

Released Prisoner Asks to Return

STILLWATER, Minn. — (AP) — John C. Conley, 63, who was released from prison here after serving 33 years for murder, has asked to be brought "home" to the penitentiary.

Conley turned himself in to Sheriff J. R. Libengood at Libby, Minn., this week. He said he couldn't live up to the state pardon board's order that he must stay sober.

The board was considering cancelling Conley's sentence commutation to let him return to the cell he considers "home."

National Guard Air Show Set

SALEM — (AP) — The Medford Airport will be "attacked" by the National Guard Air Show, Sept. 18 in the Oregon National Guard's first airborne operation since the war, Adjutant General Thomas A. Rilea announces.

But it is all a part of the forthcoming Medford Air Show. The mock air attack on Medford will include six C-46 transports from the Air Force Reserve at Portland with fighter cover by 12 pursuit F-51's. Riding in the transports will be Company B of the 162nd Infantry commanded by Capt. Cox, of Sale.



THE JOB OF DUSTING THE 5100 PITCHERS in Mrs. M. L. Handshuh's collection would pose a problem to most housewives. It sometimes bothers Mrs. Handshuh, too, who has her collection in her home at 827 11th Ave. E. The collection will be opened to the public for the first time Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m., as a benefit for the Children's Hospital School. Many prominent Eugene men and women have agreed to pour at the tea which will be served in the

backyard. Residents of the Eugene area are invited to drop in any time during the four-hour showing. Members of the Welcome Wagon Phetteplace Memorial Guild will assist with arrangements, and Mrs. Handshuh will answer questions. Some of the most valuable and unusual pitchers will be placed in special display cases outdoors—the rest will be arranged on shelves in the house. The picture above shows only a portion of the collection.

Cost of Living Drops Slightly

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The government's living cost index took a new dip.

It fell six-tenths of 1 per cent from mid-June to mid-July.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the mid-July living cost level was 168.5 per cent of the 1935-39 average. The average is figured at 100 on the index.

The new index is 3 per cent under a year ago but 70.9 per cent over the August, 1939, pre-war level.

Price drops for foods, wearing apparel and house furnishings caused the living cost decline. Foods averaged 1.3 per cent lower, apparel nine-tenths of 1 per cent, and house furnishings three-tenths of 1 per cent lower.

Slight rises in costs for rents and miscellaneous goods and services, including municipal transportation fares, were recorded.

Foods alone are 7 per cent under a year ago and 38.5 per cent over the level when government price controls were in effect.

Among foods, price declines were noted by the bureau for meats, poultry, fruits and vegetables, fat and oils, sugar and bakery products.

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Cain Attacks CVA Program

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Harry P. Cain (R-Wash.) charged that the administration is attempting to "sabotage" the Army Engineer-Reclamation Bureau coordinated plan for Columbia River development.

He said the Senate Public Works Committee received from the President's Budget Bureau a suggestion that members "defer consideration" of bills authorizing the plan. The Budget Bureau said it was "unable to advise you on the relationship of these bills to the President's program."

Cain said the bureau was deliberately holding up its reports on the plan "for political purposes." He predicted the delay will be followed by "an effort to sell the Northwest a yarn about the failure of a program for the Columbia Basin."

Then, in the next breath, he said, "administration spokesmen could say that while they wanted the coordinated program, it didn't pass and therefore the only thing left to do is approve the Columbia Valley Authority legislation."

Cain said the CVA and the coordinated plan should be considered separately. He said the public works committee plans late fall hearings in the Northwest on the CVA bill. Sessions will be held at Seattle, Walla Walla, Spokane, Portland, Boise "and probably half a dozen other points."

Owners Lament Loss Of Dog And Tricycle

Calling everybody in Eugene and Springfield! Boy Scout Troop No. 50 at Yachats want "Blackie" back. "Blackie" is their Scottie, and he has been missing nearly a month. But—they have reason to know that "Blackie" is somewhere in this area, probably near Springfield, because—

In response to a Want Ad in last Sunday's Register-Guard, Scout Master Noble Robinson got a postcard from Frank Fisher, 306 South D Street, Springfield saying he is sure the Scottie who hung around his house two days last week is "Blackie."

Mr. Robinson can be reached by calling Waldport 442. He says every kid in the troop is worrying about "Blackie." He's about 5 years old, has only a few gray whiskers and answers to his name when called. The boys don't want vengeance but they do want "Blackie."

Then there's another call—from Mother, at 629 East 16th in Eugene (phone 4-1216). Somebody stole a tricycle belonging to her little girl, who is trying to conquer asthma. Mother put her appeal in these verses:

A PLEA
A tricycle was stolen from Sixteenth Street
On Monday night of this passing week.
It belonged to a girl who's missed much in life
Because with asthma she's had such a strife.

Oh please! Mr. Thief, wherever you be
Won't you take time and try to see
She needs her trike to exercise on
To help her to be well and strong.

PLEASE bring it back as soon as you can.
You sneaked it out, you can sneak it in.
You know it's bad to steal from a man.
But stealing from a child is a terrible sin.

EDITOR'S NOTE: (censored)

Wildlife Man Moves

PORTLAND — (AP) — Leo K. Couch, an Oregon State College graduate who has been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1919, is transferred to the service's Portland office.

Couch had been serving for the last 13 years in Washington, D.C.

FLAMING RETRIBUTION

SCIO — (AP) — A prisoner who attempted to escape the city jail here by burning the door down is back in a sturdier county jail—facing an additional charge of arson.

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