Five Michigan Cons Flee With Women Hostages



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JACKSON, Mich. M - Five desperate convicts grabbed a 28-yearold housewife and a 31-year-old nurse as hostages Saturday night in a wild flight following their escape from gigantic Southern Michigan Prison

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Escapees

At Large

Thirteen escaped and all terror ized one household, stealing a gun and an automobile, before breaking up. Five were caught within caused some cases of power failure in the Salem area. Gusts up to three hours as State Police 60 miles an hour were recorded at McNary Field shortly before pumped bullets into their careening stolen car and it went into a

> A sixth was found in the wreck age vicinity an hour afterward, and still later a seventh was picked up in downtown Jackson. The sixth still missing was believed holed up here.

> Escape was through a prison sewer in which the band of concicted murders, robbers, burglars and kidnapers used a makeshift acetylene torch to cut barred steel gratings.

Other Uprisings

They left from the same yard that was the scene of two bloody and costly convict uprisings in 1952 at Southern Michigan, the world's largest walled penitentiary. It has a population of approxi mately 5,000.

Mrs. Mary Lou Watts and Miss Helen Gilbert were grabbed as hos tages by the five who invaded the Watts' Jackson home. They had gun taken from the home invaded by all 13 a mile from the prison, Joe Watts, the hostage's huse band and a Jackson service station owner, was at home, but powers less to intervene against the five PASADENA, Calif. - Dr. Robert and their gun. The home was range A. Millikan, dean of American sacked for civilian clothing and

cosmic rays, died Saturday at fled in Watts' 1952 beige-colored Phone Call Awaited

Ominously as they left the convicts told Watts the women would be released unharmed "if nothing happens to us." The women promised to telephone the minute of their release, but two hours after they had been snatched Watts telephone still was silent.

The felons first fell upon the home of Glenn Milliman, a 28-yeat old automobile salesman and one-time guard at the prison, terrorizing Milliman and his wife

Finding 13 too many for one can

seven got out in Jackson. It was

five of the latter group that abduct

Milliman's car was jumped by

The careening car of convict

refused to heed light signals to

stop and the troopers started fin

ing. The car swerved into a ditcl

troopers. Two bullets had pierce

Four were seized immediately,

It was more than an hour after

The hunt for the women and

automobile

ed the women

Ignored Signals



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Young Life Group Brings Spirit of Christmas McCarthy 60 m.p.h. Gale Brings **Fatality, Heavy Rains** Confers Heavy rain and high winds hit Western Oregon Saturday and With Ike 6 p.m

WASHINGTON (P) - The flaming issue of subversives in govern- blown over at Spong's Landing ment and elsewhere was focal northwest of Keizer, L. M. Flagg. with Republican legislative lead- he added.

The last day of unprecedented with Rep. Velde (R-III), top GOP Gen. Brownell,

of legal loopholes.

The Wisconsin senator left the Power Failures

talked alone with Eisenhower or service was restored a short had made any suggestions of his while later. Flagg said. own on legislation relating to sub-

Dictates Statement

Later on, he telephoned the swept in from the coast. White House press room and dictated this statement:

have had an opportunity to watch in the state. The Willamette impressed by his handling of the 18.5 feet, weathermen said. The

The storm claimed one life in Oregon when a tree was blown ditch. across a car near Glenwood west of Portland killing William B. 21. of Glenwood, Several power poles were **Career Ends**

point of attention Saturday on the line superintendent of Portland final day of President Eisenhow- General Electric, said. Service er's three-day whirl of conferences was restored late Saturday night,

Lights Blown Down

A tree blew over and blocked talks on the 1954 legislative slate the street in the 2200 block of brought the President and Sen. N. Liberty street, city police re-McCarthy (R-Wis) together, along ported. A crew from the city engineer's office remov d the tree. leaders in Congress and Atty. High wind blew down a string

of Christmas lights which were Eisenhower said they concen- hanging across Commercial street trated on several proposals for at Court street, police reported, "more effective investigation and The storm also caused an estiprosecution" of subversive ele- mated \$400 worth of damage to ments in American society as well a new warehouse under construcas criminals who take advantage tion at 1115 N. Commercial St. Keith B. Jackson, contractor, said

McCarthy is chairman of the the wind snapped two braces and Senate permanent investigations permitted a section of wall formsubcommittee, Velde of the House ing to crash down. The Lester Un-American Activities Commit. DeLapp Trucking Company owns the warehouse.

