

Education Pays Off for Eleven Oregon State Prison Convicts

Salem—(U.P.)—Who says education doesn't pay off?

It paid off in thick, juicy steak, thick, juicy apple pie and Havana cigars for 11 convicts of Oregon State penitentiary who graduated from the eighth grade in the first commencement exercises ever held at the state prison.

Some 250 convicts of the approximately 1,550 now calling that place their home attended the graduation exercises held in the prison mess hall.

Warden is Host

Before the exercises, Warden Virgil O'Malley had the 11 "old grads" in for the steak dinner, also attended by Gov. Douglas McKay, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam, and the members of the Capitol press corps.

The steaks were delectable, the apple pie delicious and the Havana cigars savory and full-smoking.

At the commencement exercises which followed Governor McKay told the grads:

Can't Take Away Education

"Education is the one thing no one can take away from you."

And Putnam said:

"I am quite sure that the graduates here tonight and the members of the student body will never regret taking time out to improve themselves through education."

The 250 who attended the exercises make up the prison's "student body." Those who graduated found themselves out of grammar school for the first time in their lives. Other prisoners who have had higher education "outside" are taking university extension courses.

The pen's "school" is housed in a large room above the chapel.

Make Excellent Progress

Parker Linsberry, supervisor of education at the prison, said despite the difficulty of conduct-

ing classes with makeshift rooms (later the prison will have its own regular school quarters) the men were making excellent progress in their academic education.

Gov. McKay complimented not only the graduates and other members of the student body but also the convicts who are members of the faculty.

Convicts Are Teachers

Some of these convict-teachers are well enough versed to hold classes in subjects ranging from

electronics, Spanish and mathematics to the Bible.

Robert P. Gilbert is assistant director of education at the prison.

Classes have been held before at the state penitentiary, but this is the first time formal commencement exercises have been held. Warden O'Malley said the success of the occasion indicates it will be from now on an annual highlight at the state penitentiary.

On The Side By E. V. Durling

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For one man is my world of all the men
This wide world holds
O love, my world is you!
—Christina Rossetti

Do you agree with the claim a woman can't keep a secret? Anyway, it was in 1878 the first telephone system was installed in the White House at Washington, D.C. Male switchboard operators were employed in the White House. Do you know why it was so long before the girls were given a chance? It was because federal government officials did not keep a secret! Don't know who changed their minds. First feminine switchboard operator at the White House was Louise Hachmeister. Louise established a reputation as a super duper secret keeper.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Are you agreed the most beautiful horses and women in this country are born and bred in old Kentucky? A. The most beautiful horses may come from Kentucky, but the most beautiful women are those of Texas. Q. Is that concoction, known as bouillabaisse, properly referred to as a soup or a stew? A. Believe soup is more nearly correct. However, here is how that great bouillabaisse fan, William Makepeace Thackeray, described it:

This bouillabaisse a noble dish is,
A sort of soup, or broth or brew,
A hotchpotch of all sorts of fishes,
That Greenwich never could outdo.

Green herbs, red peppers, mussels, saffron, Soles, onions, garlic, roach and dace

All these you eat at Terre's Tavern

In that one dish of bouillabaisse. Almost Confidential

Note reference to a man named Peregrin U.S. Have already heard of men with the two letter sur-names of Ng and Ek. What an outstanding and unforgettable firm name U.S. Ng and Ek would be. . . Own any property? How about the taxes? Do they make you suffer? In Boston the property tax is \$63 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. . . The United States has the world's highest percentage of automobile and television set owners yet 40 per cent of American homes have no bathtub or shower. Thirty-five per cent have no indoor toilet.

Briefly

A Libya (Sept. 23rd-Oct. 22nd) woman and a Leo (July 23rd-Aug. 22nd) man makes a good matrimonial combination. Both

are fond of excitement, travel and change. Also both are intensely affectionate or so say the star-gazers. . . Ever see a book worth half a million dollars? In the New York Public Library there is a Gutenberg Bible worth that much.

Please Note

The greatest major league baseball player of French birth or descent was Napoleon Lajoie; of Italian, Joe Di Maggio; of German, Hans Wagner; of Polish, Stanley Coveleski; of Spanish, Vernon Gomez, but who do you say was the greatest ballplayer of Irish birth or descent? That's something really difficult to decide.

Sidelights

Some refer to Katharine Cornell as "First Lady of the Theater." Others bestow the title on Helen Hayes. They know not whereof they speak. The First Lady of the Theater is Ethel Barrymore, who has been a star for 51 years! . . . Jaywalkers are fined in Paris. Traffic officers collect the fine on the spot. Give the offender a receipt. Fine is the equivalent of six cents.

