

Mrs. William Watson Jr. smiles on the fourth of four children that have traveled long distances to be born in Salem. A Salem native herself, Mrs. Watson came home from Virginia 12 years ago for law required him to reject the the birth of her first child; from Beaumont, Texas, eight years ago. This trip and the last one, six permit receiving an adverse reyears ago, were from Richland, Wash. (Statesman photo by John Ericksen).

Woodburn Air Base Out-of-State Children Call Plan Clears Hurdle Salem'Home'

Engineers Make Preliminary Tests

days and property stakes, indicat-

around 2,000 persons would be

construction, with a payroll ex-

The U.S. Air Force was over a major hurdle today in its move to establish a \$13,000,000 air base west of Woodburn, and preliminary engineering work already is underway.

Earl Snyder, director of the state board of aeronautics, said he had received word that the federal Air Space Coordinating Committee in Los Angeles had approved the site for Air Force development. Drilling equipment has been



HONOLULU, Hawaii, Feb. 24-Honolulu papers follow the report stationed at the base in event of (or guesses) on Eisenhower's political pulse as intently as those on ceeding \$5,000,000 annually. the mainland. The rumor this Snyder said a delegation of week, never confirmed, that Ike four persons from the Fairfield had passed the word he would run area 15 miles north of Salem. drew a banner head on the Star- where major surveys are under-Bulletin. While islanders get no way, had asked him for additionvote for president, they do have al information regarding the pro- said.

The present suspense over Eisenhower's plan reminds one of 1952 when similar guesswork was going on. Then there was a pa-General Eisenhower as the hope progressives, of defeating Bob Taft). It became quite clear behe would do so. Whether the curcirculation does have the effect other days. of promoting an aura of certainty

he will run of if he should run, weeks, the Council decided to de-There is no one in sight in either fer a final decision until its March party with his eminence and ex- 12 meeting. perience and prestige at home and abroad, but it would be mittee, meanwhile, Chairman Carl unfair to him and to the country to Aschenbrenner said after the hearimpose the burden of the office on ing the businessmen's study group him for another four years unless was impressed with the cooperahe is confident as to his (Continued on Editorial Page 4)

'Aerotrain' Hits 100 mph

sylvania Railroad's experimental

Dubbed "the train of tomorrow," the low-slung, nine-car lightweight train completed the 439-mile journey two minutes ahead of its 71/2hour schedule.

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Staff Writer, The Statesman claim Salem as their "home permit.

Although the Watsons and their three older children now reside in Richland, Wash., their fourth at work on the site for several child, a seven pound two ounce boy, was born in Salem General Hospital Sunday night.

ing possible acquisitions, already have been driven. The area being surveyed apparently covers 12 years ago for the birth of her nearly 15,000 acres (24 square first child, Kim. Eight years ago miles) but indications have been she came from Beaumont, Texas, that only a fraction of that exfor Billy's birth. And six years panse is intended for actual deago, with the family already settled in Richland, Merry Jill was tory installation could be made. Engineering data now being born in Salem. The first three compiled is to be presented to were born at Salem Memorial Congress for final approval and appropriation. Officials have said

Mrs. Watson, the former Gertrude Steinke, is a Salem native herself. Her husband, although a Texan, is all in favor of the arrangement that gives Salem first Forest Grove claim on the children, Mrs. Watson said. He is from San Antonio. "We both like Salem and we hope to live here sometime," she Fire Rages

a keen interest in who is elected posed base. He told them his only Watson, now employed by Gena keen interest in who is elected because the territory is definitely part in the matter was certifying eral Electric Co. at Hanford Engia charge of the federal govern- to the Air Space Coordinating neer Works, near Richland, was in committee that its establishment the Army in 1943 when his wife would not unduly interfere with made the trek back to Salem for their first daughter.

going on. Then there was a parade to Paris of those who hailed Night Bus Verdict Delayed; General Eisenhower as the hope of Republicans (both for the elections and on the part of party) 23 Urge Service Retained

Twenty-three citizens appealed to the City Council Monday to work fore he formally announced that out a plan for continuation of night city bus service.

