

Convicts Flee Prison By Digging Tunnel

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The entrance was beneath steel plates used in the ash pit. Courser remained in a Portland hospital. His wound was not serious. Police questioned him again Tuesday, but said he denied knowledge of where the other escaped convicts were.

Police had reports that two of the others were seen at hotels in Portland.

These were identified as Harold Coe, 22, serving a life sentence for murder; and Glenn Wahl, 34, who was serving time for assault.

A hotel clerk, shown pictures of the two men, said he believed both were at the hotel for a time last night.

Police also said another hotel clerk reported seeing men who resembled Harry Bein and Bob Cameron, who also escaped the prison with Courser.

Prison officials said the escaped inmates were night workers in the unguarded powerhouse inside the walls, with ready access to the ash pit.

They said there were only a few hours during any 24-hour period in which they could have done the digging during a period of months.

They said each cupful of dirt had to be mixed with ashes to avoid detection.

Ruling Favors Truckers On Tax Increase Date

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effective last Jan. 1, but truckers referred it to the people.

Their measures, designed to abolish the tax and prevent future weight-mile tax programs, were defeated by a vote of 10-9.

Then Charles H. Heltzel, public utilities commissioner, acting on advice of Attorney General George Neuner, ruled that the tax was retroactive to the first of the year.

Neuner based his opinion, he said, on the wording of the tax law.

Judge Kimmell, in his ruling, cited the State Constitution, which says that a referendum measure "shall

take effect and become law when it is approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon."

A spokesman for the attorney general's office said it had not yet been decided whether Judge Kimmell's decision would be appealed.

The Legislative Highway Interim Committee has recommended however, that the effective date be set as Nov. 4.

County Sheriff's Reserve Marks 11th Anniversary

The Douglas County Sheriff's Reserve annual stag dinner was held Monday night at Carl's Haven. The dinner marked the 11th consecutive year of the organization, formed during war years as a part of the civilian defense program. Consisting of 40 members, the Sheriff's Reserve has maintained a full membership roster since the war and has a large waiting list of applicants. It is subject to any emergency call while giving frequent service in traffic and crowd control at public events.

The stag dinner has been an annual event since the Reserve was formed and has grown in size each year. Guests of the reservists Monday night included state own, distret attorney and assistant law enforcement program.

Following a buffet dinner, the formal program was opened by George Caskey, commanding officer. Short talks were made by County Judge Carl G. Hill, Sheriff elect Calvin Bard, Holly Holcomb of the State Police, Stan Olson of the Roseburg Police Department, General J. T. Perce, evlan defense commander, and other law enforcement officers.

Services For Infant To Be Held Wednesday

Gravestone funeral services for Charlene McCurry, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCurry of Riddle, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the Riddle Cemetery, with the Rev. Conrad Rhoades of Riddle officiating. Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek, is in charge.

The infant died Dec. 22. Surviving, besides the parents, are the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCurry, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Wayne Hawkins, all of Riddle.

MODERN GRANDMAS

LOS ANGELES (U) — Elderly women in a ward at Rancho Los Amigos, the Los Angeles county home, were asked what they wanted for Christmas.

A shawl? Bed slippers? Warm bed socks?

No. The nearly unanimous choice of 163 aged women was—nylons.

Vets Hospital Is Decorated For Christmas

The grounds and buildings of the Veterans Hospital have been decorated for the Christmas season. Evergreen wreaths have been hung from the street lights along the roadway through the grounds. The Nativity scene is this year located on the balcony of the administration building, and is lighted so that people can view it as they drive through at night. The Christ child may be seen in the manger with Mary and Joseph standing near by. Angels are also keeping watch.

The main lobby of the administration building is decorated with Christmas trees, greenery, ornaments, and a fireplace scene. In front of the recreation building Santa Claus can be seen about to go down a chimney. His sleigh with the eight reindeer is parked near the house. All the wards have been decorated by the Special Services Division and appropriate programs have been arranged for all patients.

Santa Claus will visit every patient on Christmas day when gifts will be distributed. Every patient has been assured of several gifts through the courtesy of the many volunteer organizations, who have contributed from all over the state. A big Christmas party and dance was held in the recreation hall on Monday, in which all the volunteer organizations participated.

St. Paul's Lutherans Plan Special Services

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Corey and Military Streets, will conduct two special Christmas services this week. The first service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), beginning at 7:30 p. m., and is to be conducted in the main auditorium of the church.

This Christmas Eve service will feature high school Christmas songs. The Story of Joseph and Mary, the Nativity, and the Story of the Wise Men will be read by Diane Buckingham, Yvonne Santill and Karen Halliday respectively. During the reading of these Scripture portions groups of Sunday School pupils will re-enact in tableau from the respective story being read.

