

Prisoner Turnover Completed Without Incident

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Wire Recording Played For Jurors

Owens Shows First Emotion During Trial

A 45-minute wire recording statement Bert Owens gave to state police officers the day his wife was killed was submitted to the jury for consideration as the trial progressed Wednesday.

The statement, taken the night of Aug. 25, was submitted as evidence after Judge Carl E. Wimberly overruled defense objections that proper identification was not made and that Owens had not been told all his rights.

Owens has admitted firing the shotgun blast which killed his wife, Betty Jean, 29, at their home near Riddle, but he pleaded innocent at a preliminary hearing on mental grounds.

Before the wire recording was submitted to the jury, it was played in court, after the jury retired to the jury room. The defense attorneys had requested this be done to see if there was anything objectionable in it.

The defendant bit his fingernails and wiped tears from his eyes as the statement drew to a close. This was the first sign of emotion shown by him during the trial, which started Monday.

Earlier Wednesday, the state

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CAPT. IRVING LARSON
... state game officer
Captain Larson, Game Division Head, is visitor

Capt. Irving Larson, appointed recently to head the Game Division of the Oregon State Police, succeeding Capt. Bert Walker, was a Roseburg visitor Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Capt. Larson is on a tour around the state becoming acquainted with the officers of the five game districts and state police officers of each county.

A native of Oregon, Capt. Larson was graduated from Oregon State College, where he was a classmate of Cliff Thornton of Roseburg. Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly and Thornton jointly entertained the captain, Rep. John P. Amacher, County Judge Carl C. Hill, Regional Game Director James Vaughn, State Police sergeants Holly Holcomb and Faye Holley, and Editor Charles V. Stanton at a dinner at Hotel Rose Monday night. Capt. Larson spent Tuesday morning visiting at the Game Commission's regional office in Roseburg and at State Police headquarters.

He will complete 20 years of continuous service with the Oregon State Police next March, having joined the force March 1, 1934. His "rookie" assignment was at Gold Beach. He spent 14 years at Coquille, where he was made sergeant and placed in charge of the district in 1941. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1948 and was moved from Coquille to Salem headquarters to head the record bureau.

Prior to his advancement to sergeant, the greater part of his service was in the State Police Game Division which he now heads.

He left Roseburg Tuesday morning to visit Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland on his tour of the state.

Ex-Detectives Split Up Over Kidnaping Case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two one-time private detectives jailed as abductors in the "Case of the Kidnaped Twin" split up today — police said one confessed and blamed the other, who denied some of the story but essentially wouldn't talk.

The victim, short, round-faced Leonard Moskowitz, 36, was rescued unharmed and smiling yesterday morning after 2 1/2 days of captivity. No ransom was paid despite demands of first \$500,000 and then \$300,000.

Under California's "Little Lindbergh Law," kidnapping with bodily harm carries a maximum penalty of death and a minimum of life without parole. Kidnaping without harm carries a penalty of life with the possibility of parole.

Moskowitz said he was not injured, but Dist. Atty. Thomas Lynch told newsmen the interpretation of bodily harm is up to a jury, which could decide that cruel bonds or the like could mean injury. Moskowitz was bound and shackled during most of his imprisonment.

The two men arrested were seized separately. The first, Joseph William Lear, 43, of Sacramento, Calif., was caught in a telephone booth making a ransom call to the victim's identical twin and constant companion Alfred.

Police said Lear broke down and led them to a rented house, where a stocking-foot raiding party broke in, rescued Moskowitz and arrested 57-year-old Harold Jackson of Sacramento as he stood in his shorts, Jackson was shivering with fright, said Inspector Al Nelder, who nailed him.

The arrests ended the biggest San Francisco manhunt ever—and broke the best-kept secret of years.

On police request, all news outlets had voluntarily held back the story until Moskowitz was safe.

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Stewart Holbrook To Speak At Drain Chamber's Annual Dinner Meeting January 28

One of the big events of the year at Drain is the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner. What makes it even bigger is the top-notch stable of speakers it draws from.

