

Desert Search Ends In Capture Of One Escaped Prisoner Hiding In Rocks

YAKIMA, Wash., June 12 (AP)—One of three dangerous convicts who overpowered a state penitentiary guard and escaped near Prosser, south of here, last night was recaptured hiding in a shallow cave in a rocky cliff at day-break today.

The convict, John Everett Frantz, 43-year-old convicted Seattle robber, offered no resistance, the state patrol reported.

He was unarmed and had apparently given the weapons taken from the overpowered guard, L. V. Johnson, to one of his two companions, John N. Nelson, 21, and Harry Beine, 19.

Frantz was found by three officers in rocky, desert area about 15 miles east of Prosser, near State Highway No. 3. A posse of 100 men had searched the area through the night after the three men wrecked a stolen penitentiary automobile under pursuit and fled on foot.

State Patrolman N. D. Prince, Police Chief Hill of Sunnyside and State Patrolman Loerch were scouting through a desert arroyo.

"Officer Loerch and Chief Hill saw Frantz about the same instant," State Patrolman Prince said. "I saw them both jump back, and I thought they'd seen a rattlesnake—like the one I'd stepped over just a minute before."

Prince said Frantz, wedged into a two-foot-deep crevice, was sullen and at first refused to move.

"He didn't come out at first," Prince said. "He took his own sweet time about it. But when he saw he

was going to get it—tear gas or lead—he got out, all right."

Auto in Ditch
The stolen automobile in which the three convicts were riding went into a ditch about 10:25 p. m. last night "at about 85 miles an hour," Prince said. The three had escaped four hours earlier by overpowering Johnson, penitentiary guard, and a trusty driver, who were returning the three to the state prison after testifying at trials in Seattle.

Johnson and the driver were handcuffed to roadside poles, but Johnson engineered their escape with an extra set of keys.

Frantz was convicted of a Seattle tavern robbery last February. Beine was serving time on a robbery conviction and Nelson one for automobile theft.

After Johnson had given the alarm, law enforcement authorities throughout the Yakima valley were alerted and State Patrolman Harlan came close to capturing the fugitives.

Berry Price Drops To Eight Cents

SALEM, June 12 (AP)—Berry growers will get only eight cents per pound, compared with 20 cents last year, the Oregon cane fruits control board announced today. Pickers will get three cents a pound.

There was some doubt whether growers would even pick their berries at that price.

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Funds For McNary Urged

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Representative Stockman (R-Ore.) asked the house subcommittee on war department civil functions today to appropriate sufficient funds for continuing work on McNary dam on the Columbia river to "insure steady progress to its early completion."

The representative told the committee in closed session the benefits from the dam were estimated at \$10,000,000 annually and would bring an increase in shipping on the river between Oregon and Washington of millions of tons annually. He said the nearly 1,000,000 kilowatts of power the dam will produce will be needed in the Pacific Northwest.

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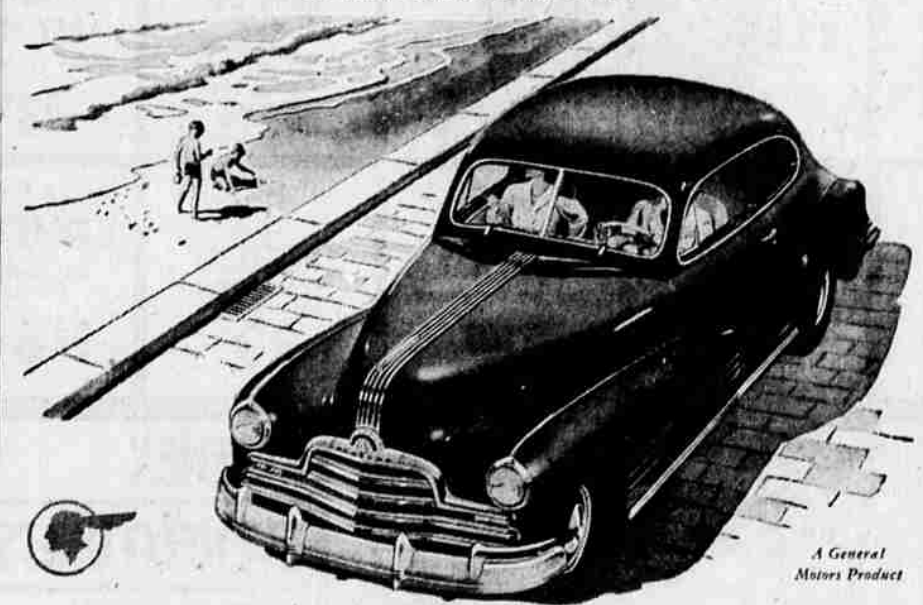
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May Trial Witness Called

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP)—Justice Henry A. Schweinhaut granted today permission to the defense to call former Senator James M. Mead (D-N.Y.) as a witness in the May-Garson war fraud trial. Defense counsel contends that Mead "withheld" evidence from the justice department which would be "beneficial to the defendants" in the case.

Mead is a former chairman of the senate war investigating committee which probed wartime connections of former Congressman Andrew J. May and munitions makers Henry and Murray Garson. May, wartime head of the house military committee, and the Garson brothers are on trial on bribery conspiracy charges. May is accused of taking \$55,000 from the Garsons for official favors. Schweinhaut ruled that questioning of Mead would be limited.

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