

Along the River—Seventy years ago, above, at the northern extremity of French prairie hummed with shipping and commercial activity. Now, like all of the other 113 landings between Salem and Canemah, only weathered piling indicate where the docks might have been at Butteville and willows have overgrown the waterfront. Below, Norman Kennedy's speedboat which made Canemah in four hours. The Willamette between Salem and Canemah, now a suburb of Oregon City, was explored to discover sites of wheat ports and steamboat landings that flourished along the stream in the 1880s.

### Cameraman Turns Sailor; Makes Voyage to Canemah

By BEN MAXWELL

Boating today downstream on the Willamette to Salem is like visiting an old cemetery where 113 distinguished ancients lie buried beneath tottering tombstones, whose very inscriptions are fast becoming illegible.

Captain Arthur Riggs, a veteran Willamette pilot in his compilation of steamboat landings between Springfield and the confluence of the Willamette with the Columbia, names 113 landings between Salem and Canemah. Except for Butteville and two or three others all have practically vanished. Save landing the first below Salem, Lincoln, Wheatland, Hell Roaring, Smith's and Winookie's are now only names or vestiges to intrigue the imagination of the antiquarian.

Norwain Kennedy invited the Journal's representative to ride in his new speedboat on a run between Salem and Canemah now the western suburb of Oregon City. When the light, 13-foot craft propelled by a 22 1/2-horsepower outboard motor left Salem at 7:30 last Saturday morning the chill of autumn was upon the river.

At Salem the Willamette is slow, odoriferous and dirty. When the craft, turning upward to 25 miles an hour, reached Spang's landing the smell of sewage and decomposing debris was not conspicuous. But the waters had not clarified. Slimy, repulsive marine growths permeated the stream all the 65 miles to Canemah.

Walter Gerth came to Lincoln more than 60 years ago and recalls the 1890's when this waterfront town was the great wheat port on the mid-Willamette. One authority says 350,000 bushels passed through Lincoln in a single season. Gerth recalls shipping 125,000 bushels in his own time as not uncommon.

Lincoln originated as Doak's ferry in the early 1850's. Forty years later docks, warehouses and industrial plants and industries located here lined the west bank of the Willamette for almost a mile. Gerth also recalls that three steamboats representing different lines regularly called at Lincoln for cargo and that during the autumn, when grain was delivered to the several warehouses, bustled with business and impatient farmers long delayed in making deliveries.

Wheat was king of all crops in the Willamette valley for 25 years after the Helen Angier cleared the Columbia river with that initial cargo of Willamette valley grain shipped to Liverpool by James Watt. Today only warped remains of a single dock constructed after 1910 remains at Lincoln. But this is not visible from the river, though Gerth says the antiquarian may find it if he searches through the dense brush.

At Wheatland, 13 miles below Salem, the story is repeated. In 1881 the place had a district school, Evangelical church, the Wheatland and Occidental hotels, warehouses, docks, a grist mill and T. T.

### Bean Picking Levelling Off

The snap bean season has reached the levelling off point and pickers just about equal the demand, it was stated at the Salem office of the state employment service Wednesday. In some instances additional pickers could be used to advantage but the overall picture is fairly satisfactory.

A telephone call from Stayton Wednesday morning revealed that the situation there is under control. Since this section of the bean area is usually the one where labor fails to equal the demand, it is taken as a fairly good indication that the crop is being handled in a satisfactory manner.

Between three and four hundred bean pickers are being loaded early each morning from the labor office at South Cottage and Ferry streets.

Additional hands could be employed in the harvest of the early varieties of hops.

Just what the situation will be in the prune orchards has not been determined. A better than average crop is reported.

### MILITARY MEN AND VETERANS

Wednesday, August 17  
Kingswood post No. 81, American Legion at the Kingswood American Legion Hall in West Salem.

929th Field Artillery battalion at Army Reserve quonset huts. Headquarters and headquarters company 318th replacement depot and 635th organized reserve corps composite group at Army Reserve quonset huts.

Military Manpower committee at 7:30 p.m. in room 211 of the Post Office building.

Thursday, August 18  
Company G, 162nd Infantry regiment, Oregon National Guard, at Salem armory.

Organized Naval Reserve Marine division, at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center.

Friday, August 19  
Organized Seabee division at Naval and Marine Corps Reserve training center.

Veterans' service committee at the Spa at noon.

Benefits for Dependents  
Widows, children and dependent parents of World War I veterans who died within three years after honorable discharge were reminded this week by the Oregon department of veterans' affairs that they may be eligible for social security benefits earned as the result of the man's time in active service.

Title II of the social security act provides that such veterans are deemed to have died fully insured, to have received monthly wages of not less than \$160, and to have been paid not less than \$200 in wages in each year in which they had 30 days or more of active service after Sept. 16, 1940, under the act.

The veteran must have had 90 days of continuous service, a part of which must have been between Sept. 16, 1940, and July 28, 1947, unless he was discharged sooner for service incurred disabilities.

