

WASHINGTON PENITENTARY BREAK BALKED

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR
By Paul Jenkins



AFTER AN ABSENCE of four years while attending Oregon State College, and another year spent in Europe enjoying the benefits of a Fulbright scholarship she earned at college, Joann Rutter has returned to Roseburg. She is one of those girls one always is glad to see come back home. She was born here, attended the public schools here, was so popular and so all-fired nice in general that it would be disheartening to lose her to some other community.

Most of her time while studying under her scholarship was spent in Copenhagen. Subject of her paper was Adult Education, and dealt largely with the folk high schools of Denmark. Before returning to the United States, however, she found opportunity to tour the major countries of Europe.

She has been invited by the Rotary Anns to attend their Thursday luncheon at the Umpqua Hotel as guest speaker and will relate to them some of her interesting experiences.

Legal exercises undoubtedly will occupy the hours of Joann's working days, inasmuch as she is secretary for the law firm of Bernau and Wilson; but exercises of a different nature probably will while away many of those devoted to recreation, for she loves to ski, she was practically born on horseback and she is an accomplished dancer, both ballroom and ballet. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rutter of 805 Micelli street and makes her home with them there.

MAN FINED

Marlin Robert Forbes, 20, Rt. 4 Box 685, Roseburg, was fined \$25 Monday when he pleaded guilty before District Judge Warren A. Woodruff to a charge of being drunk in a public place. He was arrested Sunday at Melody Mountain Barn.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

As these words are written on Saturday morning, a series of events is falling into what looks like a significant pattern. This is about the outline of the pattern, as it has so far developed:

The Chinese Reds have taken by military force one island in the East China Sea between Formosa and the communist-held mainland. They are scouting another island they have the possible intent to TAKE IT ALSO by military force.

The Filipino vice-president has expressed concern over the situation—which, he says, threatens the security of the Philippines, which are our major outpost in the Orient.

American naval vessels—including aircraft carriers—have left ports in the Far East, APPARENTLY HEADED FOR THE WATERS AROUND FORMOSA.

On Monday, President Eisenhower will send a special message to congress OUTLINING A POLICY

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The Weather

Fair tonight and Wednesday. Morning fog Wednesday.
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 54
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 37
Highest temp. any Jan. — 71
Lowest temp. any Jan. — 4
Precip. last 24 hours — 0.9
Precip. from Jan. 1 — 2.93
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 12.52
Deficiency from Sept. 1 — 4.66
Sunset tonight, 5:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:35 a.m.

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House Speeds Action On Formosa's Defense

Committee Unanimous On O.K. Vote

Resolution Gives Ike Power To Declare War If Found Necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House took up the fight-if-we-must defense plan for Formosa Tuesday under a rush schedule with a three-hour debate limit and a bar against amendments.

The Rules Committee, which controls the order of business in the House, put the hurry-up label on the measure shortly after the House Foreign Affairs Committee issued a report saying the joint Chiefs of Staff had given it unanimous approval.

The foreign affairs group approved the resolution itself 28-0 after a hearing Monday. The word on the joint chiefs' stand came in the committee's formal report asking for House adoption of the measure and saying "this requires action now" to deter further Chinese Red aggression.

The resolution, carrying out a request from President Eisenhower, would give him advance authorization to make war if he found that step necessary for the defense of the Chinese Nationalist stronghold on Formosa and the nearby Pescadore Islands.

The resolution had been interpreted generally as permitting American strikes at the Communist-held Asian mainland itself if Eisenhower felt the need to break up Communist threats.

Quick Approval Forecast
Republican congressional leaders were predicting swift and overwhelming approval of the resolution.

They said, after a White House session, that the Chinese Communists might interpret as a "show of weakness" any delay on a resolution giving the President advance approval to make war if he regards that step as necessary to keep the Chinese Nationalist stronghold free.

Grandmother Perishes In Flames After Tossing Two Children To Safety

PLAINFIELD, N. J. (AP) — A grandmother stood in the window of a blazing tenement early Tuesday and tossed her two grandchildren three stories to safety in the arms of policemen before she fell back into the flames and perished.

A man also died as the flash fire swept a 100-year-old frame dwelling from which 17 other persons jumped, fled or were helped to safety in bare feet and nightclothes in sub-freezing weather.

Police identified the heroic grandmother as Mrs. Oscar Augustine, about 50, of Berwick, Pa., who was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Swank, 25.