White House saying "he wasn't A few cases of power failure displeased at anything he heard." were reported south of Salem He wouldn't say whether he had and in the Silverton Hills but

> Power failures and overturned trees were reported in several parts of the state as the storm



"This is the first time that I rainfall was reported elsewhere the President in action over a per-iod of time. I was tremendously lem early Tuesday morning at Physicist, Dies

conference and his detailed knowl. river at Jefferson is forecast to edge of every subject or piece of crest at 19 feet at 7 o'clock this Robert A. Millikan, Nobel Award knives they forced their way in proposed legislation that was dis- morning, six feet above flood physicist and authority on cosmic rays, died Saturday at his home, and ransaching the house. stage Weathermen predict continued rain today and Monday in the



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physicists and authority on valuables before the desperadoes a rest home. He was 85. (AP Cadillac.





Photo.) Dr. Millikan,



The first-article in the Novem ber Reader's Digest, by Lester Velie, is headed "Our Shabby Welcome to Foreigners." From his account it is worse than shabby .--- it's deplorable, "Incredible acts of bureaucratic bungling by our consuls abroad and by officials at our port of entry" are giving the USA a plenty bad name among travelers.

Much of the complaint which Velie reports arises from treatment not of visitors to the United States but of those touching our soil en route by air or otherwise to a foreign destination. He relates how an Italian businessman for lack of a transit visa when he stopped at LaGuardia Field en route from Portugal to Mexico was held overnight under guard and then shipped back to Portugal. Two days later he returned with his proper visa; but the immigration officials demanded a surety bond to guarantee his departure on schedule. It wouldn't take currency, insisting on a surety bond or U.S. treasury bond which he could not furnish on short notice. So he was locked up at Ellis Island over night. Other instances of very callous treatment are cited.

Part of the trouble may be atpart of officials, part to the stringent text of the laws, and part to the spasms of fear which have enveloped all officialdom in the present climate of fear. Whether the McCarran act is directly responsible or not I do not know; but it certainly (Continued on Editorial page, 4.)

Gales Slow Arctic Search

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (# - Icy gales swept mile-high Myrdalsjokull Glacier Saturday night, handicapping efforts to rescue three'seported survivors of the crash of a U.S. Navy Neptune bomber on its snowy wastes.

A U.S. patrol plane striving to pinpoint the wreckage, first spotted Friday afternoon, was obliged to turn back at 4 p. m. because City Mail Delivery of the wind.

ing of another blizzard like that in which the twin-engine Lockheed bomber cracked up with its crew of nine on a patrol flight Thursday - immobilized at least one of the three Icelandic parties assigned to the ground search.

Boehnke Seeks GOP Chairmanship

PORTLAND (P - Ed Boehnke, Eugene, said Saturday he will be SPRINGFIELD MAN DROWNS a candidate to succeed Robert A. Elliott, Medford, as state Repub- Hull. 37, Springfield, Ore., drowned lican chairman.

Elliott has announced he will falling from the dredge Olympia. resign Jan. 16. Elliott defeated Fellow workmen said they heard

