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Ex-Con Labels Prison 'College Of Crime'

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A young ex-convict, wearing a black mask to conceal his identity, charged Sunday the Missouri State Penitentiary is a "college of crime" where he learned to "crack a safe."

The man, called "Mr. X," made the statements on a radio-television show while appearing with a panel of St. Louis crime officials. His identity was kept secret to protect his family.

The ex-convict, who was still serving part of his three-year sentence when a destructive riot broke out at the prison recently, told the panel poorly prepared, cold, idleness and too much reliance on stool pigeons by prison authorities were factors leading to the riot.

Four men died as a result of the riot, 31 others were injured and damage was estimated at three million dollars.

Salesman Dies In Auto Crash

LA GRANDE (AP)—A Walla Walla salesman died in a hospital here early Wednesday from injuries suffered in a spectacular highway accident. A short time earlier another Union County road crash had claimed a life.

State police said the salesman, John Stamules Armas, Jr., 27, was being chased by a patrolman when he lost control of his speeding car on a curve entering La Grande. The vehicle skidded 238 feet off the highway, sheared off a power pole and then crashed into a tree.

Armas is survived in Walla Walla by the widow, a three-year-old daughter and his parents. Leik Willett, Wallowa, died late Tuesday night. He was injured Sunday when his car dived near Wallowa with one driven by Charles Brooks, Wallowa. Willett's widow remained in critical condition Wednesday. Brooks suffered less serious injuries and was released from the hospital Tuesday.

The two deaths were the county's fourth and fifth traffic fatalities of the year.

'Little Cowboy' Dies Of Dreaded Leukemia

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—Eddie Brooks, the little cowboy, died Tuesday of leukemia—a blood disease.

Eddie, 6, loved cowboys because his daddy, Eddie II, is one. He wanted to see his father, who had been in a rodeo playing New York City, and his idol, Gene Autry.

The two men flew to Eddie's Helena hospital bedside only Monday. The boy smiled wanly at them from his oxygen tent. Too weak to talk or do anything but look longingly as they presented two bright pistols and red bullets.

His mother accepted a picture on which Autry wrote: "To my pal Eddie, Hurry and get well." Then Eddie's mother pulled down the plastic tent flaps and the oxygen was turned on.

Eddie's eyelids closed with memories of his two favorite cowboys.

New President Inaugurated At U. Of Oregon

EUGENE (AP)—The University of Oregon inaugurated O. Meredith Wilson as its ninth president and observed Charter Day in a dual observance here Tuesday.

The ceremonies in the morning attracted about 3,000 persons to McArthur Court, where Julian Huxley, noted British biologist and former director general of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) made the first of three talks by noted men. The others, to speak during the afternoon and evening ceremonies, were Clarence Faust of Palo Alto, Calif., of Fund for Advancement of Education, and Zachariah Chafee, Harvard University law professor.

Actual inauguration ceremonies were set for early afternoon. Wilson succeeded Harry K. Newburn. Huxley said the role of a university is to promote a belief in human possibility. He urged his audience to push for intellectual and moral effort and enjoyment of the free exercise of human capacity. He warned that right beliefs cannot be promoted through encouragement of uniformity.

Seaman Arrives In Melrose On Navy Leave

Seaman Dick Dow arrived home Friday from the Navy to visit several days with his mother, Mrs. Clyde Kenyon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Busenbark visited last week in Eugene with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wheeler, and family.

Carl Becker recently made a business trip to Portland. Rudy Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Morgan, was in a Roseburg hospital several days last week, with a foot injury which he received in a football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Greer recently sold their dairy herd to Mr. Northcraft of Olalla.

Mr. and Mrs. James Conn and son, Jim, and Delmer Conn, left Saturday for Eastern Oregon on a hunting trip.

Otto Matthews and V. S. Woodruff left Saturday for Prineville where they were to be joined by the former's son, Ki Matthews, and from there the group left on a hunting trip. They visited Saturday evening with the Matthews family, who are former Melrose residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper recently purchased a small tract of land from Lucille Conn. They are building a small unit where they will live until their new home is completed. The property is located across the road from the Kenneth Conn place.

Mrs. Beverly Lortie and children, Kathy and Michael, of Canyonville visited Wednesday to Friday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Conn, and other relatives.

Donna Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Barker, was home over the weekend from the University of Oregon. Sam Anderson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson, was home over the weekend from OSC.

Dutch Thought Petersen Authorized U. S. Agent

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—A high Dutch government official said Tuesday The Netherlands had received information from Joseph S. Petersen Jr., an employee of U. S. National Security Agency, but was under the impression that Petersen was authorized to give it out.

Petersen has been accused in the United States of obtaining government documents and information on natural defense "with intent or reason to believe" it would be used to the advantage of a foreign nation.

Hypnotist Sought For Questioning In Girl's Illness

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police Tuesday night issued an all points bulletin for Eric von Bahen, 33-year-old floral decorator and self-styled hypnotist, in connection with a weird story of the illness, hypnotism and pills administered to five girls in a boarding house here.

The five girls, all dental nursing students, agreed that the man sought was a "perfect gentleman" and they weren't sure they had been really hypnotized, or that Von Bahen had anything to do with their illness.

The five girls were Ramona Durhal, 18, of Cottage Grove, Ore.; Shirley Oliver, 18, of Fowler (Fresno County), Calif.; Ermonie Graham, 19, Aberdeen, Wash.; Anita Tabor, 19, Crows Landing, Calif.; and Janet Ann Trucco, 20, of Stockton, Calif.

All but Miss Trucco have returned to their home towns. She still is a patient in Mount Zion Hospital here.

Portland Child Suffers Serious Burns Tuesday

PORTLAND (AP)—Renee Wood, 3, suffered serious burns Tuesday when she set her clothing ablaze with a cigarette lighter.

Her mother, Mrs. Nadine Wood, heard the child screaming and rushed to her aid. The mother suffered burns to her hands in an unsuccessful effort to beat out the flames. When that failed, Mrs. Wood began rolling the child on a bed to smother the fire, and the bed caught fire. Finally Mrs. Wood succeeded in putting out the blazing clothing.

The child's father is Air Force Capt. Oren Wood, stationed at Moses Lake, Wash.

Hospital attendants said the child showed some improvement Wednesday and was "fairly good."

ACTRESS TO MARRY

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Movie dancer Vera-Ellen, 28, and Victor Roberts, 31, Pasadena oil man, announced they will be married soon. No date was set.

This will be his first marriage. Vera-Ellen divorced dancer Robert Hightower in Los Angeles in 1946.

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SIX DIE IN AVALANCHE

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The bodies of six mountain climbers swept away by an avalanche on Mt. Popocatepetl have been found in a crevasse near the 17,887-foot summit. Two other members of the party who escaped the snowy slide were rescued earlier.

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