

Pen Inmate Flees Gang via Hop Into Passing Auto

A state penitentiary convict Saturday dashed from a strawberry patch at the prison annex into an auto that had stopped on Turner road and sped away from a startled armed guard.

Richard Johnson, 29, serving his third year of a seven-year sentence for assault and armed robbery in Lane county, was still at large late Saturday night.

Prison guards searched areas surrounding Salem all day Saturday and state police were alerted throughout Oregon but no clues had been uncovered by midnight.

Johnson was hoisting strawberries with a gang under a guard about 10 a. m. between the prison annex and Turner road when a black or dark-blue Buick stopped alongside the field. Johnson dashed for the car and jumped in the back seat. The driver sped toward the state tuberculosis hospital and hasn't been seen since the escape.

Deputy Warden E. C. Halley said, "It happened so quickly that the guard (Lee Hughes) just couldn't do anything about it."

Johnson, who entered the prison Feb. 10, 1948, had a good conduct record prior to his escape. He previously had served a one-year sentence for non-support on a commitment from Deschutes county.

The escapee is 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 137 pounds, has brown eyes, dark brown hair and a dark complexion. He escaped while wearing regulation prison clothing.

State Sen. Bain Admits Mailing Unsigned Cards 'It's All a Mistake', Candidate Asserts

PORTLAND, May 13 (AP)—State Senator Jack Bain today admitted preparing and mailing anonymous post cards to democratic voters. The cards had questioned the motives of County Clerk Al Brown's candidacy for the democratic nomination for county commissioner.

Bain is one of the eight democrats seeking the nomination. He said the fact the cards were not signed—a violation of the Oregon corrupt practices act—was a mistake. His wife reported she had dumped 850 in a mail box before the senator could sign them.

"There's nothing wrong with the cards," Bain said. "I just forgot to sign them." But he admitted some of the cards—about 100—went out with the typed name "L. M. Justice."

The cards questioned why Brown should want to give up a \$6,600 job as county clerk for one paying \$5,700 as commissioner.

Before Bain admitted authorship of the cards, Brown demanded an investigation—which District Attorney John B. McCourt started.

Truman Asks River Agency Tiffs Cease

ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN, May 13 (AP)—President Truman voiced a sharp warning today to warring state and federal agencies to wake up and settle their differences over river development.

Speaking at Fort Peck, Mont., he departed from a prepared address to declare that states of the Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio valleys must cooperate or developed areas elsewhere are going to take the population, they are going to take all the industries, "they are going to take every single thing we had."

The Missouri-born president also criticized federal agencies for scrapping over control of river development, particularly in his own Missouri valley. He said it involved reclamation, flood control, navigation and other problems.

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Independence Youth Dies in Auto Crash

Statesman News Service
INDEPENDENCE, May 13.—Haskell Sterling Russell, 20, Independence, was killed instantly early this morning when his auto crashed into the concrete Oak Point bridge, about three miles south of the Independence Y.

A passenger in the auto, William Ray Myers, 18, Mannouth, incurred only minor injuries. He was treated for cuts and bruises at Salem General hospital and was released.

The accident occurred about 1 a. m. at the same bridge where Harvey Thibeau of Independence was killed or drowned in an auto accident last February 28.

State police said Russell was driving toward Independence when the auto crashed into the concrete bridge railing. The car was demolished. Polk County Coroner J. Paul Bollman said death undoubtedly came instantly. Russell was slumped in the car when Bollman arrived.

Russell, born May 16, 1929, at Van Buren, Ark., had lived in Independence for about six years. He was discharged in 1949 after a three-year hitch with the army. Survivors include Russell's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Davis, Independence; three brothers, J. D., James and LeRoy Russell, all of Independence; and relatives in other parts of the country.

Funeral services are tentatively set for 2 p. m. next Thursday at the Walter Smith funeral home in Independence.

Texas Deputies Cut Wires to Halt Race News

EL PASO, Tex., May 13 (AP)—A Sheriff's officer scaled a pole at the New Mexico border tonight and cut Western Union wires serving an Anapra, N. M., news service.

Sheriff Joe Campbell said this disrupted race news service to the west coast and Mexico.

The wires were cut about 6 p. m. (MST) after County Attorney Ernest Campbell decided the act would not violate state or federal laws.

Thus, Campbell said, continental press service's relay of racing news over the nation was interrupted in transmission to the west coast, Mexico, and Las Vegas and Reno, Nev.

According to a report of the federal communications commission, the Silver State News service at Anapra, about four miles west and slightly north of here, acts as a relay station to points west.

Campbell said he hopes the action taken here will set a precedent throughout the nation. "If the wire service and news dissemination part of horse race betting can be stopped," he said, "I'm sure organized gambling in the country can be curtailed."

Campbell said that if the Western Union wires are restored they'll be cut again in the morning.

Campbell stood at the foot of the pole and directed Sgt. Earl Hammock of the sheriff's department highway patrol in the cutting. He took care that it was all done on the Texas side of the border and that an end to the severed wire did not fall into New Mexico.

Bible Gives Theme For Mother's Day

For a Mother's day message that has never been improved upon and never could," Gov. Douglas McKay referred Saturday to one of the Biblical Ten Commandments.

He said the most applicable words for the occasion were: "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." He reminded that they are from chapter 20 of the book of Exodus.

NATIONALISTS RAID TAIPEI, FORMOSA, SUNDAY

TAIPEI, Formosa, Sunday, May 14 (AP)—A new commando-type raid on the communist mainland 140 miles south of Shanghai was reported today in official Chinese nationalist dispatches.