Members of Salem's Young Life Club turn out in force to redecorate the home of a workless chimney sweep and his 11 children as a Christmas good will project. Cleaning ceilings at the Carnett Home (upper left) prior to applying a coat of paint are Ruth Nalley, 795 N. Winter St., with broom and Joan Maguren, 525 Locust St. Sharon Beard, 798 S. Liberty St., Nancy Willard, 481 Cascade Dr., and Diane Ferguson, 1145 Columbia St. (upper center, left to right) thread a spring on new kitchen curtains. At upper right (left to right) Larry Newson, 1453 Narcissus St., Neal Scheidel, 1035 Fairview Ave., and Ken Rawlings, 810 Ratcliff Dr., find that brooms fit their hands as well as footballs and basketballs. Tommy Carnett, nearly 3, (below) admires his "new" suit in his bedroom, newly painted and carpeted by Young Life members. Two sisters, Betty, 8 and Lule, 5, look on. (Statesman Photos)

Youthful 'Invasion' Leaves Family of Hospital Wing 13 With Newly Redecorated House Two floors of the 42-bed, three-story addition at Salem Memorial Hospital were finished Saturday

By THOMAS G. WRIGHT JR. | Scores of Salem High School efforts of everyone in the proj-

of a merrier, brighter Christmas. Carnetts, with brooms and paint sec. 1.)

Rare Snowfall Blankets City **Of Jerusalem**

JERUSALEM, Israel Sector @ -A rare December snow blanketed the Holy, City Saturday night.

but seldom seen in fact. Snow is unusual in Palestine and pected to melt away by Sunday and a white Christmas in the Holy Land was considered highly improbable.

The dangerous weather - hint- Scheduled Today

Salem postmen will make regular deliveries of incoming mail today, according to Postmaster Today's Statesman will be made on rural routes.

The main post office general Section 1 delivery window will also be open from 3 to 5 p. m., he said, so packages can be claimed by persons who were not at home when carriers called.

COOS BAY UP - Asbury Warren in Coos Bay Friday night after

Staff Writer, The Statesman students, members of the Young ect. On relief, the family had Young Life put some new life Life Club of Salem, swarmed over slender hopes for a happy Christinto an old house Saturday and the old house at 1211 S. Liberty mas until the club took over. tributed to plain stupidity on the gave a family of 1312 a promise St., now the home of the C. W. (Additional details on page 6,

brushes and when they were through little Mrs. Carnett had a

French Recess completely redecorated house. And besides that several of the 11 youngsters, ranging in ages from 14 months to 17 years, had From Balloting new clothes, a toy or two, and new beds and mattresses. The twelfth is expected early in 1954. For President

Operation Redecorate began VERSAILLES, France (A) - The nity section. The lower two floors with brooms, putty, plaster and paint remover about 9:30 a.m. unprecedented deadlock in the will be for medical-surgical use. Saturday. By mid-afternoon French Parliament over election The basement will hold a dining Rex Ellis, Pendleton, has sold part nounced the meeting, and said all After a day-long snowfall cov-brushes started spreading paint of a new president of the republic room, nurses lounge and storage of his large ranch near Board- county chairmen, state legislators, ered the city's seven hills and new contributed by several Salem held through the sixth ballot Sat- and other rooms. and old buildings, a bright full firms. At intervals during the urday night. The weary parliamoon broke through the clouds to day mattresses, clothing and mentarians then put off the next make the new rooms ready for for an undisclosed price. They are ers were being invited. reveal the white-mantled scene oft- more helpers arrived. By night- rollcall until Sunday.

en pictured on Christmas cards fall paint had been applied to Splitting as before along right, most of the house, new linoleum left and center lines, the deputies was going down on part of the and senatous sitting in old Ververy rare in December. It is ex- kitchen floor and counters, and sailles Palace left France's busi- Epping, Henry Kropp, Adam agus-growing. He said he had been curtains were going up at the nessman Premier, Joseph Laniel, Lefor, John Nathman, Joseph conferring with Stockton, Calif. windows. Somewhere in between, 56 votes shy of the majority of overflow help had found time to votes cast on the sixth ballot.

clean up the yard. the fifth tally.

