

State Prison Guards Beat Back Escape Try

Two Cons Wounded In Attempt

SALEM, Ore., (AP) — Blazing guns and a sturdy prison gate turned back six desperate convicts in a fog-shrouded bid for freedom early Wednesday.

At one time five guards were tied and taken along as the convicts slipped through the grounds in fog so thick objects were distinguishable only a few feet away. But within an hour it was all over: The six were back in custody, two of them were wounded, and the guards were unhurt.

The notorious Dupree Poe was one of the six. So was William P. Benson, Poe, serving life for killing a policeman, had tried again and again to escape. This was his fourth time in 1952. Benson, originally sentenced to five years for a Multnomah County armed robbery, did escape once. That was in 1944 when he and Omar Penson went over the wall but later were both recaptured.

Other four included Albert Doolin, habitual criminal from Marion County; Allen Brumfield, murderer from Multnomah County; William Baker, doing four years for a Jackson County burglary; and Irvin Jones, murderer from Wasco County.

The last two, Baker and Jones, suffered flesh wounds when wall guards opened fire. The affair started when Guard Sgt. C. Watson saw at 4:20 a.m. a man loose in the corridor of the segregation ward. Watson swiftly called four other inside guards from the floor above, and the five ran outside to make a quick check.

Deputy Warden Lawrence O'Brien said that this then became the sequence of events: "AMBUSH" Although the guards didn't know it as they ran out into the fog, six men had gone through a window after springing the bars, and were waiting for them.

Each guard was grabbed, threatened with knives and clubs, and bound with tape and torn-up sheets. Inside guards are not armed. The convicts then picked up a makeshift scaling ladder, fashioned from two planks wired together and headed for the south wall. They forced the guards to walk along with them. As yet the guards, under threats, had made no outcry and no alarm had been sounded.

REACHED WALL The men reached the wall, started to put up their ladder—and were confronted by a line of armed men atop the wall. They had failed to reckon with the standard prison fog guards. Turning their backs into the darkness, flipped off a detaching switch in front of a railroad box-car, and pushed the car into motion.

Shots rang out, they jumped on the moving car and abandoned the five guards. The car rolled on and crashed into the gate which bent, but held. The six ran from the car. Less than an hour later, while state and city police manned the wall, a searching party found them hiding under a fence.

The trouble, the deputy warden pointed out, is that the segregation unit, housing 15 convicts, is a makeshift with only soft steel barring the way to freedom. A new building will be completed next year and it will be secure. Until then, desperate men will continue to make their breaks, O'Brien predicted.

9 o'clock special

LOOKING to the sun at 9 o'clock this morning was Sandman Jimmy Barnes.

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K Council Considers Street Work

The new street that is being cut through from Riverside Street up the hill to the vicinity of Riverside School was the principal object of discussion at last night's City Council meeting.

So far the street is without a name, and is referred to as the South Rogers extension.

City Engineer E. A. (Taxi) Thomas estimates that the project, if completed with 20-ft. pavement, will cost in the neighborhood of \$39,000.

The cost is to be levied against the property improved in two assessments, one for the excavation, grading and graveling, and one for the paving if and when that is done.

Of the total cost, some \$8,600 would be the city's share because of various city property that will be benefited; Klamath County also owns some of the property and its cost will be around \$9,100; and the remainder of the cost will be an assessment against private property.

But there is a snag—the lower 500 feet or so of the street, where it comes down off the hill and intersects with Riverside, lies outside the city limits.

The problem is a legal one: can the city rightfully build and improve a street that doesn't lie within the city?

Attorney Henry Perkins is of the opinion it can't. But he's going to look up more law on it.

Other Council business last night was routine. It included: Approval of \$64,850 worth of building permits, among them \$20,500 to Charles Heaton for a steel warehouse at Elk Springs; \$20,500 for a new residence at 1700 Fairmount; \$19,000 for a new residence on Mill Street.

Approval of a new liquor license application for Ole's Tavern, from Ole Egeland; and renewal package license applications from Twin Girls Grocery and Whitley's Grocery. The license applications are to be forwarded to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. The Ole's Tavern license was cancelled a few weeks ago by the commission.

Approval of the retention of A.T. Tappan, fireman, on the job for one year. His salary reaches retirement age next month.

Authority to City Engineer Thomas to tear out some dangerous wooden sidewalks on Lewis Street.

Approval of a KUBS bonfire and rally out on Klamath Way at 6:30 Friday night before the Klamath Falls-Grants Pass football game.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Dixie Crosby, the wife of crooner Bing Crosby, was in a critical condition Tuesday and has slipped into a coma.

Larry Crosby, Bing's brother, said her condition is so serious members of her family have been summoned here.

Mrs. Crosby, a former actress, underwent a serious abdominal operation three months ago. Larry said "she has been ill for several years."

Mrs. Crosby left her bed Saturday to go to the train to meet her husband upon his return from an eastern trip.

Her doctor advised her against leaving her home, Larry said. She suffered a relapse Sunday.

Her son, Gary, who is a student at Stanford University at Palo Alto, arrived here Monday.

