

3-YEAR TERM IS GIVEN SWINDLER

Termed a "problem child" by his own attorney, Charles Jones, 49-year-old swindler, who has been living in expensive hotels under assumed names most of the three years federal authorities have been combing the country for him, late yesterday was sentenced to three years and four-and-a-half months in the federal penitentiary on McNeil Island.

The petition for revocation of probation was filed by United States Attorney J. Charles Dennis in March, 1943, and an indictment charging Jones swindled a Seattle man out of \$1,000 by representing himself to be associated with the Office of Naval Intelligence was returned the next September. Dennis said he would ask that the indictment be dismissed because of the sentence for violation of probation. An indictment charging fraud and returned in November, 1944, in Chicago, still is pending.

Jones testified that as a former convict, he was estranged from his family and without friends, couldn't get a job even in war times and had to exist by gambling. "The Court does not release men on probation for gambling, even successfully," Judge Black commented.

H. Sylvester Garvin, Jones's attorney, said Jones was engaged to a girl with a farm in the Midwest. A blond young woman, who sat in the courtroom shaking her head from time to time in protest and who clung to his arm afterward, explained that she was not the girl with the farm.

"I'm a friend of the family," she said.

Montlake Club To Boost District Trade

Formation of the Montlake Commercial Club to boost trade in the Montlake District was announced yesterday by F. T. Drury, chairman. A committee was appointed to confer with Mayor William F. Devin on speeding of Montlake Bridge repairs, Drury said. Other officers and committee members include Ted Whealan, treasurer; Mrs. A. L. Klein, secretary; and H. B. Cunningham, Jim Emery, M. Klein, Drury, Whealan, L. M. Betts, F. O. Snell and Gladys Manille, members. Meetings will be held biweekly at 2301 24th Ave. N.

Cancer Researcher Dies NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Dr. Ward J. MacNeal, 65-year-old pathologist and former president of the American Association of Cancer Research, died here last night.

Competition Running High For Kirkland Festival Queen



Left to right—"OLD SARGE," BOB FERRIS, MRS. GERALDINE BRIDGEFORD and LARRY BIDLAKE. Everyone was set for tomorrow's pig race.

With the reward of a diamond ring and title of Festival Queen, promised the winner of the Kirkland Summer Festival Queen, contest competition was running high today among the six contestants.

With the contest deadline set at midnight tomorrow night, Jean Lund, sponsored by the Sons of Norway, was leading the field with 78,900 votes. Other contestants' standings are: Hazel Omestad, 70,050; Billie Parks, 62,125; Gloria Johnson, 61,475; Louise Windley, 54,825; and Joan Waters, \$825.

Seattle's interest in the two-day festival, starting tomorrow, will center around the pig-swimming contest at 2:15 o'clock. Entries in the swimming contest have been made by many Seattle clubs and organizations, including Seattle Post No. 1, American Legion.

Determined to bring victory to the Legion, Seattle Post No. 1 yesterday picked a husky porker to represent them. Promptly named "Old Sarge," the pig is being "trained" by a staff including Bob Ferris, Mrs. Geraldine Bridgeford and Larry Bidlake, who will serve as coach, masseur and manager respectively.

Events scheduled for tomorrow's program include baseball games and an evening street dance and carnival.

Sunday's events, starting at 1 o'clock, include a parade, horse show, announcement of the queen contest winner, Colbie training show, and a performance by the Seattle Eagles drill team.

Entry of G. I. Jap Bride Is Appealed

Notice of appeal from a Seattle Federal Court decision, which permitted Helene Bouiss, Japanese-German bride of an American soldier, to enter the United States, has been filed by immigration authorities, John P. Boyd, immigration law officer here, said today.

Mrs. Bouiss, bride of John Bouiss of Portland, Or., recently was released by United States District Judge Paul McCormick of Los Angeles, who was sitting in Seattle, on a writ of habeas corpus, after her detention by the Immigration Service in Seattle. She was detained as she attempted to enter the country as the non-quota immigrant wife of Bouiss, whom she had married in Japan when he was with the Army.

If the Seattle decision holds, it means that G. I.'s in Japan can marry Japanese girls and bring them to this country under the G. I. Bill of Rights, Boyd explained. The decision does not go so far as to say they can become citizens, but they can be brought to this country and live here, he said.

Nomination for the most literal man in the excavation business goes to a bulldozer operator who recently undertook an earth-moving job for Frank A. Pritchard, 823 W. Garfield St.

