

POLICE CAPTURE GARAGE PROWLER

Eight police in four prowler cars rushed to an automobile agency at Westlake Avenue North and Mercer Street about 2:30 o'clock this morning and captured a 30-year-old laborer, whom they accused of attempting to loot the establishment.

A merchant patrolman had summoned police when he discovered a pane of glass removed from a door. The capture was made by Patrolman W. W. Crow. The suspect surrendered without a struggle when he saw seven other officers closing in on him. He was jailed without charge for questioning.

Shipyard Worker Found Dead in Room

John A. Matheson, 49 years old, was found dead in his gas-filled room at 8816 Aurora Ave., by sheriff's deputies about 9:30 o'clock last night.

Coroner C. L. Harris said a note left by Matheson, a Seattle-Tacoma shipyard worker, indicated suicide. The body was discovered by William Rausch, a neighbor, who smelled gas fumes. Rausch called the sheriff's office and Deputy Sheriff A. C. Tinsand smashed open the door.

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Escape

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of the planes and they were 2,000 feet above us heading for home. All this took about ten seconds. Then I took a look at our own plane.

"Both the No. 2 and No. 3 engines were smoking badly, part of one wing was shot off and the rear section was machine-gunned to pieces.

"Immediately we went into a dive from 22,000 to 12,000 feet. I was pinned up against the top turret but I kept firing away. I only got four of the fighters. I should have gotten 15 and maybe we would have gotten home.

Plane Crash-Landed

"At 10,000 feet the pilot gave the order to bail out. I went to the rear to check everything and see if anyone was wounded. At 8,000 feet I stepped out of the plane and at 6,000 feet the chute opened.

"I hit the ground on a French farm at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The navigator, Lieut. John Spence of Memphis, Tenn., was 150 yards away. While we were running to meet each other, we saw our pilot and co-pilot, who didn't hit the silk, crash-land the Hornet against the side of a hill to destroy the plane. That was the last we saw of the men or the ship.

"Spence and I started walking along a path without taking time to get our bearings. About 8 o'clock that night we stopped at a farmhouse. Spence could say three things in French, 'Food, rest and where are the Germans?' The farmers gave us food and clothes to cover our uniforms and we took off again about 9 o'clock.

Beds in Haystacks

"At 3 o'clock in the morning we decided to sleep in a haystack. We slept in more haystacks the second and third nights, but the fourth night we found a hot bath and a bed. We kept traveling for five days looking for someone to help us get out. Finally we found a man who knew somebody who could help us. Two days later we finally tracked him down, eventually arrived in Paris and contacted the blessed underground.

"And from then on our travels are strictly military information," Devers said, shutting his lips determinedly. "However, 59 days from the time we crashed, Spence and I finally made our way back to England through a very round-about route."

At the base, both received Air Medals with three Oak-Leaf Clusters from their commanding general and the two boarded a ship for home. Not until they docked did they learn they traveled on the same ship on which Winston Churchill journeyed to the United States.

One of First Crews

Devers, an electrical mechanic before the war broke out, enlisted in July, 1941. In October, 1942, he flew to England on one of the first combat crews sent to bomb Europe. When his training at the Fortress School is finished, he wants to go back "in the same capacity."

During the escape, Devers gained ten pounds, "although I felt I was swiping every morsel of food I ate from a Frenchman's mouth."

"If the Allies march into France I want to be right in the front line," the sergeant said.

WOMAN, INJURED IN CRASH, DIES IN ASSAULT CASES

Mrs. Bertha Calvert, 76 years old, who was injured December 3 when an automobile in which she was riding with her husband collided with a bus, died at 12:30 o'clock this morning in Seattle General Hospital.

The collision occurred at Fifth Avenue North and Roy Street. The Calvert machine, driven by William F. Calvert, 6282 20th Ave. N. E., caremored from the bus into a utility pole.

A 48-year-old woman pedestrian, seriously injured in an accident yesterday, was given a citation for jay-walking by police after she was struck in front of her home, 936 23rd Ave. S.

The woman, Mrs. Filomena Amicarella, was taken to Harborview County Hospital, suffering a compound fracture of her right arm and cuts and bruises. She was given a citation by Traffic Investigators G. G. Massie and E. E. Manus. The automobile was driven by Mrs. E. Standert of Kent.

Charlotte Collins, 937 N. 89th St., suffered head, chest and knee injuries in an automobile collision at Third Avenue North and Thomas Street. C. P. Schlosstein, 1511 40th Ave., suffered leg injuries when his car hit a parked machine at 2711 Jackson St., and Elizabeth Rodgers, 309 Melrose Ave., suffered a fractured ankle in a collision at East Marginal Way and Spokane Street.

Funeral services for Mrs. Calvert will be held at 1 o'clock Wednesday at the Bonney-Watson funeral home. Burial will be at Washelli. Mrs. Calvert was born in Wyoming and came to Seattle in 1903. She was treasurer of the Rainier Chapter, D. A. R., and historian of the Washington Descendants of Mayflower Society. She is survived by her husband and a sister, Mrs. Henry M. White, both of Seattle, a nephew, Lieut. Henry White, Jr., U. S. N., in the Aleutians.

Actress Weds Ensign

GLENDALE, Calif., Dec. 13.—(AP)—Honeymooning are Mary Beth Hughes, 27 years old, film actress, and Ensign Ted North, 27, former actor, who were married yesterday in the Wee Kirk of the Heather. North has been ordered to Navy duty next Tuesday.