They appeared at an afternoon public hearing on the pending legisrent rumor has similar foundation lation to grant City Transit Lines' request that it drop its night buses been in progress. 1 cannot say-it may have. Its after 5:45 p.m. Sundays, 9:15 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and 6:45 p.m.

Since a Salem Chamber of Comwhich Eisenhower will be loath to merce committee is making a study of the bus situation and has Personally, I remain doubtful if promised a report within two

> Speaking for the chamber comtinued night bus service.

> next few days," he said.

One of the suggestions endorsed Mare Island shipyard in Califor by several of the citizens was that nia. night bus fares be increased. City Transit Lines has informed the Council that night bus operations will be equipped to fife the Regu-"aerotrain" hit the 100-mile an don't produce enough revenue to las surface-to-surface missile, hour mark Monday in making its meet costs and daytime bus pa-which has a range of 300 miles. first regularly scheduled trip be- tronage has declined to the point tween New York City and Pitts- where it no longer can "carry" the night service. (Additional details, Sec. 1, Page 7.)

Sporadic Peeps Of Sun Forecast

for the Salem sector today and Wednesday, according to the weatherman. Temperatures will remain about the same.

The area measured only a trace of rain Monday and the mercury ranged from a high of 48 to a minimum of 35. The Willamette River, continuing to recede, was down to 5.4 feet at midnight Monday.

The Weather

| Salem | | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---------|-----------|------|------|---------|
| Portlar | id | - 48 | 36 | .05 |
| - Baker | | 38 | 17 | trace |
| Medfor | rd | 49 | 34 | .02 |
| North | Bend | - 51 | 39 | .05 |
| Rosebu | | 52 | 36 | .05 |
| San Fr | ancisco _ | 55 | 39 | .00 |
| Los A | | 63 | 44 | .00 |
| Chicag | 0 | 33 | 20 | trace |
| New | York | 54 | 38 | .14 |

SALEM PRECIPITATION

Atomic Sub to Launch Guided Missiles of U.S.

tive attitude of the night workers disclosed Monday it is developing and others who appealed for con- a new strategic weapon - a nuclear-powered submarine capable "We hope more citizens will give of launching guided missiles." us and the City Council their sug- If Congress approves the plan gestions about bus service in the the new departure in a-boats will probably be built in the Navy's

> Secretary of the Navy Thomas said in a statement the submarine

The United States is in a race lican ticket. with Russia to develop missiles with 1,500- and 3,000-mile ranges, both carrying atomic warheads. ranged missiles from submarines in Yamhill County since 1926 and for several years in preparation graduated from McMinnville high State Chairman Howard Morgan for this new phase of warfare. school.

Occasional showers and sporadic peeps of the sun are the outlook for the Salem sector today and County Judge Says Production Countering Loss of Farm Land Thornton has had no announced opposition for the Democratic no-

Farm Editor, The Statesman

farm commodities, Rex Hartley, people attending the Marion County
Farm and Homes Outlook ConferThe Monday meeting is the third ence held Monday at Randall's such held in Marion County. In Chuck Wagon. W. L. Williams, Sil- 1936, the first 10-year outlook meetlong meeting

Hartley explained the farm acreage losses were caused by "urbani- Hartley. Attending the Monday conzation of rural areas, modern ference were four who had at who admitted bombing the Meier the installation of the military In reference to the latter, Hartley Silverton; Adam Hersch, Salem, remarked that "this is coming and John Ramage, Woodburn. closer to home with the consideration of 5,000 Marion County acres help established farm folk plan innocent because of insanity

We have probably ploughed up ably and comfortably, and to give mitted to the court Monday said of South Salem High School. all the lands in Marion County newcomers to this area an indication of best future possibilities, tinguish right from wrong and that ster's New Collegiste Dictionary placed an extra "o". Earlier in Second in the series of semi-this loss of farm lands is not quite williams explained in opening the was legally sane despite being and all three top spellers were the contest, Stephen Bandy, 13, finals will be at Keizer School at emotionally immature and a psy-chopathic personality.

Because of modern science we've 5, sec. 1.)

