

# Salem's 92 Degrees Sets Year's Heat Record; No Relief Forecast

## Police Block off Area After 'Tip' on 2 Cons

PORTLAND, June 5—(AP)—Shotgun squads of county, Oregon and city police blocked a highway junction and rural area east of here tonight in searching for two escaped convicts.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Capt. Earl Stanley said 37 officers were already in the man-hunt and more were called out as officers attempted to run down the two men.

The sheriff's officer said a woman who had fed a stranger at her doorway had identified the man as William Benson, who broke out of the state prison with cellmate John Pinson early Memorial day. The woman was quoted as saying the stranger told of having a "buddy" nearby who was ill and unable to leave their roadside camp.

Stanley said it was one of the best clues to the possible whereabouts of the two convicts since

they went over the prison wall as guards opened fire. He said the "buddy" may be Pinson and that the illness may have been wounds.

The woman and her husband operate a small auto service station near the junction of U. S. highway 30 and an alternate route leading eastward through the Columbia river gorge.

Deputies said a small camp site was located in the brush off highway 30 near the service station and that a road map was among the debris.

The heavy undergrowth in the wooded and deep ravine area was hampering the work of officers. The sector is criss-crossed with small rural roads.

Highway blockades were being extended to Hood River. The Dalles and points as far as 200 miles east on the chance the two men had hitched a ride with a motorist.

## Hottest June 5 on Record

The thermometer climber to 92 in Salem Sunday and scorched two records off the books. It was 1949's hottest day—surpassing an 88 recorded May 12—and the hottest June 5 in local weather bureau history.

Other Oregon cities sizzles, too. The Dalles had the state's highest reading for the second day in a row, a sizzling 100 degrees. Medford recorded 97; Portland and Eugene, 89.

The Salem weather man promised no appreciable relief for at least three days. Maximum temperatures through Wednesday are forecast in the 85-to-95 degree bracket. Only the coastal area was comfortably cool Sunday, and thousands flocked to oceanside towns where readings included 57 at Newport and 66 at Astoria.

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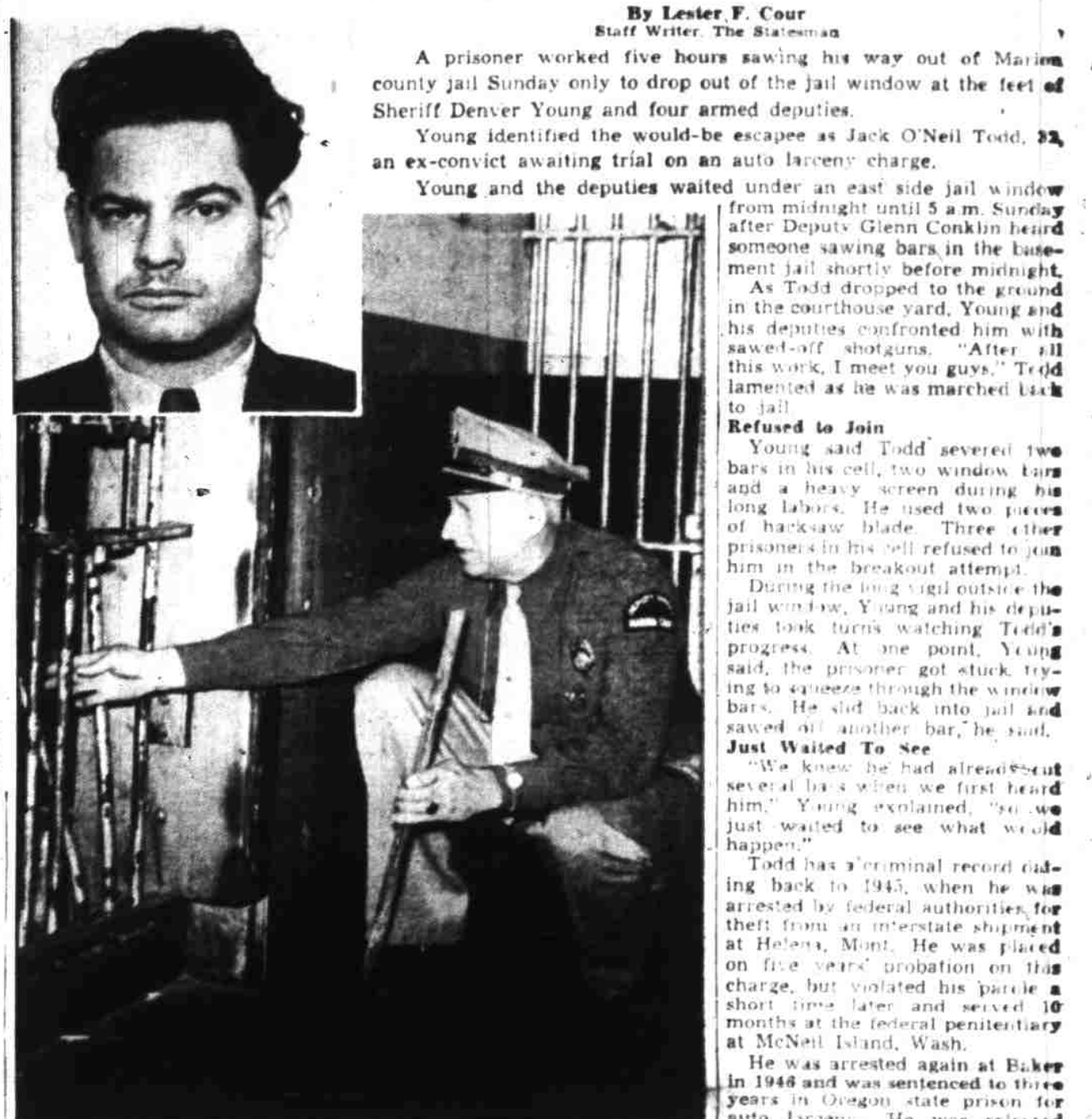
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## 5 Hours of Work Prove Futile



