

# Barriers Come Down as Old Otter Crest Road Again Open to Traffic

## Tourists, Residents Pleas Bring Resumed Use Of Scenic Road

## Travel Resumes on Crooked Road

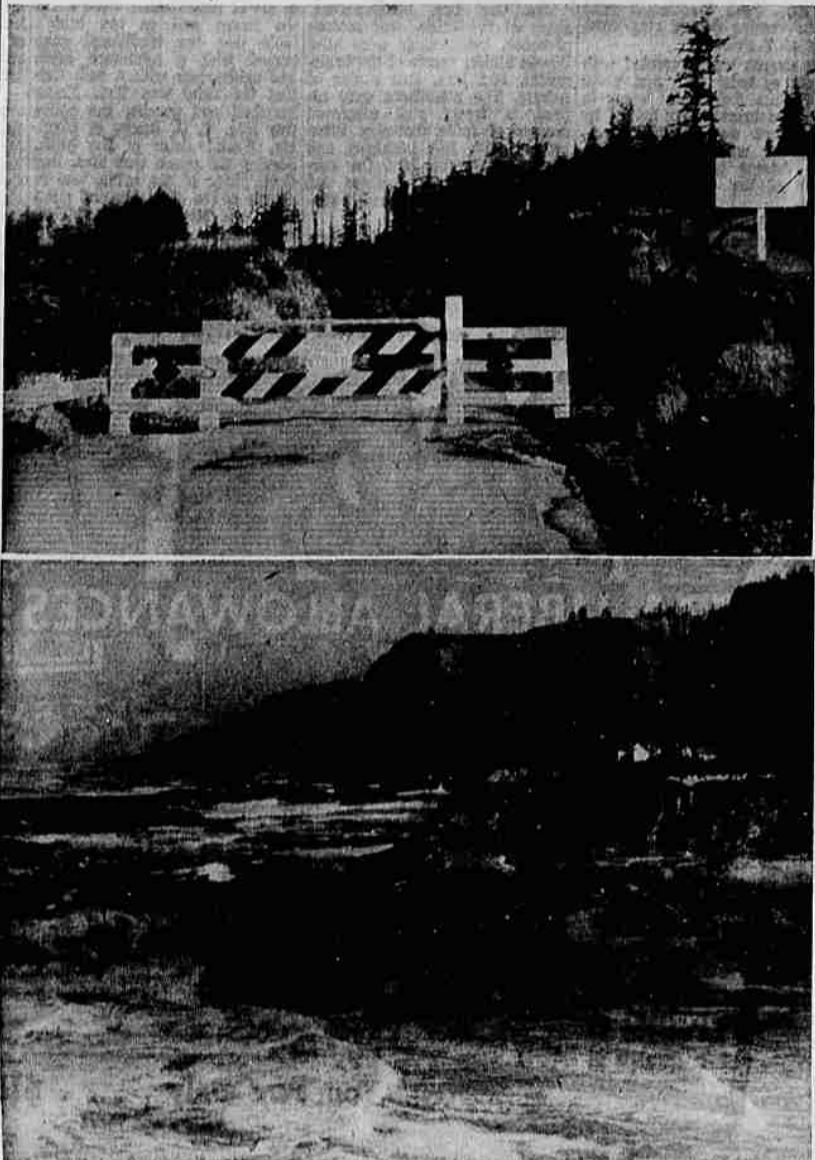
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A section of old Otter Crest road 5100 feet in length, closed a year ago when the new route was opened over this promontory, was reopened today by the State Highway Commission in response to requests from those who live in the area and tourists who prefer

to leisurely travel the crooked but scenic route over Otter Crest. Old Otter Crest road was constructed in the early 1920s as a part of the Roosevelt highway and followed to some degree an old, but almost impassable, dirt road from Rock Creek to Devil's Punchbowl. In Model T days the old Otter Crest highway was considered adequate but the event of modern, high speed cars made the 1923 route a bottle neck for traffic and a dangerous road for sight seeing.

Residents at Devil's Punchbowl and those engaged in the resort business along the old route sponsored a movement to re-open the old route and hundreds of postcards were received at Gov. Elmo Smith's office bearing that request.

Other than removing barriers and a few fallen rocks from the old road reopening presented no problem for highway authorities. An extension from the new route over the promontory provided an access road to Otter Crest view point and resort. A traffic count will be made by the highway department to determine if traffic justifies keeping the old route open.



