

ESCAPED PRISONERS

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A Washington license plate was in use when the car was found but this is said to have displaced a California license. The car was stolen at Goldendale.

The third man in the jail breaking party was Charles Ronning of Duluth, Minn., who was apprehended by state police near Boardman. Ronning was in the act of stripping parts from a car when arrested. Justice A. B. Chaffee of Boardman sentenced him to 10 days in the county jail in order to hold him for investigation.

The prisoners fashioned a makeshift wrench from a small rod removed from the jail toilet. With this they loosened bolts holding iron bars over the cell ventilators. Had they not been slight men they still could not have gotten out of the cells. Once out of the cells their next task was to get out of the jail proper and this they proceeded to do in a manner which removes any doubt about their being experts. They first tried to spring the outer door of the jail but failed, except to bend it so it will not close tightly. They then turned their attention to the ceiling and this proved the way out for them. The jail toilet sits in the corner. It is an early model with the flush box near the ceiling. The sheetiron ceiling was not difficult to remove and they tore enough away to permit one of them to work at the outside covering which was of the same material. The roof stringers

rest on top of the stone wall and the sheetiron covers the space over the ends of the stringers from the stone to the roof. Only men of small stature could figure on warming their way to freedom through a hole about nine or 10 inches by 12 inches.

It is stated that the escapees attempted to run off with the Jack O'Connor car which was parked on Court street in front of the Court apartments. The car door was unlocked but ignition and steering wheel were locked. They left the door open and the car was quite badly rain soaked. Farther north on Court street Russell Wright's pickup was parked with the keys in it. Wright had returned from Pendleton Monday evening and left the keys in the car so that Orel Wright could drive it to the garage the next morning to work on it. It developed Wednesday morning that Orel did not find the car and police officials are of the belief that this was the vehicle the escapees used to get them to Arlington, where, apparently, they decided to ride in better style and appropriated a Chevrolet sedan, or at least that was what they were driving when caught at Baker.

Information received by Sheriff Mollahan this morning was that FBI agents were taking the trio to Portland today to be examined on federal charges.

RETURN TO HEPPIER

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Frank returned to Heppner last week

from Brawley, Calif. Mr. Frank having received his discharge from the Marine corps. He is working with Mrs. Frank's father, Harry Tamblin, engaged in road work at Kinzua.

SGT MOORE DISCHARGED

Sgt. Guy Moore has been discharged from the U. S. army and has joined his family at Athena. Guy received the discharge papers in Texas while enroute to Okinawa.

He has rented a farm near Athena and the former member of the 8th Air Force who spent two years in England is happy to be engaged in riding a grain drill and seeding some of that rich Athena soil.

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