Pritchard wanted some grading done on his property at Pleasant Beach, Bainbridge Island, which adjoins property belonging to William J. Klamm, 331 Bellevue Ave. N.

Pritchard issued what seemed to be adequate instructions, indicating the property line he wanted followed, and asking the operator to "save the stake" at the corner.

The operator was meticulous about the stake—he saved it with care and deposited it on Pritchard's front porch—but then proceeded to grade 30 feet over onto Klamm's lot. "That fellow," said Pritchard ruefully, "really had ideas about community property."

BACON NAMED EXPEDITER AIDE

Francis R. Bacon, who for the past three years has served as disputes director of the West Coast Lumber Commission in Portland, has been named acting assistant housing expeditor for this region, George W. Coplen, regional expeditor, announced today.

Coplen said Bacon will work with labor groups and communities in an effort to step up the apprentice training program in the building trades.

"The home-building industry is facing a critical labor shortage," Coplen said, "and our stimulation of building materials production will be wasted if we do not have the skilled workers to make them into homes for veterans."

Bacon, who served in the First World War, has engaged in personal work for private industry, and was employed in the Department of Labor before joining the commission under War Labor Board. He was with Weyerhaeuser Timber Company for nine years.

PACIFIC GIFTS, TOY SHOW SET

More than 1,500 wholesale lines of merchandise, including gifts, toys and housewares, will be displayed to wholesalers Sunday through Thursday at the Civic Auditorium and the Olympic and New Washington Hotels, it was announced today.

The display, known as the Pacific Northwest Gift, Toy and Housewares Show, is sponsored by the textile and apparel committee of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and presented by the Western Merchandise Exhibitors' Association.

Merchandise displayed will be china, glass, linens, toys, housewares, gifts, stationery and decorative accessories for the home.

In conjunction with this display, the first Pacific Northwest Jewelry, Handbag and Accessories Show will be presented on the same dates at the New Washington Hotel.

Dealers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, British Columbia and Alaska are expected to attend the two shows.

Weather Not Casual Topic For Washington Farmers

These statistics were obtained from Bob Fitzsimmons, the "weather man." I met him by chance in the local cafe. The citizens were complaining about the bitter cold spell that had gripped Waterville the night before. I remember vaguely having to pull a sheet over me, and, indeed, the morning was so brisk a man felt almost like rolling down his shirtsleeves. When Bob came in, everyone asked him about the temperature.

Observer 25 Years

The weather man, who has been "observing" here for the past 25 years "without pay, just as a favor to Uncle Sam," was dressed in a heavy wool mackinaw, wearing a straw hat with a green sun visor. He had a generous, curly, white moustache and round, black-rimmed glasses under bushy, white eyebrows.

"I don't predict weather," said Bob. "I just tell 'em what happened." He wires his temperature and sky observations to Seattle each morning.

I pried into the subject of weather, but Fitzsimmons would rather talk about horses. He's always had pacers and trotters during the 43 years he has lived around here and before he went to Dawson in the '98 gold rush. He raced them in Maine and New York and Prince Edward Island, and can give the name, ancestry and time to the fifth of a second, of every horse he raced with or against.

That was somewhere around 1885.

"By the way," I suggested, "I hear people complaining of the cold. What WAS the temperature this morning?"

"I don't know," he said. "After I write 'em down, I don't remember those things five minutes."

We went up to the courthouse to get the statistics. When we parted, I asked Bob if he had ever been a wheat farmer.

"Oh, I tried it several years," he said, "but I gave it up. The weather was always wrong for me."

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U. S. ENGINEERS TO REDUCE STAFF



(Byron Fish, traveling writer for The Times, today presents another article on Eastern Washington's wheat belt. This is the fourth of a series, telling of crops and the weather.)

By BYRON FISH

WATERVILLE, Aug. 16.—City dwellers get to thinking that anyone who talks about the weather is just buzzing the field. Over here the weather is a vital subject. It concerns the livelihood of the grower, the beauty-parlor operator and the weekly editor as well as the farmer. Everyone depends on the welfare of the wheat.

"Naturally," you say. "So after you've discussed whether or not it will rain, what is there left to say?"

Rain in a dry-farming wheat country, is a subject as broad as philosophy and as tricky as race horses. Exactly the same annual rainfall, over the years, can pay off straight, place or show or it can leave you holding an also-ran ticket.