This year is no exception. Major speaker for the event Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. is Stewart H. Holbrook, Portland, an author and journalist of nationwide fame. The dinner is scheduled for the all-purpose room at the Drain Grade School, reports Drain Correspondent Maud Deaver.

Mrs. Deaver reports that because of his familiarity with logging as well as literature, Holbrook is singularly adapted to speak at Drain, "a town whose very economy keeps time with the music of her mills."

Holbrook is a native of Vermont, who adopted the Pacific Northwest as his home more than 30 years ago. He did not come West as a writer but as a logger. One week after arrival in Vancouver, B. C., Holbrook was up the Fraser River "bull bucking" a gang of 50 men.

Mrs. Deaver reports Holbrook moved to Portland in 1922. In 1923, he joined the staff of the "Lumber News." He moved up to editor-in-chief, a position he held for seven years until 1934 when he became a full-time free lance writer.

Since then, he has been a frequent contributor to the Oregonian magazine section, but most of his fame has come from his books. His first, "Holy Old Mackinaw," was published in 1938. Since then, he has had 13 others published. The latest, "The Age of the Moose," is a best seller today.

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Southern Douglas OEA Slates Dinner Meeting

The Southern Douglas Oregon Educational Assn. will hold a dinner meeting Jan. 25 at the Myrtle Creek School cafeteria, according to Gladys Williams, secretary.

Dick Basso, editor of the Oregon Education Journal, will speak on teacher tenure. A panel also will be held on the same subject, according to the secretary. Participants will be Ken Stuart, superintendent at Riddle; William Bromley, Dillard superintendent; and Mrs. Betty Parret, Myrtle Creek.

Teachers from other sections are being invited to attend. Mrs. Anna Marie Fedje, Myrtle Creek, is taking reservations.

PAROLEE RETURNED

Del Ray Carr, 18, was returned here Monday night to face a charge of parole violation brought by Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults. The youth was brought back by a deputy sheriff after he allegedly violated probation by not keeping in touch with the probation officer. Carr will answer to the charge in circuit court in about two weeks.

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Winchester Home Burns To Ground

A Winchester home and contents valued at \$7,000 went up in flames Tuesday, according to Roseburg rural firemen who were called to the scene.

Firemen said the Edgar A. Miller home about 1/4 mile east of Highway 99 on Page Road was completely gutted. Cause of the fire is still unknown, but firemen said the heart of the fire seemed to be in the kitchen.

The one-story frame structure was burning fiercely by the time firemen arrived on the scene. Miller was not home, and it was not known how long it had burned before being reported.

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Reds Claim Armistice Is Destroyed

No Outward Protests Registered, However; Transfer Goes Smoothly

PANMUNJOM (AP) — India completed early Thursday the historic turnover of 21,800 anti-red prisoners to the U.N. command as North Korean broadcasts declared the action "destroys" the armistice.

The last prisoner, a Chinese, was turned over at 12:55 a.m. (7:55 a.m. Wednesday PST) at the end of a surprisingly smooth operation during which the North Korean and Chinese captives often sang and cheered in the rain and mud.

The Indian command announced that 14,227 Chinese and 7,582 North Koreans were turned out of the compounds at Panmunjom, ending more than three years of captivity for many of them.

The Indians said 72 Chinese and 32 North Koreans asked to go home or to a neutral country during the operation, which began Thursday morning.

The Communists, who had protested the turnover plans bitterly, "made no threatening gestures as the prisoners streamed southward. The U.N. command has promised all of the prisoners their freedom at midnight Friday.

Red China's Peiping radio Wednesday night repeated its warning that "any unilateral action with regard to the prisoners

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Douglas County Has 4th Fatality

The fourth traffic fatality of 1954 in Douglas County was recorded Tuesday evening in a car wreck three miles north of Drain, according to state police.

Dead is 40-year-old William J. Spoonmore, 40, Portland, whose leg was slashed when the car, driven by Richard Spoonmore, 30, also of Portland, went off Highway 99 and crashed into a tree.

