

# Wilson Set New Record For Number Of Reprieves

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OLYMPIA — Turman and Utah Wilson set an unenviable record last week when their date with death was postponed for the fourth time.

The previous record in Washington was held by the late Jake Bird who obtained three reprieves before he was finally hanged for the slaying of a Tacoma woman.

The Wilson brothers, sentenced to death Aug. 9, 1950, for the kidnap-slaying of Jo Ann Dewey at Vancouver, have dodged the hangman's noose for 24 months.

Bird, burley Negro who often argued his own case in court, was able to evade the gallows for only 19 months after he was first sentenced.

The 46-year-old Negro confessed knowing about or taking part in 44 murders during his cross-country roaming. He was hanged July 15, 1949 for the murder of Mrs. Bertha Kludt in Tacoma on Oct. 30, 1947.

His craftiness and legal knowledge enabled him to carry his case through the state supreme court, the federal district court, the federal circuit court of appeals and to the United States supreme court which refused three different times to review his case.

The Wilson brothers were found guilty June 27, 1950 by a Clark County jury of the kidnap-murder of 18-year-old Jo Ann Dewey. The state said 20-year-old Utah and 24-year-old Turman grabbed the girl from a Vancouver street the night of March 19, 1950 and carried her off in an automobile.

Seven persons testified they heard her scream as she was beaten before being shoved into the car.

A week's intensive search followed before her body, nude and violated sexually, was found in the Wind river east of Vancouver. She had died of carbon monoxide poisoning, possible from car exhaust fumes.

The brothers maintained throughout the trial and since that they were in a Portland theater at the time the girl was abducted.

Through their attorneys the Wilson brothers carried their case to the state supreme court, the federal district court at Spokane and Walla Walla, the federal circuit

court of appeals at San Francisco and to the United States supreme court. The latter refused on two different occasions to review the case.

Their last hope of escaping the gallows now lies with an investigation to be made by a special committee of the American Bar Association.

The study was requested by Governor Langlie to determine whether his office should take any further action on the case.

If the report is favorable to the brothers, Governor Langlie may extend their present 90-day stay of execution or commute their death sentence to life imprisonment.

If the report is not favorable, Clark County Superior Judge Eugene G. Cushing probably will be asked to set a new and fifth execution date for the brothers.

## Mme. Chiang's Physician Promises Betterment

SAN FRANCISCO — A skin specialist said today it is "just a question of time" before Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's skin ailment responds to treatment.

Dr. Edwin L. Bruck of the University of California Medical Center examined the 54-year-old first lady of Nationalist China yesterday. He said the inflammation "may respond in four or five days or may take two or three weeks."

Mme. Chiang arrived late Saturday on a plane from Hawaii, where doctors had recommended she proceed to San Francisco for treatment of the ailment, believed caused by nerves.

## Greyhound Bus Upsets, Nobody Seriously Hurt

COOS BAY — A Greyhound bus carrying 25 passengers northward from Eureka, Calif., overturned on U. S. Highway 101 three miles south of Bandon early Wednesday without serious injury to any aboard.

One passenger, Mrs. Margaret Kutzman of Canby, was hospitalized here for observation. Others were only badly shaken.

Cause of the accident was not immediately determined.



(NEA Telephoto)  
**AID PROMISED**—The family of John Hvasta, 25-year-old American citizen held prisoner by Red Czechoslovakia and now reported "missing," confer with their congressman, Rep. Peter W. Rodino, in his Washington office. Rep. Rodino has promised to assist in their efforts to learn of John's fate. Left to right: Rep. Rodino, Stephen Hvasta and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hvasta.



**SIGNING OFF**—William Ball and his daughter look at a sign by a Minneapolis park lake that used to read: "Danger, No Swimming Allowed," but now conveys a different message. Police think part of the sign was erased by pranky kids carrying bathing suits.

## Russia Adopts New Government System

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union's ruling Communist party announced Wednesday that it will hold its first party congress in 13 years on Oct. 5 to give the party a sweeping reorganization and set up a fifth Five Year Plan to increase Soviet industrial output 70 per cent by the end of 1955.

A decree of the party's Central Committee, published in all Moscow papers, said the party's top control body, its Politburo, would be replaced by a "Praesidium" which would have the function of "guiding the work of the (party) central committee between sessions."

## Another Animal In Zoo Falls Victim To Vandal

DALLAS, Tex. — A female vicuna in the Dallas Zoo, is dead, fifth victim in recent years of a rifleman who apparently shoots just to kill.

Vi was killed Saturday night. Pieces of the .22-caliber bullet were found in her liver.

Ray Hubbard, president of the Park Board, offered a \$250 reward for the vandal responsible. In the past, one llama, one zebra and two deer have been shot, all by a .22 rifle.

A vicuna is allied to the llama and alpaca families.

