

## Prison Guard Makes Court Appearance

Francis L. McConnell, state penitentiary guard accused of smuggling dynamite and a gun to a prisoner in an escape plot, waived preliminary investigations in two courts Wednesday and secured court-appointed counsel.

Arraignment for plea was set for 10:30 a.m. today. McConnell was first ordered held for grand jury action in Marion county district court after waiving preliminary hearing before Judge Val D. Sloper. Brought before Circuit Judge George R. Duncan, he waived grand jury investigation and was continued for entry of plea today.

Bruce Williams was appointed by the judge to act as attorney for McConnell.

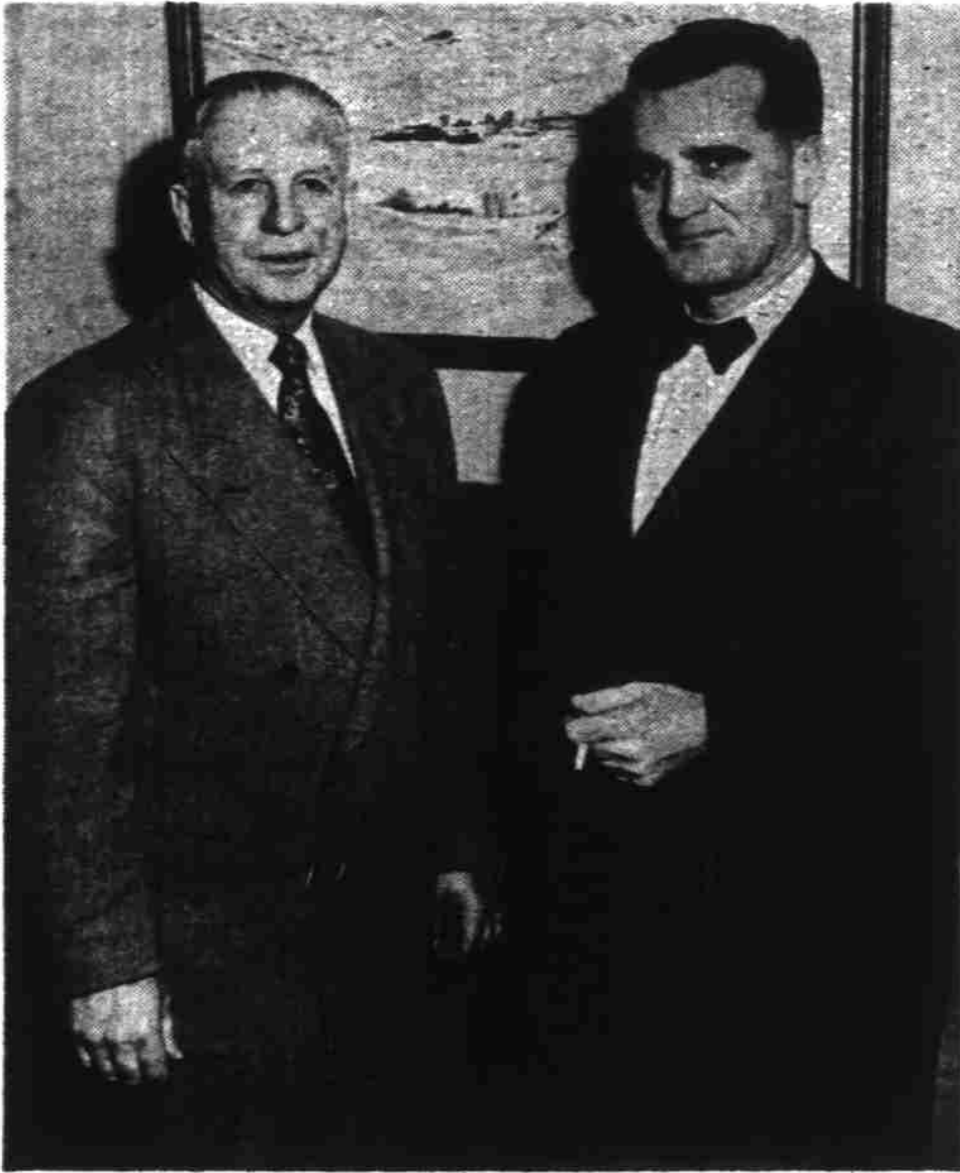
The guard was arrested Monday on the specific charge of aiding an imprisoned person to attempt escape from the penitentiary. Warden Virgil O'Malley said McConnell had admitted to state police that he had taken two sticks of dynamite, a .22 calibre revolver, a knife made from brass plumbing and 13 cartridges to Dupree Poe, serving life for murder.

