

### McKay Opens Water Level Columbia Route

TROUSDALE, Ore., Aug. 20-(P)- Gov. Douglas McKay clipped a ribbon that opened today the new water-level section of the Columbia river highway east of here. The dedication ceremony was completed amid spectators' amazement at the new scenic panorama viewed from the river level. Gov. McKay predicted the road would become as important a route for tourists viewing the gorge as it is assured of being a vital commercial artery between eastern and western Oregon sections of the Columbia basin. The section opened to traffic today stretches east from here to Bridal Veil. It is five miles shorter than the older route over Crown Point, and eliminates curves on the old road amounting to 26 complete circles in ascending and descending the obstacle. The second section, toward Dodson, will be opened in six weeks. A third portion, westward from here, will be opened next spring. Highway Commissioner Charles Reynolds said he hopes the remaining 41 miles from Dodson to The Dalles will be built in the future.

### Mother Drowns In Tub While Bathing Girls

SPOKANE, Aug. 20-(P)- A young mother bathing her two small children slipped and fell into the bath tub tonight and was drowned. Mrs. Hallie Poulton, 35, was pronounced dead of drowning after a fire department inhalator squad worked for more than an hour in an effort to revive her. Sheriff Ralph Smith said the woman was standing by the side of the tub administering a Saturday night bath to two of the children, Tommie Ann, 5, and Kay, 2. He said she apparently had a fainting spell and slipped head first into the half-filled tub. The terrified screams of the two small girls aroused another child, Harry, 8, who was playing outside. He ran to a neighbor's house for help. Smith said Mrs. Poulton's husband was working on a construction job tonight.

### Late Sports Shoot Classic Opens Monday

VANDALIA, O., Aug. 20-(P)- Heavy wind swept across the Amateur Trapshooting association's home grounds today, holding down scores in preliminary events to Monday's opening of the Golden Grand American trapshoot. Joe Hiestand, the Hillsboro, O., farmer who won the national doubles crown in 1935 and 1936, captured the top prize in a 50-pair event today with a score of 96 and 100. In fourth place were C. D. Ray of Eugene, Ore., and Bob Allen of Des Moines, Ia., with scores of 92. In a 16-yard, 100-target event, Wayne Wilson, 37-year-old contractor from Cheyenne, Wyo., was the victor with 100 straight. M. W. Ray, 55-year-old cattle rancher from John Day, Ore., broke the second 100 straight of his career to the Wilson. But Wilson won the 25 target shoot-off with a perfect score.

### Mexican, US Moguls Talk

FORTH WORTH, Tex., Aug. 20-(P)- Relations between organized baseball and the Mexican league — once bitter rivals — have vastly improved, representatives of the two agreed here today. George Trautman, president of the minor leagues, and Dr. Eduardo Quijano Pitman, president of the Mexican league, held a six-hour conference. Dr. Pitman said that upon return to Mexico he will plump for the formation of a federation of Mexican teams and leagues similar to the National association. Neither party mentioned in the announcement to the press of results of the conference whether affiliation of the Mexican league with organized baseball was discussed. **PREP CLASSIC LOOMS** CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Aug. 20-(P)- Schoolboy football stars of 1948 from 27 states arrive here tomorrow to open training for the All-American game next Saturday night. The greatest majority of the boys scheduled to take part in the east-west classic at 15,000-capacity Buccaneer stadium will come by air from points from Maine to California and Washington to Florida.

**'BOWLERS' TO FOLLOW NCAA** NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 20-(P)- The next Sugar Bowl game will be played under the newly proposed NCAA rules regulating post season college football contests. Frank Schaub, president of the Mid-Winter Sports association which sponsors the annual grid-iron classic here, announced today the Sugar Bowl's executive committee had studied the NCAA proposals for bowl games and would inaugurate the plan at the next game on Jan. 2.

