



PURGATOIRE CLAIMS HALF A CHURCH—The tiny Sacred Heart church was cut in half by the flash-flooding Purgatoire River at Trinidad, Colo. Only the section containing the altar remained intact.

Man Behind Prison Bars for 48 Years About To Receive Freedom

Editor's Note: At Christmas time, 1952, U.P. correspondent Tom Farrell of the Lansing, Mich., bureau wrote a story about the "loneliest man" in the Michigan Penitentiary at Jackson. The man was Tony Duley, a life termer who had been in prison for 45 years and hadn't received a letter or a visitor in 20 years. Sympathetic readers deluged the convict with Christmas cards and gifts. This story tells how one of those 1952 Christmas greetings may become his deliverance.

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Jackson, Mich. — (U.P.) — A Michigan prison official who says 77-year-old Tony Duley, who has spent the last 48 years behind bars, is "as good as out." Some time later this year he'll be paroled and sent home.

But home, to a man who has not drawn a free breath since 1907, could be a hard place to find in 1955.

Unless, like "Pop" Duley, you have been adopted by a family outside.

Duley will end his long imprisonment for murder by being received into the circle of a family he didn't even know until two and a half years ago.

Prison authorities are arranging for him to live at an old folks home at Muskegon, Mich., not far from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Baron. It is Mrs. Baron, a housewife and

mother of three children, who has promised to see that "Pop" isn't lonely in his last years.

"The family will give him a nice coming out party. We're even going to invite members of the parole board," she said. After that, there'll be a place set for Duley at the Baron's dinner table whenever he feels like coming over for a visit.

Loneliest Convict
Shortly before Christmas in 1952, Mrs. Baron, saw a United Press story describing how Duley was not only the oldest convict in Michigan, but also the loneliest. He had no family and hadn't had a letter in 20 years.

Mrs. Baron was only one of about 900 persons who sent a Christmas card or a letter to the wiry, gray-haired convict known as "Pop" to other inmates. But when the Christmas season had passed, Mrs. Baron — unlike all the others — kept on writing.

A year later she and her husband, Marion, and the children went to visit Duley at the penitentiary. They took a liking to the humble old man and decided then and there to try to get him released.

Duley had been sentenced to life imprisonment in 1907 for the fatal shooting of a ticket agent at Tawas, Mich. Duley, then 29, said the agent was shot with his own gun during a scuffle that started over a careless remark.

But Duley had been in prison before — for taking \$8 from a

butcher shop one night — and his story that the shooting was an accident didn't impress anyone. He drew a life sentence for second degree murder.

Lost Touch With Outside

He worked for years in the prison shoe factory. His only friends were prisoners and guards who came and went as the years slipped by. Gradually, Duley lost touch with the outside world.

"My folks are all gone now — dead. The last one, a brother, passed on years ago," Duley says.

But due to the effort of his new-found "folks," the Baron family, Gov. G. Mennen Williams is expected soon to sign a commutation of his sentence. His case must still pass the parole board but no trouble is anticipated. Case examiner Don Thurston said the other day, "Duley is as good as out."

"God willing," says Mrs. Baron, "Tony'll be with us before summer sets in. He can be sure we'll take care of him if he gets sick. When the Lord calls him from us, we'll give him a good Christian burial."

Duley is feeling pretty chipper, though. He looks forward to playing with the Baron's four-year-old daughter, Gayla Dawn and plans to teach her to ride the family's pet saddle horse, Mike. He said: "That horse and I are going to have a time of it. I used to curry a horse pretty good. I think I still can."

Use Tribune Want Ads

'Standard Play' Records Fast Nearing Rate as Horse and Buggy of Music World

New York — (U.P.) — Popularity of the 78 RPM phonograph record has taken its worst nosedive in years. The "standard play" disc is closer than ever to becoming the horse and buggy of the music world.

It has all but vanished from many record cabinets. The rum-pus room—where teen-agers decide what kind of music will be heard—may be its last refuge.

The "extended play" 45-RPM and the "long play" 33 1/3 RPM records are becoming the staples of the trade.

Tin Pan Alley in recent weeks has reported drops up to 50 per cent in sales of 78s compared with sales last winter. What finished off the 78 for many record buyers, apparently, were the deep price cuts in EPs and IPs put into effect shortly after the first of the year.

"The trend away from 78s has been accelerating something terrific," said Larry Kanaga, vice president and operations manager of RCA Victor records.

"Four months ago our sales of single records were divided about half and half between 78s and 45s. Now, 78s are down to about 40 per cent and 45s up to 60 per cent."

At Columbia Records, a spokesman said the 78 RPM record had faded even more sharply. The old type record now accounts for only 35 per cent of Columbia's total sales.

The 78 has been losing popularity ever since slower-speed records went on the market in 1948. But the shift to EPs and

LPs had been more gradual until early this year when industry-wide price cuts made it possible



PLUCKY—Nancy Jo Olinger, 16, of South Bend, Ind., once completely paralyzed by polio, plays piano with her left hand. Her right arm is still paralyzed. Nancy started playing six years ago as an experiment in physical therapy. She can now cover the entire keyboard with her left hand. A recent recital brought her invitations for repeat performances.

to buy a small, light EP record for the same price as a 78.

Price Cut

"The price cut problem stimulated a lot of people to buy a slower-speed phonograph where they had hesitated before because of the higher price of long playing records," Kanaga said.

What about the music-lover who is nursing an old 78 RPM phonograph through its declining years? Will it reach the point where he can't get his kind of records any more?

Not for quite a while, if ever. But his choice of tunes is likely to become limited. Already, few companies are putting out classical music on 78s. Albums of popular music also are vanishing. Sales of 78s are now confined almost entirely to singles-popular hits, dance music and novelties.

Since teen-agers appear to be the biggest buyers of 78 RPM singles, their tastes will probably have more to do with the catalog than anything else.

WON'T LEARN TO ACT

New York — (U.P.) — Former middleweight boxing champion Rocky Graziano said Sunday night he will not play himself in a movie about his life because "my TV director said, 'Rocky, if you ever learn to act you lose your job.'"

HONOR COMES LATE

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