Spoonmore is in a Cottage Grove hospital suffering from a broken right arm and shock. State police said a charge of drunken driving has been lodged against him. Bail has been set at \$750. He will be returned here for arraignment.

Heilman died in a Drain ambulance en route to the Cottage Grove hospital from loss of blood. The accident, police said, occurred at 7:45 p.m. 200 feet south of the narrow Sand Creek bridge. They did not state in which direction the car, a 1953 Ford, was headed. The car, badly damaged, was towed away by Bots Garage, Drain.

Associated Press said that the fatality was the first for Oregon during the current cold snap. Officers said the accident was the only one investigated during the evening.

Colder Weather, Snow Forecast For Roseburg

Light snow in Douglas County is expected Thursday, the weatherman said this morning, and temperatures probably will go tumbling tonight.

The Roseburg area was saved last night from the deep freeze that has caught the state when a cloud cover moved in at about 10 p.m. Low temperature was 28 degrees.

But a forecast of 24 degrees tonight has been made. Snow will follow during the day.

Outlook for the remainder of the week is for below normal temperatures, with a possibility of a good, soporific rainstorm toward the end of the week.



STEWART HOLBROOK
speaks at Drain
(Alda Jourdan Photo)

Program Listed For 'Y' Annual Dinner Monday

Entertainment for Monday night's annual YMCA dinner meeting was announced Wednesday by Don Naden, secretary of the Roseburg YMCA.

Naden said Thomas D. Hall, band director at Roseburg High School, will lead two numbers by students; student George Barnes will play two saxophone numbers; John Rand and Frank Purdy Jr. will play a trombone duet, and Mrs. Sam Warg will provide accompaniment for a community sing.

Jack West, retiring Y president, will turn the gavel over to newly elected president Ira Byrd, who is slated to handle the reins for the YMCA board during the coming year. Official election of board members will be conducted at the meeting.

Representatives of the three Roseburg High Tri-Hi-Y and two Hi-Y Clubs will give reports on Y youth activities in the high school. Barney Wimer, honorary camper at last summer's camp, will give a report on the YMCA boys camp. Don Forbes will be toastmaster.

Naden reminded that reservations for the dinner must be in by Friday. Reservations can be made by calling 3-6450 or 3-5190.

The dinner meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

STALEY ACQUITTED

BAKER (AP) — The Baker County Grand Jury has cleared Alfred Monroe Staley of a second degree murder charge.

The jury returned a not true bill in the case of the 70-year-old unemployed Sumpter carpenter, who had been accused of shooting a banker companion last month at the Staley residence.

Surprise Gift Is Presented Eisenhower On Anniversary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower started his second year in the White House Wednesday and received a surprise gift depicting his career from boyhood on a Kansas farm to the presidency.

The gift, a handsome 12 1/2 inch cup made of Steuben glass, was presented to the President at a ceremony in the cabinet room at the White House commemorating the first anniversary of his inauguration.

With a smiling Mrs. Eisenhower looking on, the President received the gift from the members of his Cabinet, Republican Party officials, leaders of the Citizens for Eisenhower Committee and the White House staff.

In advance of the ceremony, a close associate of the President declared "he's thriving on the challenge" of the big job ahead.

Surrounded by donors of the gift, Eisenhower pulled out a pocket knife and slit the white paper in which the big box was wrapped and removed the red, white and blue ribbon.

"It's just beautiful," Mrs. Eisenhower exclaimed as the President removed the cup from the box. She wore a navy blue dress, a small blue hat with pink trim and pink gloves to match. At her shoulder was pinned a large orchid.

The cup was fashioned by hand of clear crystal and mounted on a

pedestal base where the President's name is inscribed on a plaque.

The large central engraving on the crystal carries the eagle of the presidential seal. The eagle surmounts three emblems.

Those are the insignia of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces, of which Eisenhower became commander during World War II; the emblem from the flag of Army chief of staff, symbolizing his service in that capacity from 1945 to 1948; and the insignia of Supreme Headquarters, Allied Power Europe, of which he became the first commander in 1951.

