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billfold were presented to Cleary by William Callahan, vice president of the Whittenton Businessmen's Association, on behalf of the friends of the former officer. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Cleary.

Mayor-Senator John F. Parker who opened the speaking program, paid tribute to the guest of honor. Chief of Police T. Joseph Galligan related experiences about Cleary and his service to the police department.

Other speakers included George McNamee, former police chief; Captain James Boyd, and Paul George of the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The committee in charge of the affair included Richard Powers, Arthur Ancill, Manuel Santos, William Callahan, Michael Rozowiz, Bernard F. Cleary, Thomas Devereaux, Fred Martin and Joseph W. Dooley.

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Missing Four Found in Skiff

HARWICHPORT, Mass. (AP)—Four teen agers, missing since yesterday in a 13-foot outboard skiff, were taken in tow early today by a private cabin cruiser, Coast Guard reported.

A search for them had been hindered by heavy fog.

The youngsters, all summer residents, were identified by the Coast Guard as John Russo, 14, Robert Thompson, 17, Joan Lapham, 14, and Betty Patrick, 19.

All were reported in good condition.

College Blonde Listed Missing

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP)—Penelope Plotze, 19, blonde college student, was reported missing today by her parents who said the girl had left Marblehead yesterday to bicycle home.

A second year student at Bouve-Boston, where she is majoring in physical therapy, the girl had been working for the summer at the Eastern Yacht Club at Marblehead.

The girl's father, Herman, talked with her yesterday by telephone at 3 p. m. She was reported seen passing through Lynn about 4:30 p. m. She is five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 150 pounds and has light blonde hair. Penelope is the second college girl from Wellesley to disappear in a week. Earli, Sylvia Plath, 20, a Smith student, was the object of a wide search. She was found in the basement of her home, victim of an overdose of sleeping pills. She is reported in good condition in Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

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MP Battalion Returns Home

Insurance Firms Ask 20% Auto Rate Hikes

BOSTON (AP)—Massachusetts insurance companies have sought an overall 20 per cent increase in compulsory automobile insurance rates for 1954, it was reported unofficially today.

The rate petitions were filed with the Massachusetts insurance commissioner but are not generally made public until tentative rates are announced for the following year after Sept. 15.

The petitions were said to seek a heavy rate increase on cars

driven by persons under 25 years of age and on vehicles, other than trucks, used for business purposes.

The insurance companies have sought for six years to get a classification plan for rates, arguing they are in effect in every state except Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Insurance Commissioner Humphreys refused to comment, saying he considers the petitions now in his office as "confidential data."

Bill for Stopping Overtime Wage to Executives Filed

(Special to The Gazette)

STATE HOUSE, Boston—A bill prohibiting overtime pay for heads of departments, commissions or division of the Commonwealth has been filed with the clerk of the House by Rep. Joseph A. Sylvia, Jr., (D-New Bedford).

The bill reads: "Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, no person employed by the Commonwealth as head of a department, commission or division shall receive extra compensation for overtime work."

DEFENSE EMPLOYMENT — U. S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall

PW Reports Seeing Dean

FREEDOM VILLAGE, Korea (AP)—A repatriated soldier from Homestead, Pa., said he saw Maj. Gen. William Dean in 1952 during "Olympic Games" held in Communist prison camps. Dean, captured commander of the 24th division, has not yet been released by the Reds.

"I saw him in November, 1952, at Pyoktong during the Olympics," said Cpl. Thomas Kappel, 21, who was captured Nov. 30, 1950.

disclosed that he is continuing to press the claim of Massachusetts' surplus labor areas like Lawrence, Lowell and Attleboro to preferential treatment in the award of defense contracts.

Toward the close of the recently ended session of Congress, the Senate, over the opposition of Senator Saltonstall, adopted a rider to the Defense Appropriations Bill that would have prevented any consideration of employment in the award of defense contracts.

In conference with the House, Senator Saltonstall declared he was instrumental in bringing about the adoption of a compromise not detrimental to New England.

Senator Knewland (R-Calif.), however, and other Senate opponents of defense manpower policies for assistance to surplus labor areas, announced that they would communicate their opposition to President Eisenhower.

As a result, the Office of Defense Mobilization has requested the Department of Defense to suspend temporarily the preferential policy in its application to one type of procurement pending a review of the entire policy. Senator Saltonstall has written to Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, director of Defense Mobilization, in protesting against this action.

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