

## Russians to Free Captured U.S. Cyclists

FRANKFURT, Germany, Sept. 27—(AP)—Two American youths, Warren Oelsner, 21, of Oyster Bay, N. Y., and Peter Sellers, 19, of Philadelphia, who have been held by the Russians since August 19, will be released to U. S. authorities next Wednesday, U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy has announced.

The youths were detained by Soviet authorities as they attempted to bicycle to Berlin without proper papers.

The youths are to be delivered by U. S. authorities to Mr. Oelsner, father of one of the boys, in Hamburg on September 28 for their return to the U. S., the announcement said.

The youths were reported in good health September 6. Brig. Gen. W. Hess, chief of the U. S. military mission at Soviet military headquarters in Potsdam, was permitted to visit them then. He reported they "have not been mistreated."

The Russians have been holding Oelsner and Sellers while demanding the return of three Soviet army deserters from the Americans. It was not learned whether the American authorities had agreed to return any Soviet soldiers in exchange for the release of Oelsner and Sellers.

## Trucker Racks Up Record for Causing Havoc

BRISBANE—(AP)—One-legged John Edmund Page, 23, drove a truck through Brisbane one night. He says he can't remember the drive. But the prosecutor in the police court, J. J. Page's memory when he described the drive to the magistrate. The prosecutor got the story from a policeman who chased Page's truck on a motor cycle. During the chase, Page—

Passed a tram, grazing the front cabin. Passed a stationary tram on the wrong side at a speed of between 80 and 70 mph, ignored a stop order from a pursuing policeman.

Overtook two cars driving side-by-side. Knocked another car off the road. Passed another stationary tram on the wrong side. Hit another car off the road. Struck still another car and capsized it. Hit the rear of a stationary truck outside the Brisbane Hospital. Forced the stationary truck into a car in front, which was pushed out of his own truck by the jolt. Landed on his head. Was taken into the hospital.

Page pleaded guilty to a charge of dangerous driving. He was fined \$166.

## Typewriter Rentee Uses Fake Address, Leaves

The Roen Typewriter exchange learned Tuesday that there is no such address as 2131 Court st. in Salem.

City police were notified after the firm sought to recover a machine rented two weeks ago by a man who gave that address. Police said the man's description answered that of a confidence man who has worked the dodge extensively on the west coast.

## Secretary Johnson Makes a Point



ABROAD AIRCRAFT CARRIER FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, Sept. 27—Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson (left) makes a point in a discussion aboard the carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, at sea off Cape Henry, Va. With him are Gordon Gray (center), secretary of the army, and Stuart W. Symington, secretary of the air force. All three were aboard the carrier, with other higher military officials, for a first hand look-see at operation of modern seapower. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

## Jefferson Boys Hurt in Crash

ALBANY Sept. 27—(Special)—Two teen-aged Jefferson boys were hospitalized tonight after a logging truck-auto collision just north of the Albany city limits on the Pacific highway. The accident happened at about 7:30 p. m.

Taken to the Willamette hospital in Albany were John Davis Love 17 driver of the auto who incurred a concussion, cuts and bruises and Arthur Tommy Ramseyer 16 his passenger who incurred bruises.

Neither boy's condition was regarded as serious. Amos Loy James Sweet Home driver and owner of the logging truck was not hurt.

## First Donation To Community Chest Reported

The first report of the pre-campaign program of the Salem Community chest drive was given Tuesday by E. Burr Miller chairman of the out-of-city corporations division.

Miller stated that 13 of the corporations had made donations to the chest that matched or exceeded last year's contributions. These included Portland General Electric Co. Firestone stores Kelly Farquhar Co. Interstate Tractor Co. Montgomery-Ward, J. C. Penney, Portland Gas & Coke, Safeway stores, Sears Roebuck, International Business Machine Co., Blake Moffitt & Towne, Arden Farms, and Block's shoe store. Chairman Miller felt that this division would complete its drive within the next three weeks.

The term "atlas" was first used for a book of maps by Mercator, a Flemish cartographer.