Disposed around the bowl are four groups portraying scenes representing phases in the life of the President.

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Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

If there's anything in a name in these days of Red-tainted professors and lack of integrity in athletics, at least one American university could claim 100 percent cleanliness — Colgate.



STATE EMERGENCY WELFARE CHIEF Frank M. Parcher is shown above explaining the necessity of a smooth working Civil Defense organization to handle refugees and aid in easing the brunt of natural disasters. Seated beside him is Mary Wells, secretary to Mrs. Lois Baker, county deputy director of emergency welfare. (Paul Jenkins Picture)

Job Of Organizing Crack Civil Defense Group Here Thrashed Over At Meeting

The gigantic job of organizing a crack Civil Defense system went on Tuesday in the Red Cross offices of the Roseburg Armory with a study of the problems and practices of the emergency welfare units.

The session, which drew top county and city Civil Defense officials and members of government, was directed by Frank M. Parcher, emergency welfare officer for the state. He was aided by Anthony R. Cardillo an assistant in his office.

The afternoon session was devoted largely to this discussion while an evening workshop was staged for Civil Defense emergency welfare personnel of the cities and county.

The early part of the afternoon discussion covered old ground. It was generally agreed that in case of a war-caused attack, most evacuation would be into Douglas County rather than out. Parcher pointed out the county's personnel would be interested in large-scale temporary housing and feeding refugees from such a population center as Portland.

Parcher, however, emphasized the additional functions which will crop up in time of natural disasters, such as floods and fires. Would Proclaim Emergency.

He recommended that someone be delegated to proclaim a state of emergency. It was generally agreed the task would go to Civil Defense Director Gen. J. T. Pierce, who would turn most of the administrative jobs over to his deputy, Sheriff Calvin Baird. Orders would then flow on down.

Monday morning, a window on the side of the postoffice was found broken. State police and Sutherland officers were called in immediately and the postoffice inspector at Eugene was informed. After an examination of the postoffice, nothing was found missing.

The window glass was shattered about 10 feet from the window which was still locked. Chief Crumal said this is not the way a break and entry man would smash the glass. No fingerprints or footprints around the window were found by state police. Both state police and Crumal agreed it must have been broken by a snowball thrown through the window.

A less obtrusive robbery did take place in the postoffice this week, however, reports Mrs. Brittain Slack, News-Review correspondent. The March of Dimes container was stolen.

Sutherland Square Dance Group Sets Polio Benefit

Two Sutherland square dance clubs are making preparations for a March of Dimes benefit square dance jamboree on Feb. 14. They are the Wagon Wheels and Hastings clubs.

The jamboree, featuring out-of-town callers, is scheduled for the Sutherland High school gym at 1:30 p.m. Music will be from records. Admission will be \$1 a couple for dancers and 50 cents a couple for spectators. Children will be admitted free of charge. All proceeds are to go to the polio drive.

SEVENTEEN CHILDREN OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Mrs. John Robinson, 41, Choctaw, wife of an unemployed oil field truck driver, gave birth to her 16th and 17th children yesterday.

The girls were her first set of twins, and she was highly pleased. "Big families are easier to raise than small ones," she said.

The Weather

Partly cloudy. Continued cold tonight. Increasing cloudiness tonight. Occasional snow Thursday. Colder tonight with low of 24.

Highest Temp. last 24 hours — 44
Lowest Temp. last 24 hours — 28
Highest Temp. any Jan. — 71
Lowest Temp. any Jan. — -5
Precip. last 24 hours — .04
Precip. from Jan. 1 — 1.13
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 21.72
Excess from Oct. 1 — 5.44
Sunset today 5:09 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:39 a.m.



POLIO DONATION — Head Carrier Bradley Wiles proudly hands a check of \$168 to Mrs. Carl Muller in behalf of the News-Review carrier staff. Twenty-six boys raised \$84 of the amount, the News-Review matching their donations, dollar for dollar. Standing at the right is Fuller Johnson, circulation manager. (Paul Jenkins Picture).