

FIVE FUGITIVE CONVICTS HUNTED IN DETROIT

Police Comb City Looking For Hideout

Eight Of 13 In Break Recaptured; Women Hostages Liberated

DETROIT (AP) — An army of city and state police combed Detroit Monday for five fugitives from Southern Michigan Prison believed to be hiding out somewhere in the city's vast residential areas.

The five—described as among the most dangerous men ever sent to the prison—broke out of the huge penitentiary Saturday night. They cut their way to freedom through a steel grate of an under ground sewage tunnel.

The prison, world's largest walled penitentiary, is at Jackson, 80 miles west of here.

Eight other inmates who participated in the break were recaptured. Two women hostages were freed unharmed after being held 11 1/2 hours by one fleeing group of "gentlemanly" convicts.

Police were particularly anxious to recapture one of the five, Roman Usiondek, 37, described as a psychopath who may have sought freedom for revenge.

Authorities assigned guards to witnesses who testified at the trial which sent Usiondek to prison for life for a 1943 Detroit barroom slaying.

Circuit Court Commissioner A. Tom Pasieczny, special prosecutor at Usiondek's trial, was removed from the city for his safety.

The other fugitives are Edward J. Emrick, 43, convicted of murder in Detroit; David B. Bousha, 27, serving 5 to 10 years for kidnaping in Crawford County and 3 to 5 years for a previous escape; Virgil Lane, 27, serving 10 to 20 years for armed robbery in Detroit; and Robert Dowling, 38, serving 1 to 15 years for breaking and entering in Detroit.

Negligence Blame Sought
Official investigations sought to fix the blame for the big break. Prison Warden William H. Bannan charged "negligence on somebody's part." He said in a formal statement: "It is our duty to place the blame and let it fall where it should."

The convicts stole an acetylene torch to burn through sewer bars. Warden Bannan said other inmates declared the torch and an oxygen supply used by a construction company at the prison was easily accessible.

A complete lack of leads for 24 hours after the felony were laid again in Detroit's sprawling northwest section convinced (Continued on Page Two)

Escaped Convict Murders Girl, 15, And Boy Friend

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—An early murder trial was in prospect today for scar-faced Raymond Carney, 38, who officers say admitted the lovers' larceny of a 15-year-old girl and her boy friend two weeks ago. The girl's head was cut off.

Carney, a Negro escaped convict from North Carolina, was quoted by Sheriff John Hanna as saying he only planned to rob the couple but became panicky and started shooting when the girl screamed and her companion lunged at him.

Betty Clair Cain, Pamlico High School student, and Henry Allen, 22, of Latta, were killed Dec. 6. Her body the head missing—was found the next day in a shallow grave on the banks of a river.

Two days later her head and Allen's body was found in an abandoned well in the same area. Carney, according to Hanna, cut off Cain's head with a knife to try to destroy evidence of a bullet hole and also planned to cut off Allen's head but "lost my nerve."

Carney was captured near Johnsonville by a trio of hunters Saturday. He was charged with murder.

Auto Fired To Obtain Insurance, Allegation

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Police accused a 25-year-old mechanic Monday of getting mad at his wife and setting the family car afire to spite her.

He ran afoul of the law when he put in a claim with an insurance company to get money for the car.

I. J. Jack H. Baers, of the Salem state police arson squad accused Barnes of arson. Barnes waived preliminary hearing and was ordered held in jail with bond set at \$2,000.

FIRE HITS MOTOR CO.

BURNS (AP)—Fire destroyed a building housing the Bennett Motor Co. and the offices of a truck line Sunday.

C. R. Bennett estimated the loss at \$30,000. The origin of the fire was not determined. Among equipment lost were four cars and several truck beds.

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Russia Offers To Discuss Atomic Control

Assent Given In Official Note To U. S.

Soviet Would Follow 'Peace-Loving Policy,' Reply To Eisenhower

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet government declared Monday night it is ready and willing to join in "confidential or diplomatic talks" with other powers to discuss the harnessing of atomic energy.

The statement was made in a note to the U. S. government delivered Monday night to U. S. Ambassador Charles E. Bohlen.

It was in response to President Eisenhower's Dec. 8 speech before the United Nations in which he proposed a world atomic pool for peaceful purposes.

