



NEW YORK—This Douglas fir giant from the timbered slopes of the Willamette Valley is on display in Rockefeller Plaza. The 24-foot-long, 7-foot diameter log was cut on Western Logging Co. holdings near Vaisets last month and started on a 4,500 mile goodwill tour to Atlanta, Ga., by the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce. This is the first time such a log has been on display in New York. Driver Gerry Rucker of Portland is shown pointing out rings in the 22-ton forest king to two curious New York visitors.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Unless the Senate inserts a provision for an appropriation for starting planning on the John Day Dam, and makes it stick, the project faces delay of at least a year. This is the most practical of all the projects which are in contemplation in the Columbia Basin. It would not only provide a big block of power but would improve greatly navigation on the Columbia, permitting the use of much larger barges. Nor is this project all bound up in controversy. While a partnership proposal pends, it contemplates planning and construction and operation by the Corps of Engineers, with local distributing agencies sharing in the financing. The planning could go forward while Congress debated Rep. Coon's partnership bill.

Failure of the House Appropriations committee to include an initial sum for this purpose in its bill for public works is a damaging blow to prospects for keeping hydroelectric development in step with probable demand. The explanation is that the committee took a "very conservative approach," and rejected all new starts. However, taking a slap at the administration it diverted the \$5,500,000 proposed for transmission lines to connect the Dixon-Yates generating plant with the TVA system, and applied it instead to the construction of a new steam power plant for TVA.

As I have written before, things have come almost to an impasse as far as regional development of hydroelectric (low cost) energy is concerned. The Pelton Dam decision of last week may open the

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## Portlander Killed, Six Hurt in Crash

FOREST GROVE — Mrs. Riley Batey was killed and six persons, all from Portland, were injured in a two-car collision on the Wilson River Highway near here Sunday.

The injured six, including Mrs. Batey's husband, Riley, and their son, and three in the other car were taken to a Hillsboro hospital. They were not believed seriously injured.

## Car Rams Pole, Girl Rider Dies

PORTLAND — Phyllis J. Blair, 19, of Portland was injured fatally Sunday when a car she was riding in crashed into a telephone pole.

The driver of the car, Ronald H. Stempel, 19, a Lewis and Clark College athlete from Portland, suffered minor injuries.

Miss Blair was Portland's 22nd traffic fatality of the year.

LONDON — Prime Minister Eden was 58 years old Sunday but he found little time for celebrating.



## Giant Valley Log On Display Today In New York City

NEW YORK — A huge log that came from a 1,000-year-old tree has been placed on display on Rockefeller Plaza.

The log is 24 feet long, has a diameter of seven feet and weighs more than 22 tons.

It once was a section of a giant Douglas fir tree near Salem, Ore. The Oregon State Junior Chamber of Commerce is taking the log on a 4,500 mile good-will tour from Portland to Atlanta, Ga. where it will become the official Oregon State float in the Junior Chamber of Commerce convention June 20-24.

## Oregon Con Breaks Out Of Utah Jail

LOGAN, Utah — Two men sawed their way out of the 68-year-old Cache County Jail here Sunday and fled in a car which had been parked nearby with the keys in it.

An alarm for the pair was spread through Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Nevada.

County Sheriff Wesley G. Malmberg identified the escapees as Gordon S. Little, 37, Rogue River, Ore., and Harry Edwin Vickerman, 51 a native of Pittsburgh, Pa. He said Little, under life sentence in Oregon under the state's habitual criminal act, could be considered dangerous — "especially if he gets hold of a gun."

Malmberg said the men turned up missing shortly after 10 a.m. Sunday about an hour after they had been released from the jail's main cell. He said they made their escape by sawing the hinges from the main door of the structure.

They were the only inmates. The sheriff explained that the jail — built in 1887 — is tiny and primitive. He said it has been the practice to open the cell doors during the daytime to give prisoners the run of the building. The outside doors are locked, he said, and a guard usually isn't posted in the daytime.

He said the prisoners apparently used a sawblade to remove the hinges, but there was no indication of how they got it.

The officer said Little was awaiting sentence on a grand larceny and burglary conviction in Logan. He had been free on \$5,000 bond while his habitual criminal sentence was being appealed in Oregon when he was arrested last January.

