

Wheeler-Dealer Returns To Fight Alleged Charge

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — He looked nothing like a financier. He wore a rumpled, light-colored raincoat, scuffed black loafers, wrinkled blue trousers. His gray-striped summer sport coat was mussed. His light blue shirt was buttoned at the neck. He peered from behind horn-rimmed glasses and said he was innocent.

After five and one half years, Earl Belle was home.

Now 31 and balding, Belle returned to Pittsburgh Thursday "to clear my name."

"I didn't do anything," Belle maintained to inquiring reporters. "I was an employee and was taken advantage of by other people."

Arrived Thursday

Belle, a one-time wheeler-and-dealer in high finance, a big spender who drove imported cars and wore \$250 suits, arrived here shortly before 5 p.m. in the custody of U.S. Marshal James Berry. They had left New York by car at 9 a.m.

Facing federal trial on 50 counts of stock fraud and conspiracy, Belle was committed to Allegheny County Jail when he could not make \$60,000 bond.

Glendale-Azalea Programs Listed

Glendale-Azalea churches will celebrate Christmas with a variety of programs on Sunday night and on Monday at 7 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck at the Glendale town Christmas tree on Pacific Avenue. A carol sing sponsored by the Inter-Church Fellowship will be held around the tree at 6 p.m. preceding Santa's arrival.

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. the Glendale Presbyterian Church and the Missionary Baptist Church will present their Sunday School programs, and the Southern Baptists will present a program and play. The Presbyterian program will feature also a choir concert and a junior high play.

At 7 p.m. Sunday the Glendale Assembly of God Church will hold its Sunday School program along with selections by the choir and other features all geared to the theme "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

At 7:30 p.m. the Azalea Community Church will present its Sunday School program called "The Gates of Christmas" and the choir will give the cantata "A Song Unending."

The public is invited to attend the programs.

Scope, Sequence Guide Finished For Literature

The Roseburg School District's "Guide to Literature" for grades 1-12 in its continuing scope and sequence study is now complete. Assistant Supt. Harry Jacoby reports the guide is designed to supplement the state guide and to assist teachers in determining course material.

It begins with the definition and discussion of the meaning of the term "literature" and includes program goals and characteristics of growth evidenced in students in the 12 grades. It closes with a bibliography for elementary, junior and senior high schools.

The consultant for the guide was Dr. Arthur Kriesman, director of general studies at Southern Oregon College.

Meanwhile, another study designed to help set up a similar guide for social studies is now under way. So far, the scope and sequence program has resulted in guides for mathematics and science, language arts, composition, speaking and listening, physical education and health, and handbooks for principals and teachers.

Faith Lutheran Sets Traditional Service

The Christmas season at Faith Lutheran Church will be climaxed with a festive Christmas Eve candlelighting service. This traditional vesper service will begin at 11 p.m. Dec. 24, concluding at the hour of midnight. "This beautiful and inspiring occasion will find the congregation sharing in many of the favorite Christmas hymns, the proclamation of the Gospel concerning the birth of the Prince of Peace, and the symbolic spreading of the Light of the World by way of a candle-lighting ceremony," Pastor Allen Ingebritsen reports.

In addition to a brief message by the pastor, there will be a message in music given by the church's senior choir. The community, along with members and friends of the church, is invited.

STUDENTS MISS PARTY

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI) — About 400 pupils at the Meachen School eagerly looked forward to the Christmas holiday vacation but were quite unhappy Friday when it began a day early.

A six-inch water main broke in the basement of the school here, forcing officials to send the pupils home before they could hold their scheduled afternoon Christmas party.

Lutherans Slate Youth Programs

The retelling of the Christmas story in word and song by older youths of Faith Lutheran Church will take place at the church during the 9:45 a.m. Church School hour this Sunday. The service will be conducted entirely by the members of the classes of fifth graders and above.

Among the participants will be Norman Thorpe, liturgist; Sharon Salmonson, organist; Steve Bryan, Dick Champion, Glenn Koppang and Robbie Taylor, ushers; and Sharon Redding, who will deliver a brief message on "What Christmas Means to Me." Virginia Noel, Sharon LaBrenz, and Becky Reding will sing a Christmas hymn as a trio during the service.

The younger children of the church school, those through the fourth grade, will present their special program at 7 p.m. Sunday. It will be in the form of a Christmas pageant, with a symbolic re-enactment of the Christmas story as recorded in the New Testament. In addition to this, the members of the Church School classes will present gifts which will be sent to children at the Bethphage Mission in Axtell, Neb., a home for handicapped children maintained by the Lutheran Church in America.

All parents and friends are invited to both of these programs, according to the pastor, Allen Ingebritsen.

FLOODS KILL 13

RABAT, Morocco (UPI) — Seasonal floods have killed at least 13 persons and isolated about 20 villages in the North Moroccan area where 50 persons drowned in floods last year, it was reported today.



AIRLINES SERVICE for Roseburg may be offered by American Air-Lease, a Portland-based firm, in Beechcraft Super 18 aircraft such as pictured here beginning Jan. 15. AAL representative James Fugate told the 40 local officials who turned out for a special

meeting Friday that should the firm feel Roseburg needed and would support such a service, it would be started in mid-January, offering two round-trips daily to Portland, with a flight to Medford also looming as a possibility.

West Berliners Swarm Through 'Christmas Crack'

BERLIN (UPI)—West Berliners by the thousands swarmed through the "Christmas crack" in the Communist wall today to hold brief reunions with relatives they have not seen for more than two years.

Lugging pillow cases and laundry bags full of food and cigarettes, they began streaming past machine gun-armed Communist guards as soon as the barriers were lowered at 7 a.m. (1 a.m. EST). They must be back by midnight.

West Berlin police predicted 20,000 persons would visit the Eastern zone today under the agreement by which West Berliners are making their first trip across the anti-refugee wall since it went up 28 months ago.

Many Carry Food

Many emptied their cupboards to take fruit, meat and even

potatoes to their brothers and sisters on the wrong side of the barbed wire-and-concrete divider.

Some suspected the Communists opened the wall for political reasons. But politics paled beside the emotional explosion of first reunions between mothers and sons, grandfathers and granddaughters.

The crossings, which started on masse Friday, will continue for 16 days more.

Friday night, at the midnight deadline, reunited families hugged almost savagely at the moment of parting.

At the Oberbaumbridge crossing point, one middle-aged woman laughed and cried at the same time while she kissed her Western son goodbye. She was clutching a very practical set of long underwear he had

brought her as a gift.

Snow Covers City

The wall, like all of Berlin, is blanketed with snow. An estimated 6,000 persons crossed it Friday. Many more

ASK APPROVAL

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Norfolk and Western and Nickel Plate railroads asked the Interstate Commerce Commission Thursday to approve their merger proposal as soon as possible.

The railroads said that rejection of the merger or delay in ICC approval would block for years any further realignment of eastern railroads.

were expected on a Saturday when most West Berliners are not working.

Western newspapers reported that 170,000 West Berliners already have received passes from the platoon of deadpan Communist functionaries who dole them out. The city government asked the Communists to speed things up as huge lines formed in the falling snow long before daylight.

West Berlin police reported that 19 persons were hospitalized of a total of 1,161 who collapsed while waiting.

One died. She was Mrs. Franziska Hoernig, 76. Her neighbors said her "last wish" had been to see her 73-year-old sister in East Berlin.

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