The other person to die in the fire was listed as Salvatore Valard, also about 50, who perished in a third floor apartment adjacent to the Swank's apartment.

Mrs. Swank leaped, but there was an updraft of smoke, and the policemen were unable to spot her fall.

She plunged to the sidewalk, suffering leg injuries and possible internal injuries. She was taken to the hospital for observation.

Alcohol Habit Claims Life Of Ira Hayes, Indian Famed In Flag Raising On Iwo Jima

SACATON, Ariz. (AP) — An American Indian hero of modern war is dead—a bewildered and disillusioned victim of peacetime.

Ira Hayes, one of the Marine flag raisers on Iwo Jima at the climax of World War II, was found dead Monday on the Sacaton Indian reservation. He was 32.

The doctor's verdict: overexposure to freezing weather—too much alcohol.

Hayes' moment of glory atop Mt. Surabachi in the far Pacific was the beginning of his downfall.

Back home in 1945 Arizona's Indians looked up to him as a warrior who carried on the tradition of his ancestors. But for the chubby, friendly Pima Indian, things didn't go so well.

Once he was found on Chicago's skid row, wandering drunk and incoherent—without shoes. The Chicago Sun-Times started a fund for him, and a farm equipment company gave him a job.



O. MEREDITH WILSON
...first visit here

U. Of O. Prexy To Speak At Annual C. C. Dinner

The University of Oregon's new president, O. Meredith Wilson, will be the featured speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner, Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

During less than a year as president of the University, Wilson has gained considerable notice as a speaker in the Northwest. This will be his first official visit to Roseburg.

Another highlight of the dinner session will be the announcement of the selection of Roseburg's First Citizen for 1954. Past - President Wayne Crooch will make the award presentation.

Reservations for the event may be made by dialing 2-2648.

Erring Youth's Second Chance Carries Order For State Prison Tour

An 18-year-old youth, granted probation a year ago after pleading guilty to a forgery charge, received a rare second chance from Circuit Court Judge Carl E. Wimberly Monday, but with a string attached.

The "string" is that the young man, Paul L. Peterson, must take a conducted tour of the state penitentiary in the near future.

"I'd like to have you take a look at that inside of the penitentiary," the judge told Peterson. "It might be an eye-opener to you." Turning to Dist. Atty. Robert M. Stults, the judge added, "I don't think he will get in trouble any more if he gets a good look at it."

Peterson readily agreed to accompany the sheriff or a deputy to Salem the next time an officer takes a prisoner there.

The youth promised to stay out of trouble, work harder and keep in close contact with probation officer Jake Leicht. It was alleged Peterson failed to make restitution on a check on which he signed his mother's name.

Peterson said he has a job waiting for him at Sutherland, and that he will toe the mark from now on. The district attorney pointed out the boy comes from a broken home and has been "kicked around" quite a bit.

YOUTHS FREED

Two Drain youths, 18 and 16 years old, have been released from jail by Justice of the Peace Leonard, who said the cases have been settled. The two were arrested late last week on larceny charges. The older boy is James Robert Lancaster.

Defendant Gets Verdict In Suit For Damages

A circuit court jury deliberated an hour Monday afternoon before returning a verdict for the defendant, Earl Rosenbaum, in a small accident damage trial.

Plaintiffs Byron P. Harmon and Farmers Insurance Group sought judgments of \$50 and \$1,103.30 from Rosenbaum, alleging he was at fault in a traffic accident July 9, 1952, on Highway 227, in which Harmon's car and Rosenbaum's log truck collided.

The trail, before seven men and five women jurors, started Monday morning.

Commits Suicide After Telephoning Undertaker

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP) — Donald S. Mosby made arrangements for settlement of his estate and preparations for a funeral.

Then the 35-year-old chemist telephoned an undertaker and said, "You'd better come up here."

The undertaker found Mosby dying in his apartment from a gunshot wound. Coroner W. W. Hurst recorded the death as suicide.

Postage Rate Hikes Asked Of Congress

Summerfield Couples His Request With Plan To Increase Salaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postmaster General Summerfield has asked Congress to raise the price of mailing a letter from 3 to 4 cents "to meet increased costs; to provide facilities for growing mail volume; to improve service."

For the same reason, Summerfield Monday called for a boost in domestic air mail from 6 to 7 cents and second and third-class mail rates.

