



Scene of 500-mile Grind—Rex Mays leads the field to the first turn in the 1948 Memorial Day 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Speedway, won by Mauri Rose. The traditional classic will be held for the 33rd time May 30, Memorial Day.

## Shortage of Berry Pickers

With the strawberry crop just beginning to come off the vines, a shortage of pickers was reported Tuesday morning by W. H. Baillie, Salem manager for the state employment service. Two hundred additional pickers could have been used by the growers had they been available.

A picking price of 3½ cents, plus a half cent bonus for those who remain on the job throughout the season was established Monday afternoon during a conference of growers and representatives of the state labor office. The wage is virtually the same as was in effect last year.

Because the schools will continue to operate through much of next week, student help will not be available for a number of days. This situation, Baillie points out, means adult labor must shoulder the load if the berries are to be picked as they mature.

Growers call at the labor office, Cottage and Ferry street, each morning at 6 o'clock to provide transportation for pickers. One grower, Ike Hartman, reported he would endeavor to organize a platoon of youngsters to work after school hours, taking advantage of the daylight saving program.

## Doctor Marries Wife Third Time

Bellingham, May 24 (AP)—For the third time, Dr. Kent W. Berry will marry Mrs. Florence Berry, 54, of Olympia. The 61-year-old physician was pardoned six months ago by Governor Wallgren after serving

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more than 10 years in the state penitentiary for a kidnap-assault case.

Dr. Berry and two brothers were convicted in 1938 of kidnaping and mutilating Irving Baker, a former coast guard officer, for asserted attentions to Mrs. Elizabeth Kevin Berry, the doctor's wife at the time.

The previous marriages of Dr. Berry and Mrs. Florence Berry, covering a period of 18 years, both ended in divorce—the second time in 1941, while he was in prison. Her efforts in his behalf are regarded as instrumental in gaining the physician's release.

## Gunman Kills Youth; Rapes Girl Friend

Faribault, Minn., May 24 (AP)—Bloodhounds trailing a gunman who killed a youth and raped his girl friend on a woodland lover's lane, today lost the scent in the heart of Faribault.

The dogs, brought here from Wisconsin last night, had picked up the spoor at the spot where the girl said the gunman killed her escort, Fred Morsching, 19. She said the man raped her in the back seat of Morsching's car while the youth's body was slumped in the driver's seat.

## Bids Called for Bridge

The state highway commission said today it would open bids in Portland June 28 on construction of the Ferry street bridge over the Willamette river on Coburg road in Eugene. The bridge will have a total length of 796 feet, containing two continuous steel truss spans and seven reinforced concrete approach spans.

## Queen-Elect Tardy

Portland, Ore., May 24 (AP)—Joyce Sommerlade, 17, had a big week-end. She was elected queen of the 1949 Portland Rose Festival.

Monday morning she arrived at Grant high school an hour and 40 minutes late for class and was ordered to stay after school for discipline.



Rain Follows Drought—Prolonged drought in the Turin area of Italy was followed by rains and floods.

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## East Salem Social Events Offered in Wide Variety

East Salem, May 24—Birthday parties with luncheons were the social highlights for East Salem clubs this past week-end.

Mrs. Ben Braucht was hostess for a birthday party for members of the Garden Road Neighborhood club at her Garden Road home Friday with Mrs. Eugene Braucht assistant hostess. The guests for a luncheon were seated at tables bright with roses for the decorative note, and covered favors made by Mrs. Ben Braucht who is an amateur artist.

Special guests were Mrs. Alfred Peterson, Mrs. Miles Henderson and Mrs. Willard Shelton. Members attending were Mrs. Glenn Larkins, Mrs. Paul Lynch, Mrs. A. R. Tartar, Mrs. Charles E. Siegmund, Mrs. Ralph Werner, Mrs. Floyd De Lapp, Mrs. R. B. Lapp, Mrs. W. E. Richardson, Mrs. A. A. Geer, Mrs. Martin Starr, Mrs. Edward Brambec, Mrs. A. C. Schaffer, Mrs. Earl Wood, Mrs. Jesse Hatch, Mrs. Richard T. Wicklander and the hostesses. The afternoon was spent informally with the exchange of gifts and social games.

Mrs. S. Rehfeld was hostess for the Merry-go-round club at her Hollywood drive home Thursday night. Attending were Mrs. Walter Fisher, Mrs. R. M. Proudfoot, Mrs. Paul Barham, Mrs. Edward Curtis, Mrs. Harold Holler, Mrs. Melvin La Due, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Oscar Fordgard, Miss Florence Kleemar and the hostess.

Mrs. Theron Kent entertained Friday afternoon at her Brown road home members of her neighborhood club with the

Wilson, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Benson and the hostess. Officers of the Middle Grove Associated clubs report a successful evening financially for Friday's entertainment. There were more in attendance to see the Salem Civic players in M'liss than for the last play, but not quite as many for the jitney supper as last month.

Directors of the Capital City Rabbit Breeders association met in the home of Mrs. Alfred Pauli in Swegle community. Plans were made for the monthly meeting Thursday night of this week in the May Flower hall. Speakers will be J. C. Lowitt and Mr. Walrod from Portland. It was necessary to postpone the meeting one week to have the use of the hall.

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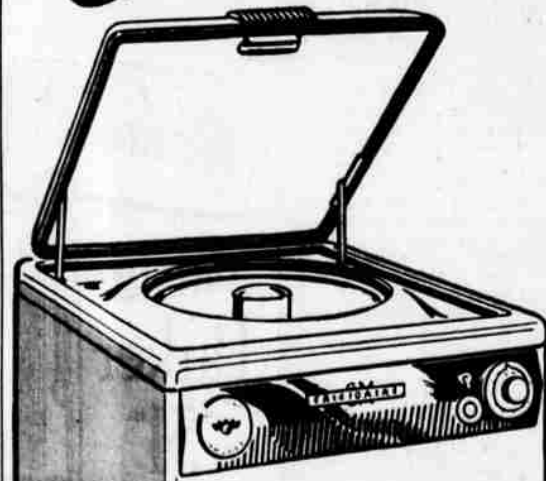
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