The Kremlin note said: "As to Gen. Eisenhower's statement of the confidential or diplomatic talks concerning his proposal, the Soviet government following consistently its peace-loving policy, expresses its readiness to take part in such negotiations."

The 3,000-word Soviet declaration criticized the Eisenhower plan as insufficient, however, stating that it does not provide a real ban on atomic and hydrogen weapons.

The Soviet note expressed hope that atomic conferences will reach an agreement to lessen the fears of an anxious world it added: "The Soviet government considers that during the course of these conversations there should be examined the following proposals of the Soviet government:

"The states participating in the agreement, motivated by the desire to reduce international tension, should take upon themselves the solemn and unconditional obligation not to use the atomic hydrogen weapons of mass destruction."

"The signing of an international agreement on this question should be an important step on the path of hydrogen and other weapons of mass destruction with the establishment of strict international control to insure the fulfillment of."

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Shoplifting Increased; Special Sleuths On Duty

The only major sour note in the push of Christmas shopping in Roseburg stores this year is shoplifting, report several store managers.

These merchants note that shoplifting has increased as it does every Christmas. The clerks who are rushed with the Christmas buying, have little time to watch merchandise which is apparently disappearing in heavy quantities.

Because merchants are having a hard time catching the petty thieves, Chief of Police Stan Olson reports he assigned five men today in plain clothes to circulate through the stores in search of such lifters. He said anyone caught would be prosecuted.

Two Auto-Train Crashes Kill 11

CHICAGO (AP)—A family of seven was wiped out by an automobile-train collision at a Soo Line crossing near suburban Wheeling last night.

Killed in the crash were Fred Galle, 37-year-old Caryl III, laborer; his wife Violet, 33; and their children, Evelyn, 10, John, 8, Elaine, 6, and Carol Ann, 1.

A 12-year-old daughter, Audrey, died several hours later of injuries, including a skull fracture.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A long freight train slammed into an automobile on a grade crossing here yesterday, killing four young people and bouncing the wreckage across a signal post 500 feet down the track. The train was not derailed.

The dead were identified as Jack Ashbury, 21, and Roger Lynch, 19, both of Knoxville; Joanne Prater, 17, Powell, Tenn.; and Nora Hackworth, 18, Clinton, Tenn.

Bomb Plot Said Aims At M'Court

PORTLAND (AP)—After a three-day investigation, police reported Sunday that they had been looking into a reported plot to blow up Dist. Atty. John B. McCourt. They were not satisfied that there really was such a plot.

However, they had a dynamite bomb. It was turned over to Detective Robert McKeown Thursday by George Barnard. He said an anonymous phone caller told him to look in his car, and to attach wires to a car's remaining battery. He said he had \$5,000. He looked, and there was the bomb. But instead of putting it in McCourt's car, he called detectives.

McCourt said he was skeptical. Police Chief James Purcell said he'd look further into the story when he said, seemed peculiar.

Barnard said that he had told it the way it happened.

Barnard has often been in the news. Among his activities was a stint as campaign manager for Mike Elliott, when Elliott was elected sheriff. Then Barnard followed that by taking a leading role in recall of Elliott.

Rodeo Performers Hurt At Oregon Fairgrounds

SALEM (AP)—Two rodeo performers were injured at the State Fairgrounds here Sunday by separate accidents involving horses.

William McPherson, 39, Lebanon, suffered a skull fracture when kicked in the head by a horse. He was practicing bulldozing at the time. He was in good condition at a hospital.

Keith Adams, 31, Independence, was treated at a hospital after a horse bit him on the hand.

Cascade Mercantile Store Is Burglarized

Another Roseburg store was added to the list of break and entries which have been sweeping the town recently.

Cascade Mercantile, at 1857 N. Stephens St., was entered Sunday night after someone smashed the window on the front door. An estimated \$100 was taken after the cash register was ripped open by a small Army surplus pickaxe. Also taken was a .22 caliber pistol, ammunition for it and a hunting knife. The list of stolen articles was not yet complete. City and county police were investigating today and compiling a list of the articles.

Police pointed out the cash register was ripped open because the burglars apparently didn't know how to work it. The register was not locked.

