



SHAKEN BY EXPERIENCE, dog is comforted by Sgt. D. R. Stroud after being dug from debris left in wake of devastating tornado in Cantwell-Desloge area south of St. Louis, Mo. At least nine persons are believed dead in this area. (International Soundphoto)

Hildy Turns Attention To School as Court Rejects Extradition

Miami Beach — Freckle-faced Hildy McCoy and the Jewish couple who took her into their home happily celebrated her first grade graduation today, knowing for the first time they will always belong to each other.

Hildy, 6, was to make the welcoming speech to parents and act and dance in a rendition of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" in ceremonies at the Lear Private School.

But no fairy tale could match the real-life drama for Mr. and Mrs. Melvin B. Ellis, Thursday before Gov. Leroy Collins at Tallahassee.

Extradition Request Denied

Collins announced late Thursday after a hearing that he is denying a petition to extradite the Jewish couple to Massachusetts where they would face charges of kidnaping the blonde.

Young Democrats Favor Red China Recognition

Portland — The Young Democratic Club of Greater Portland Thursday night approved a resolution urging United States' recognition of Red China.

The resolution said in part that "a foreign policy conducted in our national self interest dictates realistic appraisal of the Far Eastern situation."

blue-eyed child they have reared from infancy. They will be permitted to live in Florida and rear Hildy as a Jew, even though she was born to a Roman Catholic mother.

Hildy's mother, who put her up for adoption and changed her mind when she learned the Ellises were Jewish, sought to have Hildy placed in an orphanage for adoption by a Roman Catholic family. Massachusetts courts upheld her.

The Child's Rights

Collins, a Protestant father of four children, said he recognized the birthright of religious faith, but added:

"The great and good God of all of us, regardless of faith, grants to every child to be born: First, the right to be wanted and secondly, the right to be loved."

The Ellises, he said, had fulfilled these rights for Hildy.

The kidnaping charges filed 14 months after the Jewish couple fled Massachusetts with Hildy were legally "synthetic," Collins said.

The executive decision cannot be appealed. Collins denied Massachusetts authorities permission to file additional briefs.

The Ellises have filed proceedings in a Miami circuit court for adoption of Hildy under Florida laws.

27 Talent Students To Graduate May 31

Talent—Twenty-seven Talent High school seniors will graduate during the school's 38th commencement Friday evening, May 31, in the school gymnasium.

The class will be presented by class president, Ronald Weinhold. The salutatory address will be given by Marlys Whillock and Richard Bradford will deliver the valedictory speech.

Dr. R. W. McNeal, of Southern Oregon college, will speak at commencement exercises. Diplomas will be presented by W. R. Bagley, chairman of the school board.

Baccalaureate will be held at 11 a.m. May 26, Sunday, in the school gymnasium. The Rev. Alice May Woolley will deliver a talk and the Rev. Leroy Neifert will give the invocation and benediction.

North Bend Hotel Padlocked by City

North Bend — The Hotel North Bend, located at the North Bend airport, has been padlocked by city officials for non-payment of back taxes.

City Administrator Robert Herrington said today the hotel and three apartment buildings, converted from officers' quarters at the wartime naval training station, would be vacated by June 1. They were purchased in 1947 by Guy McCauley and Art Pepin for \$35,000. Herrington said \$2,000 was still owing on the purchase price and that \$13,500 in back taxes had not been paid.



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