

14 MILITARY PRISONERS PERISH IN BLAZE

Guardhouse At A-Bomb Base Horror Scene

Flames Of Oil Heater Deal Quick Death; Eight Overcome In Fire Fight

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 9.—(AP)—Oil-fueled flames leaping lightning fast through a Sandia base guardhouse, snuffed out the lives of 14 military prisoners last night.

Trapped with them in the tinder-dry wood structure, the prisoners' other two inmates were injured critically. It was the first major disaster in the history of the war-built installation—now a semi-secret assembly point for the atomic bomb.

Two guards, alerted by prisoners' cries, vainly tried to rescue them from behind bars and mangled wire windows. They were overcome along with six others fighting the blaze. Twenty additional officers and men also were treated for smoke effects.

Investigators said there was no doubt the fire started from one of two big oil stoves used to heat the prison. They still sought to determine how and why today.

It was all over 25 minutes after the first alarm was sounded at 7:35 p.m. Thirteen of the prisoners apparently died in the first few seconds; the other succumbed two hours later at a hospital.

Most of the victims were believed to have inhaled the intense, almost instantaneous heat, suffocated, Sandia authorities said.

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TALKS ABOUT SPIES—Victor Kravchenko, Russian author who broke with the Soviet regime in 1944, tells House Un-American Activities committee in Washington that spying is one of the principal duties of all Soviet diplomats. "Every Soviet representative . . . is a potential spy," he told the congressmen. Kravchenko, author of "I Chose Freedom," used to be a representative of Soviet purchasing commission. (AP Wirephoto)

The News-Review

The Weather
Cloudy with showers today and Friday.
Sunset today 6:12 p. m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:34 a. m.

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Judith Coplon Draws 15 Years; Russian Pal Ordered To Quit U.S.

Spy Plotters Denounced By Trial Judge

Gubitchev Declares He's Innocent; Girl's Lawyer To File Appeal Notice

NEW YORK, March 9.—(AP)—Judith Coplon was sentenced to 15 years in jail today for plotting to spy for Soviet Russia. Valentin A. Gubitchev, her partner, received a 15-year suspended sentence and was ordered deported to Russia within two weeks.

Miss Coplon was sentenced to five years on a conspiracy charge and 15 years on the count of attempted espionage, the sentences to run concurrently.

Gubitchev received a suspended sentence and was ordered deported by Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan at the recommendation of the government.

Before the judge spoke, Gubitchev declared in a courtroom statement that the case had been "artificially manufactured" against him.

The four-faced ex-pal of Miss Coplon read his statement in federal court before he and she were sentenced. As he had at the beginning of the trial, Gubitchev declared:

"The mere fact of bringing me to trial constitutes an unprecedented violation of rules of international law and of the national law of the U.S.A. itself . . .

"I am a Soviet diplomat of the rank of third secretary of the . . ."

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C. W. Manning Of Oakland Out For County Judge



Picture by Clark's Studio

C. W. (Turk) Manning, above, of Oakland announced today he will be a candidate for the office of county judge on the Republican ticket.

Manning, born in California, has lived most of his life in Douglas county. He has had many years' experience in construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and other similar work.

He spent more than 10 years as supervisor of maintenance and construction for the Oregon State Highway department. During the war he resigned from the state to reengage in farming. Also during the war he spent considerable time in logging operations and served as secretary of the union.

He has since sold his farm and has again taken on contracting and construction work. The last two years he has spent with J. C. Eldon, rebuilding part of the Sutherlin-Elkton highway, which was finished last fall.

Manning has held office in the Oakland city council and school board, but this is his first venture into county politics. He said he filed his nomination at the request of many of his friends.

Federal Oleo Tax Repeal Up To President

Congress-Approved Bill Represents Compromise To Satisfy Dairy States

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—Only President Truman's approval is needed now to repeal all federal taxes on oleomargarine, effective July 1.

Lawmakers generally predicted that Mr. Truman will sign the repeal bill which Congress sent to the White House late yesterday.

The Senate approved the measure then by a 59 to 20 vote. It passed the House Tuesday, 262 to 106.

Provisions put into the bill by Dairy State lawmakers who want to prevent oleomargarine from being passed off as butter call for:

1. The serving of oleomargarine in triangular patties in public eating places—or, signs identifying the product as margarine.
2. In the case of retail sales, distinct labeling of the outer carton and inner wrapper as containing oleomargarine.

Senator Wiley (R-Wis) waged a . . .

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Implement, Car Dealers To Have Festival Display

Roseburg's downtown business section next week will look like an outdoor display of convening auto and implement manufacturers, if plans of the Retail Trades association are realized.

Slated as a big feature of this year's Spring Opening festival is a street display of new model cars, farm implements and equipment, building supplies and logging equipment.

