

Bill For Dancing Lessons Spurred Flight Of Ritchie

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It was a pretty sorry looking would-be armed robber who this morning agreed to return to the state of Washington to face criminal charges.

Wesley Leroy Ritchie, 29-year-old logger and oyster house worker, is worse for wear. His mouth is swollen, clothes muddy and he walks with a painful limp.

His sawed-off shotgun which had recently been cut down, had kicked him in the mouth in an exchange of shots with a sheriff's deputy in Tacoma Sunday night. His muscles are sore from twice fleeing from officers on foot and from wrecking a stolen car in Eugene.

Bit by bit, Undersheriff Carl Smith is piecing together Ritchie's story. It goes like this:

He was released from the Washington State Prison at Walla Walla Jan. 3. That was after serving eight years of a sentence carrying a 12-year maximum.

Jailed For Armed Assault

Ritchie says he was sentenced for armed assault, a charge resulting from a burglary which was upset by a merchant policeman in Midway, Wash. "in 1948 or '49."

The merchant officer had grabbed Ritchie's partner, the bruised prisoner related through his cell bars, and Ritchie shot him in the leg.

Paroled, Ritchie went to work in an oyster house, he says. The pay was good and he was earning about \$400 a month when he decided to learn some of the social graces and started taking dancing lessons.

Next, he went to work as a logger and with employment somewhat spotty the monthly income fell off. But not the dancing lessons.

Bill Starts Coming Due

They were continued until a bill of \$412 was totted up, Ritchie

Morse New Delhi-Bound For Commonwealth Meet

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Morse (D-Ore.) left Washington Tuesday for New Delhi, India, where he will attend the Commonwealth Parliamentary Union conference.

Other delegates from the United States are Sens. Morton (R-Ky.) and Carlson (R-Kan.).

The Senate last July approved a bill authorizing the three to attend the conference and providing funds for the trip.

AERIAL YANKED

Harry Walth, 1262 SE Stephens St., reported to Roseburg police that the aerial had been broken off his car while it was parked in front of his residence Monday night and the automobile's gas cap was taken last Wednesday or Thursday. Several reports of such incidents have been taken by city police during the last few weeks.

mumbled through his broken lips. The bill was to be paid off at the rate of \$102 a month, Smith was told.

Now unemployed, Ritchie decided to pull off a robbery, he told the undersheriff. A Safeway Store was to be the target and a shotgun the means.

A single-shot, 12 gauge shotgun was sawed off as short as possible. The stock was cut down. The weapon was designed to be carried in a sling concealed beneath a coat so it could be swung into position for firing.

That wounded deputy sheriff in Tacoma caused the plans to go awry. He halted Ritchie's car on a dead-end street, the prisoner says, and approached with a bright light shining in Ritchie's face.

"I tried to shoot the lights out," Ritchie claimed in telling of the only shot fired from his shotgun. The officer was wounded but not seriously.

Ritchie fled on foot, abandoning his car "which was paid for," he ruefully told Smith.

He said he saw lights upstairs in a house and ran to the door

Mid-Term Elections Urged By Neuberger

PORTLAND (AP)—Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) predicted Monday that President Eisenhower's illness "will bring about a renewed drive to enact a constitutional amendment providing for mid-term elections, in the event there is a succession to the presidential office."

The senator said in a statement that he had introduced a constitutional proposal earlier this year which would drop the ban against a third term and provide for a mid-term election whenever a vice president enters the presidential office in the first two years of the President's term.

"This is merely applying the sensible Oregon system of electing governors to the far greater position of the American presidency. No person succeeding to the Oregon governorship can occupy that post beyond the next election. He must run at the polls to fill out the entire term of the governor whom he succeeded. This is a wise policy. It negates the people's control over major elective office. It minimizes the likelihood of a succession which is contrary to the popular will," Neuberger said.

DRIVER CITED

Roseburg police cited Bert McClain, 19, Winston, Monday for following too closely after the 1950 sedan he was driving was involved in a minor collision near the intersection of Stephens Street and Woodward Avenue with a 1955 station wagon driven by Wade Maxwell Anderson, 30, Portland. Damage to the Anderson vehicle was estimated at \$50. Estimated damage to the McClain car was \$10.

which was unlocked. He entered and saw some car keys on a chest. While he was grabbing the keys, Ritchie recalled, a woman called from upstairs demanding to know who was there.

Using the stolen keys Ritchie took a car and fled south. He was spotted in Eugene and chased when he ignored an order to halt. In fleeing from Eugene police, Ritchie overturned the stolen car and again took off on foot.

Still headed south, Ritchie was given a lift by a University of Oregon student. The ride ended when the car was halted at a roadblock set up for another fugitive.

The shotgun, which had been concealed beneath a coat was tossed to the pavement when Ritchie saw he was surrounded by officers.

