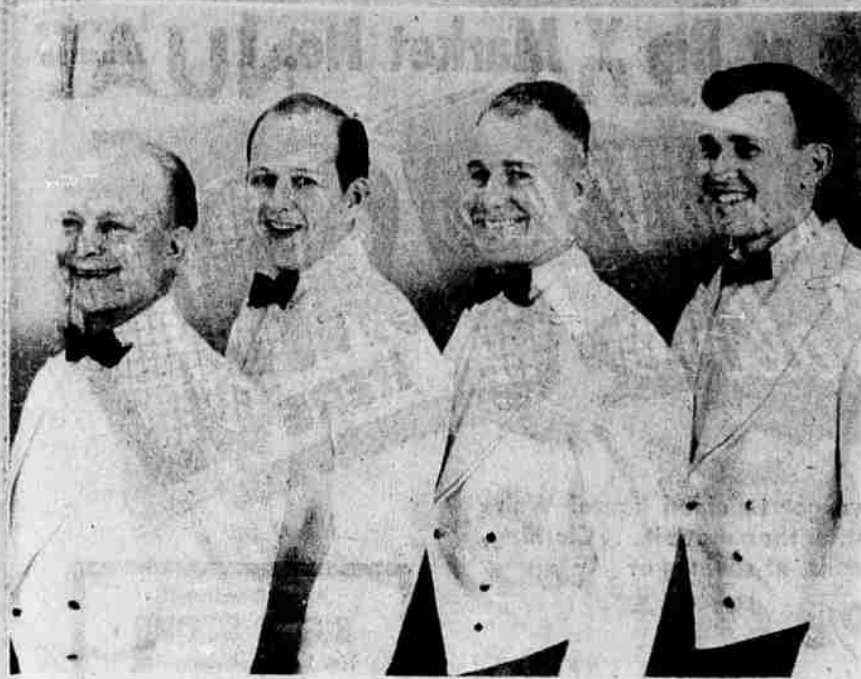




THE "NOTED-FOURS" from Lakeview, brand new quartet, will appear in this year's Barbershop Parade and Minstrel-Ade and are hitting the pitch pipe in preparation for "singin' er purty," at the barbershop roundup, April 10 at the Pelican theater. Date for the sale of tickets will be announced next week. Left to right, Barney Neibour, bass; Will Hilgert, tenor; John Dalen, baritone and Bob Shotwell, lead.

Comic Books Get Blamed In Death

WESTVILLE, N. S. (P)—Stewart Wright, 13, told a coroner's jury yesterday how he shot his 14-year-old pal to death March 2 while they listened to a "shooting" radio program and read comic books about the Two-Gun Kid.

Stewart said his chum, Roland Muir, suggested they play with two rifles kept behind the kitchen door. Roland put six shells in one rifle. Stewart said he thought Roland ejected all of them from the magazine.

"Just in fun I said to Rolli 'Hands up,'" Stewart went on. Stewart pointed the rifle at Roland and squeezed the trigger. The gun fired, sending a bullet through Roland's forehead.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and recommended that comic books "of the type found at the scene" be banned.

Ohio Students Stage Walkout

IRONTON, Ohio (P)—Students at South Point High School didn't take kindly to the dropping of football coach Jack Dick and English instructor John Ayers after their contracts expired last Friday.

Yesterday nearly half of the school's 95 students staged a walkout, parading in the school yard, chanting and carrying banners reading "We want 'em back!" The school board did not say why Dick and Ayers were not rehired.

Eastern Woman Has 107th Birthday

CUMBERLAND, Va. (P)—A quiet birthday party—her 107th—will be held here today for Mrs. Susan May.

She was born March 11, 1847, in Pendleton County, Va., which has since become part of West Virginia. Recalling her long life yesterday, she said two of her brothers fought on opposite sides in the Civil War. As for the more recent past, she remembered that she had an appendectomy two years ago when she was "only 105."

Boy's Tragic Wish Fulfilled

AMARILLO, Tex. (P)—John Anthony Dillon was 5 years old and he had a cat he loved very much. She was Grey Lady, a birthday present when he was 4.