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increased our production 20 per cent in recent years and so far This country is losing a million are out ahead in production in spite agriculture acres annually, but is of the loss of farming lands," the still producing a surplus of many judge said, as he warned that "extreme good judgement" will be Marion County judge, told 170 rural needed in the future to "move in

verton, was chairman of the day- ing was held with Ray Glatt, Woodburn, as chairman. The one held 10 years later was headed by Rex Henry Zorn, Aurora: Oscar Loe, April, Monday was allowed to

The conferences are set up to with Peddicord objecting, a plea of their future operations most profit-

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Fluoridation Put on City Ballot

Alderman Asks Building Code Review; Drainage Issue Voids Permit for House Maintains

Ahead of Schedule

Fear Septic Tank Trouble on Hill School Building Plan Questioned

A city building permit was denied Monday for a \$19,000 home because of septic tank difficulty, and Mayor Robert E. Alderman E. C. Charlton Monday night at a City Council White said the action might have wide affect on the west meeting in the wake of a Salem architect's published statement slope of Candalaria Heights and in Laurel Springs of South that Salem School District would save \$200,000 by building

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Salem and some other hilly areas like West Salem heights. It was the first city building Gas Repairs Move permit turndown on strictly health grounds, said City Engineer, J. H. Davis. He said city

Runoff Problem

Surface water and runoff problems have been severe this winter, with the result that sanitarians have been checking closely on such matters in connection with new construction.

The specific property affected by Monday's action is a 75 by 150 foot lot at 2530 Alvarado Tr. in The children of Mr. and Mrs. the Candalaria section of South William Watson Jr. spent their Salem. A. G. Hamilton, owner, earliest years in various sections submitted plans for a \$19,000 of the country, but they can all house and requested the building

Opposition Cited

The health department recommended against it. Sanitarian W. P. Green told the Council last night that it was found a steep hill installation at that lot would Mrs. Watson came from Virginia, onto other property from the procreate runoff across a street and posed septic tank. He emphasized that any new

property requiring a septic tank would be investigated on its own merits to see whether satisfac-Mayor White declared, "This

indicates to me that very shortly we'll have very serious problems in unsewered areas."

Gas and Coke Co. were working in Salem Monday. Richard Sinclair, residential gas sales supervisor from Portland who is here for the emergency, is shown above shutting off a meter at 1080 Highland

FOREST GROVE UM - Fire roared through the old high school building here Monday night and still was out of control shortly be-

indicates a return to normal

throughout the valley before Sat-

urday. No announcement from

the company to that effect was

forthcoming Monday, however, Joseph A. H. Dodd, Salem Dis-

trict Portland Gas & Coke Co.

Seven hundred skilled gas

workers from as far distant as

Chicago, Ill., were restoring serv-

ices at Portland at the rate of

2,000 an hour, Associated Press

reported. The pace is ahead of

gressional District nominations

Thornton's pending decision had

raised considerable speculation in

roe Sweetland, announced for the post five days after Patterson's death had established the legal re-

quirement of an election this year

ination to attorney general. State

Sen. Carl Francis, Dayton Repub-

lican, is seeking his party's nomi-

nation for the post. (Political story

M&F Bomber

Pleads Guilty

change his plea to guilty.

PORTLAND UP - Clarence Ped-

to fill his unexpired term.

also in Sec. 1, Page 7.)

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT Jr.

Staff Writer, The Statesman

the consideration for either the Democratic governorship or First Con-

referring to his January announcement that he would seek renomina

tion of the party for the state's attorney general post.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton Monday took himself out of

"I have decided to go ahead with my original plan," said Thornton,

manager, said.

W. F. Vandervelden, fire chief, the block-long, brick-faced building probably would be a total loss. He said it was purchased last year by St. Anthony's Catholic Church from the school board for a reported \$72,000 for conversion into a church. Remodeling had

The new high school is located in another part of the town. Strong winds were hampering Thornton Seeks Reelection efforts of firemen. Companies were called in from nearby Hillsboro and Cornelius to help the Forest Grove department.

Roy Thompson, a Forest Grove fireman, was hospitalized with undetermined injuries after he fell from a ladder.