### Arrest Follows Appearance of Watch in Store

SILVERTON, Aug. 20-(Special)- Richard Lyle Jensen, 25, of Silverton was charged with larceny in a dwelling Saturday, following his arrest by local authorities. The charge involved theft of a watch and several dollars in cash from a Silverton residence on July 4. Jensen was apprehended after he took the watch for repairs to the same jewelry store where it had been purchased. He was confined at Marion county jail in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

### Steel Industry Reclaims Slag Manganese

CLEVELAND-(INS)-A process which would reclaim millions of dollars of manganese from cumbersome slag piles may prove to be a bonanza to the steel industry. George R. Sylvester, Cleveland metallurgist who developed the process, claims that the discovery will prove of immense value to our national security. Manganese is the kingpin of steel and is indispensable to the industry. There is no satisfactory substitute. **Mostly Imported** According to steel officials, barely 10 per cent of the 1,332,000 tons of this material the United States consumed in the peak year 1947 was produced in this country. Up until a few years ago, one third of our imports of manganese came from Russia. The rest is imported by long sea voyage from India, South Africa, the African Gold Coast and Brazil. Within the last few months Russia has begun to cut off manganese supplies to us. Realizing this, the government has started to push conservation of the metal to tide the steel industry over until other sources can be further exploited. **Answer Found** Sylvester, meanwhile believes he has found an answer to the problem. With Dr. Robert A. Schoenlaub, researcher for the Sylvester organization, Sylvester has processed samples of the metal reclaimed from slag and is seeking patents on the discovery. Sylvester said that his process of reclaiming or beneficiating manganese is very similar to the manufacture of Portland cement. The slag is crushed and ground into a manganese fraction and an agricultural stone fraction, the metallurgist relates. Flotation is then employed, with much the same mineral dressing technique as is used in refining gold, silver or copper ore. Sylvester and his associates expect to recover about \$25 worth of iron manganese alloy by spending approximately \$13 per ton of slag. This will represent a saving and gain of \$10 per ton, a factor that should appeal to the steel industry.

### Federal Aid in Flood Control Project Sought

Federal aid for a flood control program now being conducted by a group of farmers near Jefferson was asked Saturday by Marion County Judge Murphy in a letter to Rep. Walter Norblad. Heavy crop damage and soil erosion caused by overflowing waters at the confluence of the North and South Santiam rivers prompted the farmers to undertake a project of clearing and straightening water channels to prevent future damage. Murphy said the group is making "heroic efforts" to finish the project and has improved the situation, but he doubts ultimate success without federal help. The project, if successful, would protect about 5,000 acres of bottom land in both Linn and Marion counties, Murphy said.

### Unions Seek to Reapportion Legislature

PORTLAND, Aug. 20-(P)- Labor opened the move today to reapportion legislative representation in Oregon. At a meeting called by the AFL State Federation of Labor six groups decided to sponsor an initiative measure to go on the ballot in November, 1950. The state AFL organization voted at this summer's convention to promote the reapportionment. Other groups represented today were the State CIO, Young Democrats, Young Republicans, the State Grange and the Farmers' union. The Grange and the Farmers' union have not yet formally endorsed the idea. A committee was named to study procedures for reapportionment.

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### White Queen Gets Look at Africa Domain

FRANCISTOWN, British Bechuanaland Protectorate, Aug. 20-(P)- The 24-year-old British typist who some day may be white queen of the Bamangwato tribe arrived by plane from England today for her first view of her African husband's domain. Tribesmen danced a nd sang their welcome in apparent disregard of the squabble kicked up by their elder statesman over Chief-designate Seretse Khama's marriage to the blonde English girl, Ruth Williams. Some of the elders went into exile rather than accept her. **No Interest Shown** The small European colony knew she was coming — although she traveled incognito as Mrs. Jones — but showed no interest in her arrival. The black and white couple embraced warmly upon her arrival. They were married while he was studying law in England. There were no police or government officials in the welcoming party. **Europe-Style House** Seretse chose a European-style house rather than a clay hut for their first tea. Hundreds of tribesmen gathered around, chanting and dancing. The 27-year-old chief-designate then left by car for Serowe, capital of the 100,000 Bamangwatos, 100 miles away. He refused to talk with reporters or to answer telephone calls from London. When they reach Serowe a modern home awaits them. Seretse has obtained a home owned formerly by a British official and has spared no expense in equipping it with radio, electric refrigerator and other up-to-the-minute conveniences.