Marion county Deputy Sheriff Edgar Scott stands on the east side of the courthouse jail showing the hole sawed out by Jack O'Neill Todd (top, right picture) in an attempted escape Sunday. Stubs of the severed bars can be seen below. Todd also cut through the screen.

## Prisoner 'Escapes' into Arms of Sheriff, 4 Aides After 5 Hours of Sawing



Jack O'Neill Todd (top picture above) started his escape try early Sunday by sawing off two bars in his Marion county jail cell. Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Wright holds one of the bars and points to another. Sheriff Denver Young and deputies waited outside the jail five hours until the prisoner emerged. (Photos by Deputies Wright and Scott.)

By Lester F. Cour  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

A prisoner worked five hours sawing his way out of Marion county jail Sunday only to drop out of the jail window at the feet of Sheriff Denver Young and four armed deputies.

Young identified the would-be escapee as Jack O'Neill Todd, 23, an ex-convict awaiting trial on an auto larceny charge.

Young and the deputies waited under an east side jail window from midnight until 5 a. m. Sunday after Deputy Glenn Conklin heard someone sawing bars in the basement jail shortly before midnight.

As Todd dropped to the ground in the courthouse yard, Young and his deputies confronted him with sawed-off shotguns. "After all this work, I meet you guys," Todd lamented as he was marched back to jail.

Young said Todd severed two bars in his cell, two window bars and a heavy screen during his long labors. He used two pieces of hacksaw blade. Three other prisoners in his cell refused to join him in the breakout attempt.

During the long vigil outside the jail window, Young and his deputies took turns watching Todd's progress. At one point, Young said, the prisoner got stuck trying to squeeze through the window bars. He did not back into jail and sawed off another bar, he said.

Just Wanted to See  
"We know he had already cut several bars when we first heard him," Young explained, "so we just wanted to see what would happen."

Todd has a criminal record dating back to 1943, when he was arrested by federal authorities for theft from an automobile shop near Helena, Mont. He was placed on five years' probation on this charge, but violated his parole a short time later and served 10 months at the federal penitentiary at McNeil Island, Wash.

He was arrested again at Baker in 1948 and was sentenced to three years in Oregon state prison for auto larceny. He was released from the penitentiary on April 12, and had been living in Salem since then.