WASHINGTON IN - The Navy State Policeman Resigns to Run for Yamhill Sheriff

McMINNVILLE-Wallace L. (Bud) Mekkers has announced his plans. resignation from the Oregon state Previously Thornton had been police force to enter the race for Yamhill County sheriff. He seeks crats' best hope for the governorthe Democratic nomination. In- ship election which normally cumbent W. J. "Bill" Jones has would not have come up until

filed for re-election on the Repub- 1958. Apparently, because of a fear Thornton might not be able Mekkers has served the state to gain labor support, party leadpolice in the Yamhill County area ers threw their support behind for several years. He joined the State Sen. Robert D. Holmes for The Navy has been firing shorter state police in 1947. He has lived the governorship. Holines, with the blessings of and National Committeeman Mon-

political ranks since the death of Gov. Paul L. Patterson had set off a general reshuffling of party nominally considered the Demo-PORTLAND W - Two 15-year-

tire system, AP added.

company's Portland plant.

Restoring the oil lines

Also see story on page 7, sec.

Purcell said Monday.

According to Purcell they said CRASH CLAIMS MAN they fired the matches into the building with homemade clothespin guns. The two, as well as another

Council Neutrality A review of Salem's building code was called for by Salem Voters

To Decide on **Issue May 18**

certain construction features out-He suggested the city engineer, building inspector and fire chief review the building code, noting that the architect's statement said plans would not include walls able

to resist fire for two hours. Mayor Robert F. White put in: 'It looks to me like they are definitely sacrificing safety to cut down costs. They may also be overlooking some of the added costs outside the city."

two new junior high schools out side city limits.

good, why should the school dis-

trict be permitted to build without

The Council did not act on Charlton's suggestion. They discussed on the ball what stand might be taken if the Met Defeat Washington school tract should be considered later for annexation to the city. It is adjacent, now, and includes one of the new junior high

The cost-saving estimate was attributed to Architect W. I. Williams in a recently published interview about his start on plans for the two new junior highs.

U.S. Balloons Chart Global Jet Streams' Special crews recruited for emergency service of valley gas lines in preparation for the resumption of service late this week by Portland

ALLEGAN, Mich. W. - A securiveal a Federal Communications ments designed to better this city's Commission (FCC) monitoring sta-tion in Allegan is tracking the gov-ernment's experimental weather proposals have been guaranteed PG&C Crew May Beat Saturday Goal ernment's experimental weather

ice is being restored in Portland completion Saturday for the en- FCC aid.

Patrick Scanlon, directing the Al-Service was interrupted from legan operation, says tracking the Vancouver, Wash., to Corvallis balloons and charting high altitby a fire Friday night at the tude "jet streams" has been the station's major project for the past five years of its 16 in operation. comparatively simple but the Scanlon said he recently was autime-consuming task is shutting thorized to reveal the Allegan projoff every meter, forcing all air

out of mains, then reopening each Much of Michigan, he explained, meter and relighting the pilot lies beneath a stratospheric "superhighway." The jet streams could bring destruction in the form launched thousands of miles away, (Additional launched thousands of miles away, 1, Page 3.) of weapons - carrying balloons according to defense officials.

The balloons tracked by the Al-**Despite Political Reshuffle**

legan station travel from west to east across the Northern Hemisphere at altitudes of 15,000 to 40,000 feet.

French Leaders Seek Conscripts For Algeria Duty

PARIS A - The French government early Tuesday adopted a That much information came sweeping "peace in Algeria" plan from the White House Monday. script to duty against Algeria's ing question of whether Eisenhow-Moslem Nationalist rebels.

submit the plan to Parliament and about running again. the nation's military leaders on an emergency basis. It asks wide po- ty said he did not know what hour old boys have admitted they shot litical, military and economic powmatches that caused a \$25,000 fire ers to cope with the rebellion that it is held. Customarily, Eisenhow-northeast district, Det. Lt. Bard months.

PORTLAND W - Ora Elmer Boyles, 54, Portland, died in a nouncement until after 3:30 p.m., hospital Monday from injuries sufboy, 13, will go to juvenile court. fered in a two-car collision Friday, closes.

