



HANGING DRAWS CROWDS—Huge crowds mill around London's Holloway prison as blonde Mrs. Ruth Ellis is hanged inside for murder of one of her two lovers. The 28-year-old mother of two children was executed for pumping six pistol bullets into race driver David Blakely.

'Rubber Roads' Test Waited With Interest

Chicago—(U.P.)—The American Public Works Association says highway officials are awaiting with interest the outcome of tests of "rubber roads."

During the last five years experimental patches of surfacing containing rubber have been laid on selected stretches of roads throughout the country, the association said.

Connecticut, Louisiana, Nebraska, Ohio, Utah and Wisconsin are among states that have such experimental patches of road.

Proponents of "rubber roads" hope they will prove to be longer lasting, skid-proof and more resilient.

But a major disadvantage, the association said, has been the high cost. However, researchers hope they have this problem licked.

Originally, asphalt and rubber were mixed at a chemical plant and shipped hot in insulated trucks or railroad tank cars to the construction sites. This limited the shipping range to a 24-hour trip from the plant.

But now, rubber pellets no larger than a pencil eraser have been developed. They can be packed in bags, thus cutting shipping costs and eliminating restrictions on shipping distances.

A combination of tar and synthetic rubber has been tested in Connecticut. Near Milwaukee, Wis., experiments are underway on two half-mile strips of rubber bituminous concrete paving.

Older Workers Said Efficient Employees

Chicago—(U.P.)—The Civil Service Assembly says a new study shows that older workers are as efficient or better than employees under 60.

The assembly cited a study made and evaluated by the University of Illinois, which rated a sampling of workers on overall performance, absenteeism, dependability, work quality, output, and ability to get along with others.

The university contracted supervisors in 20 companies who told what they thought of the competence of 1,025 workers in their 60's and 70's.

In over-all performance, supervisors rated 16 per cent of the older workers as excellent, 32 per cent very good, 36 per cent good, 15 per cent fair and 1 per cent poor.

The supervisors reported that 70 per cent were absent less often than younger workers, 23 per cent about the same and 7 per cent more often.

On dependability, 50 per cent were judged more dependable than younger employees, and 6 per cent less dependable.

Comparative percentages for work quality were 36 per cent better, 57 per cent about the same and 7 per cent poorer.

More than 75 per cent of the older workers had production records equal or higher than those of younger workers.

Thirty-three per cent get along with others better than younger workers do, the study showed. Sixty per cent are on a par with younger employees in this standard and seven per cent do not fare as well.

Baker Stud Mill Destroyed by Flames

Baker—(U.P.)—Fire fanned by gusty winds Friday destroyed the Shannon stud mill here and threatened other buildings, including a powder house.

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Turncoats Still in China Said Anxious To Return to States

Kobe, Japan — (U.P.) — An American turncoat returning to the United States says that all U.S. ex-prisoners who refused repatriation at Panmunjom after the Korean war now want to go home.

He said 18 more Americans who chose to stay with the Communists will be crossing the Hong Kong border "in the very near future."

Otho G. Bell, 24, Hillsboro, Miss., broke away from the leadership of "spokesman" William Cowart and told his story aboard the liner President Cleveland.

Others Are Afraid Only Communist intimidation and the fear of U.S. courts are keeping the rest of the ex-prisoners in Red China, Bell said.

"I talked to all of them before I left," Bell said. "They are very afraid. They told me they just

didn't have the guts to face U.S. military courts."

Bell said Communist Chinese officials informed all American ex-prisoners they had been sentenced to death by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The exclusive United Press interview with Bell was conducted on the President Cleveland, which stopped here today on its voyage from Hong Kong to San Francisco.

Bell and two other turncoats, William Cowart of Dalton, Ga., and Lewis Griggs of Jacksonville, Tex., are traveling home in a third class dormitory on the liner. They stepped out of Red China at Hong Kong Sunday after 17 months with the Communists.

Only Two Roads Bell said the American turncoats still in Red China are being used in "brain-washing experiments."

The Americans still in China are "all fouled up beyond all reason" and do not know what to do any more, Bell said.

"The Reds can turn your heart to steel," he continued. "They give them only two roads—one, to be a good comrade, the other, death. This uncertainty is keeping American ex-prisoners in Red China today."

Bell said he did not know what he was going to do when he first returned to the United States, but that he hoped his young wife, Jewell, and a four-year-old daughter he has never seen will meet him in San Francisco. They have been living in Olympia, Wash.

Beesley Appointed Klamath County DA

Salem—(U.P.)—Gov. Paul L. Patterson Friday appointed Richard C. Beesley of Klamath Falls as district attorney for Klamath county.

Beesley succeeds Frank Alderson, who resigned to accept a post as deputy district attorney of Lane county. Alderson had had prolonged differences with Klamath County Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Parents Sentenced For Child Neglect

Portland—(U.P.)—A judge sent a Portland laborer and his wife to jail for a year yesterday for causing their children to become dependents of the state.

The sentence was imposed on John and Marjorie Childers who were arrested earlier this week on child neglect and drunkenness charges.

District Judge Ray Shoemaker, who overrode a defense plea for suspended sentences, said: "In all the time I have been in the courts, since 1918, I have never before heard of a case where children were abandoned in such a condition as this."

The couple was arrested by city police after neighbors had complained that their six children, ranging in age from six months to eight years, had been left alone for two days. The six-month-old child was said to still be in serious condition.

Judge Shoemaker said what becomes of the children is up to the juvenile court.

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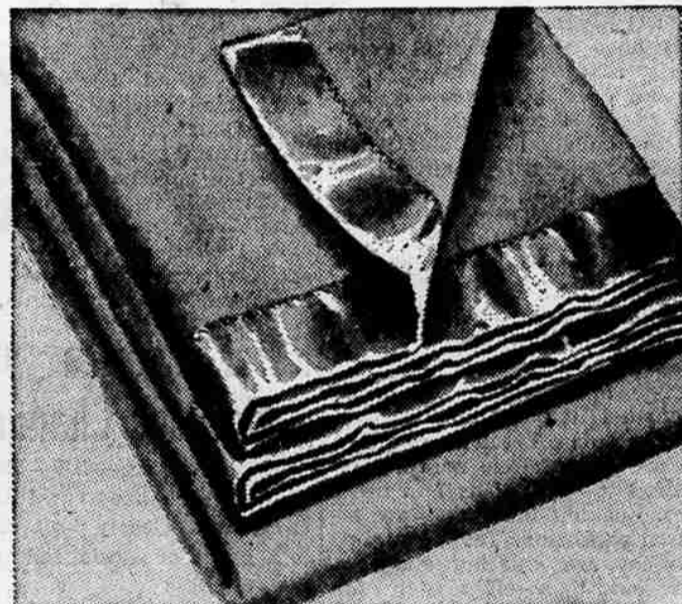


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