The Crosby twins, Phillip and Dennis, who are students at Washington State College, are flying here and will arrive Tuesday night. The fourth son, Lindsay, is in school here.

Delco Eugene Graves, 33, of Roseburg, pleaded guilty in District Court yesterday afternoon to charges of being drunk and of disorderly conduct, and was fined \$250 plus 15 days in the County Jail.

The man was arrested at the Mallard Motel Sunday after another guest at the motel, Firman Cope of Mapleton, was hit in the neck by a pellet fired from an air pistol. Such a pistol was found in Graves' room.

Build The Basin



CECIL EDWARDS



SEN. PHIL HITCHCOCK



REV. LLOYD HOLLOWAY



ANGUS NEWTON

Forum Studies Pari-Mutuels; Another Hectic Session Seen

Tonight's Build the Basin forum on the question of legalized pari-mutuel betting in Oregon, promises to be even more hectic than last week's stormy session on the proposed revamping of milk control regulations.

A four-member panel chosen by opposing factions in the pari-mutuel battle is ready for this evening's debate. The Oregon Council of Churches, leading the fight for abolition of pari-mutuels, named two Klamath Falls men as its forum representatives. They are State Sen. Phil Hitchcock and the Rev. Lloyd Holloway, First Methodist Church.

The Oregon Taxpayers Finance Committee, seeking to retain pari-mutuels and the resulting state revenues, chose the committee's assistant secretary, Cecil Edwards, of Salem and Portland, and Angus Newton, Klamath Falls interior decorator who has a big background of civic interests.

Hitchcock has been a strong foe of the pari-mutuels both as a private citizen and a state senator. Holloway has taken a keen interest in opposing the betting machines through his work with the church council.

Edwards, besides being an official of the Taxpayers Finance Committee, is also president steward of racing for the state. He owns a farm near Salem and has his home there but is staying in Portland during the election campaign. He arrived here this morning and immediately huddled with local leaders in the fight to retain the pari-mutuels.

Build the Basin, presented weekly as a public service by the Herald and News and its radio station KFLW, goes on the air each Tuesday at 8 p. m. Members of the listening audience are invited to phone in questions and comments. A special telephone crew will be on hand to handle the phone calls.

Bud Chandler will again be moderator.

Green Charges Land Fraud

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon State Land Board sold a tract of timber for \$1,500 which six weeks later the buyer sold for \$16,000, Mrs. Edith Green, a candidate for Oregon secretary of state, charged Monday.

She told the Portland Chamber of Commerce that the sale was made in 1948 when her opponent, Earl T. Newberry who is running for re-election, was serving on the land board records at the time.

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Newberry, who spoke later on the same program said he did not remember the sale and that he doubted it ever had been made. He said he sold the property to a Southern Oregon timber operator for \$18,000.

Ed Anderson, Gov. Douglas McKay's administrative assistant, said Monday that the last assessment of the land prior to the sale was made in 1948. At that time the property was reported as "suitable only for grazing" and "had no marketable timber," he said.

Guards Quell Koje Riots

PUSAN, Korea (AP) — American guards killed one North Korean prisoner and wounded 74 others in breaking up a demonstration on bloody Koje Island Sunday, the Army announced Tuesday.

The Allied Prisoner of War Committee said two platoons of U. S. Army entered a 300-man compound and used bayonets and gun bolts to restore order when the North Korean prisoners refused to break up a military drill.

The POW command said action was taken when it became obvious the prisoners had set up a "chain of intimidation."



THAT'S A \$3,000 CHECK Mrs. Ray (Ethel) Chase (center) is handing Mrs. Carrol (Beth) Chase (right), her sister-in-law. The \$3,000 is a gift from Ray Chase (left) to be used for buying an iron lung for Klamath County.

In The Day's News

2 Iron Lungs For Klamath

Klamath County, with no iron lung at present, is apparently going to have two of the live savers soon.

A George Adler Jr. Memorial Fund, honoring the late son of Dr. and Mrs. George Adler, a recent polio victim, is nearing its goal of enough money to purchase an iron lung.

The second lung will come from a \$3,000 gift earmarked for purchase of a lung. The gift came from Ray (Stormy) Chase, Lakeview and Klamath Falls timberman, who specified that the lung be stationed here for countywide use.

Chase made the gift through the Klamath Saddle Club, the organization which gave him the idea. The Saddle Clubbers are to have a silver tea at the Willard Hotel, Nov. 8, 2 until 5 p. m., with all proceeds going to completing the Adler Memorial Fund.

When Chase read of the benefit tea, he came to see his sister-in-law, Beth Chase, and arranged his \$3,000 gift. Beth Chase is general chairman of the Saddle Club tea, assisted by Cora McCaughey and Gladys Orr.

The Saddle Club tea will offer varied entertainment including a fashion show. Other details are to be announced later.

Guard Seeks Lost Fliers

SEATTLE (AP) — Coastguardmen searched the waters and beaches off Newlake, Ore., early Tuesday for two of three men whose light plane made a forced landing in the Pacific Monday night while returning from a fishing trip.