Passing By

Gary Crosby, son of Bing, is quite a mass of manhood. Is really a big boy now. Weighs over 200 pounds. He is a banana nut-sundae addict. . . Gypsy Rose Lee, the daring danseuse. Did you know Gypsy holds the "pin-up girl" record for World War II? It's a fact. She was named the "Sweetheart" of no less than 18 regiments.

Tacoma Pressmen Continue Picketing

Tacoma—(U.P.)—Striking pressmen continued to picket the Tacoma News-Tribune Monday and Publisher Frank Baker said no further attempt would be made to publish the city's only daily newspaper while the strike was on.

Two of the paper's executives manned the presses Saturday to run off 3,700 copies which explained management's stand in the dispute.

The pressmen struck in support of their demand for a wage of \$3.10 per hour. The company has offered \$2.95.

Bellingham—(U.P.)—Mary Margaret Earley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Earley of Bellingham, was killed Saturday when a log on which she was playing rolled over her.

Spark Arrester Shown At Foresters Meeting

Salem—(U.P.)—Foresters attending a Salem conference sponsored by the state forestry department saw a new spark arrester demonstrated last week.

The device is designed to operate on any petroleum or solid fuel fired engine. The unit attaches to the exhaust of the engine and results in a water injection system by means of an electric pump and a small water tank.

The unit, patented by W. C. Hopkins of Portland and manufactured by the American Metal Products company of Portland, may be used on logging trucks and other equipment in the woods, where sparks always present a grave fire threat.

PLANE'S TIRES EXPLODE

Dallas, Tex.—(U.P.)—Two tires on the left landing gear of an American Airlines plane carrying 48 passengers blew out when they touched the runway at Love Field Sunday, but no one was injured and the airliner was not damaged.

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American Soldier Freed by Communists

Berlin—(U.P.)—An American soldier has been released by the Polish government after being held in Communist captivity for 16 months.

U. S. authorities said Corp. Alexander S. Czarnecki, New York, had arrived here in a U.S. embassy plane after being handed over to the embassy in Warsaw.

Czarnecki had been listed as absent without leave since December 15, 1950, from the 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment stationed at Landslut in West Germany.

American authorities declined to give details of the circumstances under which the soldier was freed.

Farmers' Production Costs Will Go Higher

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture department predicted Monday that farmers' production expenses—which have been rising steadily since 1938—will go up another 5 to 6 per cent this year.

The department said farmers can expect to pay higher prices for labor, machinery, feed, fertilizer and seed this year than last. About the only prices that probably won't go up, it said, will be building and fencing materials.

Young Surgeon Uses Cellophane To Bandage Heart Blood Vessel

Spokane—(U.P.)—Hospital authorities have told how a young surgeon bandaged a main heart with cellophane "like you would a garden hose."

Deaconess hospital said the 42-year-old patient was suffering from a weakened blood vessel wall that "bulged like a weak spot in an innertube" and threatened to shut off the windpipe.

One lung collapsed and the surgeon, whose name was not disclosed, successfully wound the sheet of cellophane around the weakened vessel wall.

The surgeon reported he found

Man Earns Living Spotting Bad Eggs

Springville, Utah—(U.P.)—Dean W. (Skinny) Johnson is an expert who earns his living in a unique way.

Johnson's specialty is that of a picker-outer of bad eggs from trout trays.

An employe of the Springville hatchery of the Utah fish and game commission, Johnson can spot bad eggs in the big trays of trout spawn so rapidly that he can remove up to 145 a minute with a syringe-type gadget.

The hatchery annually processes about 16,000,000 fish eggs. It's Johnson's job to make sure that only live eggs, virtually certain to produce good fish, remain in the trays during the hatching stage.

Oklahoma Patrol Counts Easter Toll

Lawton, Okla.—(U.P.)—The Oklahoma Highway Patrol issued the following traffic report for the Lawton area during the Easter sunrise service in the Wichita mountains, attended by 60,000 persons:

"No human fatalities; five property-injury accidents; two personal injury accidents; one dead cow, one dead buffalo, one dead deer."

Washington—(U.P.)—Alaskan delegate E. L. Bartlett said Saturday that Wrangell, Alaska, may be declared a disaster area and receive federal aid as a result of the recent fire there.

to vote for Eisenhower up to the third ballot.

4-H Club News

Central Point Cookery Club met on April 12. We decided to have an overnight hike April 23, at 7:30 p. m. Roger Seaman, Reporter.

MOTHS ATTRACTED

Eagle Point—Ultra-violet light used to bring out colors in rocks in the window display of the Rock Market near here is attracting a wide variety of moths, according to Paul G. Olsen, owner of the shop. Olsen says the moths vary from delicate shades of mauve and lavender to dainty green, pale grey and rich shades of brown, red, ivory, pure white and black. One has what appears to be a row of horns down its back.

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