## Milk Producers Seek End Of Price Controls

CHICAGO — A drive to end government price controls on dairy products has been started by the National Milk Producers Federation.

A special decontrol committee of representatives of five dairy producers associations was appointed Thursday to meet with members of dairy groups throughout the country.

The federation says it represents farmers in 46 states who produce more than one fifth of the nation's milk and cream.

## Ram Sale Prices Far Under Record In 1951

SALE LAKE CITY — Prices were far under the records established last year as the 37th annual national ram sale opened here Monday.

The average price of Hampshire stud rams was \$188 a head, compared with the \$438 average of 1951.

Officials at the same time blamed a drop in wool prices—now at 75 cents a pound compared with the \$1.50 of last year—and the fact that many growers have not yet sold their flocks and so do not have ready cash for new purchases.



(NEA Telephoto)  
**STORYBOOK ROMANCE**—Gwyn Daniel, 22-year-old service station operator from Ardmore, Okla., and Carolyn Bigham, the girl he courted by mail, gaze fondly at each other. They were married in Charlotte, N. C. on Friday. A serious illness wiped Carolyn's memory clean and the story of her re-education from first grade up was printed by Life Magazine on her graduation. Gwyn saw the story, wrote to Carolyn and the romance that followed ended in marriage and this domestic scene.

## New 'Resident' Shines Along Park Avenue

NEW YORK — Park Avenue has a new "resident" — a 29-story glass and stainless steel office building on "stilts". It's the six million dollar "Lever House", headquarters of Lever Brothers. The building appears to rise on stainless steel columns. There are 1,404 green and blue-tinted windows.

The ground floor features an outdoor terrace garden and a soundproof theater.

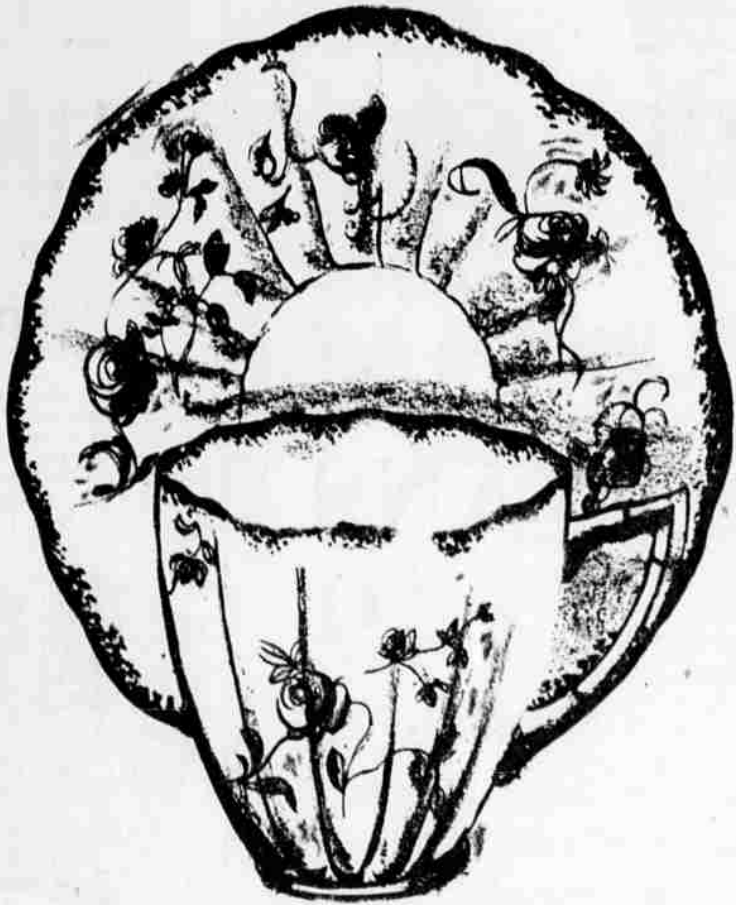


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## Diamond Lake Report On Dunkin Discounted

MEDFORD — State Police Captain Paul Parson said Tuesday the search is continuing for George Dunkin, elderly prospector accused of killing a state policeman June 24.

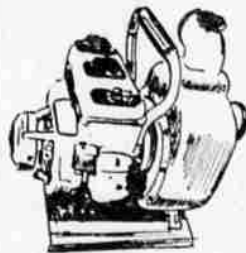
Parson discounted a report that Dunkin was in the Diamond Lake area, where cabins have been broken into recently. The search has centered around Dunkin's mountain cabin, about 35 miles from the lake.

## Voters' Pamphlets Not Enough; Money Lacking

SALEM — There will not be Voters' Pamphlets for everyone unless the State Emergency Board provides for a \$40,636 deficit before the November election, Secretary of State Earl Newby said Tuesday.

He reported he expected a deficit of that amount in the cost of printing the pamphlet. He blamed increased costs of printing and mailing.

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