"If our building code is unsatis-factory, it should be amended," Charlton declared; "but if it is By ROBERT E. GANGWARE City Editor, The Statesman Fluoridation of the Salem water supply will be voted on by the city voters May 18, it was agreed Monday night by Salem City Coun-

Aldermen put the proposition on the ballot after commenting that a barrage of telephone and letter opposition had reached them in recent days. Some of the aidermen voting to put fluoridation on the ballot said their action didn't mean endorsement of the idea; two of them, Clayton Jones and David O'Hara, opposed putting it

O'Hara said the proposal had met decisive defeat two years ago at the polls, and it would have been better to ask the advocates of fluoridation to initiate the measure by circulating petitions.

Earlier in the day, the aldermen had received an endorsement of fluoridation from City - Cor y Health Officer W. J. Stone and his advice that the Council legislate fluoridation directly, cather than call an election which, he said, would renew the "emotional-type opposition" to fluoridation,

Two other ballot measures were approved by the Council at the City Hall meeting last night-the last of a series of special financing proposals. The two measures both concern finance for a fire alarm ty cloak was lifted Monday to re- box system and related improve-

The speed with which gas serve the gas company's estimate of nine operated by the Navy with for Salem. This, he said would by National Board of Fire Underfire insurance premiums of \$150,-

000 a year. Against this would be charged the proposed \$37,000 annual special tax for eight additional firemen, and the cost of a \$65,000 bond issue to finance the alarm box system and central fire station expansion. On the basis of a check made only last week with the National Board, the bond issue

amount was lowered from \$71,000 to \$65,000. (Additional Council news, Sec.

Said Possible On Wednesday

WASHINGTON OF - President Eisenhower "in all probability" will hold a news conference on Wednesday

which would send every young con- There still remained the tantalizer will announce at this probable Premier Guy Mollet prepared to conference what he plans to do

Press Secretary James C. Hagerthe conference might be held, if an hour, beginning at 10:30 a.m. There has been some specula-

tion he might hold up any announcement until after 3:30 p.m.,

Willard, Leslie Girls Win First Semi-Finals Of 1956 Statesman-KSLM Spelling Contest

ior High won first and second, school office. respectively, in a semi-finals of The Statesman - KSLM Spelling Contest last night and thus qual- Roth, 13, Pratum, who put an Her principal and teacher is Mrs. ified for the Grand Finals on "s" in "cynical," which Janice Emma Schreder, who also guided March 22.

It was the second straight year

dicord. 38, the blind Portlander dil," the required extra word. Eileen, at 12 the youngest and super-highways and roads, and to tended the initial meeting in 1936; and Frank department store last the only 7th-grader among the contestants were the first to fall Earlier his attorney had entered.

and Eileen Hadley of Leslie Jun- visor with the Marion County hurried with "polite."

spelled to stay in the running.

Willard School took top semi-fi- four contestants remain, a word county contest a year ago. that is missed goes to the next Eileen, the first runner-up and Janice, 13, and in the 8th grade, contestant. When only two re- fellow grand-finalist with Janice, son by spelling "terrific," after main, a speller to win must get is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eileen missed it, and then "daffo- the word missed by the other Wayne Hadley of 787 Cross St. contestant plus an extra word. Her teacher is Mrs. Margaret

The four boys among the eight Aynes. eight contestants, finished just Lynn Anderson, 14. Fruitland, tificate, Vicki Cooper of Bethel, ahead of Vicki Cooper, 14, of lasted the longest. He went to is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bethel, who had slipped on "cus- the 136th word "prohibit," in Roy E Cooper and her teacher is tomary," which Eileen spelled. | which he inadvertently put an Mrs. Mattie Jane Osborn. The contest, attended by near- "e"

Janice Stadeli of Willard School by Glen Robertson, school super- lem Academy, was a little too Janice, first-place winner, is A total of 202 words was used. the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Placing a high fourth was Judy Staedeli of Route 3, Silverton, Joan Picha of Willard to the Under contest rules, when only grand championship of the four-

Winner of the third-place cer-

Dave Hoss of KSLM was mas-But psychiatrists' reports sub- ly 200, was in the Little Theater Douglas Howard, 13, Parrish ter of ceremonies and Wendell Junior High, met an unfamiliar Webb of The Statesman called

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem). Mostly clouds with occasional and and a defended of partial clearing today, tonight and Wednesday; couly and Wednesday 48, low tonight 34. Temperature at 12:01 s.m. today for a military base." Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 46.