Carnett, operator of a chimney Marcel-Edmond Naegelen, the sweep business which has been Socialist who is supported by Com-"going very slow", voiced his re- munist votes because he is opposed peated thanks for the contributed to the European army plan, polled

Editorials, features _____4 Sports _____10, 11 **Bars** Asked to Close **On Christmas Eve** Section 2 · 2. Society, women's _____1-8 PORTLAND (A) - Taverns and cocktail lounges Saturday were monwealth. Valley news _____10 asked by the executive board of Toymaker Yule Story____10 the Oregon Licensed Beverage As- Juncheon feast at Salote's palace. Crossword puzzle _____11 sociation to close Christmas eve In accordance with the traditions lamps were hurriedly substituted, 12:01 a. m. 48. Classified ads ______11-13 at 7 p.m.

cussed **Brownell's Proposals**

On the list of talking points Saturday made last month to:

Legalize use in federal courts of evidence obtained by wire tapping in espionage cases.

sible self-incrimination. This would be done by granting them immuanything they might tell congression investigators.

program on page 2, sec. 1.)

Two Floors famous monuments. Keady in New out is still to be done.

Two floors of the 42-bed, three-Hospital were finished Saturday Sakkara, 15 miles south of Cairo. From 1920 to 1940 he probably after nine months of work and

will be occupied Monday. The third floor is slated to be finished in about three weeks.

packing, moving and assembling tombs of kings. 36 beds and hospital equipment was assumed by 13 members of find is calculated to cover about Salem's Knights of Columbus 13,000 square yards. Though that Council 1748. The equipment was is the equivalent of a city block. Party Workers to stored in crates in the hospital's several of Egypt's pyramids are boiler house and the volunteer larger. help made the new rooms and wards ready for occupancy.

Cost of the new wing at the Sen. Ellis Sells hospital is \$350,000. Top floor of the wing will be used as a mater-

PENDLETON IP - State Sen.

On hand all day Saturday to mack, Hillsboro, bought 1,500 acres committee and other party workpatients Monday were Carl Jung- stocking it with high-price Hereblut, Walter Heine, Roy Green, fords.

A. L. Elvin, Ed Tobin, Lisle Ellis said his remaining range Dempewolf, Roy Marker, Jerome land may be irrigated for aspar-Mozena and Richard Lefor. men about it

out of a heater stovepipe and 397 votes, 23 more than he got on Elizabeth Sits Cross-Legged

306, a drop of six, and the third -Britain's Queen Elizabeth - and an assortment of native fruit. candidate, Jean Medecin, radical sat cross-legged Saturday in the As the feast proceeded, Tongan socialist (moderate) mayor of palace of her friend, Queen Salote girls brought around gourd finger Nice, gathered 171, a decline of on Tonga, and ate roast-suckling bowls. Natives fanned the guests pig with her fingers. to ward off the tropical heat.

Elizabeth and her husband, the Afterward, hundreds of spear Duke of Edinburgh-en route to wielding warriors and graceful stopped over at this British protectorate in the South Pacific to

There was an embarrassing movisit 6-foot-3- Salote, the only other woman ruler in the British com- ment this evening when the elec-High spot of the day was the and her husband were dining at

of Tonga, known as the Friendly

Saturday night the royal pair

The world renowned scientist, Took Gun, Clothes who for years was head of the They found a .32 calibre pisto California Institute of Technology, and at least four outfitted them succumbed after a long illness at selves before tieing up the Milli his residence in neighboring San mans and all 13 driving off in his

Marino. He was 85. The dean of American physicists. an authority on cosmic rays, he was once described as the "billionvolt sparkplug" of the California Institute of Technology here. As chairman of the Executive Coun-

sheriff's deputies on M50 near Na cil, he was Caltech's chief adminipoleon, 12 miles southeast of Jack strative officer for 24 years. son. Two state troopers to the He won the 1923 Nobel Prize in west quickly turned their car physics for his isolation and measacross the road, using it as urement of the electron and for his blockade.

sized step pyramid has been dis- photo-electric researches. Work on Electron

His Nobel Prize-winning work on great pyramid of Pharaoh Zoser, the electron enabled scientists aclong one of ancient Egypt's most tually to count the number of molecules in any given weight of any The Egyptian Antiquities De- simple substance with great cer- in an attempt to avoid that of the partment announced the find Sat- tainty and accuracy.

urday. The long job of digging it He held 25 honorary degrees its windows, but none was in from various universities, seven of jured. Mohamed Zaky Ghoneim and them foreign.