At the request of numerous residents and tourists the state highway commission has removed barriers such as the one pictured above which have prevented traffic over the section of the old Roosevelt highway which links Rocky Creek and Devil's Punchbowl via Otter Crest on the Oregon coast. The lower picture, taken from Devil's Punchbowl shows the northward view from this popular resort. (Capital Journal Photo)

# McKay Plans Linn County Talk Series

ALBANY (Special)—Doug McKay, Republican candidate for U.S. senator, will be the principal speaker at a banquet in Lebanon next Monday night, according to Cliff Knodell, Albany, McKay's Linn county campaign manager. The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at Melody Lane.

Earlier in the day, McKay will visit a number of East Linn county mills and at noon he will accompany Dr. William Pearl, Bonneville Power administrator, to the Sweet Home Rotary club meeting where Pearl is to be the principal speaker.

Mrs. McKay also will be in the county the same day and will attend a number of coffee hours set up in her honor.

Knodell said that plans are being made now for a breakfast meeting in Albany the same day for McKay.

# Damage Suit Trial Opens

A jury trial involving damages of \$25,000 opened in Marion county circuit court Tuesday with the State Highway Commission the defendant and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Nation, plaintiffs.

The Nations, operators of Paradise Island, a picnic area, located along Mill creek off Turner road, charge that the commission made their property virtually inoperative when a change was made in the natural channel of Mill creek. The change was made, it is contended, in the construction of the Salem bypass. The grounds have not been used by the public during the past two seasons.

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# Girl Taken to Sunday School in Ambulance

LENOIR, N.C. (AP)—Little Kate Waters was literally in stitches when she attended Sunday school here last weekend.

The 9-year-old, before an appendectomy last Wednesday extracted promises from her doctor and her parents that she'd be out in time for Sunday school. An ambulance took her.

Kate was able to maintain her perfect attendance record.

# McKay Plans County Talks

Doug McKay, Republican nominee for United States senator, will spend the greater part of October 9 in Marion county, Kenneth M. Potts and Mrs. Leon Perry, Marion county McKay co-chairmen announced.

The former secretary of the interior will speak at a Willamette university convocation next Tuesday at 10 a.m. Following this appearance, he will visit a number of Marion county communities.

An addition to the Marion county McKay-for-Senator committee was announced Wednesday. Members named included Mayor Robert White, Ward R. Davis, William H. Hammond, Dr. Vern W. Miller, Ted Chambers, Mrs. Edward E. Roth, Dick McMullen, and Bob Morrison, all of Salem; Mrs. Harriet Duncan, Silverton; Mrs. John Connell and Mrs. John Carson, Woodburn; Mrs. Louis Scott, Mill City and E. E. Ball of Turley.

# Employment In September Sets Record

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported Tuesday that the number of Americans holding jobs dropped by 681,000 to a total of 66,071,000 in September.

A September decline in a normal seasonal development due chiefly to students leaving summer jobs to go back to school.

The total employment was a record for September. It is 1,300,000 greater than the number of persons who had jobs in September, 1955.

September employment compared with a record 66,752,000 job holders in August.

The Commerce Department also said that unemployment declined in September by 197,000 to a total of 1,998,000. This was one of the lowest jobless totals recorded in the last three years.

The decline in unemployment similarly was attributed in part to the large number of students withdrawing from the labor force. The government counts as unemployed anyone who does not have a job and is looking for one.

The decline in job holders came in non-farm industries. The total drop there was 204,000 to a total of 6,683,000. Agricultural employment increased by 123,000 to a total of 7,388,000. This also was regarded as seasonal in connection with the harvesting of crops.

# Mercy Flight Arrives Here

Winfield Plummer, 51, a Medford tubercular patient, was flown into Salem Tuesday on a mercy plane for admission to the State Tuberculosis hospital.

The plane, piloted by Lee Fink, made the flight in 55 minutes, and was met at McNary field by the Willamette Ambulance Service and taken to the hospital.

Plummer recently suffered a serious hemorrhage and it was feared that the 250-mile trip by auto might start the bleeding again.

Medford's mercy planes are purchased by annual donations from subscribers in the Medford area. The subscribers also donate their time to accompany a patient carried on the mercy plane.

# Keef Jabs at Ike on Schools

ROSWELL, N. M. (AP)—Sen. Estes Keefauer lashed back at President Eisenhower Tuesday on the issue of which party killed the school construction bill, declaring "apparently the General hasn't been able personally to keep in touch with what's going on in Congress."