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Mystery Bullet Kills Child In Parked Truck

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)—Virgil Eekstein left his small son and daughter in the cab of his pickup truck while he went into a grocery store at Shelby.

When he came out he found his daughter Pamela, 4, on the floor, a bullet wound in her head. She died later in a hospital.

Police have not yet determined whether a bullet came from a rifle or a handgun. Robert Burns, sheriff, said he had some

4 Persons Die, Six Injured On Highways

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Oregon highway accidents Saturday night and early Sunday claimed four lives. Two of the accidents were attributed to the storm which swept the state. The other two apparently were unrelated to the weather.

In addition, a 14-year-old boy was struck at Bly by a hit-run driver and seriously hurt.

Those killed: William B. Derr, 21, of the Glenwood district near Hillsboro. The car in which he was riding was struck by a falling tree, putting it out of control and sending it into a 20-foot ditch.

Mrs. Elmer Anderson, en route to Austin Minn., with her husband after a visit at Eugene, their former home. A car skidded into the path of their car as it sought to avoid a boulder in the highway east of Burns.

Shirley Yvonne Nelson, 19, of Medford. She was in a car which onlookers said went out of control south of Medford when an unidentified car pulled out in front of it, at a highway restaurant.

L. Albert Nell, 21, of Devon, Conn., driving alone from Ft. Lewis. He was killed early Sunday when his car failed to make a curve 30 miles east of Baker.

The hit-run victim was Norman Miller, 13, who was found in the highway after a car's remaining brakes had been heard. There apparently were no witnesses to the accident. The boy was taken to Klamath Valley hospital with internal injuries, head hurts and a leg fracture.

In the fatal mishaps, five persons were injured. Elmer Anderson, whose wife died in the Burns crash, suffered scalp cuts and a leg fracture. Those in the other car, Lee Baldwin Jr. and Charles Tice, had minor hurts. In the Medford accident, the driver of the car in which Miss Nelson died was Rodney Tweedel, 22, Ashland, who suffered head cuts. Taken to a Hillsboro hospital with leg fractures was Edward G. Heide, 25, brother-in-law of William Derr, the tree-accident victim.

Seven Autos Prowled Here During Weekend

Seven cars were prowled in a busy night Sunday evening and early Monday morning, city police said Monday. Little was taken, though.

A flashlight was reported missing by Henry Penny, whose car was parked on Case Street Monday morning, then found later in one of five cars opened at the City View Motel, 1005 N. Stephens St. Nothing else was taken from the cars, although contents of glove compartments were strewn on the insides of the autos.

C. W. Fingeroos, 622 W. Oak St., said the flashlight was missing. He said the man who prowled his car, parked on Cass Street. The culprit fled down an alley as Fingeroos approached. Two pairs of driving glasses and a credit card were removed from the car.

HIT AND RUN TOLD

Cecil Lowe, 1010 W. First St., Roseburg, reports his car was sideswiped at Winchester Sunday, according to state police. He told officers his car was parked and that the offending driver did not stop.

BANK TO GIVE PARTY

V. V. Haney, president of the United States National Bank at Myrtle Creek, will give a Christmas party for the bank employees and their children Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 4:30 in the afternoon. Gifts will be exchanged and refreshments served.

Budget Balance In Doubt

3. Tax adjustment: An overhaul of the federal tax structure already is underway with stress on removing obstacles to business investment and consumer purchasing. Administration officials made it plain budget balancing would have to step aside if it looks as though tax reduction and deficit spending would be needed to prevent economic collapse.

4. Public works: Private industry as well as state and local governments would get federal loans, tax concessions and other indirect aids in financing needed projects to avoid direct federal spending wherever possible.

Barrier Against Recession Ike's Task For Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will forecast continued prosperity in 1954 when he sends his annual economic message to Congress in January, his aides say.

But they also expect him to outline the defense his administration plans to throw up against any possible recession.

The President's Council of Economic Advisors has been working up a stabilization program since last spring.

It calls for four main anti-depression steps, ranging from federal action to encourage maintenance of high production and employment to a federal public works program that would be called into play only in a dire economic emergency.

If the public works project are needed, officials say, only those

Famous Dean Of U. S. Physicists Dies At 85

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Dr. Robert A. Millikan, world renowned scientist and dean of American physicists, is dead.

