

### Prison Editor Asks For Sporting Chance

Sioux Falls, S.D.—(U.P.)—The prisoner-editor of the South Dakota penitentiary magazine believes that a parolee isn't given a "sporting chance."

The editor of the bulletin said there are five major defects in the American parole system:

1. "The almost total lack of educational, vocation and recreational programs in a vast number of penal institutions."
2. "Insufficient parole personnel to supervise the program."
3. "The almost total absence of a plan which enables men due for parole to begin to learn to adjust themselves to life in a free society while still incarcerated."
4. "The failure to provide employment for the parolees so he can go directly to work after release and not be forced to face the extreme difficulties of finding a job himself."
5. "Believing that the five or ten dollars given parolees by states at the time of their release is adequate to sustain them until they can find employment."

### AMSBY GETS RIBBON

Laporte, Ind. — (U.P.)—Mike Amshy, Orange, Calif., picked up his second blue ribbon in the 14th annual national water ski championships today.

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### Oilmen Playing Expensive Game in Australia Wastes

Learmonth—(U.P.)—Americans and Australians are playing the most expensive game of hide-and-seek in the world here in the Exmouth Gulf country of West Australia.

It's being played with Mother Nature; the cost runs about \$1,850 an hour and the prize is oil.

The playground consists of millions of acres of shriveled-up land bordering the Indian Ocean where the mercury bubbles up to 124 degrees in mid-summer, and Florida-type hurricanes scythe their way across the land each year. Perhaps nowhere in the world have oil men faced greater problems, particularly logistic, than in Western Australia. Already \$30,000,000 has been spent in the search.

The West Australia operation is unique in that oil was hit by the first well, the Rough Range No. 1. Since then 13 more wells have been drilled, all dry.

The search, being conducted by the West Australian Petroleum company, is of the greatest importance to Australia. Although traces of oil have been reported as far back as 1854, Australia never produced a gallon of its own until Rough Range No. 1 was brought in three years ago.

Coal has been the source of Australia's power, and her lack of petroleum her greatest weak-

ness. Like Japan, she has been forced to import all petroleum supplies. Thus when the first drilled well struck an excellent quality paraffine base crude at 3,600 feet, it was the California Gold Rush all over again.

Oil share stocks that were selling for \$1.12 a share were grabbed up by enthusiastic bargain-hunters at \$12.00 a share. They are now back down to a realistic \$1.75.

Investors were not the only ones fooled by the new gusher. WAPET engineers envisioned a great new oil field in West Australia, and moved rapidly to develop it. More and heavier equipment was brought in from the United States, the permanent headquarters was built here on the Exmouth Peninsula and a corps of engineers, drillers, geologists and technicians was imported from both the United States and Europe. There were no holds barred, and the budget went out the window as the Australians and Americans moved to exploit their find.

**Where and How Much?**  
So far their enthusiasm has been premature and expensive. Hole after hole has been drilled with out success. New locations were mapped, and wells were spudded in at the most promising spots. In one area it was necessary to build a highway deep into the Rough Range mountains

### Truck Driver Strike Idles Produce Crews

Watsonville, Calif.—(U.P.)—A strike of AFL truck drivers Saturday brought the Salinas valley produce industry to a standstill.

Drivers and other union workers connected with the movement of lettuce from the fields to cooling plants struck at 12:01 Saturday, following a day of married negotiations. Some 400 teamsters and 80 industry growers were involved in the dispute which has been under negotiation for three months.

The major issue was reported to be wages. Drivers, who now make \$1.80 an hour, were asking for a 20-cent-per-hour raise.

Jack Bias, president of the grower-shipper association, said his group had offered a 10-cent-an-hour raise, plus another five cent raise to become effective July 1, 1957.

### OUT AND IN

Omaha, Neb.—(U.P.)—Douglas County deputies rushed to the police headquarters when they discovered three prisoners had escaped the previous night. They didn't have far to look for two of them. The men had been picked up for routine questioning by city police and had been in the city jail for eight hours before anyone even knew they were missing from the "escape-proof" county jail.

before drilling could begin. The highway alone cost \$100,000, and the well turned out to be a duster. Another well cost \$998,000 and was dry.