Beginning at 3 p.m., March 15, all streets from Lane to Douglas and Main to Rose will be blocked off, with the exception of Cass street which will be closed from Stephens to Main. On Cass street, from Jackson to Western Auto on Stephens, the latest in farm implements will be displayed. Building supply houses will occupy the rest of Cass, as well as the block from Lane to Cass on Jackson. New trucks will be displayed on Oak street from Rose to Main. Mobile displays of logging equipment will be shown on Washington street from Rose to Main. Such items as chain saws and other portable equipment will demonstrate how a saw and planing mill is operated.

1950 model automobiles will be displayed on Jackson street from Cass to Douglas.

The evening's festivities will begin at 7 p.m.

Pickets Fire Six Mines To Protest Royalty Hike

POTTSMOUTH, Pa., March 9.—(AP)—Pennsylvania State police were alerted today to prevent any further disorders at free-lance hard coal mines—six of which have been set afire in the last three days.

State police road patrols were put in operation in the trouble area 20 miles west of Pottsville yesterday after Sheriff Bruce Fellows of Schuylkill county appealed for help.

Hoisting rigs at two independent mines were set ablaze by marauding pickets Tuesday night. Four other fires were reported the day before.

The pickets—all free-lance miners—are protesting demands by land owners for an increase in royalty payments on coal mined from their properties. H. Wilson Lark, Shamokin, has demanded that the miners pay a royalty of 60 cents a ton for coal mined on his land. The royalty previously was 37½ cents a ton.

COMRADES, LEND EAR! Voice Of America Gives Advice On How To Vote For One Party In Soviet

NEW YORK, March 9.—(AP)—The Voice of America has stuck its tongue in its cheek and started to have a little fun with the Communist party.

The State department hopes it has a few Russians laughing—even if they're not laughing very loud.

It's election time in the Soviet and next Sunday the followers of Joseph Stalin will vote.

So here's what the "voice" has been pumping into Russia this week—in almost every language and dialect of the sprawling Soviet empire . . .

Announcer: Gentlemen, we give you the elections to the supreme Soviet!

Musical: Flourish of trumpets.

Commissar: Comrades! Today is March 5! There are only seven days left in which to make up your minds as to which candidate you wish to vote for. This year, as in other years, we have simplified the task for you. There will be only one slate, one party, and in all probability—only to help you

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RODEO PROGRAM OUTLINED

Prize Money Of \$3,000 Up For Six Major Contests; Features, Parade Listed

The Douglas County Sheriff's posse's fifth annual rodeo will be held at Roseburg the evening of Saturday, June 24, and afternoon of Sunday, June 25. Bruce Carter, posse secretary, announced.

While the same general program will be followed as that in previous years, a few minor changes have been announced.

Rodeo stock has been secured by bid, and Christiansen Bros., Eugene, which has furnished stock for the former rodeos, was the successful bidder.

Instead of securing nationally known trick riders, the posse has arranged for a local rider, Jackie Carstens, to team with Barbara Huntington, Eugene, a feature rider of last year's Pendleton roundup, for specialty acts.

Cy Tallon, whose growing repertoire will include Pendleton and Cheyenne roundups this year, has again been secured as announcer.

A different method, to be announced later by Chairman Del McKay, will be used in the selection of a rodeo queen.

Prize money of \$3,000 will remain the same for six major events, which will include saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, bull dogging, bull riding, calf roping and Dally team tying. The show

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Hospital Boosts Building Permits

Permit for construction of the Douglas Community hospital in the amount of \$329,000, caused February building permits to soar.

The monthly report of City Inspector C. H. Bonioli shows the permits totalled \$446,718. This includes one other large permit for \$30,000 for construction of the Carpenters and Joiners hall at Cobb and Roberts streets.

Included also are three new dwellings for a total of \$14,845; 15 dwelling repairs, \$9,373, and one commercial repair, \$500.

The new dwellings are being built by Roy Brown on Eddy St., Don Reed at 207 W. First St., and Merle Dunlap, Second Ave. No. The commercial repair is for remodeling the front of the building at 120 No. Jackson street, housing the Joe Richard Men's Store, Laverne's Dress shop and Dr. R. L. Clinton's office.

Twenty-four electrical permits were listed for a total value of \$2,825, and nine plumbing permits aggregating \$2,935.

Drive-Inn Opening For Summer Season Dated

The "Drive-Inn," one mile south of Roseburg on highway 99, will reopen for the summer season Friday, March 10, Max C. Swall, owner and proprietor, announced today.

Barbecue sandwiches will still be featured along with complete fountain service.

The Drive-Inn restaurant, closed for the past three months, has been redecorated and rearranged inside.