The 85-year-old Nobel Prize winner succumbed Saturday at a rest home. He had been bedridden with infirmities of age for several months.

Dr. Millikan, an authority on cosmic rays, for years was head of the California Institute of Technology here.

Winner of the Nobel Prize in physics in 1926, he held 25 honorary degrees from universities and wrote 18 books and hundreds of papers.

His son, Dr. Clark Millikan, professor of Aeronautics at Caltech, was with his father when the end came. Another son, Max F. Millikan, is professor of economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Millikan's wife, the former Grete Blanchard, to whom he had been married since 1902, died last Oct. 10.

Laniel Fails On Ninth Ballot; Loses Ground

VERSAILLES, France (AP)—The French Parliament failed again Monday to elect a president of the republic. It was the ninth ballot taken since last Thursday.

Premier Joseph Laniel, a wealthy industrialist and the top contender, got 413 votes—a drop of 17 votes from the eighth ballot.

His socialist opponent, Marcel-Edmond Naegelen, who has Communist support, got 365—a drop of 103 votes. Montel, 57, emerged as a last minute candidate, received 100 votes.

He is a member of Laniel's independent party from Lyon.

The number needed to elect on the ninth ballot—a majority of the votes cast—was 455. Thus Laniel, who has led almost all the way, was 42 votes short Monday.

Vacation Period Set For District 4 Schools

School will be held through Dec. 23, with vacation running from the morning of Dec. 24 to the morning of Jan. 4 in District 4, Supt. M. C. Deller announces.

Schools in the district are Roseburg High, Roseburg Junior High, Fullerton, Riverside, Green, Rose, Melrose, Garden Valley, Wilbur, Winchester, Riverside and Edenbower.

Heavy Storms Lash W. Oregon, Washington

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Western Oregon and Washington were hit by heavy storms Monday with renewed rain and gusty winds on the way.

The weekend was marked by a Saturday night downpour and high winds that uprooted trees and claimed two lives in Oregon.

A gale whipped over the Puget Sound region, ripping off roofs in Seattle, downing power lines and sweeping an occupied Lake Union houseboat across the storm-lashed water.

Rivers started to climb, some of them swiftly, as all of the area west of the Cascades got an inch or more of rain. Some areas, such as Eugene, got 2 inches in the 24 hours ending early Sunday.

But the rain slackened Sunday and there was no immediate threat of more than local flooding.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Wallace Weinhold of Tenmile was admitted to Community Hospital Sunday after he received a fractured left hip and abrasions in a head-on traffic accident at Oakridge, it was reported Monday.

FATALITY STABBED

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Otto Johnson, 40, a railroad laborer from Klamath Falls, Ore., was stabbed fatally Sunday night in a fight in a West End cafe.

Police said they had no clues as to Johnson's assailant.



HER BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT—Santa's prize gift—a pair of arms for the first time in her six-year-old life—brings a smile to cherub-faced Cheryl Moloney as she demonstrates her new writing skill at a hospital at Honesdale Heights, N. J. The Honesdale, Pa., child born without arms, manipulates the new limbs by using her chest muscles. Cheryl, whose six-month hospital stay and new arms were financed by contributions, is going home for Christmas. (AP Wirephoto).

City's Defense System Now Nearly Completely Manned

After President Eisenhower's call for bigger and better Civil Defense facilities, Deputy Administrator Elynor Massey of Roseburg reported the Roseburg Civil Defense program is now almost completely manned under Director Col. Robert Dicey.

She listed the following departments and their personnel: Deputy Director — Harry Jacoby, former deputy director of plans and operations. He replaces J. F. Dillard, who asked to be relieved.

Administration — Elynor Massey, deputy, assisted by Eleanor Watts and divisional assistants Elizabeth Gilchrist, Mrs. Earl Plummer, Virginia Ashcraft, Fern Winslow, Lorraine Kesner, Carmen Clark and Vivian Pasmore.

Fire Service — W. E. Mills, deputy, assisted by A. F. Shukle. Law Enforcement — Chief of Police Stan Olson, assisted by Asst. Chief James McAlpine.

Personnel — George T. Foster, assisted by Charles A. Throne. Public Utilities — U. O. Vaughan, assisted by James L. Carter and Ernest Crane.