Now Awaiting Trial  
Todd was arrested by Salem police May 19 on charges of stealing an auto owned by Remondt Blum, 1925 N. Liberty st. He is now awaiting trial on this charge.

It was the third jail break in the Willamette valley area recently. Police are searching for two desperate convicts who sawed their way from the state prison May 23, and for another ex-convict who was released from Benton county jail in Corvallis Saturday.

Trail of Jail Break Cold in Corvallis  
CORVALLIS, June 5—(AP)—Sheriff Clifford Lilly reported tonight no clues have been uncovered in tracing escaped prisoner Richard W. Hall or the men who freed him.

Hall was sprung from the Benton county jail early yesterday by two men who also made off with pistols, ammunition, hand and leg irons and deputy badges.

200 Berry Pickers Needed at Stayton  
STAYTON, June 5—(Special) Stayton growers are expecting the strawberry harvest peak during the coming week, with 200 or more additional pickers needed.

Chief areas are in the Fern Ridge and Coon Hollow districts, where the crop is reported good and picking is expected to last two or three weeks more.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

... but Wisdom Lingers  
Part Two of address given by this columnist at the Phi Beta Kappa-Sigma Xi dinner at the University of Oregon.

Religion has long represented itself as the repository of wisdom, whose source was in divine revelation and in the traditions of the organized church. Certainly the finest statements of man's duty to God and to his fellowmen are to be found in the books of the Old and New Testament. But there have been marked changes in emphasis in the Hebraic-Christian religion through the centuries. Among the Jews the moving eloquence of the prophets, the grappling with one of the oldest moral problems in the epic drama of Job and the rapturous adoration of God in the poetry of the Psalms gave place to meticulous obedience to the Torah.

In the Christian church the early liberalizing faith became fixed in formula. Under Pauline and Augustinian interpretations the legalistic aspect of the Christian gospel was exalted. Man was under condemnation of sin, with faith in Christ the only escape. The burden of preaching therefore was to impress man with a sense of his own guilt. Souls writhed in agony and bodies were given over to flagellation as sinners sought for a redeeming faith. Salvation of the soul through faith is still sound church doctrine; but except among sects which cling to the more primitive faith sin is no longer a fashionable topic. Cal Coolidge's pastor is the last one I heard of who preached "against sin." Guilt has been demoralized and few are the churches that enforce strict rules of discipline.

Oh, we still recognize guilt. We are quick to condemn individuals or groups for heinous offenses. We damn the communists and Russia and

## Curious Horse Puts Motorcycle in Hospital

QUEBEC, June 5—(AP)—A curious horse put Peopold Bure, 32, under a doctor's care for severe facial cuts.

Pare, on a motorcycle, tried to pass a horse-drawn wagon. The horse looked around to see what was coming. Pare's face collided with the horse's head.

## Marshall Asks Acceptance of Atlantic Pact

WASHINGTON, June 5—(AP)—General George C. Marshall urged tonight that the North Atlantic treaty be put into effect promptly because the economic recovery program which bears his name is "not enough" to assure the future security of western Europe.

Marshall, former army chief of staff and former secretary of state, spoke from the same platform as President Truman at a dinner honoring Marshall on the second anniversary of the Harvard university speech at which he first advanced the idea of the Marshall Plan.

Marshall said that while the 16 nations involved have made big strides on the road to recovery, they also must develop the political and social conditions necessary for continued peace and prosperity.

"A feeling of security is essential to the future of Europe and the world," Marshall said. "Improved economy helps tremendously to that end, but in the light of conditions as they exist today, that alone is not enough."

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## Rose Festival Celebration to Start Today

PORTLAND, June 5—(AP)—The mythical realm of rosaria will be the celebration of the 41st Annual Portland Rose festival here tomorrow. The four day public program begins Wednesday night.

Members of the royal court of rosaria, Queen-elect Joyce I and her princesses, will be honored at a luncheon tomorrow. The Junior court will begin a series of similar affairs.