Public Inspection of Detroit Dam Site Will Be Possible Next Week

Public inspection of the Detroit dam site will be possible next week end. Saturday the works will be open to the public in observance of Armed Forces day. Sunday an informal caravan of Cherrians, members of the court and Gov. Douglas McKay and Sen. Wayne L. Morse will make the trip to the dam site. Above is a general view of the progress made to date, and at lower right, as they will view the project. Sunday, are Queen Nancy Miller, Princesses Dwyann Anne Herberger, Martha Storruste, Patricia Mae Kirk and Marlene Hartmann.

Public Invited to 'Open House' at Damsite Sunday, May 21

DETROIT—3-24-2 p. 1 with pic dam by 3 p. m. for the festivities. The army engineers and Consolidated Builders, Inc., contractors, will entertain in honor of the court, who will be introduced by Sidney L. Stevens, association president.

Bartlett said a concession stand will be erected to serve coffee, sandwiches and cold drinks. Band music will be provided, and Salem Cherrians will attend as a uniformed group.

Mr. Davis of the engineers and Mr. Murray of the contractors are handling arrangements at the dam, and they and other dam personnel will outline the construction program and answer questions for visitors.

Others participating in the program will include Gov. Douglas McKay, Albert Bauer of CBI, Gen. Thomas M. Robins, Col. O. E. Walsh and Col. Donald S. Burns of the engineers.



U.S. Rail Paralysis Spreads, Talks Collapse

Section of UP to Join Tie-Up

CHICAGO, May 13 (AP)—Both sides in the locomotive firemen's strike met today with a government mediator today but the conference broke up without a settlement.

There was no indication when a new meeting aimed at reaching an agreement in the dispute would be held. The strike, meanwhile, spread in the east and west.

Francis A. O'Neill, jr., chairman of the national (railway) mediation board did say, however, that more such conferences would be held later.

But even as the union representatives were attending the conference, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen extended its strike to the southwestern district of the Union Pacific railroad and sought to cut the Pennsylvania railroad's operations in the east and south.

The move had the effect of stretching the strike operations from coast to coast although only a relatively few trains are involved in the new strike developments.

At Los Angeles K. B. Walton, acting vice president of the Firemen's Brotherhood said the men are being pulled out at 6 p. m. Pacific daylight time, "because the Union Pacific has been helping the Santa Fe operate by allowing the trains to use their yards."

A PRR spokesman at Philadelphia said 21 freight trains were operated west and north of Harrisburg today—11 more than yesterday.

Normally, the PRR operates some 1,500 freights north and west of Harrisburg.

The strike of 18,000 firemen was called Wednesday against parts of the Pennsylvania, New York Central, Santa Fe and Southern rail systems. The union is demanding a second fireman on big diesel locomotives and a fireman on little switch diesels.

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Census Winner Off Only 37

Earl R. Anderson of 3310 Fisher road, Salem, had a "lot of fun" guessing Salem's 1950 population in The Oregon Statesman's contest. And Saturday he also received a \$25 check, shown above, and the congratulations of his two daughters, Mary Ruth (left) and Maria Rose, for winning first award. The flowers in the background are Anderson's hobby. Anderson missed Salem's official count by only 37 persons. (Photo by Les Cour, Statesman valley editor.)

Two Men, Turner Woman in Top Rank of 4250 Guessers on Population of Salem for 1950

Earl R. Anderson of 3310 Fisher road, "just kind of had an idea" a lot of the Salem area's growth was outside its incorporated limits.

So he was awarded a \$25 check Saturday for winning first place in The Oregon Statesman's population guessing contest.

Anderson, a semi-retired veteran of overseas service in World War I, entered a guess of 43,027—just 37 short of the official total of 43,064 announced yesterday as Salem's 1950 count.

A \$10 check for winning second place went to Mrs. Ora McGirt, box 158, Turner, who guessed 43,127—an over-estimation of 63 persons, and the third prize of \$5 went to Richard McQuiston of 2355 Claxter road, Salem, for a guess of 43,000—just 64 short of the official total.

More Than 4250 Guesses

More than 4250 persons entered guesses in the contest. The 10 runners-up to the three winners, none of resides within the Salem City limits, were:

Salem (43,135—71 off).
Mrs. M. Boitz, Stayton (42,980—84 off).
Georgia Bird, 110 Washington st., Dallas (43,210—146 off).
W. J. Buck, 318 E. Miller st., Salem (43,237—173 off).
Paul A. Smith, box 394, Mill City (42,876—188 off).
Mrs. D. A. Jenkins, box 44, Monmouth (43,262—198 off).
Sheldon Anderson, route 2, box 169, Woodburn (42,832—232 off).
Norene Kreger, route 1, Jefferson (43,300—236 off).
Mrs. Stella Brown, 441 Pine st., Salem (42,809—255 off).
Mrs. T. C. Anderson, route 7, box 425B, Salem (42,798—266 off).

PAA Airline Strike Ends

NEW YORK, May 13 (AP)—A strike of 700 Pan-American World Airways flight attendants, supported by 3,000 maintenance workers, was called off today 17 hours after it started.

The walkout which began last midnight was cancelled in late afternoon when both sides agreed to submit disputed issues to arbitration.

An airline official said the strikers had agreed to return to work immediately.

LIE MEETS WITH GROMYKO

MOSCOW, May 13 (AP)—United Nations Secretary-General Trygve Lie conferred for an hour today with Soviet Deputy Minister Andrei A. Gromyko.

Lie is holding a round of conferences with top Russian officials in an effort to ease east-west tension.

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	Max.	Min.	Precip.
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San Francisco	53	48	trace
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New York	73	50	50

Willamette river 3.7 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight with a high today near 68 and a low tonight near 45. Cloudy on the coast until noon, becoming partly cloudy with periods of sunshine this afternoon. Agricultural outlook: Weather excellent for all farm activities today except wind will hinder dusting and spraying operations during afternoon hours.

SALEM PRECIPITATION		
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