FIRE DAMAGES KAISER DOCKS

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 13.—(AP)—A 250-foot section of the outfitting docks at the Kaiser Shipyard here was damaged yesterday by flames which followed an acetylene line tank and backfire explosion.

The blaze was extinguished after an hour and a half. All available fire-fighting equipment from the yard and Vancouver was called out. No workmen were injured or ships damaged.

Violence Is Feared If Japs Return Now

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Return of aviators to the Pacific Coast during the war, will bring "violence and bloodshed," says a California State Senate committee which studied last month's riotous conditions at the Tulelake Segregation Center for disloyal Japanese.

In a telegram to President Roosevelt, Secretary of War Stimson and the California delegation, the committee said that it "fears and knows that the relocation in this state of the Japanese during the war will inevitably lead to violence and bloodshed."

The committee found that the administration of the Tulelake Segregation Center under the War Relocation Administration "lacked firmness and was utterly devoid of any definite policy," and repeated its recommendation that the Army retain control of the center.

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Avoidance of Postwar Dole Urged by Howe

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Munitions Minister C. D. Howe, calling on Canadians to avoid postwar planning based on public works and the dole, announced a nine-point plan today for making Canadians "the happiest people on God's green earth."

He advocated a higher standard of living, peacetime use of wartime inventions, a place in civil and international aviation, a merchant marine, mining-industry expansion, reforestation, new markets abroad, a rebuilt home marketing and distribution system, and postwar plans built "on the broad base of private industry, agriculture and our forests, mines and fisheries."

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Undersized Halibut Seized; to Be Sold

A large quantity of undersized halibut, seized by federal authorities, today was ordered by United States District Judge John C. Bowen to be sold at the Quartermaster Market Center here.

The amount seized was 23,000 pounds, judged under the proper weight; it will be sold for \$3,895.

Harpoons have been developed in Florida to inject anesthetics into the bodies of sharks to render them temporarily helpless until they are drawn into boats.

Put on your overalls and join the swell gang selling wartime production records. Every man treated as an individual. Authorized Referral required. (Adv.)

'Missing' Yank Flyers Make Secret Returns to Comrades

By THOMAS R. HENRY

NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY, Nov. 29.—(By Mail)—Like arisen ghosts out of wooded mountains and Italian peasant villages, men given up for dead for weeks and months are rejoining their outfits one after another as the Allied lines move northward.

They are American flyers who have crashed over enemy territory and hidden out, often with only their cotton summer uniforms, behind enemy lines.

On the whole, the men who come back seem in fair shape after the ordeal. Some had been seen to crash and little hope was entertained for their survival. The numbers now showing up lead to the belief that losses of air personnel may have been considerably less than has been estimated. No crashed flyer can be given up for dead unless actually found. To one air wing here, in the past few days, ten men have come back. For most of them, hope had been abandoned.

Few details of the escapes can yet be given. Some of the stories are thrillers, but, especially when the country through which the men moved remains in enemy hands, they might give hints from which some of those who helped the refugees could be identified.

One who has just reappeared after being given up for dead for more than two months is Lieut. Donald L. Pollock of Lorain, Ohio. Somewhere near Foggia, on September 18, his left engine had been hit by flak while he was 50 feet above the ground and making 275 miles an hour. The engine caught fire immediately, the cockpit filling with smoke and blinding him.

Flak damage prevented any gain in altitude and his plane crashed into the ground in a few seconds, missing a ten-foot pile of rocks by inches. The plane skidded 100 yards, strewing burning parts all over. Pollock picked himself up, badly shaken but uninjured, and made for the nearest orchard, which afforded some concealment.

After walking for ten miles over rocks so sharp they cut the soles of his shoes, he decided that it was a mirage—a phenomenon often reported by these escapees. The house always receded before him and eventually disappeared altogether.

Pollock eventually came on a real farmhouse, however, where, carrying on the best conversation he could in sign language, he found himself welcome. The family told him Germans were all around, and persuaded him to change his uniform for civilian clothes—a risky undertaking, since he had forgotten his dog tags and lost his identification card. He would have no standing as a soldier if captured.

He was fed well and every day his hosts took him for a short walk, pointing out places he might hide if the Germans approached. Also, they gave him a day-by-day account of the British advance. It was distressingly slow for the trapped man, and the Germans still were too close to chance a getaway.

Finally came word that British patrols had reached a nearby village. Pollock put on his uniform again and went to town on a motorcycle which had been reassembled by the Italians from abandoned parts. Once he made contact with the parols, it was only a matter of getting a ride back to his own outfit.

Another who has just returned is Lieut. Douglas A. Neilson of Minneapolis. He also disappeared on the Foggia raid September 18. It was his unlucky 13th mission.

Neilson crashed his plane into a plowed field, set his plane on fire to prevent it falling into enemy hands, and hid in nearby bushes for the next nine hours. He watched an occasional peasant examining the burning plane. As dark came on, he set off cross-country and dawn found him well up in the mountains. He passed an occasional shepherd. All waved friendly greetings and made no attempt to stop him.

500 GIRLS VISIT PAINE AIR-WAGS

Five hundred girls from Seattle, Everett and other communities celebrated Air-Wac Day at Paine Field yesterday.

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