

Prison Officials Seeking Better Parole Services

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SALEM (AP)—Release of all discharged prison inmates on parole is the ideal sought by Oregon's parole and prison officials for many years.

Now, about 30 per cent of the discharged prisoners go out on parole. They have the help and guidance of the 21 overworked parole officers.

The other 70 per cent are released after serving their sentences. They don't get any help from the state. They are just turned loose, to sink or swim.

The National Probation and Parole Assn. report on the Oregon parole system urges a big expansion. It wants a full-time parole board and 26 more parole officers.

Oregon's Parole Board and its staff is in general agreement with the report. They would like to expand, too. They recognize the desirability of placing all discharged convicts on parole.

But it would cost a lot of money. Whether the money - short Legislature can be sold on the idea remains to be seen.

Oregon's parole and probation system costs about \$500,000 a year. If the report's recommendations are adopted, the cost would be something more than one million dollars a year.

Parole systems save money, though. It costs \$1,380 a year to keep a man in the Oregon Penitentiary. That is 7.7 times as much as it costs to supervise a man on parole.

Oregon's parole officials believe the best system is that in effect in Washington and Idaho, where the parole board sets all minimum sentences.

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Bus Company To Drop Trek

SALEM (AP)—Western Greyhound Lines was granted permission Tuesday to discontinue one round trip daily bus trip between Portland and Waldport.

The order, by Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan, provides that the company shall continue three daily round trips over the route.

Morgan also granted a 10 per cent fare increase to Walla Walla Valley Stages, which operates between La Grande and Walla Walla, La.

In another order, Morgan approved the sale of Cottage Grove Gas Co. to Cottage Grove Distribution Co., for \$30,000.

The purchasing company is a subsidiary of Suburban Gas Service Inc., which distributes liquid propane gas in 19 Oregon cities.

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DETAILS of the newly created Andrew Loney Jr. music scholarship award are yet to be worked out, but wheels were set in motion when Dell Smith, right, presented Loney, music director of Klamath Falls city schools, with a plaque bearing name plates for future recipients. The presentation was made during a Rotary Club luncheon at the Willard Hotel. Dell Smith is president of the a cappella choir.

Railroads May Cancel Pact

NEW YORK (UPI)—America's major railroads were expected today to follow the lead of the New York Central Railroad in canceling their contracts with the financially ailing Railway Express Agency.

The Central, largest stockholder in Railway Express, announced Tuesday that it would cancel its contract effective Jan. 1, 1960. Alfred E. Perlman, president of the Central, said his railroad was losing 11 million dollars a year on the Railway Express operation.

Central owns 14 per cent of American Express's outstanding stock. Perlman said the Central would develop a "more efficient and satisfactory small shipment service" of its own.

According to industry sources, other Eastern lines probably will abandon the industry-owned transportation service too. Clair Roddewig, president of the Association of Western Railway Executives, said the Western railroads would follow suit if the Eastern railroads withdrew.

Roddewig said the Railway Express' plight was due to a changing pattern of transportation, parcel post and government subsidized competitors, and increased labor and other costs.

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Air Official Aids Mother

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A young mother was all smiles today waiting to fly home to Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Shirley Weber, 23, was returning home from a visit with her soldier husband, Raymond, at Ft. Sill, Okla., when the stork surprised her. She entered a hospital December 14 and Sherry Lynn was born.

An airline official heard of Mrs. Weber and began trying several days ago to help her get home. Mrs. Weber boards the plane this afternoon. She will spend Christmas with her husband—who went ahead—son Joseph, 2, and the couple's parents at Hellam and Lancaster, Pa.

COMPLAINT THROWN OUT

A complaint against Lloyd Ebiner of the Asphalt Paving Company, was thrown out of municipal court Monday night. Ebiner had been charged on November 25 with unauthorized use of a taxi strip at the municipal airport. The case was thrown out of court by Judge Clarence Humble on the grounds that the city ordinance prohibited only the unauthorized "crossing" of the strip, and not unauthorized "use."

Eatery Granted Liquor License

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Liquor Control Commission granted a liquor license Tuesday to Viewpoint, Inc., for the Hillville Restaurant here.

The restaurant's license, previously held under the name of owner Edward Palaske, was suspended when Palaske was accused of bringing liquor to Oregon from British Columbia. He is president of Viewpoint, Inc.

Youths Accused Of Vandalism

EUGENE (AP)—Three Eugene high school youths were charged Tuesday with defacing public property and their case was turned over to juvenile authorities for action.

The three, two from South Eugene High School and one from North Eugene High, are accused of painting on the side of an Albany High School bus Dec. 16. Capt. Del Cash of the Eugene police said.

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LONDON (UPI)—Michael Hughes, 20, and Henry F. Kerridge, 24, were fined \$20.60 Monday for stealing a milk churn, an ash tray, two telephone books and a pepper pot.

LUMBERMAN DIES

PORTLAND (AP)—Long-time Oregon lumberman John Leaf died Tuesday at 79. A former president of the now defunct Inman Poulson Lumber Co. of Portland, he was associated with Georgia Pacific Corp. at the time of his death.



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Morse Gives Gift To School

WASHINGTON (AP)—The University of Oregon received a Christmas present Tuesday from Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.)—his official files dating back to 1930.

"It is a matter of great gratification to me to present to the University of Oregon library as a token of appreciation for the 15 happy and stimulating years which I spent as a teacher on the campus," he said in a statement.

Morse, one-time Oregon law school dean, said, "I am advised there is no other place, including the Library of Congress, where duplicates of much of this material can be obtained."

The material, Morse said, includes work of the Oregon Crime Survey, the Oregon Crime Commission, the Governor's Committee and Judicial Procedures and the Governor's Committee on Parole and Probation during 1930-38.

"I decided to select the University of Oregon . . . Morse said, "because the University of Oregon law school is located on the Eugene campus and I feel that this material should be available to legal scholars as well as to scholars in the fields of political science, economics, business administration and history."

The collection was valued at \$8,000 for inventory purposes. Dr. Martin Schmitt, director of the special collections division of the library, said.

NOT GUILTY PLEA

Isaac Nalls, 38, pleaded not guilty to a charge of giving liquor to a minor in district court Monday, and asked for a trial without jury. Judge D. E. Van Vactor set the trial date for February 10 at 10 a.m. in his court, and Nalls was released on bail. Nalls is charged with having furnished liquor to a 17-year-old boy. He was arrested with Jack Lipberg, 48, who was similarly charged in the same case. Lipberg pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four months in jail and a \$250 fine, in district court Friday.

OBEYDIENT CAT

DROITWICH, England (UPI)—At a carol program Tuesday night organist Gordon Banner struck the first chord of "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful" and a big black cat jumped out of the organ.

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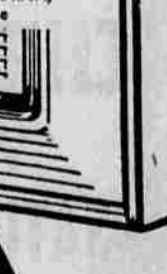
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