

# U.S. Camera Manufacturer Tells Of Seven-Year Ordeal As Prisoner In Soviet Zones

By THOMAS A. REEDY

BERLIN (AP) — A 60-year-old American camera manufacturer trapped in Germany by World War II told Wednesday of seven years spent in Russian Zone prisons, constantly hungry and despairing.

Charles Noble, of Detroit, Mich., said in an interview he was finally released by the East Zone on July 4 and shipped to West Berlin where he now is awaiting approval from Washington to return to his home.

"It was more than July 4 to me," the chunky, ruddy-faced man declared. "It was really and truly Independence Day."

Born in Germany, Noble emigrated to the U. S. and became an American in 1920.

In 1938 he returned to Germany to open a camera factory in Dresden, bringing his wife and two sons, George and John, with him.

Noble said he had planned to get the business going and return to Detroit after a year or two but was stopped by the war. The Nazi regime refused to permit him to leave, he said. He told this sequence of events after that:

**Tricked By Russians** — The Russians, arriving in Dresden in May, 1945, treated him well for about six weeks. He was sent on one trip to the American Zone to get some optical equipment and on his return the Soviets used that as an excuse to charge him with illegal entry for the purpose of stealing cameras from his own factory.

Mrs. Noble and his son, George, were released in January, 1946. Noble and his other son, John, were imprisoned in Dresden, later in the notorious ex-Nazi camp at Buchenwald, and finally in the most ill-famed Communist camp now established at Waldheim.

Noble said his repeated demands for at least a trial were refused by the German captors because they said they were not authorized to try an American.

"They told me the Russians had turned me over to them and therefore they could neither try me nor release me," he said bitterly.

Finally this spring, Noble said, the East German regime organized a trial for him at Leipzig, charged him with the old illegal entry complaint and also with having "supported the Nazi regime" by engaging in private enterprise during its tenure.

**Factory Confiscated** — The Leipzig court found him guilty, he said, sentenced him to exactly the length of time he had been held since the end of the war, then sent him to West Berlin.

Noble's wife remained in Berlin through the years, awaiting his release. His son, George, is now in Detroit.

He said his former factory at Dresden, now run by the Communists as a state enterprise, is manufacturing eight to ten thousand cameras monthly. He has little hope of ever regaining any part of his investment.

Noble maintained his health throughout the seven years, he said, because of his peculiar position as an American. His captors were never quite sure what to do about him, he said. At one camp in Saxony, he said he watched the dead being carried out daily for lack of food.

## Glide

By MRS. ARTHUR M. SELBY

Members of the Glide Parent-Teachers Association will start Aug. 25 to take the Glide District's school census. Mrs. Guy Mullins, president of the PTA, has announced the following list of persons and the areas they will cover in conducting the census:

On Little River Road — Mrs. Dick Smith, Mrs. Oscar Steadman and Mrs. Avery, Cavitt Creek area — Bruce McCormack and Henry Preach at Hanson Mill, Buckhorn Road from Doss residence to the Dixonville line — Mrs. George Casebeer and Mrs. Evelyn Hennigan, Glide bridge to Doss residence — Mrs. George Neal.

The immediate Glide vicinity — Mrs. Guy Mullins and Mrs. Carl Beaudry. On the North Umpqua road from Glide bridge to the Dale Blakely residence — Mrs. Marge Blakely and Mrs. Doris Jones. From the Blakely residence to the Dixonville line — Mrs. Evelyn Watkins and Mrs. Don Cunningham.

The entire Dixonville area will be under the supervision of Mrs. Lynn Beckley.

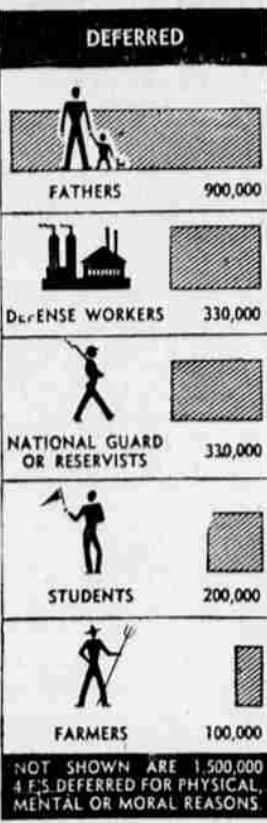
Lone Rock bridge to Comfort residence — Mrs. Sam Ball. From Comfort residence to Idlewild Park — Mrs. Ruby Weaver. Idlewild Park to Douglas County Lumber camp on Rock Creek — Mrs. Opal McClure, Mrs. Jane Woods, Mrs. Dorothy Eaton and Mrs. Dietz. From Mrs. Eaton's place on the North Umpqua to Honey Creek — Mrs. C. F. Puckett and Mrs. W. E. Nelson. Bob Blakely will take the entire Dry Creek area.

The Tokete Falls area will be covered by the teachers at Tokete Falls school.

Mechanical pickers, planters and cultivators are more commonly used in Western states of the United States in the raising of cotton than is the case in the Southeast.

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**MAY DRAFT DADS**—Selective Service Director Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey predicts a possible draft of fathers when and if draft demands exceed the supply of 18½-year-olds available each year. This year's need is put at 610,000 men by the Defense Department. The Army states that draft quotas will near the 54,000-a-month mark by October. Newschart above shows current deferred groups, with fathers far outnumbering any others.