Coronation ceremonies for the festival queen will be staged in the civic stadium Wednesday night. The territorial band jam-boree, featuring music units from towns in what was once the old Oregon country, will be held Thursday night, the 61st Annual Rose show opens earlier in the day.

The grand floral parade will highlight the Friday activities, followed by the rose show awards and the queen's ball at the Masonic temple.

Saturday the junior court and parade activities take the spotlight with the senior group moving to Mount Hood for the Sunday Golden Rose Ski tournament.

## Grandmother Dies in Rescue Of 4 Children

MALONE, Wash., June 5—(AP)—A 51-year-old grandmother died on a trestle before an oncoming freight train, moments after pushing two stepsons and two grandsons off the bridge to safety.

The heroine was identified by Deputy Sheriff Knute Wennberg as Mrs. Ruth Merryman. He identified the boys as Larry Harvey, 12, of Oakville, Wash., and Ronny Hake, 6, of Malone—her grandsons—and Pete Merryman, 8, and his four-year-old brother, John—her adopted sons.

The four were walking across the trestle when trapped by an unscheduled Northern Pacific freight train. Mrs. Merryman pushed her two grandsons off the trestle into the Chehalis river below. They were unhurt.

The other two began to run. Mrs. Merryman gave chase and overtook them near the end of the bridge. She pushed them off the trestle below. They were hospitalized with minor injuries.

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By then, it was too late for Mrs. Merryman to escape, and she was hit by the oncoming train, and knocked off the span. She died moments later of a broken neck.

## Agents Query Batory Crew

NEW YORK, June 5—(AP)—The captain and four crewmen of Gerhart Eisler's getaway ship, The Batory, were returned to the ship late tonight after lengthy questioning at immigration headquarters about the fugitive communist's escape from this country.

The five men had been taken from the Polish luxury liner for an interrogation of several hours at the Columbus avenue offices of the immigration service.

As the captain, Jan Cwiklinski, got back to his ship with Polish consul general Jan Galewicz, he told reporters:

"They have been very kind, very polite. I have no comment and no statement. We will sail tomorrow."

EISLER THANKS POLES  
WARSAW, June 5—(AP)—Communist Gerhart Eisler arrived in Warsaw today from Berlin to thank the Polish government for protesting his arrest aboard the Polish liner Batory off Southampton.

## Salem Girl Chosen to Rule at St. Paul Rodeo

ST. PAUL, June 5—(Special)—Patricia Zosel, 19, Salem, Willamette university sophomore, was named queen of the 14th annual St. Paul rodeo during the association's annual trail ride to Champcoog Memorial park on Sunday.

About 300 equestrians from all sections of western Oregon took part in the day's affair which began with a buckaroo breakfast at St. Paul city hall. Afterwards the riders made a five-mile trek to Champcoog where Queen Patricia was selected during the lunch and refreshment hour.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zosel, 180 E. Superior st., Salem, and was the candidate of the Oregon Mounted posse. A "brownette," with brown eyes and brown curls, she has been a horse-back enthusiast since she was 12.

Members of her court are Princesses Carol Wilcox, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Wilcox, Newberg, candidate of Portland Manning posse; and Mara Lynn Manning, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John G. Manning, McMinnville, candidate of the Yamhill County posse.

Salem Saddle club claimed the trophy given by Jackson Jewelers of Salem to the riding club having the largest attendance, with 28 members present. Other clubs attending were Carlton Saddle club, Turner Trail Riders, Chehalis Mountain Trail Riders, Milwaukie Saddle club, Grand Ronde Saddle club, Butteville Saddle club, Spirit Mountain Trail Riders, Portland Hunt club, Washington County posse, Clatskanie Mounted posse, Forest Grove Ranch Riders, Beatrice Saddle club, Corvallis Trail Riders, Silverton Saddle club, Tigar Saddle club, and Washington County Westerners.

## Burglar Takes Man's Wallet

A burglar picked Verle McClellan's pants-pocket for \$30 early Sunday morning. But McClellan wasn't wearing the pants.

He told police it happened while he slept at his 710 N. High st. residence. The burglar cut a hole in the screen of the back porch door, reached inside and unlocked it, then entered the bedroom where McClellan slept and pilfered a billfold from his pants at the foot of the bed.

