



HOW TIMES CHANGE!—Did they really have cars like that? That seems to be the thought in the mind of Gail Leach, 9, of Cassopolis, Mich., a visitor to the General Motors exhibit at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. Admitting the early 1900's one-cylinder Oldsmobile called "Old

Scout" is "kind of funny," Gail stands behind GM's experimental gas-turbine "Firebird III." Both cars are part of a dramatic display of the motor industry's vital role in America's past, present and future. —UPI Telephoto

Individual Cells, Soft Music Feature Reformatory in Ohio

Editor's Note: Last week Ohio opened a \$12,000,000 reformatory for first offenders, a prison workhouse and prison authorities the country over will watch with interest. The superintendent asked for the job after watching 53 executions during 12 years as warden at Ohio Penitentiary. A UPI correspondent tells about Alvis' views on capital punishment, and prisons in the following dispatch.

By JOHN E. SIMONDS
Lebanon, Ohio — UPI — The witnesses cast their trailing glances at the masked convict slumped in the oak chair and filed out of the glaring yellow room into the prison courtyard.

For most of them, it was a first experience of this kind but for husky Red Alvis it was number 53 — the 53rd

execution he had directed as warden of Ohio Penitentiary. Today, worlds away from the gloomy prison and the electric chair Ralph Alvis has set out on a new career as the first superintendent of a new prison for first offenders. Prison authorities all over the country are watching with interest.

Several years ago, Big Red as he is known, told Ohio officials he would like to head

the new \$12,000,000 Lebanon Reformatory. It is ultra-modern, with individual cells and soft music, but there is nothing soft about the former professional football player who runs it.

Says Not Elaborate
"There is nothing elaborate about a toilet without a seat, sinks without plugs, and a window with bars," he said of the life with the 1,500 men who will live in single cells. All during his 12 years as

warden at Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, Alvis kept quiet about capital punishment. But, now that he no longer must direct the executions, he has become an outspoken foe of capital punishment.

"I can not see where it does any earthly good," he told a committee of the Legislature studying proposals to abolish the death penalty.

Alvis came here last fall to get ready for the first prisoners who arrived last week. Here he'll supervise the social repair of first offenders between the ages of 16 and 30 who will live in single cells. "There are no killers here,

there will be few escape attempts, a maximum population of 1,500, and no electric chair.

Each of the cells is painted in pastel gray or green. Loud speakers pipe soft music into the recreation rooms. The men sit in chairs at small tables in the dining room instead of benches at long tables.

The prison has a 42-bed hospital, a 8,000 volume library, a gymnasium, and a chapel with a rotating altar to permit Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish services.

"Every man will have a job," Alvis said, "not just

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Foreign Relations Major Issue in Fall Campaigns

Raleigh, N.C. — UPI — Roger Tatarinn, managing editor of United Press International, said recently that foreign relations will be a major issue in the fall campaigns because of the collapse of the summit conference.

Tatarinn, a veteran foreign correspondent, spoke at the annual meeting of United Press International newspaper editors in North Carolina.

Tatarinn, former general European news manager for UPI, said that while Russian Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev has not stated a preference among the presidential candidates he has made it clear he "doesn't want Nixon."

Tatarinn predicted the months ahead would be very disturbing.

"Even if a new summit conference is called, we have no assurance anything will come of it," he said. "Berlin is the key issue, and it can only be resolved if one side capitulates."

Rhea T. Eskew, southern division manager for UPI, told the editors that UPI was experimenting with new devices and equipment "to make you more easily usable."

Violations Related To Traffic Deaths

Statistics for the first three months of 1960 were offered today by Medford Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin to point up the dangers of violating traffic laws even in relatively slow-moving city traffic.

Chief Champlin said that one-half of the drivers involved in fatal accidents in urban areas throughout the state from January-March were violating a traffic law at the time.

Leading causes were speeding which was evident in about 33 per cent of the urban fatal crashes, making a left turn in front of oncoming traffic, 16.7 per cent; and failure to yield right of way to pedestrians, 25 per cent. The statistics, he said, were provided by the department of motor vehicles.

Disregarding a traffic signal, driving on the wrong side of the road and intoxication also figured in the state's urban fatal crashes, he said.

The chief said the figures indicate the need for continued enforcement efforts and prove the validity of the oft-repeated slogan, "Where traffic laws are obeyed—deaths go down."

Horses in the world have declined 22 per cent since 1940.

Teacher Pleads For Freedom of Class Discussion

San Antonio, Tex. — UPI — The teacher who was fired for taking the side of Russia in a classroom discussion of the U-2 spy plane has made a plea for freedom of discussion in the schools.

The teacher, Winston McDaniel, 32, also said he would not appeal his dismissal because he believed he couldn't get a fair hearing.

McDaniel, formerly of Jefferson, Wis., said he probably will go to California or Washington to look for a new job.

He released a copy of a letter he wrote to Dr. A. G. Bradford, president of the North Independent School district. The district includes Robert E. Lee High school, where McDaniel taught until Thursday.

Question Important
"Please be advised that rather than personally request a hearing on my recent suspension, I would prefer to leave to the residents of the district the ultimate decision as to whether or not controversial issues should be fully and openly discussed in the classroom," the letter said.

"This question is, I believe, so basic and so important that it should not be allowed to evolve into a purely personal issue."

"Consequently, I have decided to withdraw myself from this controversy in the honest and sincere hope that the only real question involved — that of freedom of classroom discussion — might be discussed and decided upon by the residents of the district in as calm, dispassionate and impersonal a manner as is possible."

Tape Recording Made

"In addition, my decision has been prompted by the realization that the attitudes of some of the district's influential residents would preclude impartial reconsideration and by the fact that I could not, in all good conscience, continue to teach in the district knowing that I no longer had complete freedom of classroom discussion with my students."

McDaniel said he allowed a tape recording to be made of the discussion. The school board fired him after hearing the recording. In it, he called Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev the world's greatest politician and said the U-2's pilot, Francis G. Powers, should be executed by his Russian captors.

Fourth District Population Figured

Eugene — UPI — Oregon's fourth congressional district has a population of 458,145, census officials said Tuesday. Lane county led with 160,742.

Others included Curry, 13,889; Linn 58,477; Douglas 67,703; Coos 54,388; Josephine 29,650 and Jackson 73,316.

STOGIES FOR TOLL

Dallas, Tex. — UPI — John M. Rollow, an insurance agent, was embarrassed when he drove up to the toll gate at the exit of the Dallas-Fort Worth turnpike recently and found he had only 25 cents. A kindly toll-collector let him pay the balance of his toll in cigars.

CLOSE OBSERVATION

Chelsea, Vt. — UPI — Students from seven Orange County high schools attended a manslaughter-kidnaping trial here as part of their program for observing "Law Day."

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