## Collision Stops Bridge Traffic

Traffic was snarled for nearly half-an-hour on the Marion-Polk county bridge after cars driven by two women collided at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday.

A stalled stream of vehicles on the bridge hampered efforts of a wrecker to reach the scene and remove one of the autos involved. City police listed the driver of that one as Beverly Ann Terrault, Salem route 9, box 668. The front end of the machine was damaged considerably and one tire blew out.

Bernice Wyman Bone, Salem route 4, box 404, operated the other car, according to the police report. Damage to it was confined to the rear bumper and trunk.

## Bottle Washing Skill Pays Off

SYDNEY—(AP)—There's a \$4 a week skill margin for bottle washers in Australia. This margin is on top of the basic wage—\$20.80 in Sydney.

The rate was set by Conciliation Commissioner D. V. Morrison on the application of the Liquor and Allied Trades Employees union. Morrison said the award will apply to persons employed in bottle stores or bottle yards.

OKES PUNCHBOARDS  
EUGENE, Sept. 27—(AP)—The city council last night indicated preliminary approval of an ordinance licensing question and answer-type punchboards. The vote was 5-2. An ordinance to license punchboard operators and to tax the board was approved by the same vote.

## False Alarm Sends Trucks to Fairview

A false alarm sent five Salem fire trucks and the first aid car to Fairview home at 3:20 p. m. Tuesday.

A short in wiring caused the institution's automatic fire alarm to sound. Authorities there said new loudspeakers were being installed in employe cottages at the time and cited that as a possible cause of the short.

GOODSELL APPOINTED  
PORTLAND, Sept. 27—(AP)—James W. Goodsell, executive secretary of the Oregon democratic party, has been appointed state finance director for the democratic national committee. A former Astoria newspaperman, Goodsell will continue in his post as executive secretary.

## Right-of-Way For Drainage Project Okehed

A right-of-way easement for a city drainage project in north-east Salem was authorized Tuesday by the Salem district school board. Property affected is the new Washington school. The ditch, which eventually will be covered, will run along the west boundary of the property and will be fenced.

An easement also was granted so that Lansing avenue, bordering the same school, may be widened from 40 to 60 feet if the Marion county court decides to carry out such a project.

Two minor boundary changes also were approved by the board. One puts both sides of Stortz avenue in the Washington school district. Those living on the north side formerly were in Hayesville district.

The other change moved the boundary of Richmond district from the center of 17th street to include both sides of that street. Only two students are currently affected. They were in Bush district before the change.

Letters of appreciation from the board will be sent to teachers at Englewood, Parrish, the old Washington and the new Lincoln school who devoted extra effort in getting their classrooms ready for school opening. It was reported that the school maintenance crew has been working virtually seven days a week since early in August.

## Blaze Destroys Falls City Mill

FALLS CITY, Sept. 27—(Special)—Fire destroyed a sawmill owned by William Powers here early tonight.

The blaze was battled nearly two hours by two trucks from the Falls City fire department, but the mill was a total loss.

Origin of the fire, which broke out at 6 p. m., was undetermined, and no estimate of damage was available.

## Skating Season To Open Saturday At Salem Arena

The 1949-50 skating season at the Salem ice arena will open Saturday night with a three-hour session of skating and entertainment.

Figure skating exhibitions will be included in Saturday's entertainment, which is free to spectators. The session will run from 8 until 11 p. m.

As a special feature at the opening, skaters and spectators will have the opportunity to win a shockproof, waterproof watch.

The watch will be frozen in a 500-pound cake of ice in the arena foyer but will be visible to spectators. The skater coming closest to guessing the time the watch will stop running will win the timepiece, donated by Brown's Jewelers.

## Garden Plows TO RENT



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## Harry's Housing Shortage to End Christmas 1951

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27—(AP)—President Truman should be able to move back into the White House by Christmas, 1951.

W. E. Reynolds, public build-

ings administrator, set this date today in telling the house committee that a contract for renovating the structure will be let shortly.

The chief executive is now occupying Blair house which is across Pennsylvania avenue from the historical mansion.

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