys wandered four blocks down the street to the fenced-in Lebanon Lumber yard, entered the yards by the truck road (the only entrance) and began playing on the edge of the big log pond there.

Soon, Mrs. Joseph Bennis, who lives across the street from the pond, happened to wander out into her front yard and saw Michael jumping around on the pond bank. As she watched, he fell into the water.

Mrs. Bennis immediately called to Fenner, who rushed over to the pool, waded in and pulled Michael out. The child then informed him that his brother Jimmy was also in the pond.

Fenner dived three times in search of the missing boy. On the fourth try he pulled him loose from the mud at the pond's bottom. Jimmy, witnesses say, must have been at the bottom of the pond for at least several minutes.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip. and rows for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.