

PEEBLES IS GIVEN PRISON TERM ON MORALS CHARGE

Three Other Defendants Also Sentenced by Judge Norton Today.

Fred J. Peebles, 24, was sentenced by Judge H. D. Norton in circuit court this morning to not more than three years in the state penitentiary on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Arrested by city police Saturday, Peebles waived grand jury indictment and was arraigned on a district attorney's information to which he pleaded guilty. He was employed by a Medford concern and resided at a local rooming house.

Police Chief Clatous McCredie told the court that the police department had been receiving reports of sex perversion activities here for some time and that an effort was being made to put an end to them. The arrest of Peebles, he added, put the names of a number of asserted pervers into the hands of the police. The arrest was made after the minor, a 17-year-old boy, complained to the police.

Peebles told the court he had never been in trouble before and said he would like to start anew elsewhere but Judge Norton said he preferred to leave the matter up to the state parole board which he indicated has been seeking a solution of sex perversion in the prison.

Three other defendants who were being held in the county jail waived grand jury indictment today, pleaded guilty as charged and were sentenced by Judge Norton. They were:

Kenneth I. Becknell, 37, a transient; an indeterminate sentence not to exceed two years in the state penitentiary for stealing a car, owned by Noel Taylor, in Ashland August 9. His record showed a number of previous arrests and convictions. Becknell said he never committed any crimes excepting while drunk and asked to be sent to some institution for cure of the liquor habit. Judge Norton reminded him he was responsible for getting drunk.

Albert C. Burns, 42, Ashland, not more than three years in state prison for obtaining money by false pretenses. The record read to the court showed he had cashed a number of worthless checks in Ashland and Oakland, Cal.

Arthur Griffith, 44, Portland; to more than two years in state prison for committing a burglary not in a dwelling. Griffith was accused of entering the office of L. G. Pickell at 16 South Bartlett street August 10 and taking a typewriter which he sold for \$13.50. Griffith also blamed his trouble on liquor.

5 AUTO CRASHES BUT NOBODY HURT

Reports of five minor automobile accidents, none of which caused injury to the occupants of the vehicles, were on file in city police station today. The mishaps were listed as follows:

Rolland Rinsbarger of 341 East Ninth street and Anthony Crapo of Klamath Falls drove cars involved in a collision at Fir and Eighth streets Saturday night.

Jackson boulevard and Riverside avenue was the scene of an accident between autos operated by Harry Morrison of the Grand Hotel and A. B. Hall of 319 South Newtown street Saturday afternoon.

Clyde Williams of Harrison, Tenn., and Ralph Gelm of Route 1 drove cars involved in a slight wreck at Riverside avenue and Main street Saturday night.

Alex M. Brenner and James Schlingos, both of Phoenix, drove machines colliding with

slight damage on North Bartlett street Saturday afternoon. R. E. Foolley of Williams and Emlyn Griggs of 512 Pennsylvania avenue operated cars involved in a wreck at Riverside avenue and Jackson boulevard Saturday afternoon.

OPEN QUIZ UPON BRIDGES' RIGHT TO REMAIN HERE

Washington, Aug. 26.—(AP)—A justice department investigation was under way today to determine whether Harry Bridges, west coast CIO maritime leader, is subject to deportation under a new federal law permitting expulsion of aliens who have been members of subversive organizations.

Bridges was charged with being a member of the Communist party in expulsion proceedings instituted last year. These were dropped, however, after the supreme court ruled in another case that an alien—to be deported—must be found to have been a member of an organization advocating overthrow of the government by force.

Justice department officials said their investigation—started last Saturday by the federal bureau of investigation—was not prompted by any congressional demands.

An investigation of the Bridges case was recommended last week by the senate immigration committee when it reported on a substitute for the house-approved bill that would require Bridges' deportation.

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR 6,747 PLANES

Washington, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The defense commission reported to President Roosevelt today that contracts for 6,747 army and navy planes were outstanding as of August 17, despite the fact that funds for much of the aircraft procurement program were still tied up in the \$5,000,000,000 defense bill.

The figures were contained in a report based on treasury department figures which were brought to the White House by Robert Horton, publicity director of the commission.

The report said that, as of August 17, contracts were "in the works" for 3,916 army planes, including 2,029 combat and observation planes and 1,887 other types, primarily training.

For the navy on that date, Horton said, contracts had been let for 2,831, including 1,221 combat and observation, and 1,610 other types, mostly training.

MOST OF WEST TO VOTE REPUBLICAN

Seattle, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The Times, in staff correspondence from Portland today quoted Rep. Joseph Martin (R-Mass) as saying in an interview on the Wilkie-McNary campaign that:

"We didn't think we'd get anything in Washington state. But we're breaking even now. We've got Idaho and Wyoming and Oregon. North Dakota and South Dakota are safe. Illinois is ours. We've got almost all the west."

Political Picnics Start Vancouver, Wash., Aug. 26.—(AP)—Forty-three candidates for public office were among 1000 persons attending the annual Clark County Republican club rally at Lewisville county park yesterday.

Tillamook Pioneer Passes Tillamook, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Charles Winick, 72, of Tillamook, member of a pioneer Oregon family, died Saturday. Her widower, a daughter and a brother survive.

SELECT ASHLAND FOR 1941 REUNION OF S. O. VETERANS

The 48th annual reunion of the Southern Oregon Soldiers and Sailors association meet at the Grange hall at Central Point Saturday, August 24.

Morning session was called to order by Lt. Col. Commander Edna Kibbnon, who represented CIO Commander J. C. Woods. Ashland was selected as the meeting place for 1941. The following officers were elected: Colonel commander, Comrade Tilly of Ashland; major, Frank Mengoz; Medford; Lt. col. commander, Maybell Roberts, Ashland; chaplain, Elva Lough, Medford; adjutant, Lula Howard of Ashland.

