

## 2 Youths Held In Bend Admit Part in Crimes

Vigilance of two Bend policemen today was credited with the prevention of a crime wave planned to extend from Bend into California, the arrest of an ex-convict and his admitted partner in crime, the solution of a burglary and the recovery of a stolen automobile.

Held in the county jail are Bruce Allen Pummill, 19, of Prineville, who was released from the Oregon state penitentiary on Dec. 11 where he was serving a five-year sentence for forgery; and Raymond Orville Petrie, 18, of Shevlin. Both have admitted the commission of several crimes, and their plans to leave for California on a "crime jaunt." Their jaunt was thwarted, however, by their arrest in a local hotel room yesterday morning where they were asleep.

**Car Spotted**  
Unravelling of the asserted crime record of the pair began at 5 a. m. yesterday when Bend Policemen Chester Nordstrom and Walter Griessinger were on a routine patrol of the city. Entering the alley at the rear of the Columbia Mercantile company, at Galveston avenue and Columbia street, the officers came upon a coach with the motor running. At first they believed the owner was merely warming the car up preparatory to going to work. But when they passed the alley again the car was still there. Their suspicions now aroused, Officers Griessinger and Nordstrom stopped and investigated, first checking the store to determine whether any burglars were inside. An inspection of the car uncovered several gallons of gasoline, a siphon hose, some hunting knives and automobile accessories.

Finding that the car was wired

past the ignition switch, and that it bore two sets of license plates, the officers drove the car to police headquarters and notified Sgt. L. L. Hirtzel of the state police.

**Car Is Checked**  
Aided by Chief of Police Ken C. Gulick and Officer Fred Painter and State Officers Earl Huff and Floyd Chestnut, the local officers soon found that the machine was reported by Leonard Wheeler of Portland to have been stolen on the night of Dec. 12. The car was taken from the Pilot Butte inn where Wheeler was a guest.

Inspection of the knives and automobile accessories in the car brought to light that it was part of the loot taken in the burglary of the Redmond Motor company the night of Dec. 19. In this burglary a sum of money, also was taken. A telltale clue also found in the car led officers to the hotel where the pair was arrested, as one of them tried to conceal another knife under the mattress.

**Car Repainted**  
Following their arrest, both Pummill and Petrie remained silent, but eventually began to "talk", revealing the following: That Pummill had stolen the Wheeler automobile as soon as he reached Bend, drove it out into a juniper grove east of the city, and repainted it another color. He then stole license plates of another car parked in Bend, placing them on the stolen machine.

Pummill then, according to Sgt. Hirtzel and Chief Gulick, "pulled" the Redmond burglary, claiming he was alone on the "job." Petrie then "teamed up" with Pummill, according to their confession, and they both figured in the theft of a quantity of gasoline from a number of cars. They admitted that they had just taken 15 gallons of gasoline from Harry Beach's truck as it was parked near the Columbia Mercantile company, and were looking over the store with the intention of burglarizing it when they were frightened away by Officers Nordstrom and Griessinger. They fled from the scene on foot and went into hiding in the hotel, where they were arrested.

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## 19 Nazi Officers Sought in Desert

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 27 (AP)—Law officers today tracked over 150 miles of desolate southwest desert land in their search for 19 German naval officers who made a spectacular Christmas escape from the Papago park prisoner of war camp and were believed attempting to reach haven in Mexico in small groups.

The Germans, with six others recaptured a short time later, made their way from the camp through a 250-foot tunnel, laboriously dug in secret over a long period of time, army authorities said.

The escape was made late Christmas eve or early Christmas morning under the leadership of Naval Capt. Juergens Wattenberg, at one time identified as an executive of the Nazi rocket battleship Graf Spee that was scuttled off Montevideo early in the war.

**All Enlisted Men**  
The six men recaptured were enlisted men, and authorities said they believed they had been sacrificed as decoys to confuse searchers. Authorities said they believed the Germans would break up into small groups, in their escape through the barren wastelands leading to Mexico, their probable destination.

Cmdr. Walter P. Prien, commander of the U-boat that sank the British battleship Royal Oak in an audacious attack at Scapa Flow was one among the escapees. Col. William A. Holden, commander of the internment camp said. Furthermore, Prien has never been held at Papago park, Holden said.

**Shovels Used**  
The 250-foot escape tunnel was dug with shovels used to fuel the coal burning barracks stoves, Holden said. Limestone rock found by the diggers was carefully pulverized and distributed over the compound, he said.

The entrance of the tunnel was near Wattenberg's barracks and was shielded by shrubbery. The exit, outside the high barbed wire fence, was near an irrigation canal.

## Capitol Starts Tonight



Eddie Bracken, the miracle man of "Morgan's Creek," does the impossible again, and funnier than ever in "Hail The Conquering Hero."

## Othman Visits Catacombs in Capital, Comes Up With 'Boo'

By Frederick C. Othman  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Dec. 27 (AP)—Boo.

All right, YOU descend those limestone steps to the catacombs beneath the capitol. Tread the corridors of damp stone, stumble across those rusty chains, and eventually wind up at an empty tomb, shrouded in black.