Regular hours will be from 11:30 a.m. to midnight with five employees to serve. The Drive-Inn will be closed Thursdays. "We are anxious to see all our old friends and to meet new ones," Swall said.

Airliner With 54 Aboard Lands Safely On Belly

NEWARK, N. J., March 9.—(AP)—A twin-engine C-46 transport plane with 54 persons aboard slid 300 feet in a safe belly landing last night in rain and darkness at Newark airport.

Airport authorities said the landing gear of the ship, bound from Miami, Fla., to Newark, collapsed as the plane touched the runway. Most of the 50 passengers thought it was merely a rough landing.

Streams of gasoline from punctured tanks spewed onto the rain-swept runway as the passengers leapt that was true, and that the safety. No one was injured, but a pregnant woman was taken to a hospital for a routine checkup.

Churches Oppose New U. S. Envoy To Vatican

NEW YORK, March 9.—(AP)—The bulletin of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has urged President Truman not to send an envoy to the vatican to replace Myron C. Taylor, who recently resigned the post.

The President's maintenance of "diplomatic relations" with the vatican has caused "needless tension" among churches, the bulletin said in its March issue yesterday.

Open House Set For Saturday By Mortensen, Inc.

Formal opening of Lee Mortensen, Inc., at 200 So. Pine St. at Lane is announced for Saturday. Open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mortensen has just taken over the Ferguson tractors and equipment agency, formerly handled in this location, and will offer in addition Diamond T. trucks, Kelly Springfield tires, Pierce trailers and a tractor and truck repair department.

The building was erected by Mortensen and first occupied in April of last year. It is a 10-00 foot pump block structure with radiant heating. The front has big houses the display room and offices and the rear is given over to repair work.

Mortensen, who came to Roseburg from Klamath Falls in 1943, said he plans to continue his logging and contracting business, in which he has engaged for many years. He has maintained an office in his new building here since its completion. The last six months he has been away on a clearing contract job at Meridian dam on the Willamette river. This job, under a \$190,000 contract, included the clearing of 225 acres for the main dam site and required upwards of 50 men.

Recent contract work which he has handled included logging road construction for Mist Logging Co. and Harbor Plywood. He has also included excavating work in and around Roseburg.

H. K. Hopkins will continue working with Mortensen as secretary. About seven persons will be employed in the sales and repair department of the new business.

U. S. Lawyer, In Kremlin, Urges Atomic Control

By The Associated Press

An American attorney spoke in the Kremlin last night on atomic control. Former Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge, a top policy maker in Henry Wallace's progressive party, called for a multinational body with powers of "unlimited inspection—not control but installation—of all atomic energy installations everywhere in the world."

Rogge spoke in St. George's hall of Prime Minister Stalin's citadel. He is in Moscow as a member of the World Congress of Partisans of Peace. His audience was composed of members of the supreme Soviet (parliament) and the Soviet committee for the defense of peace. The World Congress presented a petition urging that atomic weapons be outlawed and all armaments reduced.

Oakland Man Questioned In Fatal Holdup Effort

PORTLAND, March 9.—(AP)—Two men are under arrest in the growing store holdup that brought sudden gun deaths to two robbers Sunday night.

Sheriff's Capt. Howard Kelly said Donald Yarbrough, 23, Portland, admitted being the driver of a getaway car that sped off after the shooting. John R. Anderson, 23, Oakland, Ore., was held for questioning. Kelly said Anderson denied participating in hold-ups with Yarbrough, but knew they were planned.

Levy Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

That coyote caught strolling in a Los Angeles street may have been looking for his two-legged gangland pals who have been figuring prominently of late in criminal escapades.

WHO DOES WHAT By Paul Jenkins

MRS. J. F. STRADER brightens the day (which was dreary and stormy outside the house where she sits) by reading a book on gardening and flowers, while visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dale Hatfield, at Dixonville.

Before her marriage to the late Mr. Strader, Mrs. Strader was Lillie Ann Ward. Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Fluornoy, residents of the valley west of Roseburg which bears their name. After her marriage she and Mr. Strader made their home on the old Strader donation land claim northeast of Dixonville, where she still lives. All of Mrs. Strader's 80 years have been lived in Douglas county. Her eight children and eight grandchildren all live in Oregon.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS-changing-world-note:

Out in the Wilshire district in Los Angeles the other day, a coyote strolled leisurely down the street. It was doing nobody any harm. So far as could be determined, it was merely seeing the sights—even as you and I when we go to L.A.

But all of a sudden everybody in sight began to yell and whoop at the poor little beast. Eventually it was hazed into a garage and the door was slammed and now it is in solitary confinement at the city pound.

The story is that it will be given to the zoo.