Coast Guard headquarters here said beach parties and men in small boats were searching west of Newlake for Jack Shores, pilot of the three-passenger "Navion-type" plane, and Charles Woodruff. Both were from North Bend, Ore.

Edgar Louis Jenkins, Long Beach, Calif., third member of the fishing party made his way to shore and was found about three hours after the accident by Arthur Haga of Bandon, Ore. Jenkins was taken to a North Bend hospital for treatment of shock and exposure.

The Coast Guard said Jenkins reported he and Woodruff were thrown from the plane when it struck the water after the motor failed. Jenkins said both were able to swim to shore but became separated at the surfline. Shores apparently remained aboard the plane, he said.

Jenkins said the plane's motor failed shortly after they had taken off from Port Orford, Ore. The crash occurred about 7 p. m. Jenkins was found on the beach about 10 p. m.

Newlake is between North Bend and Cape Blanco.

Death Claims Local Pioneer

A former long-time resident of Klamath County, Mrs. Susan Caroline Hadley, 90, died yesterday in Eugene at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Goldworthy.

Besides Mrs. Goldworthy, she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Hazel Job, Compton, Calif., and a son, Frank Hadley, Merrill.

Mrs. Hadley was the widow of William Henry Hadley. She and her husband came to Klamath County from Missouri in 1898 and settled on a farm near Merrill.

For the past 10 years, Mrs. Hadley had made her home in Eugene. Funeral services are to be conducted from Lighthouse Temple, Eugene, tomorrow, 10 to 11 a. m. There will be graveside services at the IOOF Cemetery in Merrill tomorrow at 4 p. m.

Weather

FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity and Northern California: Fair through Wednesday, highs both days 68, Low tonight 33. High temp yesterday 69. Low last night 30. Fresh yesterday 9. Since Oct. 1 1.9. Normal for period .54. Same period last year 2.09.

STAMP CLUB MEET The next meeting of the Klamath Stamp Club, organized by the YMCA under the Y's sponsorship, is on Nov. 13. A story in yesterday's Herald and News incorrectly stated the next meeting would be this week.

Ancient Voter Still Likes FDR

SEATTLE (AP) — Mrs. Agatha Hall, 108, filled out her Nov. 4 general election absentee ballot yesterday with the help of her son Arthur, 65, who guided her trembling fingers.

When the frail, bedridden woman came to a presidential choice, her son explained that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was the Republican candidate and Gov. Adlai Stevenson the Democrat.

"They don't think they can beat Franklin D. Roosevelt, do they?" she cut in.

"Which one she finally selected, of course, was secret."

Red Casualties Reported High

HANOI, Indochina (AP) — The Communist-led Vietminh movement was estimated Tuesday to have lost 4,000 killed and wounded in the offensive towards the Black River in northwestern Indochina.

French military sources said it is impossible to have an exact estimate, but before moving most of their positions to within 15 miles of the Black River, the Vietminh suffered heavy casualties in taking bitterly defended French posts.

French casualties were estimated at 600 killed, wounded or missing since the Vietminh launched the drive Oct. 15.

Fighting between French and Vietminh forces along the northern bank of the Black River appeared to have tapered off Tuesday, with the Vietminh trying to move the bulk of their striking force up to the river, 60 to 100 miles north of Hanoi.

The little post of Bay Lay, six miles south of Van Yen, on the Black River, 80 miles west of Hanoi, continued to resist assaults by Vietminh units.

This is the only sector in which the Vietminh have actually crossed the river.

Adlai May Oust Acheson

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Sun said Tuesday a messenger is being dispatched from the Acheson campaign train to Washington to ask Secretary of State Dean Acheson to issue a statement he will not accept reappointment if the Democrats win the election.

The Sun story was from Howard Norton, the staff writer with the Democratic presidential candidate's campaign entourage in Connecticut.

Norton said a high-ranking member of the Democratic National Committee is taking the plea directly to Acheson, by-passing President Truman.

Aides of Governor Stevenson said in New York there was no comment on the story.

The Sun said it learned of the development on good authority and added persons close to Stevenson said the purpose is to eliminate Acheson as a campaign target.

The reason for by-passing President Truman, the Sun said, is that the President files into a rage every time the maneuver is suggested and refused to allow it.

Counties Get Forest Cash

Klamath County is to receive \$225,558 as its share of the 25 per cent Oregon receives from Federal Timber sales, rentals and other sources.

From Salem today the Associated Press reported that the state would get \$4,980,003 from the fund. Laine County gets the biggest share of any of the participating counties, \$1,059,346.

Lake County's share is \$298,377.

SHOOTING HOURS

October 29

Open	6:06 a.m.
Close	4:05 p.m.

COMMUNITY CHEST

If we all pull together the burden will be light.

Election Meeting

A meeting of persons who will work on election boards in Klamath Falls and Klamath County next Tuesday has been called for tonight, 7 o'clock at the Courthouse, by County Clerk Charles DeLap.

Instructions for handling the election work and reporting the vote will be given.

Another meeting on the same subject is called for Friday at 7 p.m.