The effect of title II, approved in August, 1946, is to assure monthly income payments to a widow with minor children, or to the dependent parents, or a lump sum payment to the unmarried widow without minor children, surviving a World War I veteran discharged without dishonor who died within three

moorage near Canemah. Foam gathered about her transom as she hurtled along through swift, narrows where the converging rivers gushed with astonishing velocity. Through such tortuous and restricted channels rafters, operating powerful propeller tugs, guide long tows of logs with a skill that would astonish sternwheeler captain of yesterday.

Four hours running time brought the speedboat to her moorage. Oldtimers would declare the time fair but nothing like the record established by the Ruth. On June 2, 1896, that sternwheeler left the locks at Oregon City at 7:26 and under a full head of steam pushed upstream to Salem in five hours and 49 minutes. Certainly that was longer than it took the speedboat to reach Canemah.

But the Ruth was headed upstream and stopped at landings no longer visible to speedboat enthusiasts.

Plane Cuts Time  
Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 17 (AP)—A Canadian Pacific Air Lines plane flew directly from Shemya in the Aleutians to Vancouver last night, cutting more than six hours from the normal flying time between Hong Kong and Canada.

Except for mechanical difficulties to be expected with a new motor the speedboat scurried downstream to reach the



Lon McCallister and Peggy Ann Garner in a romantic scene from "The Big Cat," an Eagle-Lion release, with Technicolor and starting tomorrow in Grand in "Shamrock Hill."



Judy Garland and Van Johnson make their first appearance together as the stars of MGM's Technicolor musical romance, "In the Good Old Summertime," which comes to the Elsinore theater today.

### McGrath Opens K C Convention

Portland, Aug. 17 (AP)—Senator J. Howard McGrath urged Catholics to battle for Christianity and democracy in a speech last night that opened the supreme convention of the Knights of Columbus.

The democratic party national chairman said the church must become militant. He warned that "in Europe and Asia the old barbarities are reappearing with a new scientific vengeance."

McGrath then criticized what he called the "crass materialism, which would elevate and glorify sense and sensuality, above

years after his discharge. Payments are not made, however, where survivors are receiving death compensation from the Veterans Administration because of service connected death.

Applicants were advised to contact their nearest social security office, county veterans' service officers, or the Portland or Salem offices of the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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spirit and conscience" in the United States. The Rhode Island senator said "piety and patriotism alike demand a re-minting of the coinage of our Christian civilization."

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### Spokane Check Artist Nabbed

Melvyn D. Dahlberg of Spokane, Wash., was lodged in the Marion county jail Wednesday in lieu of \$1000 bail on a check-writing charge. He was arrested by a city detective while walking in the 200 block of North Commercial street Tuesday afternoon.

The young man has confessed to writing nine fictitious checks in Salem. Some of these checks were written on First National bank blanks, and others on Ladd and Bush check blanks. They all came back from the banks with the notation "unable to locate account."

Dahlberg signed his own name to all but one of the checks, and, oddly enough, it was the check in which he used an alias that led to his arrest.

Randle Oil company accepted a check dated August 10 from "Frank R. Willard." A detective recognized the handwriting on this check as the same as Dahlberg's so began to look for the check writer.

He was found to be staying at Hotel Salem under the assumed name of Melvyn Bowers.

### Nurses Advisory Committee Named

Gov. Douglas McKay today announced the appointment of six members of the state practical nurses advisory council created by the 1949 legislature.

Members are: Dr. Thomas E. Griffith of The Dalles, representing the state board of health; Mrs. Mary A. Knecht of Eugene and Mrs. Mrs. Thelma West of Portland, representing practical nurses; Wesley Lamer of Portland, representing field of hospital administrators, and Dorothy Vosen of Portland, representing directors of nursing education.

The law provides for the licensing of practical nurses and the regulation of practical nursing by the state board of examination and registration of graduate nurses. It charges the advisory council with the responsibility of consulting with the



Asks Asian Pact—President Syngman Rhee (above) of Korea has asked Philippine President Quirino to call a conference to form an Asian union against communism.

state board in matters of policy and administration.



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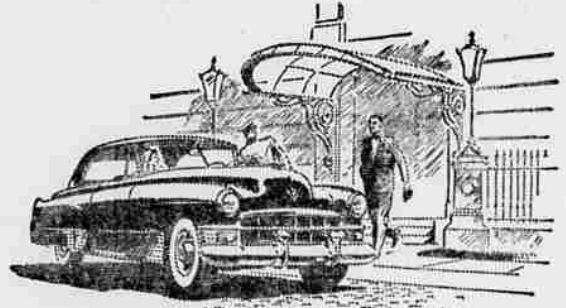
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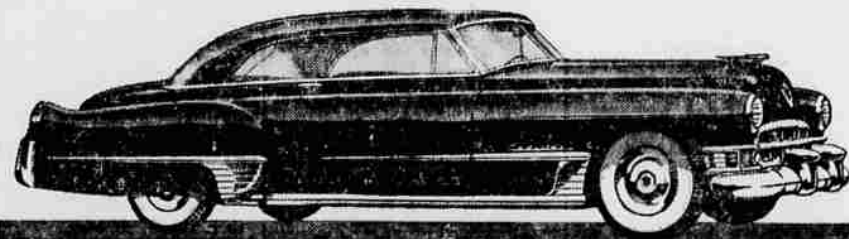
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