The second service will be held on Thursday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day), beginning at 10 a. m., and is to be conducted in the church, Corey and Military Streets. The topic of the sermon is "Victorious Christmas Faith." The choir will sing "O Rejoice, Ye Christians," by Bach. The general public is most cordially invited to attend both of these festive services.

Charlie Chaplin Greeted With Rotten Foodstuffs

ROME, Italy (U) — Police held four Italian pro-Fascists today under charges of hurling rotten fruit and vegetables at Charlie Chaplin at the gala society premiere here of his movie "Limelight."

Chaplin was mobbed last night — Rome's police chief said — by the four members of the pro-Fascist Italian Social Movement as the rest of a crowd of about 100 cheered him on his arrival at the movie hall.

VETERANS RETURN

Sgt. James R. Phillips of Myrtle Creek arrived in San Francisco Sunday with a contingent of 2,992 Marines on the transport, Gen. William Weigel.

Also on board were 133 Navy men and 1,093 Army men from Korea. Included in the shipment of veterans were 30 Oregon veterans.

MINOR FIRE

Rural firemen answered a call Monday to the New Moon Trailer Court at 2825 N. Stephens, when electric wiring began smoking. The fire was out when firemen arrived.

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DOUGLAS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL board of directors and medical staff held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the Hotel Umpqua Civic Room. Wendell Johnson's string quartet played dinner music, and Jean Smith's Accordion band played. A skit was put on by Miss Mary Lehman, nurse at the hospital, and nurses aides, Mrs. Nadine Brandt, Mrs. Jessie Wonch, Mrs. Ola Bridges, Mrs. Lillian Hill, Miss Emily Hooker, Mrs. Lucille Stelzenmuller, Mrs. Manlove and Mrs. Cecilia Park. Pictured top photo, left to right, are Kenneth Ford, president of the board Mrs. and Mr. Daniel Dimick, Mrs. and Dr. George M. Halladay, Mrs. and Dr. Harvey Kring, center photo, rear, Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Shoemaker, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Waincott, Mr. and Mrs. William Oerding, Dr. and Mrs. Jess Hutson, Mrs. J. W. McAlvin; front row, Mrs. and Mr. John Fatt, Mrs. and Dr. George N. Lenci, Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Johnson, Mrs. and Dr. R. W. Pearson. Lower picture, back row, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Ormond Feldkamp, Mrs. and Dr. J. M. Boyles, Mrs. and Dr. Morris Roach; front row, Mrs. Jessie H. Oakley, Mrs. and Dr. Kenneth H. Oakley, Mrs. and Mr. Archie Coburn, Mrs. Kenneth Ford, sea ed next to Mr. Ford, is not shown, nor is J. W. McAlvin, hospital manager. Dimick was toastmaster. (Pictures by Photo Lab.)

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New Immigration Law Heading Into Struggle

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to other nations, based on the national origins of the U.S. population in 1920.

Truman, in his veto, and congressional opponents objected vigorously to this national origins quota system. They said it gives Great Britain, Ireland and Germany the biggest quotas and deliberately discriminates against people from Eastern and Southern Europe and elsewhere.

During the presidential campaign, Eisenhower said a new law "certainly was needed — but with leadership rather than vetoes."

That was taken to mean Eisenhower administration leaders would come up with proposed revisions in the 83rd Congress.

Sen. McCarran (D-Nev.), defending the act, he helped author, accused both sides during the presidential campaign unproven of misrepresenting it in efforts to win votes. He said the measure is an effective screen against subversives trying to enter this country.

While keeping the national origins quota system, the new law removes all racial barriers to admission and naturalization, although with small quotas to some countries. Previously some Asiatics were barred.

The ban on admissions of Communists and other subversives is made specific. But there is no prohibition against Nazis, Fascists, Falangists and similar persons who otherwise meet admissions requirements.

GOES FOR PRISONER

Undersheriff E. M. Schwader left today for Eureka, Calif., to pick up L. A. Woodford for prosecution on a Douglas County charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

THIEF GETS LOOT

Someone broke into the Rural Fire District Station sometime Sunday night and escaped with \$46 cash, the sheriff's office reports.



Advance ticket sales and general interest point toward a highly successful Christmas ball, the 70th annual, scheduled by the Roseburg Volunteer Fire Department Christmas night, reports Charles Fingeroles, general chairman. Dancing will start at 9 p. m. in the Armory. Johnny Reitz orchestra and his singing star Marcelaine will be featured. Reitz and his band have built up an excellent reputation during this past year, but his experience dates back long before that, and first rate music is assured, according to Fingeroles.

The dance is a benefit affair, to purchase needed equipment for the fire department other than that normally provided by the city. The firemen's hall dates back to 1882, as a special Christmas feature.

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