### Healthy Baby Boy Born to Polio Mother

SPOKANE, Aug. 20-(P)- An apparently healthy baby boy was born in an iron lung today to a 20-year-old mother seriously ill with polio. The baby — a seven-pound, four-ounce boy — was born to Mrs. William Johnson. The birth was described as normal. The metal and glass respirator encasing the sick woman's body was opened for about 10 minutes during the delivery. She was given oxygen by an emergency device for that period. Dr. Marjorie Heitman said the mother's condition improved after the baby's birth and that she has a strong chance for recovery. Mrs. Johnson was admitted to St. Luke's hospital Thursday and immediately placed in the respirator. She is seriously ill with a severe type of polio that has paralyzed the muscles controlling breathing. Dr. Heitman said, "the mortality rate of the bulbar type of polio in pregnancy is so high that we hardly expected Mrs. Johnson to pull through." The 22-year-old husband left his job as a railroad telegrapher at Wenatchee, Wash., when his wife was stricken. The Johnsons have another child, a two-year-old boy.

### Pastor Silent On Klan at Green's Rites

ATLANTA, Aug. 20-(P)- The crosses of the Ku Klux Klan followed Imperial Wizard Samuel Green to his grave today. And so did hundreds of his friends, relatives, unmasked klansmen, minor politicians and policemen. A stranger, however, would not have known that this crowd had gathered to bury the thorn, fanatical little man who preached "white supremacy" for 31 years. Not once did the minister, the Rev. Arthur Van Gibson, mention the name of the 59-year-old physician and neither did he mention the wizard's works on earth. Dr. Gibson simply asked God to alleviate the sufferings of Dr. Green's family. Otherwise the services were straight out of the Presbyterian book of common prayer.

### Auto Thief Hits Driver

CITY police early Sunday morning were seeking a man who stole a car from the 200 block of Ferry street and assaulted the owner. Ervin Joseph Sisk, 27, Salem general delivery told authorities the man was in his parked car when he went to get it about 11:45 p.m. When Sisk attempted to enter the car the man struck him in the face and drove off. First aid men treated Sisk for facial cuts and lacerations at the police station.

### Chutist Fined \$50 for Second Drop into Middle of Manhattan

NEW YORK, Aug. 20-(P)- A free-lance cameraman with a penchant for photographing the city from a bird's eye view parachuted today for the second time into the towers of Manhattan. The repeat performance of his 1947 leap cost him \$50 — the amount of a fine imposed under a law enacted after his first jump. The law makes it "unlawful for any person to jump or leave from aircraft or any other device in parachute within the limits of the city except in imminent danger." Leonardo D'Attolico, 28, a former combat paratrooper, landed safely but precariously this afternoon on a nine-story apartment building on 38th street between Park and Lexington avenues. Actually, only the parachute landed, hooking over a chimney of the building and leaving D'Attolico dangling in midair. Police got him down while a crowd of several hundred looked on. In May, 1947, he also landed without injury, in a backyard. As in 1947, D'Attolico told police he pulled the stunt to take movies over the city. He said he shot about 45 feet of film this trip. As in 1947, he said the pilot of the light plane on which he hitchhiked a ride didn't know he was going to jump. In 1947, D'Attolico was charged with endangering other people's lives. But, he said, the judge let him off with a suspended sentence and a warning. A policeman asked him the name of the judge. "Magistrate Ramsgate," said D'Attolico, "and I'll never forget him." The policeman said he thought Magistrate Charles E. Ramsgate would be sitting tonight in night court, where D'Attolico probably would make an appearance. "Oh, don't say that," protested the photographer. But Magistrate Abraham M. Bloch was sitting, and levied the fine.