The President, in a speech Monday at Lexington, Ky., blamed the Democrats for the defeat of the school bill in the last Congress.

Keefauer, at his press conference here opening his campaign swing in New Mexico, declared that it was Republican maneuvering in the House which killed the bill in the recent congressional session.

He said 119 Republican House members voted "no" in the final showdown.

The senator said "if we had had a measure of support from the President, we could have gotten the school bill through."

# Mental Health Panel Presented

A discussion of how a community can help persons with mental illness was conducted Tuesday morning by seven persons at the third in a series of four mental health workshops being conducted by the county health department's Child Guidance Clinic and the Marion County TB and Health association.

The panel discussion, at the YWCA, was heard by 60 representatives of school, church and civic groups.

Purpose of the panel was to show how the groups could conduct similar discussions at their own meetings. Included as panel members were: Mrs. Beatrice Yearly, director of nurses at the Marion County Health Department; Mrs. Fred Detering, public health nurse; Dr. Daniel Di Iacomi, Salem physician; Mrs. Dudley Henderson, nurse at the American Can Co.; Dr. Kenneth Gaver, Oregon State hospital psychiatrist; and Mrs. Carl Smith of St. Paul.

Next Tuesday's workshop will consist of two plays, one on adolescence and the other on older people.

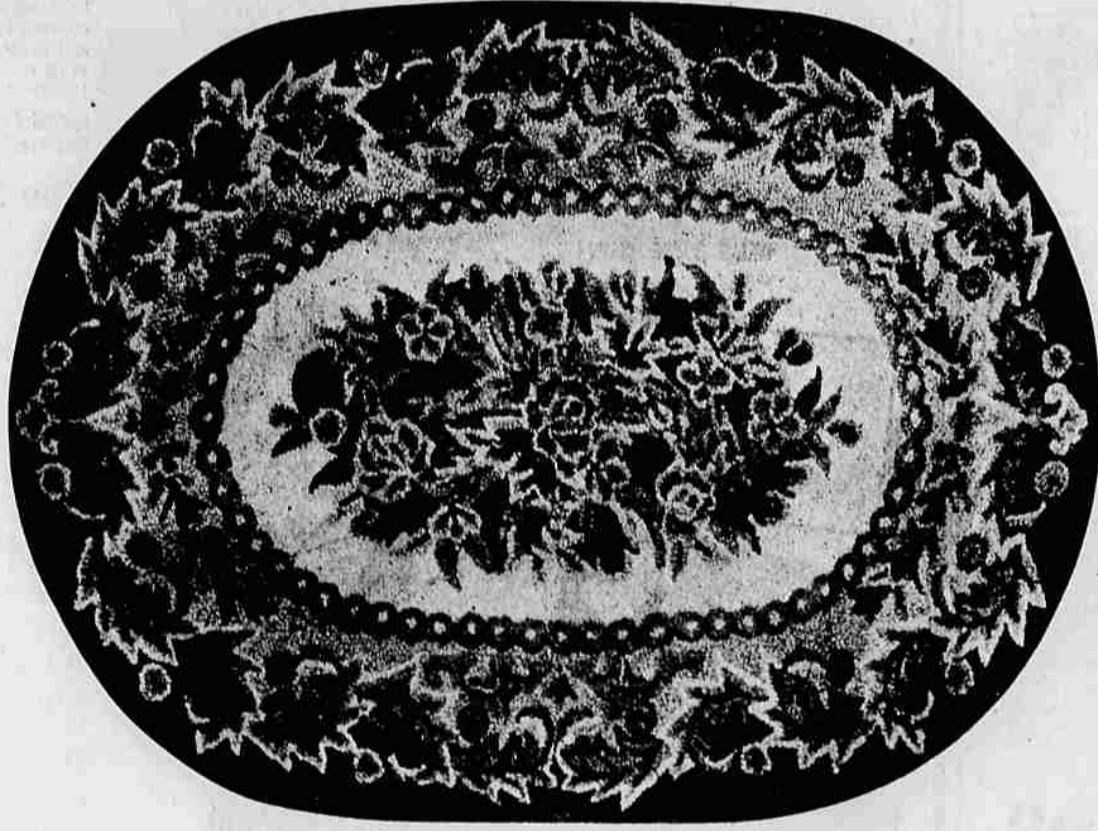
BOY SETS 3 FIRES  
GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—The mystery of three recent fires which caused \$9,000 damages here cleared when a 14-year-old youth told police he set them.

Asked why, he replied: "I like to watch fires and see firemen work."

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