

Oregon Penitentiary Runs Smoothly After Tough Guys Are Put In Isolated Cells

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — (AP) — The Oregon penitentiary's "nine toughest criminals" are out of circulation for good, with the finishing touches being made on their new segregation cells.

No longer will they be able to make daring escape attempts. And they won't be able to terrorize other prisoners any more.

These nine "tough guys" were the ringleaders of the daring escape attempt made on Halloween night. They overpowered seven guards, threatened to knife them and locked them in cells. Then they got out of their cell block, but couldn't get through that last gate to the outside.

They were given 30 days in isolation cells, on two regular meals a day. The 30 days will end Saturday, when they will go into their new permanent quarters—segregation cells.

The 15 segregation cells are a little better than the isolation cells. In segregation, the prisoners will get three meals a day in their cells. They will be able to see outside, can listen to the radio, and have mail privileges. The men will get an hour or two of exercise a day by walking in a corridor, but only two men can exercise at a time. They will be guarded constantly.

It's only a makeshift, Warden Virgil O'Malley says. Next year he'll build a segregation building for the hardest criminals.

System Paying Off

O'Malley said his segregation policy already is paying off. He hasn't received a single report of prisoners beating other prisoners since the nine toughies were put in isolation. There had been such beatings before that, so O'Malley thinks the nine men now in isolation are the ringleaders of the group of convicts who have been trying to run things inside.

On the list of the toughies are such prominent names as John Omar Pinson, William Benson, John Ralph and Dupree Poe.

The convicts who made the Halloween escape try had 15 knives among them. But O'Malley is taking steps to stop the convicts from getting such weapons.

He's buying some electric metal detectors. They will show when metal is concealed in a cell or on a convict's person.

To stop people from bringing weapons and other contraband into the prison, he's ordering two fluoroscopes. Every person who enters the prison, whether he or she is an employee, convict or a visitor, will have to be fluoroscoped. This will make it possible to see everything the person has in his pockets.

Dope Traffic Persists

This also will enable O'Malley to curb the benzadrine traffic. Benzadrine is a drug which gives about the same effects as narcotics.

Two employees have been fired for smuggling benzadrine into the prison, but it's still going on. Every

week, three or four convicts are caught "hopped up" with the benzadrine. Others undoubtedly are using it, but don't get caught.

It's very dangerous, because a convict using it might get violent and kill a guard. It's a profitable business for the smuggler. He can sell a tube of the stuff for \$10, but it costs only \$1 in a drug store.

Garden Valley

By MRS. CARL SCHMIDT

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thurlow have returned home from Portland where they had gone to be with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Thurlow of the Thurlow glove factory.

Mrs. Carl Schmidt and Carl Jr. have returned from Riverside, Calif., where they had traveled by bus to get Sgt. John Schmidt's car. Sgt. Schmidt had been transferred to Keesler field, near Biloxi, Miss., where he is in the 3402 student's squadron. Schmidt will spend three or four months studying radar maintenance and repair before returning to March air force base.

Mr. and Mrs. U. F. McLaughlin of Garden Valley have returned after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mollison of Portland. A family reunion of the McLaughlin family, three sisters and two brothers attending included Mrs. Vera Buckingham of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Bolte of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Herman McLaughlin of Tillamook, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. U. F. McLaughlin of Garden Valley and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mollison of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hackett, son Charles and their granddaughter, Donna, from Powers, Ore., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Raddatz of Garden Valley Sunday. Mrs. Hackett is a sister of Mr. Raddatz.

The Garden Valley school will broadcast over KRRN on Friday, Dec. 17 at 4:30 the "School Days Program."

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McFall of Dillard for Thanksgiving dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols and children, Edward, Leslie, Terry Lee, and Rowena, all from Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fielding and son Ernest Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fielding and sons Bobby, Roger, and Ronald all of Garden Valley; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gardner and daughter Joanne from Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Gilliland and children Arlon Jr., Stephen, and Karen from Estacada. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gardner, houseguests of the McFalls, left for Seattle Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland and children, also houseguests of the McFalls, returned to Estacada Sunday.

Ex-Notre Dame Prexy Named As Archbishop

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A former president of Notre Dame university has been named Roman Catholic archbishop of Philadelphia by Pope Pius XII.

The apostolic delegate to the United States announced here that Bishop John F. O'Hara of Buffalo, 63, a native of Ann Arbor, Mich., will succeed the late Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, who died in May.

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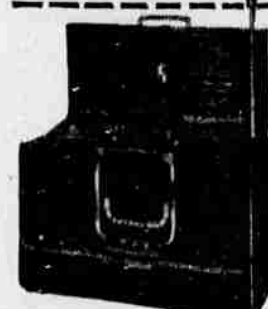


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