

New Warden Plans Jobs for Idle Convicts

K.U.N.S. Highlights

By JEAN OWENS

KU's recently organized International Relations League group has been asked to appear on the "Youth Views the News" program, Sunday evening, January 20, starting Sunday, October 14, this series of programs are broadcast over a network of 11 stations in Washington and Oregon.

These stations are Seattle, Portland, Everett, Centralia-Chehalis, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls, Eugene and Olympia.

The panel will consist of four students picked for their opinions and ability to defend them rather than for any particular record in public speaking or debating.

The I.R.L. recently elected Tom Mordock as the group's presy. Dick Geary was chosen as vice-president and Beverly Eells will serve as secretary. They will be here Friday with their band and choir to put on a program which everyone is looking forward to.

This type of exchange program helps our students to become better acquainted with other schools and brings about a good relation between them. Good ideas for improvement can be obtained from these programs after viewing what other schools can do.

The a cappella choir is giving a party for the Bend students Friday evening after school. Committees have been appointed to make plans

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, (AP) — If Warden Virgil O'Malley has his way, all the convicts at the Oregon state prison will be working before long.

Of the 1500 prisoners, between 300 and 400 are idle because there's nothing for them to do. O'Malley, who took over his job only seven weeks ago, wants to put in some new industries at the prison. But he'll have to buck strong opposition by employers and labor unions.

for the affair, which will be held in the cafeteria.

The Oregon State Wildlife Assoc. is bringing a movie to the school. A subject of interest to several students, it will be presented Friday noon free of charge.

4-H Leaders Win Honors

A Klamath Falls 4-H leader and educator, John F. Heyden, and a Portland woman, Mrs. W. H. Berkeley, have been awarded an all expense trip each to Chicago for the national 4-H club congress set for November 25-29.

Heyden, a clerk in the county school system, has been active in 4-H work since settling here in 1935. He has been a 4-H leader for 14 years.

The two will accompany Oregon's 16 4-H delegates to Chicago, according to an announcement by L. J. Allen, OSC state 4-H leader. For six years Heyden has led the Bonanza beef club, 25 miles from his home in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Berkeley, a Portland homemaker, has been a 4-H leader for 26 years.

COOLIDGE APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Charles A. Coolidge, a distant relative of former Pres. Calvin Coolidge, has been appointed assistant secretary of defense to succeed Daniel K. Edwards.

The prison could make soap and furniture for all state institutions. It could use carpentry and machine shops.

"I expect to see every convict in here working when we get the place reorganized," O'Malley said.

REFUSALS

We asked him what he'd do about those convicts who flatly refuse to work.

"Don't worry, they are going to work," he said.

O'Malley has put the convicts under closer supervision. Guards are required to be more vigilant. He got the guards a pay increase, so their starting pay is \$250 a month for a 40-hour week. That's \$40 more than it used to be.

"We have to pay our guards better," he said, "to remove any temptation they might have to accept money from prisoners."

He increased the guards at the prison annex, where 160 trustees run the prison farm. Egg production immediately was boosted by 20 dozen a day.

"You can't tell me the hens started laying more eggs just because more guards were around. What happened was that the convicts had to quit selling eggs to the neighbors," O'Malley said.

MEALS

The meals are better. Only four meals are served a day, while the number was 23 meals a day before O'Malley came here.

In a couple of months, a new 400-cell block will be finished. It will be for prisoners who require close supervision, with lots of reinforced concrete and steel.

Construction will begin next spring on two more cell blocks, designed for prisoners who require little supervision.

When those three buildings are in use, segregation of prisoners will be easy.

O'Malley is dividing the prisoners in five categories, according to how much guarding they require. About five percent of them will be called maximum custody prisoners, requiring 24-hour supervision. These are the men who are continually trying to escape.

CLOSE CUSTODY

About 50 percent will be put in

the close custody class. They will work inside the walls under supervision.

The other three groups each will have 15 percent of the convicts. They are those who work outside with a guard; those who work alone outside with checking every half hour; and those who are checked only a couple of times a day.

Prisoners are put into these categories by the prison classification committee.

The prison sociologist, John R. Akin, talks to the men to find out

their attitude toward the prison management. This attitude has a lot to do with whether a man can be trusted.

The two chaplains deal with the prisoners' family problems.

"We can't mollycoddle the prisoners," Akin said. "We make it rough enough so a man won't want to come back. But the prison also has to be a place where a man can say he learned his lesson by rehabilitation."

LOSS

"One thing the convict loses when he enters prison is his self-esteem. He becomes distrustful of anyone in authority. The prison's job is to change that pattern. Work, to inspire confidence, is the best way to change it."

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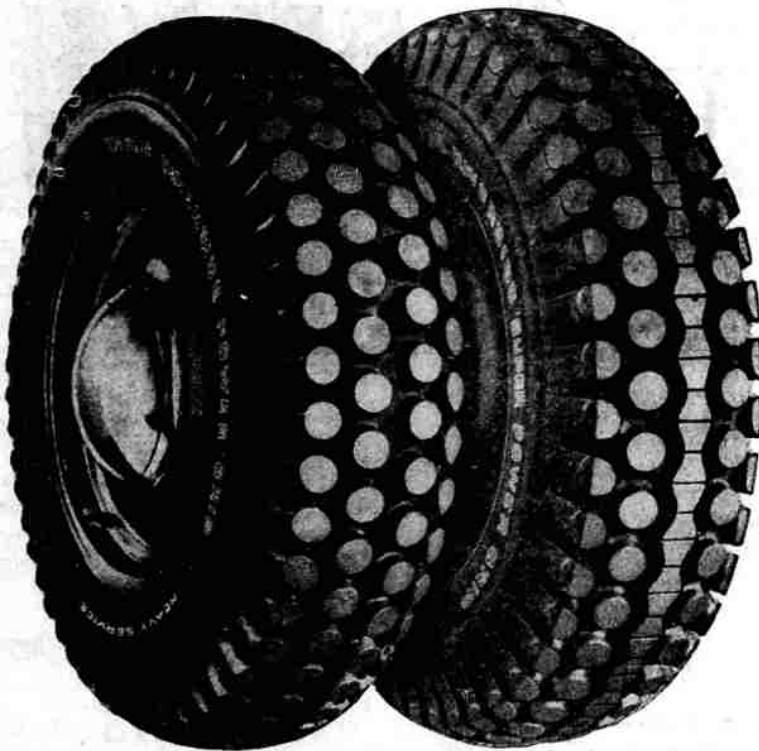
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