Wild rides for Ritchie were not over. While he was seated in a sheriff's car being questioned by Smith and state police, a stolen car raced through the roadblock.

This was driven by the young man for which the blockade had been established—David Warren Wilson, 19, captured about three hours later.

Smith took off in pursuit carrying two passengers: Ritchie and Robert Graves, Rt. 4 Box 1290, Roseburg, who had volunteered to accompany the undersheriff to the jail with his prisoner.

Smith and state police chased Wilson south on Highway 99 but lost him when they were held up by slow moving traffic which refused to give way despite red lights and sirens.

Wilson was boxed in by roadblocks set up at all key points by law officers and resumed his searching. With Sheriff Ira C. Byrd, Smith finally spotted the wanted car parked on a dimly lit street in western Roseburg.

Wilson was asleep in the car and offered no resistance when ordered to open the car. He was unarmed.

T. DeMasters Funeral Scheduled Wednesday

Funeral services for Timothy DeMasters, of Myrtle Creek, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Ganz Mortuary, Myrtle Creek.

Mrs. L. F. Darling, Christian Science reader, will officiate. Interment will follow in Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

The child died in Canyonville Sunday. He was born in Canyonville, Jan. 21, 1952. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval DeMasters of Myrtle Creek; three sisters, Mrs. Georgia Stubbfield and Mrs. Quilla Thomas, both of Myrtle Creek and Mrs. Patsy Todd of Woodland, Calif.; one brother, LeRoy DeMasters, U. S. Navy.

Graveside Services Thursday For A. Azbill

Graveside services for Alfred Azbill, 48, will be held at Coles Valley Cemetery near Umpqua at 2 p.m. Thursday, with the Rev. C. A. Ziegel of the Lutheran Church of Sutherlin officiating.

Azbill died Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Magnus Nielsen, Umpqua. He had moved to Umpqua from his life-long home in Bakerfield, Calif., last year. Stearns and Little Mortuary, Oakland, is in charge of arrangements.

FIRE DANGER DOWN

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Overnight rains lessened the danger of more bushfire outbreaks Tuesday as damage in two burned towns in the Blue Mountains was estimated at nearly five million dollars.

Livestock District Meet Slatd Here

A meeting to determine the status of livestock districts in Douglas County will be held Wednesday in Roseburg.

The meeting, called by the Oregon State Dept. of Agriculture, will be held at 10 a.m. in the County Court Auditorium of the courthouse.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine what livestock districts exist in the county; where the boundaries are located, by what names or numbers the existing districts are designated; and what livestock or classes of livestock are not allowed to run at large within the existing districts.

The meeting is authorized by law through the Oregon revised Statutes.

Anyone interested in the subject is requested by Charles Doerner, county clerk, to attend the hearing and present any pertinent evidence on the subject. The hearing is being held primarily to receive testimony on the livestock district situation in the county.

Sen. Dimick Lauds Resources Agency

State Sen. Dan Dimick, Roseburg, Monday night told Oakland Chamber of Commerce members that citizens and service groups should support the Water Resources Survey, the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Engineers in connection with Douglas county's water problems.

Dimick especially praised the work of the water resources group under the direction of Ben Irving. Describing the central water problems in the county, the Roseburg Democrat said, "we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that our streams flood in the winter and cause great damage to farms, homes and businesses. Conversely, in the summer our streams dry up and the water in our rivers drops to a dangerously low level."

He said the problem, besides affecting individual water users, also prevents further growth in population or industry in many towns.

He showed support for an exhibit of silt taken from plumbing fixtures in an Oakland home and pointed out that the Oakland Sutherlin area suffers from one of the gravest water problems in the county because of stream pollution, silt, flooding and inadequate water in the Calapooia River.

Fog Blankets Parts Of Western Oregon

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS
Heavy fog blankets much of Western Oregon Tuesday morning but lifted in some areas later in the day to permit resumption of air traffic.

Airports at Salem and Medford were closed by fog at midmorning. Those at Portland, Eugene and Roseburg were opened after being closed down throughout the night.

Western Oregon will be cloudy with a little rain early Wednesday, the Weather Bureau said.

Baker was the coldest spot in the state early Tuesday at 15 degrees. It was 19 at Burns, 20 at Klamath Falls, 21 at Lakeview, 24 at Redmond, and 31 at Medford and Pendleton.

BOY CHASED, KILLED

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—A state police lieutenant said one of his troopers shot and killed a 14-year-old boy Monday night as the climax to a stolen car chase at speeds up to 100 miles an hour.

The boy deliberately tried to run down the trooper, the lieutenant declared.

SEARCH SUSPENDED

MT. RAINIER NATIONAL PARK Wash. (AP)—Search for the body of Lowell Linn, 23, inexperienced mountain climber missing since Saturday on storm-swept, snow-covered Mt. Rainier, was suspended today until the weather clears.

