

ANSWER TO REED CLEMENCY PLEA IN PREPARATION

Answer to the pardon petition of Albert W. Reed, former Denver, Colo., resident, serving a life term in state prison on conviction of the murder of Victor Knott, Ashland policeman, on the night of November 1, 1931, is being prepared by District Attorney George A. Coddling.

Reed, through his attorneys, Gus Newbury and Don R. Newbury, filed the pardon petition last week, with 30 days allowed before a hearing before the governor. This period of time expires Christmas day. No date has been set for the hearing.

Jackson county, through the district attorney, has announced it would oppose the granting of any pardon to Reed, who has served approximately 30 months of a life term.

Reed was found guilty by a Jackson county jury of first degree murder in February, 1932, after nine hours deliberation. A recommendation of life imprisonment was made, after serious consideration of inflicting the death penalty.

Paul McQuade and Lee Jackson, jointly indicted with Reed for the slaying of Knott, have never been captured.

Knott was slain while riding in an Ashland police auto. He had stopped to investigate suspicious movements of two men around a warehouse. Knott was shot as he sat in the front seat of the auto. The murderers answered a command to halt with bullets.

Reed bases his plea for a pardon on the grounds of alleged new evidence tending to show that he was a half mile away from the scene of the killing, in a hamburger stand, eating, when the murder was committed. Reed, in his defense, declared McQuade and Jackson left him upon arrival at Ashland, and that the murder took place while he was strolling about the city.

MOTHERS URGED REPORT BABIES

A call to mothers from Mrs. Virginia Kietzer of Portland, state president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, goes today into 31,000 homes, urging that for every baby born in the last 12 months a report card be sent to the census bureau at Washington, D. C. Cards to be used post-free for this purpose are being delivered to 200,000 Oregon homes this week by mail carriers in town and country.

"The importance of safeguarding a baby's rights in this way cannot be over-emphasized," said Mrs. Kietzer. "No one wishes babies to suffer some of the tragic handicaps which have been inflicted on people who have been unable to establish record of birth."

LAST QUARTER TAXES FINAL DATE DEC. 15

Final date for payment of the last quarter taxes, under the Oregon tax law, expires next Saturday, December 15. Payments to date have been fairly brisk, according to the tax collection department of the sheriff's office.

The last quarter payment of the Rogue River Timber company, amounting to approximately \$4800, has been received. Payments by other corporations of Jackson county are expected within the next three days.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(AP)—A requisition of the governor of Oregon for the return to that state of J. C. Steward, wanted in Douglas county on a charge of obtaining money and property by false pretenses, was honored today by Governor Clarence D. Martin.

AKRON, O.—(UP)—Lives of seven persons, including three children, were endangered by a mouse that chose to nibble match heads for a night's repast.

The children were carried to safety from their beds at 3 a. m. when the fire broke out at the home of C. L. Biron.

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The flashing smiles of the señoritas in the pictures belong to, left to right, Marjorie Estrella, Consuelo Lopez, Margherita Casino and Beatrice Ynez.

BABE NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIS FUTURE IN BASEBALL

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Babe Ruth will be perfectly happy, no matter where he comes out in the baseball picture next season—so he says.

Eagerly reading dispatches of the meeting of American league managers, the Babe said today, "Whatever baseball does to me is all right with me. The game has been good to me. I'm ready to quit if there is no place for me."

But he made it clear he doesn't want to quit. "I hope it's true," he commented on a report that Tullinhuat Houston might buy Brooklyn or some other club and install Ruth as manager. As for managing Newark, the Babe was succinct. "No minor league club for me."

The Babe played another round of golf today, walloping the ball long distances, but consistently missing much to his disgust. He carded a 79, one more than yesterday.

Lefty Gomez almost played with Ruth. He went as far as the clubhouse but when it came to going on the course he said, "No, thanks." He'd just been told a cobra had been killed near the clubhouse.

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"A UNITED FLIGHT IS JUST A GOOD NAP TO BABY!"

By EDWIN C. HILL, The Flying Reporter



Chicago—Mrs. Arthur Lybarger landed here this afternoon. With her was 12 day old Thomas Arthur. This wife and son of a Cleveland had left the city of the young man's birth, 320 miles away, on a United Air Liner two hours before. "My family wanted to see him. So we came as soon as we felt we should," said Mrs. Lybarger, as casually as you please. "The doctor approved—we had a stewardess aboard, if we needed her. We didn't. Tommy apparently thought the hum of the motors was his special lullaby. He slept all the way. We enjoyed the trip!"

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LONDON.—(UP)—The favorite toy of the British boy this year is the airplane.

Girls, instead, are showing a decided predilection for American-made unbreakable dolls.

The victory of Charles W. Scott and Campbell Black, the British aviators, in the London-Melbourne air race, is responsible for the boys' enthusiasm for aviation, executives

of leading department stores in London told the United Press.

British children are mostly pacifists. Lead soldiers, guns, battleships, submarines and other warfare toys are selling just as any other toy.

Doll sales have increased more than 200 per cent—the largest volume since 1913—one department store reported. The toy business is closely connected with the demographic situation, it was said. The increase in the British birth rate in the past five years has been a major factor in the present boom in sales.

Mechanics, electrical toys, Mickey Mouse games, Three Little Pigs and Big Bad Wolf puppets are also best sellers.

Ninety per cent of the toys are British made. The remaining 10 per cent is divided equally between the United States and Germany.

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ASHLAND OPENS CAGE SEASON FRIDAY WITH VISIT WEED QUINTET

ASHLAND, Dec. 12.—(Sp.)—With the loss of only one letterman from last year's southern Oregon championship team, Coach Don Faber's Ashland high school basketball squad will open its pre-season schedule with three full weeks of intensive practice under its collective belts when Weed high journey to Ashland next Friday.

Returning to perform for the Grizzlies, who fought their way into the semi-finals at the state tourney last year, are eight lettermen, including four regulars. They are Billy Hoak, forward; Parker Hase, forward; Herb Hardy, the lanky high-scoring center; Hjelmer Kannasto, guard; Carl Harris and Johnny Murphy, forwards; and Bill Jungwirth and Kenneth Schillinga, guards. The first four mentioned are two-year lettermen, while the latter are one-year holders.

Reserves from last year's squad are Jim Beatty, Don Carson and Earl Canfield, while new material showing up well are Howard Mayberry, Steve Fowler and Vernon Burnett.

Coach Faber expects the strongest team to wear the Red and White in years, and the entire school is stizzling with the possibility that Ashland seems to have an excellent chance to cop the state championship, for the first time since 1922.

Parker Hase, injured during the football season, may not see action against Weed in the opener, but will be fit as a fiddle in two weeks. Hase, with Hoxie, Kannasto and Hardy, are assured of positions on the regular lineup. The guard position, left open by the graduation of Hedrich Baughman, will be filled by probably Murphy, Schillinga or Jungwirth.

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