Vickerman was being held on a fraudulent check charge.

## Welk Singer Stripped by Masked Men

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Alice Lon, 27, the "Champagne Lady" singer with the Lawrence Welk orchestra, was stripped of her clothing by three masked bandits and two members of her family were brutally beaten during a night of terror, police reported.

Investigators said Miss Lon and her husband and mother were forced to swallow sleeping pills by the bandits who photographed the disrobed singer and did not leave the home until daybreak Sunday.

Wore Masks, Gloves  
Miss Lon's husband, Robert W. Waterman, 31, a Pasadena social worker, said he was dozing in front of the television set in his home when the three men, wearing stocking masks and rubber surgical gloves, burst into the house shortly after midnight.

Miss Lon's mother, Mrs. Mary Wyche, was sleeping in a back room but was awakened when one of the intruders grabbed her around the throat.

Waterman said the masked men demanded money and when told there was none in the house one replied: "We're going to wait until Alice gets home. The orchestra plays to 2 (a. m.) and she doesn't come home until 3:30."

Took Photographs  
Miss Lon's husband told police detectives Frank Lynch and Don Sheldon that when his wife finally arrived she was slugged in the abdomen, bound with strips of sheets and her face completely covered with adhesive tape.

Waterman said the bandits then removed her clothing and began taking pictures.

During the six-hour ordeal Waterman said he and Mrs. Wyche were frequently hit and kicked.

Feared for Children  
The detectives said the victims were terrified and apparently because of fears for the safety of their children did not call police until some five hours after the bandits left.

Both Waterman and Miss Lon said they were threatened if they called police and one of the men told the singer the pictures taken of her would be "turned over to the newspapers."

GEN. TAYLOR ENROUTE  
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor arrived in Beirut Sunday on his way to Washington from Tokyo to become the new U. S. Army Chief of Staff.

WAS BACK ON JOB  
WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower returned to the White House Sunday night from his country home at Gettysburg, Pa.

### BASEBALL

**NORTHWEST LEAGUE**  
At Salem 8-9, Tri-City 5-8  
At Wenatchee 4-13, Lewiston 3-6  
At Yakima 5-8, Spokane 4-19

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE**  
At Sacramento 3-3, Portland 2-10  
At Hollywood 18-3, Los Angeles 1-4  
At San Francisco 4-6, Oakland 3-7  
At San Diego 2-2, Seattle 3-8

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
At Brooklyn 5-6, Chicago 5-3  
At New York 8-3, St. Louis 2-8  
At Philadelphia 12, Cincinnati 8  
At Pittsburgh 5-5, Milwaukee 3-6

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
At Cleveland 16-7, New York 2-3  
At Chicago 1-8, Washington 6-4  
At Kansas City 2-3, Baltimore 7-0  
At Detroit-Boston, rain

# GM, Auto Workers Okeh Pact

## Santiam 'Upsets' Junket

An Explorer Scout plan to conquer the North Santiam in rubber life rafts was upset in mid-stream Sunday, but none of the party of 36 scouts and two advisors met with serious mishap.

Five of the six rafts in which the mid-valley youths were making the 50 mile jaunt capsized near Stayton Sunday morning, spewing them into the river. So they made the rest of the trip to the Santiam River bridge on 99E by truck.

The scouts, from Salem, Albany, Silverton, Scio and Sweet Home, began their down-river jaunt at Taylor's Bridge on the Little North Fork of the Santiam as part of a three-day "survival" outing.

Because melting snow had sent the river up the party bypassed a section of rough river from Lyons to Stayton, continuing their jaunt from Stayton Sunday.

Shortly after launching the rafts Sunday they were spilled into the river, but all managed to drift from an island to the main shore.

Advisors for the jaunt which included coaching in all forms of survival techniques were Ken Jury, Albany district scout executive, and Lt. Fred B. Ewing, Region 11 staff Explorer officer of the U. S. Air Force. In their two nights in the woods, the scouts ranging in age from 14 to 18, built shelters and simulated wilderness food supply.

## Le Mans Race Toll Reaches 77, Eight of Injured Near Death

LE MANS, France — This mecca of auto racing fans was stunned Sunday — its morgue overflowing with 77 dead and its hospitals filled with injured in the aftermath of the greatest disaster ever seen at a speed track.

