



A FISTFULL of greetings is held by smiling Jerry Reid, 134 N. 3rd, delivery clerk at Western Union.

## Auto Industry Moves To Boost Price of Cars For 1952; Cost Gain Reason

DETROIT, (AP)—The auto industry moved for higher prices Thursday as insurance against rising costs in 1952.

The auto manufacturers seek authority to raise prices on 1952 models if they feel increases are necessary to keep a safe operating margin.

### K.U.H.S. Highlights

By JEAN OWENS  
Art room was selected the home-room with the best decorations and honorable mention was given to rooms 201, 207 and 307.

Chosen yesterday, they received their prize this morning which was a party given by the student congress.

Christmas carols continued to echo through the halls all day today, as not only were the students singing, but the various rooms could tune-in over the inter-com system, and listen to Christmas records.

The Christmas edition of the Krater came out this morning and was distributed during the fourth period. A six page paper, it carried out fully the holiday theme.

Patsy Young and Ronnie Herberger were this issue's popular personalities. Both are very active in school affairs but especially in the music department.

Vacation is going to be jam-packed with fun and activities for everyone. Many clubs have planned parties and festivities over the holidays, besides the ice-skating and skiing which are already in full swing.

As this is the last column I will write until school resumes January 3, I'm hoping everyone has a really fine vacation and above all, a very merry Christmas to you all!

Nine-tenths of the asbestos used by U. S. industry comes from Quebec.

# Warden Would Let Parole Board Determine Length of Prison Stays

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM, (AP)—Gov. Douglas McKay will give his full support to Prison Warden Virgil O'Malley's plan to ask the legislature to let the state parole board fix all prison sentences.

This revolutionary idea, endorsed by the American Prison Assoc. and the American Bar Assoc., would take away the sentencing powers of circuit judges. So some of the judges are for it, and some oppose it.

No state has adopted it yet. If Oregon does, it would be first.

Warden O'Malley is making sweeping reforms at the prison. Now he's getting ready to ask for changes which might have even greater results.

Gov. McKay was pleased when O'Malley told the circuit judges in Portland last week about his de-

sire that the parole board fix prison terms.

"When I was a state senator in 1938, I tried to get a bill like that passed by the legislature. It would be a great reform. Something needs to be done to equalize prison sentences," the governor said.

Under the plan, the parole board would consist of three full-time paid members, instead of the three men who now work very hard without pay. Every man sent to prison would be given a term of one day to life.

The prison classification committee, consisting of all the top penitentiary officials, would outline the prisoner's work and educational program.

When this program is completed and the classification committee finds that the man is ready to go back into society, the prisoner would be released under parole board supervision. The parole board, however, would have the final word on when the man should get out.

O'Malley thinks the present system is unfair.

"For instance," O'Malley said, "two men entered this prison the other day from different counties. Both were convicted of forgery, and the crimes were identical. One got three years, and the other got 15 years. There's no sense in that."

"My theory is based on the peach on the tree idea. If you pick a peach that's too green, you get a stomach ache, and if you discharge a prisoner too soon, society gets a stomach ache, too.

"If you pick a peach that's been on the tree too long, it's rotten. And if you keep a prisoner too

long, he gets rotten, too.

"We need authority to decide just when's the right time to release a man."

O'Malley told about a man who's been in five different prisons, serving several sentences in some of them. He was in Alcatraz twice. He just entered the Oregon prison to serve only 4 1/2 years for larceny.

"Under my plan, we'd have authority to keep that man here for life. He should stay in prison for life, because he'll never be any good to society," O'Malley said.

We know about a boy who got 20 years for forging his first check. After a year in the prison, he became mentally ill. Now he's in the state hospital, because a tough judge was too severe.

O'Malley has some other ideas, too. He opposes the death penalty because "it isn't a deterrent to crime, it's unfair, and it's too final." The 1949 senate voted to abolish the death penalty, but the

house decided to keep it.

He doesn't like the parole board's rule that a man must serve a third of his sentence before he's considered for parole. O'Malley says some men are ready for parole before that time.

He'd like to see Oregon adopt California's public defender system. Under that, the counties hire full-time lawyers to defend persons who haven't the money to hire their own lawyers, so every man is guaranteed a good defense.

In Oregon, the courts set lawyers

## Forest Films Available

ALTURAS—The forest service office has obtained two films as part of the winter conservation program. They are "Water for the City" and "Avalanches to Order."

The films will be available for club and organization use from January 14 to 25. Program chairmen and other interested persons should contact Rangers Jack Magee or Harry Taylor.

"Water for the City" is a watershed picture filmed entirely in California. It traces city water supplies back to the watershed. "Avalanches to Order" was filmed at Alta, Utah, and is narrated by Lowell Thomas. It offers beautiful scenery, spectacular avalanches and skiing.

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