In all, the rate increases would yield more than \$32 million dollars a year. Of this, the 1-cent increase in the cost of a letter stamp would account for 237 millions. The letter rate would be raised only on the first ounce, remaining at 3 cents for each additional ounce.

Summerfield coupled his bid for higher rates with a proposal to raise the pay of about 500,000 letter carriers, clerks and other postal workers by 5 per cent. At the same time, he suggested a revision of salary schedules which he said now result in "injustices" and prevent the Post Office Department "from paying employees what they are worth."

He estimated these increases and adjustments would cost 139 million dollars a year. Counting

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Officers Investigating Animal Poisoning Cases

Extensive investigation is under way in the Roseburg area to apprehend persons who are poisoning small animals, Sheriff Cal Baird reports.

Several cases of poisoning have been brought to the attention of officers the last few days, the sheriff said, including one in which a dog being trained for seeing-eye duty and valued at \$400 was stricken and died. The dog belonged to Leslie Bauer, 559 Howe St.

Dog control officer Frank Stringer and Dep. Louis Suiter are gathering information on the problem. Most of the poisoning activity seems to be centered in east Roseburg near Rifle Range Road.

Monday, Lee Swift, who lives on Rifle Range Road, reported a dog killed. There have also been several cats and chickens poisoned.

Sheriff Baird warned parents of small children to be careful about where the children play and what they might pick up around yards. The poison is believed to be strychnine.

Larceny Charge Holds Prisoner For Grand Jury

A Winston man, William Richard McSperrit, 20, was bound over to the grand jury by Judge Warren A. Woodruff Monday following a preliminary hearing in district court.

Bail of \$1,000 and \$500 was continued on two charges of larceny. McSperrit arranged bail bonds last week in a traffic accident on the charges.

He is charged with theft of tools valued at more than \$75 from Cecil Schulze and G. E. Downs. Three other young men also have been arrested by deputy sheriffs in connection with the case.

Election Or Appointment System Of Filling Top Jobs Issue At State Legislature

By ESTHER GEDDES
Legislative Correspondent

To elect or not to elect, that is the question!

There is quite a gap between the proponents of elective politics and the proponents of appointive positions in Salem—or for that matter in any legislative body today.

Bills are being considered to take one elective office, and make it appointive, and other bills to make another appointive office elective. It's a little confusing to the layman, who is inclined to think the whole controversy stems out of petty political chicanery.

One outstanding example of this movement is the proposition that the attorney-general for the state should be appointive rather than elective. This, of course, would preclude the existence of the present situation in which the governor and the attorney general are of opposing politics. And one of the weaknesses of the present system is that it is generally assumed that the attorney general tends to use his office, when ethically possible, to further his own political



A SPECIALLY-BUILT STROLLER helps Larry Purcival, 16-months-old, get around home. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Purcival, 430 Patterson St., Roseburg. He contacted polio in October. Since then his parents have taken him to Eugene frequently for therapy treatments to help restore use of his right leg. His hip and ankle are improved; his right knee still has "no pickup" and he wears a brace on the leg. Expenses incurred for treatment and equipment have been paid for by the March of Dimes. (Paul Jenkins photo)

Financing Phases Of Sewer Project At Winston Talked

A problem in finance was presented to some 80 residents of Winston Monday evening.

The citizens of Douglas County's newest city learned a proposed sewer project would cost an estimated \$260,000. It would serve an estimated 3,000 persons.

Giving the survey report was Archie Rice of the Corvallis firm of Howland, Hayes and Merryfield. Rice told his audience at the public information meeting called by the Winston city council the cost would not cover installation of sewer lines all over the city. It would, he added, cover the majority of the city.

Subdividing the cost, Rice said \$119,000 was the estimated amount necessary for the sewage disposal plant. The remainder would cover laying of lines, installation, etc., reports News-Review Correspondent Mrs. Ted Peterson.

The Winston population is now some 2,000, according to Mayor Frank True, who presided over the meeting.

Proposed location of the sewage disposal plant would be adjacent to the South Slope Homes in South Winston. Rice told his listeners.

The plant, he added, could be used for some 20 years. The consulting engineer suggested installation of main lines and pumps that would serve the community for 50 years. It would be much easier, he pointed out, to build a new plant rather than dig up the

Awards Slated For Job Aid To Handicapped

Awards of merit from the President's Committee for National Employment of the Physically Handicapped will be presented at a Wednesday, Feb. 23, luncheon at the Hotel Umpqua, according to local Chairman Richard S. Gates. The no-host affair will start at 12:15 p.m. The organizations proposed for commendation because of efforts extended handicapped workers in Douglas County are Kier-Crooch Plumbing Co., Roseburg Lumber Co., Umpqua Hotel, Inc., and Martin Bros. Box Co., Oakland.