McClellan found his empty billfold in an alley down the street Sunday morning, according to the report.

FIGHTING ON CHINA FRONT  
CANTON, China, June 5—(AP)—The official Chinese Central News agency said today some communist forces were engaging national troops around Kaoan, 40 miles southwest of Nanchang on the center of the South-China front.

## Fire Frightens Beatrice Lillie

CHICAGO, June 5—(AP)—Vivacious Beatrice Lillie, star of the musical "Inside USA," was hospitalized by shock when fire exploded in her apartment today. Her show will not go on tonight.

Sam Stratton, Miss Lillie's press representative, the musical comedy will remain in Henrotin hospital overnight.

Stratton said he expected Miss Lillie to resume her role at Monday night's performance. She has no understudy. He said her only real injury was a broken tooth. She bumped into a door in the smoke-filled apartment.

The cause of the blaze was not determined.

## Acheson Lays Cards on Table

PARIS, June 5—(AP)—U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson has made a personal attempt to break the foreign ministers deadlock on Berlin, reliable informants disclosed today.

These sources said Acheson made it clear last night at a private dinner with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Y. Vishinsky just how far the United States is prepared to go in making concessions at this conference.

The gist of his outline was said to stress that the western powers are standing firm on their main propositions on Berlin and Germany, and if the Soviet Union has any new proposals it had better put them forward now if the conference is to steer clear of failure.

## THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	92	13	00
Portland	87	56	00
San Francisco	78	57	00
Chicago	76	60	00
New York	82	67	00

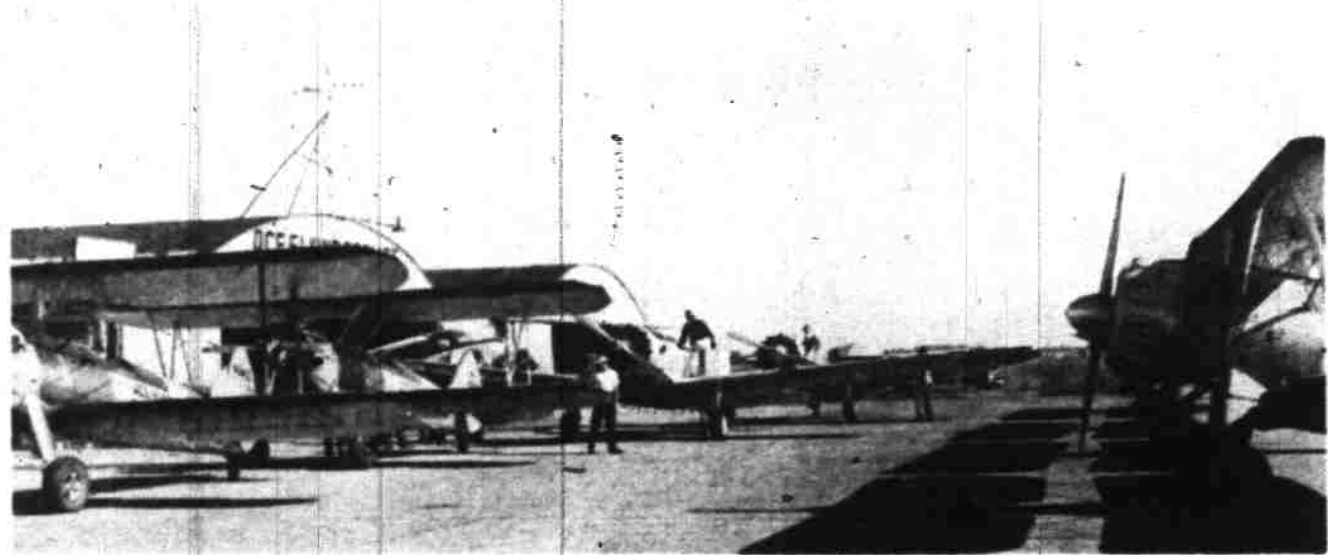
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Continue fair and warm today and Tuesday. High today near 93; low tonight near 80. Agriculture outlook: Excellent weather for all activities.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to June)		
This Year	Last Year	Normal
40.77	45.80	35.88

## Animal Crackers



## 'Air Armada' Leaves Salem for Budworm Fight in Mt. Hood Area



Gassed up, lined up and ready to leave McNary field are these planes of Ace Flying service, which left Sunday for two weeks of spraying trees on the east slope of Mt. Hood, where the spruce budworm infestation has reached. Thirteen Ace planes are taking part in the project. Spray nozzles can be seen on underside of the wings.



Pilots taking part in a forest-spraying project on Mt. Hood are shown here at McNary field with the converted B-18 acquired by "Ace" Demers (left) for crop-dusting. The others are (left to right) Dick Poet, E. F. Coulter, Bob Morris, Joe Bello, Floyd Miller, A. L. Bressler and Barry Lambert. (Statesman-McEwan photos.)

## Pilots Assemble to Take Special Spray Planes over 106,000 Acres of Infected Forest Land

Two weeks of low level, but high altitude, aerial strafing, with spruce budworm as the prey, begins early this morning for 13 planes from Ace Flying service in Salem. The flying will be on the east slopes of Mt. Hood, where the planes are to spray 106,000 acres of forest land for the U. S. forest service. The planes will travel about 50 feet above the tree tops.

The fliers left McNary field during the day Sunday, bound for an

air strip on the Lyle Drivers ranch near Wamic. There they will have headquarters and will camp nearby during the duration of the dusting. They were due for briefing Sunday afternoon, in preparation for daily flights starting about 4 in the morning. The dusting is not expected to be possible much after 8 a. m. because of wind conditions.

To handle the large-scale contract, Leo J. (Ace) Demers, operating the service, has secured not only his own fliers but several pilots from other Oregon fields. This is in order that Ace service's crop-dusting activities and GI flight training in the Salem area will not be interrupted.

The entire group is using aircraft specially modified and equipped by Demers. A war surplus B-18 which carried approximately 600-1,000 gallons of the liquid spray is manned by Robert Morris, pilot, and Alva Bressler, co-pilot, both of Salem. Three

planes are BT-13's, stripped down and converted for their new job, including the nozzles barely protruding from the wing, in which they are mounted on a boom. The rest are Stearman's, also specially converted. The smaller planes carry approximately 100-120 gallons each trip.

Other fliers on the job are Joe Bello of Salem, Al Coulter of Newport, Dick Martin, Swede Ralston, Ed Ball and John Inman, all of Hillsboro. Farrell Snyder of Medford and Bob Patton of Portland. Accompanying the group for maintenance were mechanics Lloyd Miller and Raymond Steizer.

Demers will manage the project and will handle observation trips for representatives of the forest service.

The contract was at first for 96,000 acres, but was raised to 106,000 acres and may be boosted again, depending upon development of budworm infestation.

Each plane has its own designated acreage to cover. About one acre is covered by each gallon of the spray, which is No. 2 fuel oil with 10 per cent DDT.

At the airstrip base are loading facilities for six planes at a time. It includes 10,000-gallon storage tanks for the liquid spray and 1,000-gallon tanks for gasoline.

This is the largest project yet for the Ace service, which was started here four years ago with two planes and now has about 30.

## BASEBALL

Western International  
At Salem 2-4, Tacoma 9-7  
At Spokane 3-9, Vancouver 1-7  
At Los Angeles 7-8, Hollywood 1-4  
At Yakima 11, Bremerton 1

Coast League  
At Sacramento 4-7, Portland 5-2  
At New York 6, Cincinnati 1  
At San Diego 2-4, Seattle 7-5  
At San Francisco 11-2, Oakland 8-3

National League  
At Philadelphia 7-7, Chicago 2-4  
At New York 6, Cincinnati 1  
At Brooklyn 9, Pittsburgh 1  
At Boston 1, St. Louis 8

American League  
At Detroit 3-1, Boston 5-3  
At Cleveland 9-2, Philadelphia 3-4  
At St. Louis 4-7, New York 6-6  
At Chicago 2-3, Washington 7-2