The Le Mans 24-hour road race for sports cars ground to a finish under a pall of mourning for the driver and the spectators who perished.

The winner, Britisher Mike Hawthorn in a Jaguar, set a record

but his feat was greeted with only mild applause.

Officials listed 77 dead and 76 injured. An earlier list put the toll at 85 dead and 80 hurt, but officials explained there had been several duplications, with some married women also listed under their maiden names.

Six or eight of the injured, it was feared, would die.

No Americans were among the spectator dead. One American was injured — Roy Hunton, a U.S. soldier stationed at an Army hospital in Orleans. There was no information on his condition or his hometown.

The accident occurred Saturday afternoon, 2½ hours after the race started.

A flaming German Mercedes-Benz, driven by a Frenchman, hurtled over a retaining wall and into the crowd pressed against the barrier near the main grandstand.

The driver, Pierre Levegh, was among those killed instantly. In

sign of mourning, the other Mercedes cars were withdrawn from the race.

The fatal car's gasoline tank had exploded. The front two thirds of the racer landed in the terrified crowd. The rear end stayed near the track and burned.

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ANCHORAGE — An Air Force paramedic jumped from a helicopter into Cook Inlet Saturday night to save a radar observer who had been in the frigid water for 90 minutes after an emergency bailout.

The rescued airman was 2nd Lt. Elvon Anderson, of the 66th fighter interceptor squadron, who had been ordered to parachute from an F89D jet by the pilot after the plane developed engine trouble.

Dangles In Air  
But it was a bone-chilling rescue for Anderson. After the 71st Air Rescue Squadron paramedic, Airman I.C. Howard C. Griffus, dropped into the water to attach a harness to the man who was too cold to do it himself, it was impossible to draw the latter up into the helicopter.

The rescue craft had to fly to Sustina Flats with Anderson dangling below in the chilly air.

Plane Lands Safely  
Lt. Anderson, who spent the 90 minutes in the water, was reported today to be suffering from shock and exposure.

The plane from which he was ejected also survived the incident safely. Lt. Paul J. Leming Jr., who had ordered Anderson to parachute, succeeded in landing safely at Elmendorf Base.

COIN STUCK  
Salem Memorial Hospital's fluoroscope showed last Sunday that the quarter-size Mexican coin swallowed by Dwight Moen, 8, of North Dakota was stuck at his stomach's entry. It was felt it would pass through, so he was given a pain-killing shot and sent home.

"He didn't have anything to eat—I noticed he was a little gaunt," observed Gladden of Bob who wore his prison clothes all the time he was away.

Bob, who was serving a life sentence after a 1937 conviction for the death of his wife, had been paroled once. However, he violated parole three months ago after complaining by telephone to two or three guards that he didn't like it on the outside because it was too lonesome.

CONVICT MURDERER  
Convicted murderer Bob, who walked away a week ago Sunday night, told Gladden he spent the six days roaming around in the hills in the Silver Falls State Park area. He said the outing cured his asthma and he thinks he has broken the smoking habit.

Gladden said Bob was picked up by prison guards some five miles from the park where he phoned the prison from a farmhouse.

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## Science Puts Honeybees On Time Clock

NEW YORK — An international experiment will begin Monday to determine whether bees have built-in clocks.

Dr. Max Renner, a German scientist, is to arrive by plane from Paris with a hive of 5,000 bees.

The bees will be rushed to the American Museum of Natural History where the experiments will begin.

All of the bees were trained at the University of Paris to merge from their hive from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. each night to drink sugar water from a table in a room.

Every effort was made to control temperature, humidity and illumination.

An exact duplicate of the room has been shipped to the museum here.

It has been assembled to match the room in France, even to the direction it faced and the chair on which one of the scientists will sit.

The question now is — will the bees come out of the hive as they did in Paris and hunt for the sugar water?

Inherited Clock?  
From 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Paris, of course, will be 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in New York, and that's when they're expected.

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## Bridge Falls After Collision Of Two Autos

ELWOOD, Ind. — Two automobiles collided on a bridge Saturday night and the bridge collapsed, tossing both cars into a creek.