At noon a bounteous luncheon was served to about 65. At 2 p. m. salute to the flag, invocation, song, America. Presentation of the W. R. C. traveling flag by the district patriotic instructor, Grace Reed and district president Mary Fern. The flag was then presented to Chester A. Arthur corps, accepted by Elva Lough, president of the corps.

Memorial services for departed members by Chaplain Mrs. Stinebaugh. Association was welcomed to Central Point by Mayor Powell; patriotic address by Carol Parker, commander of D. A. V. Medford, Ashland W. R. C., "Your Flag and My Flag"; "Star Spangled Banner," Medford W. R. C.; story of Lincoln, "The Lost Whetstone," D. U. V. represented by Anna Harrison of Grants Pass who read "The Meaning of the Flag." Address by Mayor Powell of Central Point. J. C. Woods, only Civil war veteran who was able to attend.

The program was interspersed with very much appreciated music by five girls from Mrs. Prentice's accordion band.

Other organizations besides the G. A. R. and auxiliaries attending were the Spanish American Veterans and auxiliary, D. A. V. World War, American Legion.

Report of resolution committee, Helen Pittman, Elva Lough, committee.

PATRIOTISM AND REFORMS FAVORED BY VFW. CONCLAVE

Los Angeles, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Adequate national defense, a "constant program of education in patriotism" and "encouragement of social, political and economic reforms to strengthen democracy" were advocated today before thousands of delegates attending the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual national encampment by National Commander Otis N. Brown of North Carolina.

Some 25,000 veterans, women's auxiliary members and visitors were on hand as the formal program got under way.

"The peace for which you and I offered our lives in 1917-18 has been destroyed," Brown declared. "A world revolution is in progress."

"The hell that has been let loose has been unleashed by elements which believe that might makes right—and the wholesale slaughter of men, women and children is something fearful to behold."

"We want to defend the liberty guaranteed by the bill of rights."

Approval of conscription for a universal service peacetime army will be proposed to the encampment in one of more than 200 resolutions scheduled for consideration.

THRILL SHOW TO OPEN TOMORROW

The Edwards Brothers' combined circus, thrill show and

WILD WEST RODEO WILL BE PRESENTED TWICE AT FAIRGROUNDS BALL PARK TUESDAY

The first show starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the second at 8 o'clock under the lights. Feature of the show, largest of its type in the country, is the head-on collision of two automobiles traveling 60 miles an hour, with the drivers remaining in their seats until after the crash. Acrobatic stunts, trained animals and a wide variety of thrill events are included on the program.

DIVORCE GRANTED SCARLETT'S MATE

London, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Herbert Leigh Holman was granted an absolute divorce today from actress Vivien Leigh on grounds of adultery with Actor Laurence Olivier, whom she now is expected to marry. A decree nisi was granted Holman Feb. 19.

Actress Jill Esmond gained an absolute divorce from Olivier on Aug. 5. Miss Leigh was named as correspondent in Miss Esmond's uncontested suit.

FLAMES DESTROY WILSON HOME ON DELTA WATER RD.

Fire early yesterday morning completely destroyed the home and all its contents of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson of the Delta Water road in the vicinity of the 401 orchard. Cause of the blaze was undetermined. Insurance was reportedly carried on the property.

The state forest patrol headquarters reported that Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and a son were awakened by the crackling flames at 4 a. m. They had barely enough time to get out of the house. Mr. Wilson grabbed a purse and a handful of clothes as he fled and threw them out a window but when he attempted to retrieve them the heat kept him beyond reach and they too were burned up, patrol headquarters said. Forest headquarters dispatch-

ed a crew and pumping equipment but the house was already in ashes when the firefighters arrived, so quickly did the dwelling burn.

It was a modern 6-room house that recently was completely remodeled.

More Flight Examiners Portland, Aug. 26.—(AP)—The increase in student flying in the state had resulted in the appointment of two new flight examiners today, Charles Walker, Oregon civil aeronautics authority inspector, announced. Stephen Hathaway was assigned to Eugene and Ernest Sink to Roseburg.

Latourette Defers Trip Portland, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Howard Latourette of Portland, Democratic national committee man, said today he had postponed a Saturday trip to New York because of his wife's sudden illness. He was to confer in New York with National Chairman Edward J. Flynn.

Blast Hurts Four Newport, Ore., Aug. 26.—(AP)—Four persons were injured, two of them seriously, in an explosion aboard the deep-sea fishing boat Him yesterday.

EVANGELIST, ONCE POLITICIAN, 'RED' WILL SPEAK HERE

Rev. Peter Connelly, the Irish evangelist from Perth, Scotland, will speak three nights this week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:45 in the Medford Church of the Nazarene, Holly at First street.

For 15 years Rev. Connelly gave himself exclusively to the field of evangelism in the British Isles, during which time multiplied hundreds confessed Christ under his ministry.

Prior to his conversion 20 years ago he was a politician. Four years he was a leader in the communist party. Incident to his conversion his politics underwent a radical change also. He is no longer a communist.

The coming speaker is well posted relative to the war situation in England and will

identify body as former soldier.

IDENTIFY BODY AS FORMER SOLDIER

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 26.—(AP)—The man whose body was found near the old Oregon Trail road east of Meacham Aug. 9 may have been an ex-soldier, a Portland laboratory examination indicated today.

Deputy District Attorney C. C. Proebstel said, however, that names and numbers on a paper identified as an army discharge were indiscernible. Sheriff Robert Goad surmised the man, whose body apparently had been dragged to the hiding place several months ago, had been "taken for a ride."

The body was without hat and the trousers were pulled on over pajamas. No shoes were found.

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