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Discussion On Living to Be Tuesday Night

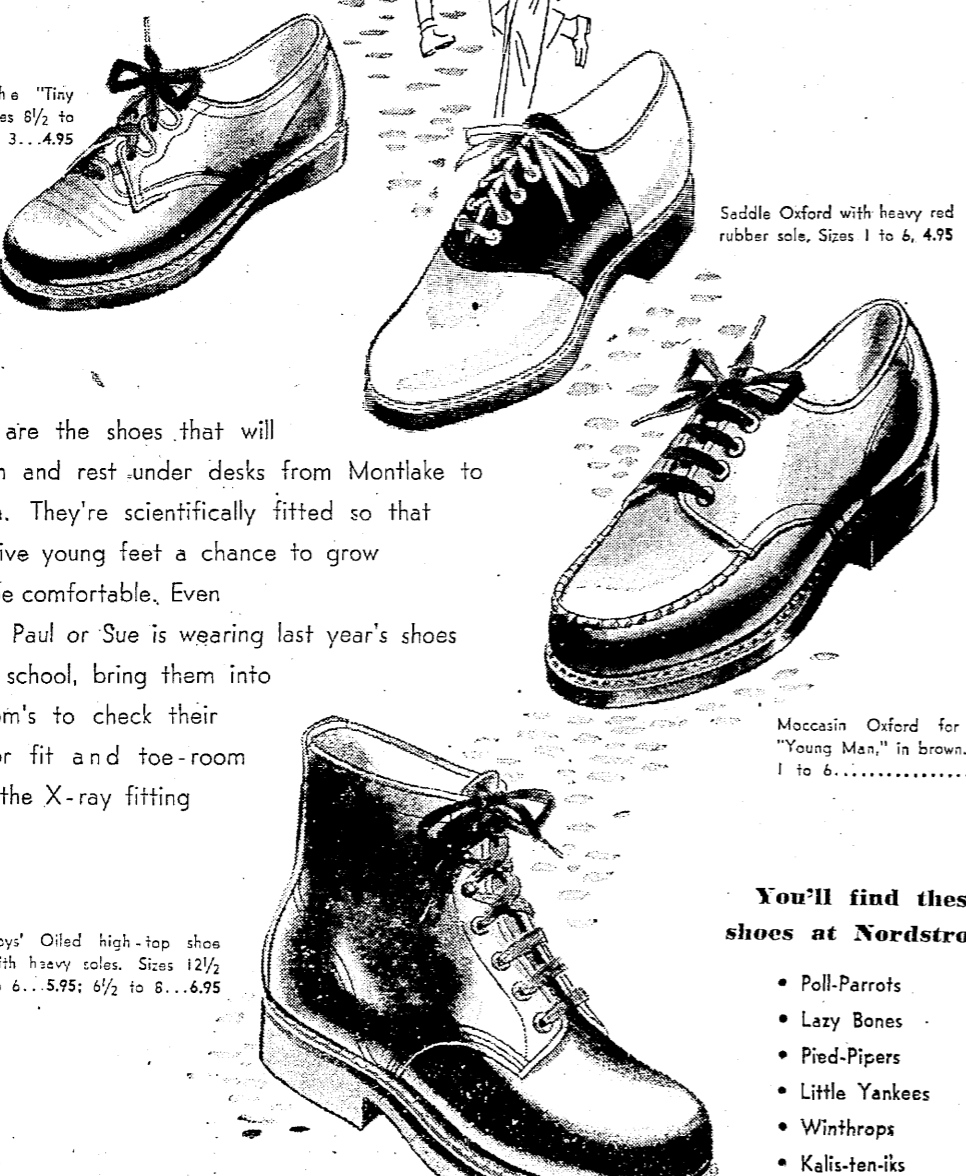
Arrangements for a public discussion on "Unity of Community Resources for Democratic Living," to be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening in the Educational Center, 304 18th Ave. S., were made yesterday by a panel of community leaders meeting in the office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 801 Seaboard Bldg.

Taking part in the discussion will be Mrs. Irene Lansing, West Seattle High School instructor; Prof. Melville Jacobs, department of anthropology, University of Washington; Mrs. Irene Miller, executive secretary of the Civic Unity Committee; Campbell G. Murphy, assistant secretary of the Council of Social Agencies; A. J. Blackman, Washington State area director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and Dr. Raymond E. Parker, junior high school principal from Springfield, Mass., who is directing the workshop in intercultural education at the University of Washington this summer.

Ex-Colonel Wins Annulment

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Aug. 16.—(AP)—Henry R. Dutton, 52 years old, retired New York Army colonel and manager of the Ambassador Hotel here, was granted an annulment yesterday of his 1938 marriage in New Jersey to Laura Deane Dutton, 26, on the grounds that a New York divorce from his former wife was not legal.

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