I tell you (that's Othman screaming) the place has ghosts. The light is dim. It flickers. Feel those clammy fingers across your lips? Or is it a blast of cold air from the place where George Washington was supposed to be buried, but never was?

Boy-oh-boy-oh-boy. There are passages that go no place. Secret chambers. Bricked-up stairways. (Bodies, I bet, maybe.) Locked doors. Hinges that creak. The tap-tap-tap of feet that never materialize. Water dripping.

You can ask Herman about those ghosts, but you'll never find him down there. Not Herman. Not even again. Never. No-suh. It happened one midnight. James E. Preston, the capitol expert on things ancient, was deep in the archives, studying the manuscript of a speech in the handwritings of

Henry Clay. Herman, functioning as clerk and getter-downer of dusty volumes, was sitting there looking into the gloom. Looking and listening. Ker-plop-ker-plop-ker-plop.

"I heard it, too," Preston says. "Footsteps coming from a place where there could have been no footsteps. They got louder and I saw Herman's eyes bulge. His face changed from mahogany-brown to the color of coffee and cream. I turned around."

Preston claims he saw two men, dressed as electricians, walking down a passage which had no entrance. (Yeow!) Herman knows what he saw. Ghosts.

These ghosts (Herman says and I agree) make their headquarters in the empty tomb. After midnight they filter up. They scream and cause the chairs to squeak and swipe the senatorial snuff.

They even ride the senators' private trolley cars. These cars whiz back and forth, and forth and back the live-long day in a tunnel connecting the senate office building and the capitol. That's so senators can save their strength for law-making. Every night the motormen park both cars at the of-

fice building end of the line. You know what happened the other two a. m.?

The ghosts climbed aboard one of those cars, turned on the juice, and took a wild, clanking ride to the end of the track. You think they stopped there? Not those ghosts. They kept on going.

Next morning mortal men found the senatorial trolley car with motor smoking, smashed into a bulk-head that led no-telling where. The ghosts were gone from there. This isn't the first time.

Vice-President Charles Curtis years ago phoned Harold R. Beckley, superintendent of the press gallery, demanded that he stop the typing going on directly over his head. Beckley looked into the gallery. He saw no typist.

"And then," he reported, "I heard it, myself. Click. Click. Clickety-clickety."

Beckley eventually oiled the hinges of the swinging doors. Curtis never complained again. That doesn't satisfy Herman. He knows. Those ghosts are back there every night, typing bulletins that never see the light of day.

## Ensign Henderson Visitor in Bend

Spending his first Christmas here since he was 16 years old, Ensign Paul Henderson, with a record of nearly 15 years in the U. S. Navy, today was in Bend as a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. Kenneth Moyer in Carroll Acres. Ensign Henderson is enroute from a Pacific assignment to a new cruiser on the Atlantic, where he is due to report soon.

A family reunion appeared in the offering for the former Tumalo boy who enlisted at the age of 16, as relatives in different parts of the northwest have been notified of his presence here. Likely to come here for a visit with the ensign are his sisters, Mrs. Martha Scott, Portland and Mrs. Dallas Monica, Spokane. Another sister, Mrs. Robert Kulstad, resides in Bend.

Ensign Henderson, who participated in most of the major engagements in the south Pacific, has two brothers in the navy, John Henderson, now in the south Pacific, and Robert, who recently enlisted and is now at Farragut.

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## UP War Writer Killed By Bomb

A Belgian Village, Dec. 23 (Delayed) (AP)—Jack Frankish, United Press war correspondent, was killed instantly today by a German bomb.

The bomb exploded about 18 feet from where Frankish was standing outside a small hotel. Three Belgian soldiers were killed by the same bomb and about 20 first army officers and men and half a dozen war correspondents were slightly injured.

The hotel was virtually demolished. Frankish was felled by the concussion of the exploding bomb and struck in the back by fragments. Death was instantaneous. He was 30 years old.

(This dispatch was held up until the widow, Mrs. Barbara Frankish, was notified yesterday in California, where she is living with her two children, Gail and Brian.)

The bomb was one of a string dropped by a flight of four German planes.

## Capt. Schoenfeld Killed in Crash

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Dean and Mrs. W. A. Schoenfeld of Oregon State college today awaited details of the plane accident near Mount Orab, Ohio, which claimed the life Sunday of their son, Capt. B. F. Schoenfeld of Corvallis.

In addition to his parents, the airman is survived by his wife and baby son in Corvallis.

Schoenfeld was a bomber pilot in the Aleutians for two years and had been assigned for duty in the southeastern United States as trainer for pilots in advanced bomber flying. He went east only recently.

Two other army men were killed in the same crash.

## 86 Carolers Join In City Program

Eighty-six youngsters joined in the singing of carols in Bend on Christmas eve, it was reported today as compliments for the group were still being received from various parts of town. Taking part in the carols were the youngsters who earlier joined in the city-wide "singspiration" held earlier in the month.

The carolers on Christmas eve first presented a broadcast over KBND, then visited the St. Charles hospital. After the visit to the hospital, the large group was divided into four different units and visited homes of shut-ins in various parts of town. Rev. Robert McIlvanna, Rev. Kenneth Tobias and Rev. R. H. Prentice accompanied the singers.

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