French archeologist P. Lauer said Many Books, Papers

scrambling out of the wreckage of Milliman's car. A fifth was cauch their workers uncovered a wall Millions of high school and colof the buried structure during a lege students have studied his text- in a chase. These five insisted search around the wall of the books. He authored 18 books and they were alone, but a sixth wat Zoser monument at the village of hundreds of papers. picked up within an hour in the same vicinity

All of Egypt's great pyramids knew as much as any living scienare step pyramids - that is the tist about cosmic rays, electricalthe shot-punctuated capture that huge stone blocks that form the ly charged particles of great ener-Watts' frantic alarm was sounded outer sides are fitted in the forms gy that originate outside the A day-long job Saturday of un- of steps. They were built as the earth's atmosphere and continual. their captors quickly turned to ly bombard the earth from all di- ward Indiana. The Cadillac was Lauer said the base of the new rections. Their origin is unknown. seen heading out on M60. Indiana

and Ohio police were alerted. 52 Police Cars Michigan state troopers from six of the lower Peninsula's sever **Talk With McKay** districts were sent speeding to

ward the scene in 52 siren . screaming cars and at least 6 PORTLAND (#) - Oregon Republican Party workers will meet local law enforcement officer with Secretary of Interior McKay were enlisted in a widespread blockade. Others cruised highways here Wednesday. and byways.

Philip Englehart, Multnomah A deputy sheriff at Moscow County Republican chairman, an-Mich., 20 miles southwest of Jack son, reported he spotted a beige Cadillac with five men and two man. Mr. and Mrs. E. . McCor- members of the Republican finance women headed west on M112, 4 Detroit-Chicago trunkline, but had been unable to overtake it. Prison authorities were making

McKay will arrive in Oregon Sunday to spend Christmas here.

Gordon Dean Weds

POTOMAC, Md. (P) - Gordon An armed guard quickly was Dean, former chairman of the thrown up outside the walls, the Atomic Energy Commission, and check of the cavernous cell blocks Mary Benton Gore were married speeded. Quickly an outside guard Saturday at the 40-room home of spotted the sewer opening ajag the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. outside the walls.

MUKUALOFA, Tonga Islands (#) of roast pig, lobster, duck, chicken riage. Dean was divorced from his Reds to Resume **Talks With PWs** first wife.



| | | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
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| • | Salem | 58 | 45 | 1.88 |
| 1 | Portland | . 59 | 45 | 1.73 |
| - | San Francisco | 62 | 51 | Trace |
| | Chicago | 45 | 22 | .00 |
| | New York | . 35 | 21 | .00 |
| | Willamette River | 9.7 fe | et. | |

.00 ment this evening when the elec-tric lights failed while Elizabeth and her husband were dining at the function of the functio the British residency. Kerosene and a low tonight near 36. Cloudy with rain Monday. Temperature at

SALEM PRECIPITATION

the long-stalled Communist explanations to Korean War prisoners would resume Monday. But Allied efforts to make "come home talks to 22 Americans, 1 Briton and 77 South Koreans still were stalled. Apparently the Indian Command

PANMUNJOM (#) - The Indian

Command Sunday announced that

a routine check for 10 men they

couldn't account for after a 6:34

p. m. check-up, when State Police

advised them of Milliman's terror-

izing report.

had talked the prisoners into ac cepting explanations to half the inmates of a compound in a single

Previously the prisoners had re-



were proposals Brownell Salem area. **Egyptians Find**

Deprive witnesses in special cases of the right to refuse to an-swer questions on grounds of pos- Step Pyramid ity from prosecution arising from Near Another

(Story on Eisenhower legislative

CAIRO, Egypt (P - A mediumcovered in the sands of Sakkara only about 170 yards from the

