



FORMER ROSEBURG RESIDENTS—Leo Rapp and James T. Goodman, former residents of Roseburg, are pictured above in Bakersfield, Calif., where both now reside. Rapp has served for a number of years as auditor for Kern County, Calif. Goodman is recovering from a recent major operation. The above photograph was made by Bert G. Bates, former Roseburg editor and publisher, who reports frequent "gabfests about the good ol' days of Poseyville".



HAMMER ARTIST—Misha Reznikoff, who says he is the first artist to put a frame around a piece of shattered glass and sell it as a piece of art, displays his masterpiece in New York City. First he made an abstract drawing and covered it with a piece of safety glass. Then, with a hammer, he made six splintered spots. These, he said, brought the original design to life. The abstract in the background is his conception of jazz singer Lee Wiley.



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Jane Russell Now Independent Of Hughes Pictures

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD — Jane Russell has declared her independence and signed up for what could be the best role of her career.

The beautiful brunette was swimming under water in the RKO tank when I saw her this week. She doesn't aim to rival Esther Williams; this was the windup sequence under water for "The Big Heat." She came out of the water, shed her breathing tank, swim fins and goggles and announced she had also disposed of her 13-year connection with Howard Hughes.

As of now, she is a free agent, although she might sign a one-picture-a-year deal with RKO. She has some strange fear she will not be able to find work. Silly girl. She is all set to go into one of the leads of "Guys and Dolls," which William Goetz will produce for a Columbia release. Her leading man will be none other than Clark Gable. Betty Grable will play Miss Adelaide and another top star is destined for the role of Nathan Detroit, Bob Hope maybe.

"But the interesting part is that my husband will follow Bill Goetz around like a bird dog during the production, asking him why he does this and why he does that," she added. Her husband is Robert Waterfield, formerly of pro football. The reason for his apprenticeship is that the Waterfields have formed their own production company, Russ-Field.

Two Teenagers Killed, Five Injured In Crash

SEATTLE — Two teenagers were killed and five other persons were injured seriously late Friday night in a two-car smashup on the Seattle-Tacoma highway.

The dead were identified as Marlene Gorman, 15, and Bruce Setran, 16, both students at Highline High School, south of Seattle. Setran was killed outright. The girl died en route to a hospital.

Injured were Bill Young, 17, Fred Symes, 16, Darrell Walden, 17, and Eugene B. Kasper, 21. Kasper owned a store at Auburn. The others were also Highline High School students.

Young suffered severe chest injuries and was not expected to live.

The State Patrol said the car in which the teenagers were riding, believed to have been driven by Walden, spun out of control and into the path of Kasper's northbound machine.



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Ex-POW Traces Motives For Staying Behind

(Editor's note: Cpl. Claude Batchelor, the Kermit, Tex., soldier who recently was released by his own request from a pro-Red camp in Korea, has since given only two Army-supervised press conferences. Friday he got his first pass from a Tokyo army hospital and while outside wrote down exclusively for the Associated Press his innermost feelings about what he did.)

By CPL. CLAUDE BATCHELOR

TOKYO — I was a Pro. That's what they called me up at Camp Five (the Korean prison prior to being brought down to the pro-Red camp in the neutral zone) because I got along with the Chinese and made friends with them. I believed that what I was doing was right and wanted to help my people.

I understand a lot of folks back in the states resent my coming back. On the other hand I have received a lot of letters from people congratulating me. I greatly appreciate their sentiments. However

there seem to be some circles that resent my coming back. That's funny because when we were up there in the non-repat camp everyone wanted us to come home. Now that I'm back it seems that some of them are sore. Okay, I made a mistake. I was wrong in some of the things I did. But I am ready to go home and face prosecution.

But let me tell my side of the story.

I was 16 when I joined the army and 18 when I got captured by the Reds. I was in the 8th Cavalry Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division, near Unsan-ni, 60 miles north of Pyongyang. On Nov. 1, 1950, the Chinese attacked our company. We were one of the first outfits to be hit by the Chinese. We didn't even know that they came into the war.

We were five days wandering around up there with nothing to eat or drink. We had a lot of close calls.

On the fifth day we were at the base of a mountain when the Chinese walked right up on us. We

gave them quite a fire battle for half an hour.

Our lieutenant, Lt. Arias from California—I don't know his first name—finally told us we were outnumbered and said he'd leave it up to us. After some confusion, we decided to surrender.

On the way north, I got to be buddies with Eldon R. Bradley of South Bend, Ind. He was feeling I talked up a steady stream.

Eldon and I made a pact that if one of us was killed he would tell the other's folks about it.

Well, Eldon died in prison later on and I'm going to tell his folks how it happened.

About a week after they set up Camp Five at Pyokong, they started these lectures. They called us into the theater and lecturers made all kinds of slams against the United States.

They came around one day and appointed me a member of my squad. I understood that job was to go to the lectures and then come back and tell the others what I had heard.

In June, the camp officers came to us and suggested we elect a peace committee. They said the men elected would get to travel to Europe and let our folks know how we were.

I was one of about 20 elected from the camp. I got 730 votes.