They played hide-and-seek together. The cat slept on his bed at night. Last Thursday a car swerved into the yard and hit the cat. It didn't stop. Grey Lady crawled to Tony and died in his arms.

They buried Grey Lady, but Tony couldn't give her up. Saturday he opened up the grave and cradled her in his arms. After they buried the cat again, Tony told his mother, "I want to go just like Grey Lady did."

He did. He was killed by a motorcycle yesterday as he and his mother, brother and sister crossed a highway on their way home.

Dog Trial Plans To Be Completed

Final plans for the dog sanction match and obedience trials will be completed by Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc., at the regular monthly meeting Friday, March 12, at 8 p.m. in the YMCA Building.

Date for the match and trials has been set for April 25 in the exhibit building at the Klamath Fairgrounds.

Many outstanding dogs from other kennel clubs in Oregon and Northern California are expected to be entered, according to Mrs. Jean Ravizza, Chillicothe.

The Friday evening meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Tough Question Solved Easy Way

ALBUQUERQUE (P)—A coed at the University of New Mexico was assigned a 300-word editorial by her journalism professor. Subject: "What's Wrong With American Newspapers?"

She said she couldn't think of a thing.

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Modern Convicts Not Much Good Says Oldtime Inmate

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (P)—Bill, a likeable criminal of the old school who has just served more than 30 years for murder and robbery, doesn't think much of the current crop of criminals.

With all the emphasis on rehabilitation at the Oregon State Penitentiary, I thought it would be interesting to find out what an old convict thinks about it.

Bill thinks most convicts nowadays are "nitwits, psychopaths and paranoids," and that to try to rehabilitate them is a waste of time.

Most convicts disagree with Bill. Warden Clarence T. Gladden, who's been working a year to reform the prison, is for rehabilitation. But he thinks Bill's ideas deserve to be heard, just to show there are two sides to the picture.

Most prison authorities say that rehabilitation is aimed at 10 per cent of a prison population. They figure that 50 per cent can't be deterred from their criminal ways, and that the other 40 per cent wouldn't go back into crime, anyway.

When we talk about rehabilitation, we mean giving academic and vocational education, useful work, psychiatric and religious counseling, and proper classification.

Oregon is off to a good start in that direction, and it costs a lot of money. But Bill doesn't think it's worth it.

Bill isn't his real name. He doesn't want his identity known because, he says, "I might get lynched."

Bill believes the modern prisoner should be given strict discipline, that nobody should pay any attention to what the convicts think, and that they should be watched closely.

"I don't believe any special appeal should be made to the reasoning powers of the nitwits, psychopaths and paranoids. It is a mistake to dignify egoistic jerks by giving them the impression that their opinions have any importance whatever," Bill said.

He says that before rehabilitation of a larger life it is hard to "make sure that the mentally adolescent are kept rigidly in hand first, last and all the time."

Bill's attitude really shouldn't be too surprising. That's the way many of the old time criminals feel about the new generation of convicts.

"There appears to be a large and increasing number of prisoners in this country to whom petty crime, vagabondage, and even prison itself, is a glamorous or at least an attractive way of life," Bill continued.

"They don't mind much being imprisoned, because in prison, they will find companionship with people they understand—people of their own cut and stripe who speak their own silly language."

"They are on the whole happier with their grasshopper existence than they would be in any other niche in life."

"You can't make them yearn for, or fit them to, life in a better world—no more than you could train a tone-deaf man to like music."

"As for why there happens to be a blank spot in the brains of these foolish brats, where there should be at least a rudimentary appreciation of a larger life it is hard to say."

"Perhaps all of their alienation from the human world may be due to recognizable causes, such as arrested mental and emotional development and the like."

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"I think Bill will go straight now. He's got a good job, and he's so old that crime should have lost its appeal to him."

NEW MOVIE

HOLLYWOOD (P)—The musical "The King and I," which has run successfully on Broadway for 154 weeks, will be filmed by 20th Century-Fox, the studio announced yesterday.

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