Two Write-In Candidates Win In Votes Among Ten Special Taxing Districts

Voting in central and southern Douglas County's 10 special taxing districts was marked by the election of a write-in candidate in the North Roseburg Sanitary District and the Myrtle Creek Rural Fire District Monday.

Results of the elections are as follows:
North Roseburg Sanitary District: Woody Maddox and Walter Carter Sr. were elected to three-year terms. Carter, the write-in winner, received 25 votes. His name did not appear on the ballot. Maddox received 38 votes. Roy Allen, the incumbent, received 18 votes.

Roseburg Rural Fire District: D. R. Glenz, Stubb Parker and Thomas Stubbfield were all elected unanimously. Glenz was re-elected for a five-year term. Parker succeeded himself for the remaining two years of the term vacated by Ralph Woods, and Stubbfield succeeded himself for the remaining four years of the term vacated by Cliff Thrasher. Each candidate received 16 votes.

Engdahl Re-elected

Green Sanitary District: Warren Engdahl was elected director, receiving 53 votes. Three write in candidates included: Charles Hall, with 6 votes; Jack Toi, 1; and

Conspiracy Counts Against 10 Dropped

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge Monday dismissed Smith Act conspiracy indictments against 10 alleged California communist leaders after the government "reluctantly" requested the action.

U. S. Judge Ben Harrison granted dismissal after Asst. U. S. Atty. Norman Beukom presented a Department of Justice letter saying in part:

"The comprehensive review conducted by departmental attorneys assigned to the preparation and retrial of this case establishes that we cannot satisfy the evidentiary requirements laid down by the supreme court in its opinion reversing the conviction in this matter."

Fourteen defendants were convicted in 1952, after a six-month jury trial here, of charges of plotting to teach violent overthrow of the U. S. government.

Labor Council Merger Approved In Portland

PORTLAND (AP)—The AFL Portland Central Labor Council voted Monday night to merge with the CIO council to form the Multnomah County Labor Council.

The CIO approved the merger Nov. 21.

The formal merger will take place Dec. 16. The president of the Central Labor Council, Glenn R. Blake, was nominated without opposition to be president of the combined council.

Vice president will be Kenneth R. Smith, who has been president of the CIO council.

The secretary-treasurer of the merged council will be a member of the AFL. The two nominated for the post are Gust Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the AFL council for 22 years, and Ed Whelan of the Firefighters Union. Voting for this officer is scheduled next Monday.

Kenneth Burke, 1. Engdahl was re-elected to a three-year term.

Roberts Creek Water District: Charles Hall elected director with 106 votes. J. A. Winter, the only other candidate, received 91. Hall was elected for five years.

Winston - Dillard Water District: Ivan Brosi was unanimously re-elected for a five year term.

Teamster Witness Says Was Beaten

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Tennessee teamster swore Tuesday he was beaten and various acts of violence occurred while his Local 327 at Nashville was under leadership of officers backed by international representatives of the Teamsters.

"I got heck knocked out of me, I was knocked unconscious," Browning Moore, former steward of the local, testified in U.S. district court.

Moore was called as a witness for a group of 13 New York City area Teamster Union members seeking to void the election of James R. Hoffa as president of the big union.

Judge Frank Dickinson Lettis, hearing the case without a jury, has issued a temporary order barring Hoffa from taking office until the court issue is concluded.

Hoffa was elected to succeed Dave Beck at the Teamsters convention in Miami last October.

Heavy Damage Results From Canyonville Fire

Canyonville volunteer firemen saved the Don Thompson home in the Anderson addition from total loss by fire last week.

Fire Chief Norman Hanson said the fire probably began from an electrical short. The interior of the home and contents were destroyed leaving the exterior and roof intact. Damages were estimated at between \$3500 and \$4000.

Both house and contents were insured.

The fire, which broke out at about 9:00 p.m., was reported by neighbors. Thompson, whose family is out of town visiting relatives, had been napping on the living room couch when he noticed the smoke.

Morocco Claims Spanish Ships Bombed Colony

RABAT, Morocco (AP)—Moroccan nationalists said Spanish warships bombarded rebels in the colony of Ifni Monday and some shells exploded on the adjacent Moroccan coast.

The newspaper Al Alam, organ of the Istiqlal (Independence) Party, reported that the warships fired shells at a rate of three a minute.

was re-elected director for five years, receiving 9 votes. Mrs. Vic Winters and Clay Ulum received one vote apiece. All were write in candidates. Following the election the board of directors met and elected LeRoy Hanna, president; O. E. Weeks, vice president; and Froehlich, secretary-treasurer.

Tri-City Rural Fire District: Dale L. Shields was unanimously

re-elected for five years, receiving 23 votes.

Tri-City Water District: David Cockrell, receiving 23 votes, was also unanimously elected for a five-year term. Both the Tri-City districts will hold new elections of officers Jan. 9, 1958.

Results of the Gardiner and Winchester Bay rural fire district elections are not listed.

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