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...RTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12—...The defense for Robert E. ...Folkes, convicted in Oregon's ...d "lower 13" Pullman car ..., will resort to an appeal ... governor's commutation, re...ng by the United States su... court, and failing those, an ...l to President Roosevelt, it ...learned today by the United ...

...e Negro dining car employe ...denied an appeal to the high ... recently and is scheduled to ... in the lethal gas chamber ...s. He was convicted in Linn county for slashing the throat of pretty Mrs. Virginia Martha James, bride of four months.

Nicholas Granoff, Portland attorney, disclosed that he had been retained by Mrs. Folkes, of Los Angeles, and was working with several defense committees, to save the Negro from execution.

Basis of the campaign is the dissenting opinion of Justice George Rossman of the Oregon supreme court, nationally-known authority on laws of evidence, who held that Folkes was convicted on inadmissable evidence. The opinion and arguments on Folkes' behalf were mailed this week to every attorney and minister in Oregon and other interested parties.

Granoff said a committee of attorneys, ministers and prominent persons would appeal to Gov. Earl Snell late this week or early next week for a commutation of sentence on grounds there was no evidence to tie Folkes with the murder and that the conviction was the result of racial prejudice stirred up by newspaper accounts and discussions of the case in Albany, where the trial was held.

Failing that recourse, an appeal for a rehearing will be made in the U. S. supreme court by the Washington, D. C. legal department of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is actively working on the case. Granoff concedes that rehearings are seldom granted but said no course will be ignored. The rehearing appeal will be in the form of a writ of certiorari based upon an alleged violation of the due process clause in the 14th amendment.

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'Nazi' In Abandoned House Turns Out To Be Big Porker

By HAL BOYLE

WITH THE 2ND INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—(AP)—It was night and the four doughboys weren't too happy about sleeping in the cellar of an abandoned house.

Guards had been posted—but there always was the possibility that a nazi raiding party might slip through.

"Suddenly we heard something moving around with a lot of noise—it sounded like a whole German squad had broken in," said PFC Hubert J. Crowley of Garden City, Kan.

The men grabbed their arms and ran outside. Reassured by their guards they turned back and peered into a window.

"Inside was a huge pig," said Crowley. "He had wandered in and was bumping around in the dark."

Pvt. Alton Massey of Texas was surprised to learn that he had annoyed the nazis even before he came overseas.

Before his regiment left the United States, Massey copped first place in a jitterbug contest at the servicemen's center in Chicago, in March, 1942, and Life magazine ran a half-page picture of him "cutting the groove maneuver with a Chicago lass."

Picking up a copy of a popular German magazine recently, Massey found in it a copy of the same picture with the caption sneering at this style of "war dances" enjoyed by American soldiers.

It was a two-man race for the shallow slit trench covered with earth—and there was room for only one man.

Both soldiers heard the distant bark of the German artillery piece firing and the sound of shells whining ever nearer. T-5 Earl Lovelace of Cuyahoga Falls, O., reached the shelter first and dived into it headlong. Right after him came S-Sgt. Joe L. Verock of Lakeside, O., who pushed and butted Lovelace forward as he tried to get in too.

After the barrage lifted, part of Verock still was outside the trench—but Lovelace had been wedged in so far that it took three soldiers to get him out.

"I don't feel very hungry this morning," said Capt. Giles Gabarron, a 220-pound, five-foot-ten company commander from San Antonio, Tex.

He waded through a plate of hot cakes.

"I'm not very hungry," he said, "but I guess I can eat a few more." He finished his second helping, and then had a third.

When he finally backed away from the table, he'd eaten 27.

Psychologist In Child Group Study

Dr. Leona Tyler, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Oregon, has completed the first phase of a study of children's interests undertaken at the kindergarten of Edison grade school.

The study, made possible by a grant to Dr. Tyler from the research council of the state system of higher education, is to continue for a period of 12 years. Beginning with the children in the kindergarten, these same groups, as nearly as possible, will be observed every three years by Dr. Tyler until they finish high school. Purpose is to discover their interests, their basic personality traits at the kindergarten age and then to observe how these change as the child grows.

What the children like to play with, what toys are preferred, the relations with other children, the sort of contacts made and so on are recorded by psychology students who are hidden from the view of the children at the school. A background of information from the parents of each child has also been obtained by Dr. Tyler, showing what the children like to play with or do at home, their relations with playmates, etc.

Results of the study which has covered the fall term of school will be tabulated by Dr. Tyler and a report made.