Automobiles Collide

Two automobiles received minor damage Monday morning in an accident on Main Street near Washington. Roseburg police said Mildred Mae Beauchamp, 1443 Madrone Ave., pulled her car forward in the parking lane just as Arthur E. Miller, 46, Rt. 2 Box 300, drove up to allow passengers to alight. The cars scraped. Police issued no citations.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Reizenstein

Central American marijuana republics should be thankful they have nothing more bothersome than periodic revolts to contend with. What if they were pestered with never-ending juvenile delinquency rashes?

Guards Shoot Two Of Trio; 1 Loses Arm

Three Other Guards Overpowered; Ladder Made Of Bed Springs

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — Tower Guards, opening fire after a warning shot, blasted two escaping convicts from a makeshift, bed spring ladder Monday night at the Washington State Penitentiary.

Wounded by slugs from guards' guns in a seven-shot volley were Vertis Barrett, 28, and Roddy Erb, 23. A companion in the escape attempt, James W. Singletary, 21, was not hit.

A bullet shattered Barrett's left arm and late Monday night prison doctors amputated to save the prisoner's life.

The three convicts, who have all been involved in three previous escapes or attempted breakouts, were nabbed by yard guards as they tried to flee back to their cells.

Warden Lawrence Delmore Jr. said the escape try started in Wing 6 Monday evening when the trio bound and gagged three prison guards at knifepoint.

Under cover of a heavy rain squall, the trio sneaked to the wall and flipped a ladder constructed of five sets of bed springs against the barrier to their freedom.

Barrett was the first to start up the makeshift ladder. Erb followed him. Singletary remained on the ground.

Warning Shot Ignored
As Barrett neared the top, guards on Tower 1 spotted him and fired a warning shot. It went ignored and guards from Towers 1 and 2 opened fire on the three prisoners.

Barrett was hit first. He tumbled to the prison yard. Two slugs ripped into his chest.

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Hostage Ordeal Causes Prison Guard To Resign

BOSTON (AP) — A Massachusetts State Prison guard who endured 34 hours as a hostage during last week's convict revolt says he is quitting his job because "I wouldn't want to go through that again."

Warren L. Harrington, 29, his brow beaded by sweat and his hands shaking, at a news conference Monday told of his 3 1/2 day ordeal.

The slight, fair-haired veteran of World War II said he lost eight of his 145 pounds while a hostage, with four other guards and six other convicts, of four desperate long-term prisoners.

At one time, Harrington said, "cop slayer" Fritz O. Swenson, 31, a life-timer, told him:

"A bullet is too good for you. I'm going to take you into one of the rooms (cells) and beat the living daylight out of you."

The guard, a prison officer for 6 1/2 years, said the hostage guards were not mistreated but the nervous strain was terrific.

Probation Given Forger On Three-Year Sentence

Herbert G. Reynolds, 33, Charleston, was granted probation on a three-year sentence in circuit court Monday after he pleaded guilty before Judge Carl E. Wimberly.

Reynolds was charged with forgery in connection with passage of a \$26.91 check, at a Myrtle Creek motel last June. He was returned here from a Eureka, Calif., jail on Dec. 30.

When granted probation, Reynolds promised to not drink liquor and to abide by other probation rules. During arraignment, attorney Arthur Wilson told the court Reynolds was drunk at the time he wrote the bad check.

As an inducement to remain sober, Judge Wimberly said he would hang the three-year probationary term "over your head."

Man Wanted In Elkton Burglary Held In Yakima

A man sought since last August in connection with an Elkton burglary has been arrested at Yakima, Wash., and is being held for local authorities.

Sheriff Cal Baird said Earl Ellis Rhodes, 40, was picked up in Yakima on a minor charge. He was using another name.

He will be returned here to face a charge of burglarizing the Beckley & Thomas Store in Elkton last Aug. 1. In the burglary, the store was taken about \$600, was a taken. It later was recovered unopened.

Arrested soon after the crime was Rhodes' brother, Clifford Edward Rhodes, 39. He later pleaded guilty to burglary and was given a four-year term in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly.