

**Medical Arts, News-Review Get New Roofs**

The Medical Arts and News-Review buildings are getting new roofs. L. K. Cornwall, local contractor, is replacing roofing on the two buildings with a liquid asbestos roof coating, patented under the name "Battleship."

Mark Russell, water proofing engineer for the manufacturer, describes it as an elastic material which contracts or expands with weather conditions.

The Medical Arts building is getting a complete new roof. The old one has been torn off and is being replaced with a conventional three-ply—a prime coat, asbestos seal, and, after curing, a finish reflector aluminum coat, to reflect the heat away, rather than absorb it.

Russell said checks have shown that in 102 degree temperature some types of roofs absorb heat up to 275 degrees. The Battleship process reduces the temperature during hot weather inside buildings, he said.

The News-Review building is having the new roof laid over the old one. Recently roofed with this process is the new building on Main Street, just south of the City Hall, erected by Harry Par-geter. Miller's Store building also has been reroofed.

**Two Fugitives Sought By Prison**

WALLA WALLA (AP) — A second inmate escaped from the Washington State penitentiary Wednesday as authorities searched for a man who fled Tuesday.

John Liba, about 32, escaped from a prison farm outside the walls. Warden John Cranor reported. Cranor said guards saw him running down a nearby rail-road track.

Liba, serving a term for second degree burglary from Pierce County, previously had been committed to Eastern Washington Hospital at Medical Lake for observation.

Meantime the search continued for Gene Kensler, editor of the prison publication, The Outlook. Kensler, a trusty, fled Tuesday while on an assignment to write a story about the prison game farm.

A letter to Cranor, found in Kensler's cell Wednesday, explained why he escaped with only six months of his sentence left.

In the letter, the fugitive said he feared he would be returned to the Oregon State prison when his term at Walla Walla was completed.

"When you have done 11 years in one sitting in Oregon," the letter said, "the thought of having to return gnaws on a person's mind to the extent it almost depraves it."

Kensler, now 29, served a term on a grand larceny conviction in Portland. Oregon authorities have listed him as a parole violator.

In addition, Seattle police have issued a "hold" order for grand larceny against Kensler.

**Truman Names New Wage Board**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman has appointed 14 members of a new Wage Stabilization Board stripped of authority to deal with nationwide labor disputes. Four additional members will be named later.

The new board came into existence Wednesday when the old board, headed by Nathan Feinsinger, expired.

Congress ordered the old board disbanded following a controversy touched off by recommendations it made last March in an effort to settle the steel dispute.

Of the 14 members named by President Truman Wednesday, only two are new.

They are chairman Archibald Cox, a Harvard law professor and one of six public members, and public member Harold L. Emarson, former professor at Whittier College and Stanford University and recently a member of the staff of defense mobilizer John R. Steelman.

About all the new board can do is recommend wage stabilization policies. All regulations it may issue to control wages must be cleared first by the Economic Stabilization Agency headed by Roger L. Putnam.

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