Two young men from Tipton, Ind., were killed, and three residents of Alexandria, Ind., were injured.

The dead were Lawrence Plake, about 21, and John R. Sullivan, 22, a passenger in Plake's car.

State police reported the two autos ramméd together on a suspension bridge across Pipe Creek and the bridge gave way.

The bodies of Plake and Sullivan were found in Plake's car, which was standing upright in 3½ feet of water.

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## Truman to Talk at U.N. Anniversary

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — Former President Harry S. Truman has accepted an invitation to speak at the 10th anniversary session of the United Nations in San Francisco June 20-26.

This was announced Sunday by U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, who said Truman will speak on Friday evening, June 24.

## Shambles After Crash in French Auto Race



LE MANS, France—Here is a general view of the scene of death and havoc at Le Mans, France, following the collision of two sports cars in a 24-hour endurance race. One car burst into flames and hurtled into group of spectators killing many. Workers

## THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	73	42	.00
Portland	68	30	.00
Baker	85	53	.00
Medford	82	56	.00
North Bend	59	49	.00
Roseburg	73	44	.00
San Francisco	67	53	trace
Chicago	55	50	trace
New York	71	56	.00
Los Angeles	67	59	.00

Willamette River 4.9 feet.  
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):  
Fair today, tonight and Tuesday except for some morning cloudiness. Little change in temperature with high today near 75, low tonight near 48.  
Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 43.

SALEM PRECIPITATION  
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1  
This Year Last Year Normal  
31.22 43.79 38.40

## Annual Wage Feature in Agreements

By NORMAN WALKER  
DETROIT — General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers announced agreement on a new contract early Monday.

The agreement includes a guaranteed wage plan paralleling one negotiated last week by the Ford Motor Co.

GM and the union after a marathon bargaining session reached a three-year agreement covering a \$375,000 wage earners represented by the UAW.

60 Days of Talks  
The agreement climaxes 60 days of negotiations, with final talks winding up early Monday after continuing almost without interruption since just after noon Saturday.

Harlow Curtice, GM president, said in a statement following the agreement that the new pact "holds out the promise of three more years of industrial peace for our employees."

"Under it we hope to continue to make progress in our business for our employees and their families, our dealers, our suppliers, and the general public."

The GM settlement, like Ford's, included wage increases and pension, insurance, holiday and vacation improvements.

Matches Ford  
UAW president Walter Reuther thus nailed down with General Motors the same guaranteed wage plan first negotiated with Ford.

The two firms together account for nearly three-fourths of the nation's auto production.

Just as in the Ford plan, GM agreed to contribute five cents per hour per employee beginning last June 1 toward a fund to pay workers supplemental sums when they are idled for up to 26 weeks and up to 60 to 65 per cent of their normal take-home pay.

Other features of the GM agreement were:  
Wage Adjustment  
Two cents an hour to be distributed in adjusting wage inequities.

An eight-cent hourly increase for skilled trades employees.

Improved pensions so that payments are at least 28 per cent higher both for employees already retired and those who retire in the future.

Improved insurance benefits. Increased night shift differentials.

Adds Paid Holiday  
An additional paid holiday consisting of a half day on Christmas Eve and a half day on New Year's Eve.

A full union shop requiring employees to be union members. GM heretofore had a modified form of union shop, while Ford and other motor companies had the full type.

## Playgrounds, Pools Open In City Today

Salem's public pool and playground season opens today, which will be fair of sky and about as warm as Sunday when the temperature reached 73.

The pools at Leslie Junior High and Olinger Park near North Salem High open at 1 p.m. today. After today, weekday pool hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and 1 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

Playground supervised play likewise opens in the afternoon today and runs Mondays through Fridays until Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

McNary Field weathermen see fair weather today, tonight and Tuesday except for some morning cloudiness. Today's high will be about 75, tonight's low, 48.

## Woman's Skirt Helps Check Fire

BISHOP, Calif. — The U.S. Forest Service says an unidentified woman helped control a forest fire by doffing her skirt.

She and her husband discovered the blaze near highway 395 in Rock Creek Canyon, a Forest Service spokesman said Saturday.

The husband used the skirt as a bucket to carry water from the creek and check the fire until rangers arrived and put it out.

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