Every scientific device for the detection of oil is being used by WAPET, but the engineers frankly admit the structure of the country has them stumped. Land contours which usually follow a set pattern for thousands of feet below the earth's surface are shifted all over the subterranean area of the Exmouth Peninsula.

This year should tell the story. A total of nearly \$10,000,000 has been budgeted by WAPET for its West Australian exploration in 1956. This is the "go for broke" effort. Caltex, which owns 80 per cent of WAPET's stock, probably will continue its oil search in Australia even if this year produces only another assortment of dusters, but it will be on a much smaller scale.

The geologists insist that there has to be oil in West Australia, and they have the producing Rough Range No. 1 to prove it, but there are two big questions—Where is it? How much of it is there?



**SAFETY BELT SAVED THE DAY**—Gus Ehrman flips his MG-TF into hay bales on first lap of feature race in national MG championships at Marlboro, Md. Ehrman's only injury was a scratched elbow. His seat belt and safety helmet prevented serious injury.

### CASE OF NERVES

Kalamazoo, Mich.—(U.P.)—Virginia Somers, 17, pulled her car up at the county building to take a driver's license test and smacked right into the fender of Deputy Sheriff Gilbert Russell's car. Russell awarded Miss Somers her license anyway, saying: "She was a very good driver once she got over her case of nerves."

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### Coast Guard Searches For Man on Life Raft

San Francisco — (U.P.) — The Coast Guard continued its search Saturday for a man reported drifting in a life raft 200 miles out in the Pacific ocean off San Francisco.

No trace of the raft or any wreckage was reported. The Coast Guard said the search by the cutter Ewing would probably continue at least through Sunday, depending on weather conditions. A Coast Guard plane also searched the area Saturday.

The man was sighted Thursday on a life raft, amid what appeared to be wreckage, according to a report by an armed forces radar plane. The Coast Guard said Friday, after a night and day of searching, that it appeared doubtful there had been a man of the raft.

### Price Daniel Leads

#### Texas Democrat Runoff

Dallas, Tex. — (U.P.) — U. S. Sen. Price Daniels, a Democrat who bolted to Dwight Eisenhower four years ago, held a modest lead Saturday in a Democratic runoff primary for Governor of Texas.

The election may serve as a guidepost to how the state will go in the presidential election two months from now. In 1952, it followed the lead of Daniel and Gov. Allan Shivers and went Republican.

A tabulation by the Texas election bureau of returns from 251 of the state's 254 counties, including 203 complete, gave Daniel 682,946 and Austin lawyer Ralph Yarborough 686,610.

### Novel Method Used

#### To Cheat Executioner

Chelsea, Vt.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Rebecca Peak, sentenced to death here in 1836 for the poison murder of her stepson, used a novel method to cheat the gallows. For several nights prior to the execution day, she was allowed small doses of opium because she complained she could not sleep. She saved all the opium and, on the eve of her hanging, took it in a single dose and died.

### Church Declared Winner

#### Over Taylor in Idaho

Boise, Ida. — (U.P.) — Frank Church, 32, has been declared official winner of Idaho's Democratic Senate primary, defeating former Senator Glen Taylor, the ballad singing lawmaker who deserted his party briefly in 1948 to become Hendy Wallace's running mate on the Progressive party ticket.

The State Board of Canvassers gave Church a 200-vote lead over Taylor.

Lincoln, Neb.—(U.P.)—Insecticides are deadly to insect pests—and to humans too unless handled with care. Safety experts at the University of Nebraska said the manufacturer's instructions should be followed to the letter, even if the insecticides are being used for just a few seconds.



**WHERE KIDNAPER ABANDONED BABY**—Police van, containing tiny casket, parks at the exit of the Northern State Parkway near Plainview, N. Y., near the spot where the tiny body of kidnaped month-old Peter Weinberger was found. The body was found in wooded area off to right of where road turns in background. Confession by Angelo John LaMarca, 31, led police to the site.

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