

Forest Grove To Host Barbershop Contest

FOREST GROVE (AP)—The dates were set Wednesday for the 1959 All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad contest. The festival, which attracts singers from throughout the Northwest, will be held Feb. 27-28. The site, as usual, will be Forest Grove.

BRITISH STEEL DOWN LONDON (UPI)—British steel production is continuing to drop, the Iron and Steel Board reported today.

"DENNIS THE MENACE"



"WE'LL CALL THIS ONE 'BEFORE.'"

U.S. Forest Service Chief Seeks Full Allowable Cut

PORTLAND (AP)—The chief of the U.S. Forest Service Wednesday said Northwest lumber firms need the full allowable cut from the region's federal forests. "We want a sales program that will produce this cut," Richard McArdle told the closing session of the Pacific Logging Congress here.

Chief Clerk To Retire

PORTLAND (AP)—Zypha Zell Burns Wednesday said she is retiring as chief clerk of the Oregon Senate—a post she has held since 1939. "Now that I have rounded out 20 years as chief clerk, I think this is a good time for retirement," she said.

Young Man Chooses Prison For Time To Write Novel

SEATTLE (AP)—"Art is a living thing," the intense young man said. "For anyone to create anything artistic, he must have lived it."

The words came slowly from William G. Gates as he explained that his artistic goal is a novel with prison life as its background. Gates was sitting in the Seattle City Jail. He literally had asked to go to prison, choosing forgery as his passport.

Det. T. C. Jorgensen of the Seattle police check detail arrested Gates, 27, Wednesday afternoon. Gates quickly admitted in a signed statement he was the forger of about \$100 in burn checks.

Talking with reporters, Gates said he calculated the amount he obtained through the worthless checks would get him about a year in the penitentiary, that's the time he says he needs to complete his education and get the necessary background for his novel.

Gates said he felt that forgery was the least harmful way to get to prison. "It doesn't cause anyone physical pain," he said, "and those to whom I dropped the checks could well afford it."

Gates graduated from Yakima (Wash.) Valley Junior College and spent a year studying psychology at the University of Washington. He said he had been planning his move for years.

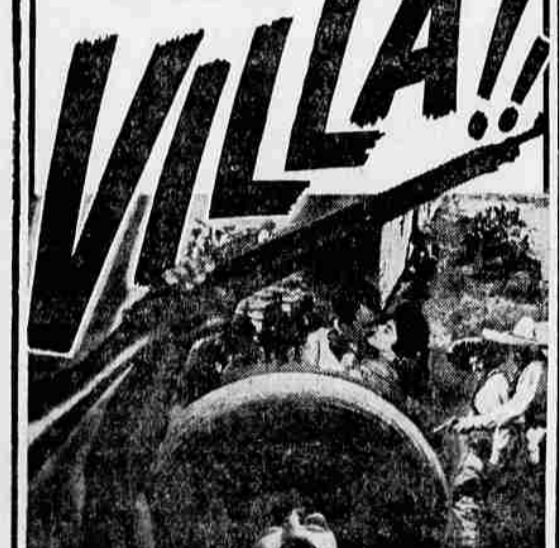
"I first became interested in juvenile delinquency when I was about 16," he said. "I made a study of it until about two years ago when I began to try and understand the emotions of prisoners and the reactions of convicts who are paroled."

"They have about the hardest deal of anyone when they leave prison and again try to find a job. I want to write about them, and I want to know how they feel."

MARCH OF DIMES DUNSMUIR—The Dunsmuir Rotary Club will conduct the March of Dimes in this community during the month of January, it was announced by the Rev. Martin Schabacker, president. Construction of Box Canyon Dam as a conservation and recreational measure was endorsed by the club at its last meeting. Proposed improvements at Mott airport were discussed by Dr. V. L. Palmer.

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