We wrote a peace appeal and went around getting others to sign it. We were told that if we did this the American people would realize they were wrong and sign a truce.

On this peace committee we had access to the library. I began reading all I could about Communism. I read Lenin, books on the Soviet Union and books condemning American participation in the Korean war.

We got some Daily Workers in and I read those too.

Reading the Daily Workers from New York, London and San Francisco

Portland Man, Wife, Dog Parakeet All Found Dead

PORTLAND — A man and his wife, their dog and a parakeet were found dead in their home here Friday morning. They apparently died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The bodies of Torrey E. DeVore, 32, and Hazel DeVore, 33, were found by a son and his wife when they arrived to leave their two infant girls while they went to work.

According to Police Sgt. Earl Thompson, the DeVores' car apparently had been started in the basement. The gasoline tank was empty. Thompson said the deaths apparently were caused by fumes leaking upstairs.

DeVore's body was found in the bathroom, his wife's in the kitchen. Both were in nightclothes.

Jet Planes Now Avoid Populated Portland Areas

PORTLAND — Jet planes taking off from Portland Air Base now take a new route east to avoid populated areas.

Col. George J. Ceuleers, base commander, said Thursday that he had ordered planes to run close along the Columbia River to near Troutdale, then go southeast.

Three weeks ago a plane crashed just after takeoff, injured a small girl at play, damaged a number of houses, and killed the two air-men aboard.

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cisco swayed me. I began to believe a lot of it. I began to feel that I could help my people by signing various peace appeals and becoming a progressive.

In August, there were a lot of reactionaries (prisoners who resisted all Red wooing) being sent north. The camp officers called me in and tried to get me to inform on several of the fellows. I refused and talked them into letting several stay back.

The other fellows still held me in respect because I was sincere and always kept my progressive activities out in the open.

In August, 1951, I decided to quit the progressive movement. I had been reading books on Communism all this time and never once did I see anything controversial. Gerstand and that I would wait until I got back to the United States and learn more about it.

When I told the instructor that I wanted to quit, they kept me in a room at headquarters. After a week I got lonesome and asked to go back.

There were several other times when I got to thinking and quit I decided 'was too young to un-the progressive movement, but every time they would send me up instructor up there who used to talk to me about the class struggle in China, how American intervention had interfered in the Korean war and things like that.

I got to know Frank Noel, AP photographer, when he came around. We talked a lot and decided to try and escape together, but then Little Switch came along and we gave it up. We both decided we would be getting home anyway. "Little Switch" was the release of sick and injured prisoners. Noel was released during "Big Switch."

Just before the war ended I asked to go back to my company. I felt real elated because the war was going to be over and I decided I would go home and be a peace fighter. A peace fighter, they said, didn't necessarily have to be a Communist, but merely one who would fight for peace because that is what the common people of the world wanted.

Then just before Big Switch, there was a Chinese officer who called me up. Man, he could really talk up a stream. I found out later he was not only a salesman, but a deceiver too.

Well, he talked to me for three days about staying behind. He said I would go to Europe, South America and everywhere in Asia talking about peace. He eventually got me to say I'd stay behind and made me feel I would be more help to my own people.

There were three of us Texans and we talked it over and all of us decided to stay behind. There were nine from our camp altogether, eight Americans and one Britisher.

The day the others moved out for Big Switch, we moved out to another camp. We were joined by the non-repats from the other camps. We finally went down to Kaesong.

There is some stuff here I have to leave out because it's security. Anyway, all the non-repats decided to elect seven representatives. I got all the votes, everybody's. The Britisher was second with 20.

I had a talk with Burchette (Communist correspondent for the Paris L'Humanite) and he told me that Paul Schnur had been given a year in prison and a dishonorable discharge. (Actually the released San Francisco soldier was discharged June 30, 1953, from the Army as "disloyal and subversive" but it was not listed as dishonorable and did not deprive him of rights and benefits.)

He told me there were others who were going to be shot. Naturally this scared us all. One time Burchette drew up a statement and asked me to have the others sign it. I did.

When we first got into the demilitarized zone, I tried to talk some of the others into going back. I realized they would be no use to us and didn't really know why they were there.

A lot of factions developed. I began to get fed up with the whole thing. The others know I was fed up and I began to worry about what they might do to me. They could very well kill a person, the way they felt.

Finally I decided that I would go home and face the music. I decided I had done wrong and I hoped the American people would forgive me, but I had to go home.

At 1:20 a.m. on New Year's Day I told him I was sick.

I went to the Indian guard and I had to argue with him for a minute, but I finally made him understand I wanted to go to the hospital. There I told them I wanted to be repatriated and here I am.

I hope that my story will help the American people realize how deceitful the Communists can be and how they work on a man when he is young and openminded the way I was.

I hope too that my Mom and Dad forgive me.

(At Kermit, Mom said she thought Batchelor stayed with the Communists because of his "inexperience" and because the "pressures were too great." "We'll just welcome him home like we would a lost child," she said.)

I have tried to get the American Army authorities by telling them all I know. They have been very fair with me.

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