### Elliott Denies Making Money From Booklet

PORTLAND, Aug. 20-(P)- Sheriff Marion (Mike) Elliott of Multnomah county asserted today he had made "not one solitary penny" from publication of Sheriff's reserve yearbook. The head of the reserves criticized the publication recently, asserting it was packed with profitable ads and contained virtually no news on the reserves. Elliott, target of a recall movement, said in a statement delivered to newspapers, "it seems to me we are all victims of a hoax, and rather than attempt to find a scapegoat — (which in my case loaned the newspapers a very opportune chance to further disseminate) — I think we should all endeavor to see that such a state of affairs does not arise again." He further implied that he did not give personal sanction to the yearbook, shifting blame there to one-time aide, Capt. Mearl Tillman. Elliott added: "I do not hold Tillman wholly responsible. He went into this with the idea of promoting public good. He was duped."

### AAF Scoffs at 'Early Model' Flying Discs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20-(P)- The air force said today that two old machines found in a Maryland tobacco shed yesterday "have absolutely no connection with the reported phenomena of flying saucers." The announcement ended speculation that the contraptions may have been early experimental models of the strange objects that have been reported whizzing through the air from time to time. Special agents made an investigation after Bolling Field here was advised that "some flying discs had been located in Maryland." State police found the relics in a shed near Glen Burnie, Md., about 11 miles south of Baltimore. Air force officials at first expressed belief they may have been "prototypes," or early models, of flying saucers. Today, however, the air force officially disclaimed any such view. It took the position unofficially that it could not recognize anything as a "prototype" of something that has not been proved to exist.

### Snake River Canyon Fire Spreads Fast



McCALL, Idaho, Aug. 20-(P)- A roaring forest fire in 7,400-foot deep Hell's canyon of the Snake river spread over 600 acres today. Slim Vassar, fire dispatcher of the Payette National forest, said 330 men either are at the scene of the blaze or are on their way to the steep rocky gorge. Steep bluffs are making it a "tough battle," Vassar declared. The blaze is in the upper end of the canyon. Fire Dispatcher Walt Hanks said plans to drop smoke jumpers into the area have been abandoned as too dangerous and ground crews are being trucked into the area from two sides. Hell's canyon is deeper than Arizona's Grand canyon. Meanwhile another TPP men battled 28 other blazes started on the Payette forest by a severe lightning storm two days ago. Service official said 82 new fires were burning in eastern Montana, northern Idaho and part of eastern Washington. All were small and not considered dangerous. On another Idaho forest, the Nez Perce, 28 smoke jumpers and 220 others fought 38 more fires. Both the male and female coyote help out in obtaining food for their young pups.

### 'Taffy' Arrives In U.S. Still in Good Condition

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Aug. 20-(P)- Taffy, the pregnant elephant, arrived aboard the liner President Taft today showing no effects of her harrowing 33 day voyage from Bangkok, Siam. The 20-year-old pachyderm is due for an experience that would make any expectant mother shudder. She'll have an audience of zoologists and cameramen when her baby is born anywhere from two to eight months hence. The spectators, however, will watch from behind a partition of "one-way" glass. Taffy won't even know they're around. Frank Whitbeck, one of her new owners, said this precaution will be taken to prevent Taffy from killing her baby. She will have her own jungle, a non-private, man-made affair which her owners are preparing for her at nearby Thousand Oaks. Here she will give birth to the calf she has been expecting for the past 16 months. It will be the first one born in this country since 1917, says Whitbeck. An ordinary elephant is worth about \$4000. Whitbeck values Taffy, in her present condition, at \$10,000. She and her baby, if it lives, will be worth \$25,000.

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