

Roger Touhy To Crusade for 'Writ of Innocence' on Release

Editor's note: Roger Touhy, beer baron of Cook county in the days of Al Capone, has spent most of the past 25 years in prison for kidnaping and jailbreak. Now he is on the threshold of freedom, paroled from Stateville Prison by the governor and awaiting the formalities of his release. The following dispatch written by UPI's Chicago crime reporter, is based on a two-hour interview that took place at the penitentiary.

By ROBERT T. LOUGHRAN
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Joliet, Ill. (UPI) — The last time that Roger Touhy and I sat at a table together was more than 25 years ago, the night we were in Judge Michael Feinberg's courtroom in

Chicago awaiting the verdict that was to send him to prison. Except for a brief period when he went "over the wall" from prison, and for brief appearances in court, Touhy has been behind bars ever since. He's still soft-spoken. He still can wear the same size clothes that he wore when he came here. He still doesn't swear.

But the years have marked this graying man, and as we sat in the almost church-like stillness of an assistant warden's office, looking out at the bright November sunshine, Touhy told me why.

Prison Time Slow
"Five years in here," he said, "they're like a hundred outside. When I walk out of here, I walk out to liberty . . . when I get out, I want to

crusade for what you might call a writ of innocence. There are at least 35 men in this prison who are behind bars because someone wants them there, not because they're guilty. I'm going to write to every congressman and senator that my money will permit, to try to get a federal statute to give a prisoner the right of scientific methods to prove his innocence."

Then we began to recall the prohibition era career of Touhy. The kidnaping of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, a crime which Touhy still denies.

He reached into the frayed pocket of his blue and white striped prison uniform shirt, drew and lighted a cigaret. **Wants to Disappear**
"I'm going to disappear."

Enters Beer Business
"When you first knew me, Bob, I wasn't in the beer business. I was in the auto business," Touhy continued. "Nat Kolb was in the beer business, and he didn't like his partner. I bought him out for \$10,000. "Pretty soon, I could put my hands on 10,000 barrels of beer. I had a good brewery in Du Page county, and a

brewmaster with 10 years experience. I dealt in beer. I didn't deal in whisky. I wasn't a night spot guy. "When I got into trouble (he meant the Factor kidnaping) I had \$500,000 in property and money but now I'm lucky to have \$35,000 to put together. "I've got a little patent on a sporting article. I'm going to start a little business. I've had two kids in the university, one went to Florida and one to Stetson. They're in the construction business. My furniture's in Florida in storage. He looked out the window again. There were tears in his eyes.

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Grange Notes

Lake Creek Grange
At the November meeting of Lake Creek Grange officers were elected. They are master, Bob Gilkey; overseer, Leland Charley; lecturer, Betty Bradshaw; steward, Merton Bradshaw; assistant steward, Murray Bartling; chaplain, Camille Gilkey; treasurer, Claus Charley; secretary, Elynn Charley; gatekeeper, Ernest Hostutler; Ceres, Ozie Burrell; Pomona, Aldine Charley; Flora, Faye Burrell; executive members, Ira Woolfolk, Carl Riblett, Ernest Burrell; lady assistant steward, Pearl Bartling.

Lecturer Betty Bradshaw presented the program before the Grange. Eleanor Bartling played several piano selections, and Mark Fline gave an original commentary on "Birds."

Faye Burrell, of the ways and means committee, reported that the dance parties are proving popular. A nother dance will be given on Saturday, Nov. 28. Everyone is invited to attend the parties.

The work-day which was held to put on the new roof on one side of the building was successful. Several men in the community, who are not members, helped.

Bob Gilkey, of the legislative committee, reported on the article telling of the proposed debate between Sen. Porter and Ambassador McArthur, on the Red China question.

Refreshments were served by the Leland and Claus Charley families.

At the Dec. 11 meeting a Christmas party will be held with an exchange of gifts. Men will bring a gift suitable for a man, and women a gift suitable for a woman. The opening hour of the meeting is 8:30 p.m.

Washington—(UPI)—The office of Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) announced Thursday that R. A. Heintz Construction Company and Rogers Construction Company, both of Portland, Ore., have been awarded an Army Engineers contract totaling \$3,132,802 for work at Ice Harbor dam.



AIRLINER OF FUTURE — A Mach 3, 80-passenger transport like this one has been proposed by Continental Airlines for 2,000-mile-per-hour service between United States and Hawaii for 1967. Planes, which could cut flight time from Chicago to Hawaii to 2½ hours and from California to Hawaii an hour and 40 minutes, would supplement rather than replace present supersonic jets. Cost would be about \$13,000,000 each. (UPI Telephoto)

Hatfield Remains Neutral in Visits of Possible Candidates

By DICK HUMPHREY
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Salem — (UPI) — Correspondents travelling with Gov. Nelson Rockefeller in Oregon last week could hardly believe Oregon's chief executive Mark Hatfield is really maintaining a role of walking the tightrope of neutrality.