NINE LIVES SAVED

Cat Survives 36-Hour Trap In Fiery Kiln

MINERVA, O., March 9.—(AP)—An ordinary calico cat which emerged singed, thirsty but alive after 36 hours in a fiery kiln was an object of scientific interest today.

Dr. William Orr, the veterinarian in this village, exclaimed, "It's a strange case that wouldn't happen again in 100 years. The animal's (foot) pads were burned off, the top of its skull was scorched, the end of its nose was charred and its body was burned as dry as a cracker when it was brought 'me'."

Dr. Orr pumped food into the baked puss's veins after putting the cat under sedatives. Today it was jumping into his lap to be fed.

The cat was sealed accidentally in a kiln at the Metropolitan Brick Co. plant here Friday night. Temperature in the oven reached up to 900 degrees Fahrenheit. When the kiln was opened Sunday, the durable feline tottered out before the astonished eyes of workers.

The veterinarian said he investigated the case carefully yesterday with Plant Superintendent Joe Bucola and both agreed that any other explanation was out of the question—the animal had stood the heat for a day and a half and had survived.

Bucola said no part of the kiln could have had a temperature of less than 400 degrees. Workmen doubted if the cat could have found a place cooler than 600 degrees.

INDUSTRIAL CHANCES EYED

C. of C. Group Asked For Information Anent Milk Quotas, Customs Canning

Custom canning, packaging of agricultural products for market and milk quotas were subjects considered by the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee at a breakfast meeting today at the Rose hotel.

In the committee's files are four requests for information as to the need for and possibilities of a custom cannery in Roseburg. Two inquiries have been received from Salem, one from Portland and one from Olympia, Wash.

The committee agreed to furnish information in each instance. A conference will be held with one inquirer Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Chamber of Commerce office.

The committee learned that milk cannot be produced by dairy farms which do not have assigned quota under the state law. Some study will be made of the allocation to determine whether quotas are assigned on an equitable geographical basis. It is because of present quota allocations that a great

amount of milk is now being shipped into Douglas county, the committee has been informed.

Special consideration will be given the feasibility of securing technical advice on the proper packaging of Douglas county farm produce for the market.

Projects now being considered by this committee will call for frequent meetings and considerable activity on the part of individual committee members.

On the committee are L. A. Rhoden, chairman; Paul Helweg, vice-chairman; Homer Grow, H. V. Sullivan, R. F. Franks, Andy J. Townsend, Bob Bashford and J. Roland Parker.

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Portlander Rout Two Gunmen At His Home

PORTLAND, March 9.—(AP)—Two gunmen attempted a holdup of Douglas R. Gerow, finance company president, at his home last night but drove off after he grasped them.

Gerow said the men rang his doorbell and when he opened the door, showed a gun and said, "This is a holdup."

"The hell it is," Gerow said, and grabbed at the gun.

The gun went off twice, both bullets hitting the wall. A cut was opened in Gerow's left temple, apparently from a blow from a gun butt.

The men fled.

Gerow is president of the United Finance company and of the East Side Commercial club.

Burglary Reported At Pacific Co-Op Assn.

Police Chief Calvin Baird reported today a break and entry into the Pacific Co-operative Producers association building on 5th and I street, which occurred sometime late Wednesday or early Thursday morning.

Discovery of the burglary this morning when a small cash drawer was found to have been forced open. Baird said only a small amount of cash was missing.

THEIR NOSES, KNOW

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—(AP)—Harold Martin smells too doggone good.

That's why he and Carl Lancaster, a friend, were acquitted yesterday of stealing a Great Dane and a collie dog, each valued at \$10,000.

Martin told a jury that the dogs forced themselves into the defendants' car last Dec. 3 and wouldn't leave.

The reason: Martin is a salesman and his clothes smell of the product he sells—dog food.

National Guardsman's Jailing Poses Question

LONG BEACH, Calif., March 9.—(AP)—Can a superior officer jail a national guardsman for missing drills?

Superior Judge Fred Miller today will review the nine-day sentence of Pvt. Glenn M. Roberts, 19, who has been in jail since Monday. The sentence was imposed by Lt. Col. Willis T. Lyman, executive officer of the National Guard 234th Aircraft group, who sat as trial judge advocate at Roberts' court martial.

Roberts was freed yesterday without bail on a writ of habeas corpus. His attorney contended the commitment was not legal.

FREED BY RANSOM

MANILA, March 9.—(AP)—Vicente Araneta, 35, wealthy Manila business man, was released by outlaws today after the payment of \$50,000 ransom.

Araneta, scion of one of the Philippines' wealthiest families, was kidnaped Sunday in Cavite province by a band of 30 outlaws.

He was injured slightly by flying glass when the leader fired a shot through Araneta's automobile windshield.