Communications — Jack McGuire, assisted by Robert E. Grady. Information and Education — Merle Pugh, assisted by George Casillo.

Supply — Bruce Elliott, assisted by Archie White (in charge of food), W. F. Scott (in charge of shoes), Bill Gray (in charge of men's clothing) and Lowell Rhoden (in charge of women's clothing).

Health — Joe Dent, assisted by John M. Fleck. Transportation — Claud E. Knight, assisted by Billy Mohr and Ken Ellison.

Engineering — John Loosley, assisted by Wally Hector and Ken Meng. Chief Warden — William J. Thompson, assisted by Elwyn Pockock.

Welfare — Gordon McCracken. This organization will work closely with the County Civil Defense organization, headed by Gen. J. T. Pierce, who is assisted by Sheriff Calvin Baird.

Cordon Will Announce Decision Before 1954

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Guy Cordon expects to make known by the end of the year whether he will seek re-election in 1954, he told a reporter last weekend in a telephone interview from Washington, D. C.

He has said he would like to retire from the Senate, but that he would again be a candidate if he considered it necessary to prevent a Democrat from winning the seat.

Condition Of Wounded Youth Still 'Critical'

The condition of Joseph Daniel Bushnell, 16-year-old Lowell minister's son, was unchanged in Douglas Community Hospital Monday morning.

Bushnell is the youth shot twice by police Friday morning as he and a companion attempted to run a roadblock on N. Stephens Street after they had held up a Lowell cafe and stolen a car.

His condition still is described by hospital attendants as "critical."

The Weather

Partly cloudy with some sunshine today, increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday, with rain late Tuesday.

Highest temp. last 24 hours 54
Lowest temp. last 24 hours 36
Precipitation 0.00
Wind direction variable
Wind speed 10-15

Roseburg Motorist Assaulted, Robbed

SWEET HOME (AP)—Herbert E. Wood of Roseburg was treated here Sunday afternoon for a severe scalp gash inflicted, he told police, by two men he tried to aid.

Wood said he was driving east on the South Santiam Highway Sunday afternoon when he stopped to see if he could aid two men whose car was in the ditch. He stepped to the back of his car to get a chain, and they walked up and knocked him unconscious.

When he regained consciousness, he said, he lacked \$100 in traveler's checks and \$115 in currency.

Herbert E. Wood, an interior decorator by profession, is listed in the Roseburg city directory as a resident of 707 Cobb Street.

Vets Hospital Grounds Fitted For Yule Service

Finishing touches on Roseburg's Christmas lane through the Veterans Hospital grounds are being completed today for the hundreds of local sightseers who are already touring the route between Harvard Avenue and Garden Valley Road.

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce Sunday finished decking 21 trees at the Harvard Avenue end of the route with 1,200 lights. Three more trees will be decorated by the Jaycees early this week, according to Lighting Chairman Sid Moon.

Adding to the spectacle, the Veterans Hospital has set up a series of nativity scenes on the route through the grounds.

Moon said cars were streaming through the grounds at the rate of 30 cars per minute Sunday night between 6 and 7 o'clock.

Caroling Goes Indoors Tonight If Weather Bad

Roseburg's first community caroling program for Christmas may be forced inside tonight.

The carolers, some 200 of them, were originally scheduled to sing tonight on the steps of the Douglas County Courthouse. However, if the weather is too soggy, the event will be put under the roof at the Roseburg Junior High auditorium, reports Wendell Johnson, director.

Participating in the caroling session will be seven high school choirs and the brass choir from the High School band. They will be directed by Johnson and Robert Robins, high school music directors, and the band director, Tom Hall.

Lights for use if the program is staged outside have been donated by the Douglas County Fair Board. They are to be installed by Trowbridge Electric.

Alleged Drunk Driver Forfeits \$400 Bail

E. D. (Nick) Heath has failed to make an appearance for trial in Myrtle Creek municipal Court and has forfeited \$400 bail, reports City Recorder G. D. Mylbenbeck.

Correspondent Mrs. Ruth M. Evans reports Heath was arrested here for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Heath have not yet determined whether a bullet came from a rifle or a handgun. Robert Burns, sheriff, said he had some