But Hatfield's closest associates swear he has made it plain to both Rockefeller and Vice President Richard Nixon that he won't come out of "no man's land" until May 20 when Oregonians go to the polls in their presidential primary election.

Writers who saw Hatfield in action with Nixon Oct. 10 when the vice president was here to dedicate The Dalles dam were certain they saw evidence of sponsorship in

Hatfield's hospitality. But they were confounded when similar hosting was offered Rockefeller. It was not possible to draw a distinction. Both got the full treatment, including glowing introductions.

With Congressman Walter Norblad, Secretary of State Howell Appling and State Treasurer Sig Unander all publicly avowed for Nixon, Hatfield sees a possible split coming up along the lines of the Knowland-Knight fight in California last year. By maintaining neutrality he hopes to unify the party in a peacemaker role once the primary is decided. He will have a vigorous six weeks scheduled between the May 20 primary and the GOP national convention, campaigning for the Oregon winner—

whoever he may be.

Gov. and Mrs. Hatfield, who have spent 18 months in a small, two bedroom apartment, are about to move into the 87-year-old house they remodeled. All of it won't be finished for several weeks but enough is done so that they can move in.

Because he has become somewhat of a national figure, whenever the governor goes east it is a constant round of appointments. In New York where he received the National Republican club's distinguished service award, he was hosted by the Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson, the secretary of state, attorney general, national committeeman, state GOP chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Rockefeller representing their father.

He ate cranberries for three television stations, went through a nine-man news conference, did two radio shows, attended a breakfast for the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, inspected a juvenile delinquency project, and motored to Springfield, Mass., where he went through another news conference before speaking to the National Municipal League. In his audience was George Gallup, chairman of the League's executive board.

Vice President Nixon and his staff have kept in close touch with Hatfield and his office. Indications are that Nixon may be visiting Oregon within the next two or three months. He talked with Hatfield in Massachusetts Tuesday. Oregon Sen. Wayne Morse was in Boston the same evening the governor was in Springfield.

PROSPECT PTA Group Meets

By FRANCES RING
Prospect — The Parent Teacher association executive committee met at the home of Mrs. Lewis Love Monday, Nov. 16. Those attending were President Mrs. Otto Bastiani, Secretary Mrs. Delene Denny, Mrs. Mabel Wayman, Mrs. Frank Boothby, Mrs. Ray Maurer, Mrs. Lou Rogers, Mrs. Florence Barnes, Mrs. Mabel Hedges and the hostess Mrs. Love.

There will be a Parent Teachers meeting Tuesday, Nov. 24. It will be a potluck and will start at 6:30 p.m. at the community hall. About 8 p.m. there will be guest speakers discussing the Great Decisions program. Anyone interested in the subject is urged to attend the meeting.

Entertainment will be presented by the school chorus. Those who cannot be there for the potluck are urged to attend the meeting later in the evening. Child care will be provided at the high school.

The Prospect Lumber Jacks and Jills held a square dance at the community hall Nov. 14. At the discussion meeting after the dance, it was tentatively decided they would continue to have dances the first and third Saturdays each month. The next dance will be Dec. 12.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Maurer over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shepherd of Silverton, Ore. The Shepherd's had also been visiting in California. Also visiting at the Maurer home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swart-out of Marquam, Ore.

The food sale held by the PTA Friday, Nov. 13, was successful with every article of food being sold.

Mrs. Alice Conger who underwent major surgery recently has been moved back to Prospect and is convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Everett Shaffer.

The next Cub Scout pack meeting will be Dec. 10. The change in the regular time is due to the fact that the November meeting would fall on Thanksgiving and the December meeting would fall on Christmas eve. They decided

to combine the two and have it Dec. 10.

The Prospect Lions club is sponsoring a dance at the Community hall Nov. 28, starting at 9 p.m. Music is being furnished by the Elk Creek Ramblers and the Lions auxiliary will serve dinner during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Pressley and family have expressed their appreciation for the many gifts they have received since their house burned recently.

Mrs. Jack De Rossier returned Sunday from Seneca, Ore., where she and her husband have been hunting with a larger party. She had good luck and brought back an elk. De Rossier is still hunting.

Harley Pressley, Russell Burge and Jim Holt killed two black bear on Ulrick rd. Sunday.

Dennis Scriven is visiting his grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Hadley of Harbor, Ore. He expects to return home after Thanksgiving.

The magazine subscription selling contest at the high school was won by the freshman class, which will hold a skating party as the prize. The toy poodle was won by Sandy Burrill for selling the most subscriptions. Judy Anderson won the wrist watch.

Ashland Girl Said Off Critical List

Ashland — Renelle Thompson is off the critical list. The news of the seven-year-old Ashland girl was told by her father on his return from Portland this week.

Renelle underwent open heart surgery two weeks ago at the University of Oregon hospital in Portland. The girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Thompson, 157 Van Ness ave., Ashland.

She has been out of the oxygen tent for the past five days and is believed to be making satisfactory progress. She has been able to sit up and be wheeled into the playground at the hospital.



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