

Man Dead in Apartment Zoo

New York (UPI)—An autopsy was ordered today on an elevator operator who was found dead in his one-room apartment that was crammed with a zoo full of snakes, turtles, parakeets, cats and a 22-foot python.

Police who forced their way into the apartment of Roland Rolando, 57, found one of the snakes, an eight-footer, slithering loose under a bed. They killed it with an ax.

Authorities said they could not tell without an autopsy whether Rolando, who held a doctor of science degree, died of natural causes or poisoning from a snake bite.

Police went to Rolando's apartment Tuesday after he had been reported missing since Saturday. He lives there alone.

They forced their way into the room and were startled to find three snakes, six parakeets, two cats, and four turtles, all in cages; a two-foot alligator dying in a sink, a tank containing man-eating piranha fish from the Amazon river. A caged python was the largest ever encountered by the local ASPCA office which was quickly called after the discoveries.

Canadian farmers received a cash return from their crops of 1.3 billion dollars during the first six months of 1958, a 9 per cent increase over the like period the preceding year.



WEIGHTLIFTER AND BOXER—Lindell Carl Buttram, 23, Shady Cove, is shown above lifting 1,102 pounds during a recent workout at the Oregon State penitentiary where he is presently serving a three year term for burglary. Buttram aspires to be the strongest professional boxer in the world when he gets out three months from now.

Kennedy's Lead 112,251 Votes

Washington (UPI)—With complete election returns in from all 50 states, and all but two states—Illinois and Rhode Island—proclaiming their votes as official, Sen. John F. Kennedy today held a slim 112,251 margin over Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Rhode Island and Illinois officials said they expected to

make public their official returns in the next few days. It would end the tabulating that has run 35 days since the Nov. 8 election.

The unofficial tally by United Press International was:

Kennedy - 34,230,894 (49.714 per cent)

Nixon - 34,118,643 (49.551 per cent)

Others - 505,658 (0.735 per cent)

Total - 68,855,195

Kennedy had 50,085 per cent of the two-party vote, and Nixon had 49.918 per cent—a record slim difference of 0.164 per cent.

Higher Education Asks Report on Junior Colleges

Portland (UPI)—In an effort to handle larger numbers of students, the Oregon Board of Higher Education Tuesday called for a report on the feasibility of junior colleges in Oregon, and on the possibility of adopting the California plan for grading of institutions according to various levels of student ability.

The board voted to ask for legislation raising the amount of money it can borrow to \$33 million. The present ceiling is \$24 million.

Board members said the change would permit \$10 million to be spent on new, self-liquidating educational facilities in the next two years.

In other action, the board moved to seek legislation changing the names of three state institutions. Under the proposal, Oregon State College would become Oregon State University; Eastern Oregon College of Education would become Eastern Oregon College; and Southern Oregon College of Education would become Southern Oregon College.

Board president Henry Cabell named himself, William E. Walsh, and Dr. Ralph Purvine to a committee to seek replacement for Oregon State College President A. L. Strand, who plans to take another post with the state system of higher education next summer.

No action was taken on naming a new president at University of Oregon.

Credit Cards To Extend To Japan

Los Angeles (UPI)—Stanley Dashew president of Dashew Business Machines, Inc., today announced a venture he says will extend the U.S. credit card system to Japan. The idea is to use universal credit cards processed by machines.

The venture will be known as Dashew TDS and will involve Toshi Go, 72-year-old Japanese industrialist and former president of the Japan Times. Go has formed a 50-50 partnership with the Japan Times' Tokyo Daiichi Shoji Company.

"Machines," said Dashew, "already speak a universal language since data processing punches can be made to represent any rational symbols, whether it's in Africa or Japan."

According to the two executives, five or six Japanese banks will control all credit references and the entire retail credit operation.

Inmate Preparing Himself for Boxing Career When Released

Lindell Carl Buttram of Shady Cove wants to be the strongest professional boxer in the world. There is, however, one drawback to his pursuing this career at the present time—he is an inmate at the Oregon State penitentiary in Salem.

Buttram, who can weightlift 1,900 pounds at once, was convicted in 1958 of the burglary of a Central Point finance company and was sentenced to three years in the state prison. He has three months left to serve.

Being a prison inmate hasn't kept Buttram from training for his life's ambition to be a fighter. He has said he can outbox anyone in the prison, and has apparently done so at one time or another.

Plans Division
Buttram is 23 years old, weighs 185 pounds and stands at 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall. He plans to fight in the light heavyweight division.

The ambitious young inmate corresponds regularly with Medford Police Lt. Lyle C. Perkins, who is head of the department's detective division. Perkins was instrumental in the arrest and conviction of Buttram following the finance company burglary.

The two men have since become good friends and Lieutenant Perkins has promised Buttram he will help him find a fight manager when he is released and if "he keeps his nose clean."

Lifts 1,900 Pounds
Buttram's weight lifting prowess, if developed, would probably put him among the best weightlifters in the country. He has lifted 1,900 pounds, consisting of weights and three men. He can press 260 pounds with one arm which is just 10 pounds shy of the world record.

But, he said in a recent letter to Lieutenant Perkins: "I don't consider myself a weightlifter. I'm a fighter. Not as yet a fighter of note."

but I'm going to be. I'm young; I'm strong; and I've got all it takes."

Ashland Schools Hold Programs; Others Are Set

Ashland—More than 650 children from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of Ashland's four elementary schools presented the first in the series of three public school Christmas programs Monday night before a capacity crowd in the Ashland High school gym.

Thursday night's concert will be given in the new junior high school gym by junior high school students, and on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, the high school program will be presented in the high school gym.

One of the highlights of the program was the boys' chorus from Walker school with Gregory Jones singing the solo part in "O Holy Night." An interesting arrangement of the English melody "Seven Joys of Christmas" was sung by the Briscoe school chorus.

European Carols
Bellview chorus was heard in three European carols, while a group of German, Spanish and French songs of Christmas was presented by the Lincoln school chorus.

Monte Bradshaw, young violinist, played Brahms' "Lullaby" and the Christmas story from St. Luke was read by the Rev. B. J. Holland. The audience joined in opening and closing carols of "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Directors of the Monday concert were Mrs. Virginia Cecil, Mrs. Audrey Bartlett, Mrs. Vera Burgoyne, Mrs. Sylvia Pfahler, Frank Kenney, Raoul Maddox and Bernard Windt. Mrs. J. W. McCoy was the organ accompanist.

Buttram says most fighters are weak when physical strength is considered. This will not be the case with him and he claims that "without a doubt I will be the strongest light heavyweight in the world." He said his fight posters will boast this claim.

Because he has spent several of his prime fighting years in prison, Buttram has not had a chance to fight professionally on the "outside." Neither has he had any professional training to speak of.

Buttram says, however, that things will be different when he is released. Starting these last few months in prison, Buttram plans to start training extensively and will continue training upon his release.

When he is released, Buttram wants to get a job. He says he will take any kind of a "decent" job that is offered. All he wants, he says, is "something to hold me until I can establish myself in the ring."

Two Arrested After Accident in Medford

Medford police arrested two women on charges of being drunk in public Monday afternoon after the vehicle in which they were riding struck a parked truck in front of 634 North Central ave. One of the women received minor injuries in the accident, police said.

Arrested were the driver, Marilyn Jeanne Albertson, 31, Phoenix, and her passenger, Margaret Lorraine Hess, 34, of 402 Park st. Police said Mrs. Hess sustained a slight injury to the mouth. She was given treatment at the police station.

The Albertson car sustained heavy damage to the front end. The accident occurred about 5 p.m. Monday.

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