McConnell, a guard since January, had been suspended since the preceding Wednesday when the weapons were found in a prisoner's cell, O'Malley said.

O'Malley said that although prison guards are on alert for more weapons which may have been smuggled in, prison officials feel that all have been located.

Mining did not begin on Norway's island of Spitsbergen until 1905.

## Sicks' Executive Promoted



Shifting of Sicks' Brewing Co. executives by the firm's board of directors Tuesday gave higher responsibilities to these men—Floyd W. Shepard (left) who becomes executive vice president in charge of sales, with offices in Portland, and Steve Tabacchi, production superintendent who succeeds Shepard as general manager of the Salem brewery.

## Sec. Acheson Lauds Europe Unity Moves

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson hit back today at critics of Europe's progress toward unity. He said the Europeans have made more progress in the last four years than they did in the previous five centuries.

Acheson singled out the six-nation European army program and the Schuman plan for pooling coal and steel resources of western Europe as spectacular forward steps.

The secretary told his news conference he has "the greatest hope" that both programs will be ready next month for final acceptance.

Acheson noted that the French chamber of deputies has just ratified the Schuman plan and said preparations for the army have gone forward all along in expectation that Britain would be unwilling to contribute actual forces. The British have balked at supplying troops for continental defense under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"So while it may be said that as against some ideal goal the Europeans have not done enough, I think they have done more in four years than they have done in 500 years to bring this (unity) about," Acheson said.

## CRASH VICTIM DIES

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—Homer S. Wright, about 65, Portland, died today from injuries suffered when struck by a bus early last month. His death was Portland's 45th traffic fatality this year.

## Rites Today



Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. today at Clough-Barrick chapel for Tillman Dutton, 45, former coast guardsman who died at Veterans hospital, Portland, Monday after a long illness. Dutton had lived in Salem for 41 years.

## Pleads Guilty to Indecency Charge

Curtis Cyril Hoyt, 2035 McCoy ave., was placed on one year probation with a 90-day jail sentence suspended in Marion county district court Wednesday after pleading guilty to a charge of openly outraging public decency.

Anna Ehl, 2062 McCoy ave., pleaded innocent to the same charge Wednesday in district court.

The pair were arrested Saturday night in a car parked along Silvertown road, the sheriff's office reported.

## Man Awarded House, Year After His Death

If J. A. Craft were still living, he would be entitled to retain possession of the South 25th street home where he spent more than 25 years, the state supreme court ruled, in effect, Wednesday.

But Craft died last year, after he had appealed the case from Marion county, and before the supreme court handed down its decision. The case was continued on the court's calendar with Craft's name replaced by that of Lawrence N. Brown, his attorney.

The ruling handed down by the high court reversed Circuit Court Judge Rex Kimmell's ruling that the home should go to other relatives according to the terms of the will left by Craft's wife, Minnie, when she died two years ago. Wednesday's court decision gave the possession of the house to Craft under the homestead laws of Oregon.

Other decisions of the supreme court Wednesday were: The divorce of Margaret D. Polanski from Romeo F. Polanski, granted by Circuit Judge Rex Kimmell was affirmed in an opinion handed down by Justice Hall S. Lusk.

A new trial was ordered for Frank Monk of Douglas county in an opinion handed down by Justice Walter L. Tooze, who ruled that Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly had given erroneous instructions to the jury. Monk appealed a conviction of embezzling \$257 from a Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

In Phrono Butts, the appellant, vs the state industrial accident commission, another appeal from

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## Oregon Polio Cases Top 300

PORTLAND, Dec. 19 (AP)—Oregon had more than 300 polio cases again this year for the fourth straight time, and the national foundation for infantile paralysis spent nearly \$100,000 in the state.

The foundation said today that the money supplemented funds of chapters unable to meet their costs. Among counties receiving aid were: Clackamas \$37,200; Polk \$5,050; Marion \$3,125; Linn \$1,300.

## Board Named In Search for Worthiest Vet

A Salem committee of three men has been appointed to aid in the Veterans of Foreign Wars nation-wide search for the "most worthy" veteran, to be awarded an 80-acre, \$50,000 farm in Washington.

The local committee includes Vernon E. Glass, chairman, and David G. Holtzman and Eugene McCarthy, according to W. L. Barnett, commander of VFW Marion post 661.

Applicants must be veterans of World War II or of the Korean conflict. Veterans wishing to apply may write to the VFW post here at Hood and Church streets, outlining their qualifications. Deadline for entries is Jan. 15, 1952. The farm is located in the Columbia basin reclamation project.

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