Oregon Casualties Listed By Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—Oregon soldiers wounded in action in the European area:

Becker, Pvt. George W.—Mrs. Eleanor Becker, wife, Portland.

Bray, Pvt. Harold D.—Mrs. Genevieve E. Bray, wife, Medford.

Kimball, Cpl. Maurice H.—Mrs. Lama P. Knopp, mother, Portland.

Lovelett, PFC Elden M.—Mrs. Agnes T. Lovelett, mother, Milwaukie.

Ruch, Pvt. Ronald R.—Mrs. Pearl W. Ruch, mother, Salem.

Saarenpaa, PFC George O.—Mrs. Ida Saarenpaa, mother, Marshfield.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—(AP)—Two Oregon sailors have been wounded in action, the navy department announced today.

They are: Arlie David Ross, aviation metalsmith, third class, U. S. naval reserve. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Alex Ross, Jefferson.

Maxtell Allen Shannon, seaman, first class, U. S. naval reserve. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Luther Shannon, Salem.

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Danebo Church To Note Anniversary

Bethesda Lutheran church at Danebo will celebrate the 44th anniversary of the founding of the church Friday at 8 p. m., holding a reception at which new members who have entered the church in the past year will be honored.

The church was established Dec. 15, 1900, by twelve men who were heads of twelve families of the district. It originally was located at the site of the present IOOF cemetery, but was moved from this site to its present location four years after its building. The new church, which was dedicated in February, 1942, was built in 1941.

Four charter members of the church who still live in the community are Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Olsen, Mrs. Christine Mogensen, Marius Andersen. Several more of the original families are represented in the congregation.

Seventy-four new members were received into the church during the year, of whom 34 were adults, 25 children and 15 were received by baptism. Those received were taken in by transfer, application and confirmation.

Dr. J. I. Fischer, president of the congregation, will serve as toastmaster at the tables where dessert will be served at the reception, and will present the following program: Introduction of new members, Dr. Fischer; vocal solos, Raymond Olsen and E. Westerlund; response for new members, Hugo Schelin; history of congregation, J. O. Olsen; pictures of early church and early families, shown on slides; reminiscences, Hans Nielsen; address to congregation, Rev. Ingward Olsen, pastor of Bethesda church.

A Douglas fir grew 65 inches in one year—but it isn't true that the forest industries have guards on their woods to keep people from being speared by growing trees.

White House Slicked Up For Christmas

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — Like a lot of other American homes, the white house is getting a thorough cleaning preparatory to installation of the Christmas tree.

The tree will go up early next week in the glittering east room, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told a group of newspaper women whom she led on a tour of the executive mansion.

Step-ladders and cleaners were very much in evidence in the beautiful east room where cleaning is perhaps more complicated than anywhere else in the white house. The job of cleaning the two gigantic crystal chandeliers alone require the attention of six men for at least a day and a half. The chandeliers contain 22,000 prisms, each of which requires an individual going over, Mrs. Roosevelt said.

Except for the freshing up and the hanging of the greens, the white house is now ready for Christmas.

The first lady did her Christmas shopping very early and her "Christmas closet" is filled with present for the family and white house staff.

Even the plum puddings are ready, according to Mrs. Henrietta Nesbitt, the official housekeeper. The white house won't have any fruit cakes this year because, Mrs. Nesbitt said, the ingredients were hard to get.

Mrs. Roosevelt gave the women journalists a running commentary on sidelights on the white house. And she added one more story to the legends of the white house "ghost," which is supposed to hover around the seven-foot bed where President Lincoln slept.

One night, when there were no occupants of the upper floor, Mrs. Roosevelt said, a white house secretary went up on an errand, and suddenly dashed downstairs in terror, swearing that she saw President Lincoln sitting on the side of his bed pulling on his boots.

"It is an eerie place when no one is around," Mrs. Roosevelt admitted.

The first lady declared she hopes some day to burn the 15-year old pastel portrait of herself that hangs above the mantel of the president's private study.

"It's too pretty," she declared.

N. Y. Story Reveals Battle Heroism Of Former Eugenean

From a story appearing recently in the New York World Telegram, local relatives and friends have learned of heroism on the part of Lt. Wallis Gifford Nash, formerly of Eugene.

The story relates that Nash was wounded by a mine while in action with the 30th infantry division in France, but, despite his severe wound, he remained on watch and warned his comrades away from other mines.

Under heavy artillery fire, Lieutenant Nash was wounded again before he could be evacuated. For his deeds he won the silver star.

Nash is a nephew of Miss Sue Dorris of Eugene. He was graduated from the University of Oregon with the class of 1933, and his family were old-timers here.

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