## Winston Woman Goes To Honolulu To Join Husband

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER

Mrs. George Shrum (Evelyn Johnson) left Friday evening for Honolulu to join her husband, who is currently stationed aboard the USS Nicholas in Pearl Harbor.

Mrs. Shrum was taken as far south as Medford by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Johnson, of Winston section. She made the remainder of the trip by plane.

**To Head Academy** — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Iverson have moved to Spangle, Wash., where the latter will serve as the dean of girls in the Spangle Academy. The couple formerly resided in the Oak Lawn Apartments in the Winston section.

Mrs. Clara Gastorf left Sunday evening for Portland where she will entrain for her home in St. Louis, Mo., following a visit in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gastorf, of Winston.

David Fromdahl returned to his home in Winston section on Saturday after spending the past week at Camp Grayback near the Oregon Caves. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Fromdahl, Flu Cases Reported.

Mrs. Homer Rhodes and daughter, Faith, are reported to be improving following attacks of summer flu. Several other similar cases of the virus disease have been reported in and around Winston.

Sunday guests in the J. Kearby Masters home were Mr. and Mrs. Newell Landrum and children of Yoncalla.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Neustel and daughter, Susan, spent the weekend at the coast.

Mrs. Oscar Head of Aralea and her houseguest, Mrs. Olive D. Haven of Fresno, Calif., attended to business in Winston on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Moe have taken up residence in Winston section. They lived in Roseburg previously.

## BLACKBERRIES are here!



# Local News

**Has Surgery** — Mrs. Sam Moon of Myrtle Creek is at Douglas Community Hospital and is reported recovering from recent surgery.

**Receives Promotion** — William H. Van Slyke of the Southern Pacific Railway has been promoted from the Sutherland agency to inspector of car supply and is now covering the territory from Ashland to Eugene.

**Visiting Here** — Jim W. Smith, formerly of Roseburg and now of San Gabriel, Calif., is spending his vacation in Roseburg, where he was called by the illness of his brother, Willis, who has been receiving medical treatment at Mercy Hospital. He will spend a part of his vacation in Corvallis, visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith.

**California Visitors** — Mrs. Don Rutter and two daughters, Barbara and Peggy, of Crescent City, Calif., are in Roseburg visiting Mrs. Paul Moody, and son, Terry, at the home of Mrs. Bill Rutter.

**Go Fishing** — Mr. and Mrs. Jim Decker, William Ralston, Mr. and Mrs. John Aker, Mr. and Mrs. L. Paris and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hunnicut, all of Roseburg, spent last weekend fishing at Winchester Bay.

**Accepts Position** — J. L. Gaskin has accepted employment at the Imperial Cleaners to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dwight Pope. Mr. Pope, with Imperial Cleaners the last two years, resigned to go into a private business for himself.

**Washington Visitor** — William C. Vanroy, former resident of Roseburg, now of Seattle, Wash., is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herman, 2020 Myrtle Ave. this week.

**Return From Trip** — Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clark, who returned from an extended trip to 16 colleges and universities in several states. Among the educational institutions where Mrs. Clark was invited to address classes in education were: Lewis and Clark College in Portland and the University of Idaho in Moscow.

**Returning Here Monday** — Miss Jean Smith, who has been spending the summer months at her home in South Dakota, will return to Roseburg Monday to make preparations for teaching again this year at Roseburg Senior High School. Miss Smith resides in the Emily Judd apartment in Laurelwood.

**On Vacation** — Wilma Meske, associated with La Vera's Beauty Salon, is spending a week's vacation in Southern California, visiting relatives and friends. She plans to return to Roseburg next week.

**Enjoy Plays** — Mr. and Mrs. Earl Plummer and family have returned to their home on Winchester Street in Roseburg, following a trip to Ashland to enjoy the Shakespearean Festival.

**Leave For Washington** — Rev. and Mrs. Clark Robb and two children left Wednesday for a new pastorate at Spokane, Wash. The Rev. Mr. Robb has, for the past three years, been pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren North Roseburg Church. His successor is Rev. Kenneth Dooley of Eugene. The Rev. Mr. Dooley moved to Roseburg with his family upon the Robbs' departure.

## Bartlett Pear Harvest Now In Full Swing

MEDFORD (AP) — The Rogue River Valley's Bartlett pear harvest is being carried on actively in all orchards now.

The yield is expected to be 23,000 tons, about 20 per cent under last year's figure and 15 per cent below normal.

The later varieties of pear, which make up the biggest part of the region's fruit crop will be harvested about two weeks from now.

**Health Consultant Here** — Hilton Higgins, Health Education Consultant of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health Association, was in Roseburg Wednesday conferring with Mrs. Doris Amiot, Douglas County executive secretary for the Tuberculosis and Health Association, on the current health program.

## SCHOLARSHIP WON

DETROIT, Mich. (AP) — William Endow, Hood River, Ore., won a \$2,000 university scholarship Tuesday night in the Fisher Body Craftsman Guild contest in designing model automobiles.

## Oregon Traffic Death Record Little Improved

BAKER (AP) — Secretary of State Earl T. Newby said here Tuesday the state's record of 217 traffic fatalities in the first six months of 1952 was "not too noteworthy" improvement over 227 in 1951.

Newby and Capt. Walter Lansing, head of the state traffic safety division, were here to present a plaque to the city for three years without a traffic fatality. Baker actually has four death-free years to its credit. Newby noted, but the National Safety Council has been keeping these records only since 1949.

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