

Attend District Rural Youth Meet

District Plans For Year Are Discussed

Margie Menter, James Merriman, Gloria Koeneman, rural youth officers, and Henry Oetting, district vice president, represented Adams county at the district four, rural youth board meeting Monday night at the Farm Bureau Co-op in Marion.

Plans for 1953 in district four were formulated. Henry Oetting was appointed district sports chairman of basketball and will also serve on the state sports committee.

The next district event will be

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Changed From Man To Opposite Sex

26-Year-Old Blonde Undergoes Operation

LONDON, UP—Blonde, 26-year-old Christine Jorgensen of New York, who was changed from a man to a woman, says she would like to meet Dr. Ewan Forbes-Sempill, 40, who recently was changed from a woman to a man.

Interviewed by telephone Monday night in her room in the Copenhagen Rigs Hospital, Christine said she would like to talk with the 40-year-old Scot doctor who officially became a man about two months ago.

"These years of change have been a great difficulty for me," said Christine, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jorgensen, live in the Bronx, New York.

"I am a very natural woman," she said.

"Have you a girlish figure?" she was asked.

"Uh-huh," she replied.

She said she is five feet seven and weighs "somewhere near 125 pounds." That would be an average figure for a girl of her height and age.

"How did it begin?" she was asked.

"I'd rather not talk about it as it is a very personal matter," she said in a husky voice.

"Are your interests male or female? I mean are you interested in say, needlework, rather than a ball game?" she was asked.

"I am just a natural girl," she said. "If it is a normal womanly interest, then it interests me. I do my hair in a roll at the back of my head, for instance. I'm womanly enough to be very glad it is such a nice blonde color."

She said she planned to return to New York after her discharge from the hospital here.

"Any boy friends?" she was asked.

"No," she replied.

"Would you say 'no boy friends yet'?"

"Yes, perhaps. I have to concentrate on developing my personality. I have just got out of bed. The first time for 10 days. I am a bit shaky, but doing very well."

School Board Holds Business Session

The Decatur school board met in regular session last night and carried on business strictly of a routine nature.

It was noted that delivery has been made of a combination tractor, snow plow and mower of a portable type, that was recently bid on. The price for the outfit, which was made use of this morning as a snow plow, was \$287.08 and was supplied by the low bidder, Klenk's of Decatur.

Six Of Escaped Men Are Still At Large

Two Captured Men Dupes Of Escapes

PITTSBURGH, UP—Police said today that two convicts who were captured 24 hours after breaking out of Western penitentiary were dupes for six other inmates who apparently had perfected their escape plan.

The six fugitives remained at large today. If police had any notion of their destination, they kept their information secret. Officially, police said they were without clues.

After questioning Ralph Mastermonica and Carmac McNeills, the two recaptured convicts, district attorney James F. Malone said he believed both men were dupes. They were left to shift for themselves, he said, while the other more hardened and escape-wise inmates followed an orderly plan. The two were seized Monday morning.

Authorities were skeptical of the tale of Mastermonica, who said the Sunday morning breakout actually began as a long-planned riot demonstration.

Included among the six still at large were two of the most dangerous of the escapees.

Virgil Toney, 42, leader of the breakout, was mastermind of one of Pittsburgh's most notorious hold-up gangs. He was serving a 120-year maximum sentence.

Nick The Torturer Derembelis, 41, an immigrant from Greece, was serving a 26 to 75-year term. Derembelis earned his nickname when, in 1934, he and a pal gouged out the eyes of a robbery victim for a \$15 loot.

South Koreans Battle To Hold Sniper Ridge

Reds Drive Through Blinding Snowstorm As War Lull Ends

SEOUL, Korea, Wednesday, UP—South Korean defenders of ice-coated Sniper Ridge battled fiercely early today to sweep stubborn remnants of a 750-man Chinese assault force from the central front height where renewed fighting has raged for more than 24 hours.

The Chinese struck through a blinding snowstorm just after midnight Tuesday and fought to within 100 yards of the crest before the attack stalled against a stone-wall ground defense supported by artillery fire and Allied fighter bombers.

But at least 100 Chinese still clung to positions below the peak of Rocky Point, which juts eastward from the main Sniper Ridge line of Kumhwa. United Press war correspondent Victor Kendrick reported from the front that the fight still blazed at close range early today.

A five-inch snowfall melted briefly, then froze again to cover Sniper with sheets of ice. Temperature was near zero.

The Sniper attacks and light jabs along most of the rest of the 155-mile battlefield broke a two-week lull in the Korean fighting.

The western front, where U. N. troops guarded the shortest route to Seoul, remained mysteriously quiet. Some officers believed the Reds were "saying up" for the visit of President-elect Eisenhower.

One Communist MIG-15 was shot down today by 1st Lt. James F. Low of Sausalito, Calif., the 17th American jet ace of the Korean war.

The Chinese aimed their two attacks on Sniper at Rocky Point, the highest pinnacle on Little Finger Ridge, which juts eastward from Sniper Ridge itself.

A full battalion of perhaps 750 men crept through a snowstorm that blinded South Korean defenders early Monday, reached the bottom of the peak and began a charge upward. It carried them to within 100 yards of the crest.

Allied artillery crashing down on the Reds stalled the attack briefly but the Chinese fought through the storm of shells and into South Korean bunkers and trenches.

The ROK's threw them back in an hour of vicious infighting.

With snow still falling, the Reds launched another assault at 7:30 a. m. from each side of Rocky Point. At noon, the ROK's were holding them off with showers of hand grenades.

Snow fell over most of the front today. Rising temperatures melted it almost immediately at the western end of the line, reducing valleys in no-man's-land to lakes of clinging mud.

Five inches of snow falling on the eastern and central fronts gave the Reds perfect cover for stealthy jabs at U. N. positions around Anchor Hill and Heartbreak Ridge in the east, and near Old Baldy in the west-central sector.

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Judging Continues At Livestock Show

Grand Champ Steer To Be Named Today

CHICAGO, UP—Judging in the international live stock exposition approached a climax today as thousands of exhibitors and spectators awaited the selection of the grand champion steer.

William E. Ogilvie, exposition manager, expected the largest crowd to date in the 10-day show which started Saturday to see the winner of the coveted steer award.

The "king of cattledom" will be sold at auction to the highest bidder in another highlight of the mammoth exposition.

The grand champion barrow of the swine show will be chosen Wednesday.

Monday saw the first of the top prize winners selected when a 145-pound Southdown weiner exhibited by Pennsylvania State College won the sheep class.

Rhee told a press conference the South Koreans are not afraid of 400 million Chinese.

"The people and the army have nearly come to the end of their patience," he said.

Rhee's press conference took place while Seoul anxiously and tensely awaited Eisenhauer's arrival. The war-battered city bore a Christmas-card look because of a one-inch mantle of snow that covered its thousands of tiled-roofed homes and hid much of the rubble.

The place and time of Eisenhauer's arrival were still closely guarded secrets. Armored cars and armed jeeps patrolled the streets and thousands of soldiers and police kept a close watch on passers-by.

Security precautions were tightened even more after a U. S. marine was wounded slightly in the knee while driving a jeep Monday night on a road within 15 miles of Seoul.

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CHURCH NEWS

Nuttman Ave. U. B.

Crowds are hearing evangelist John Springer at the Nuttman Avenue United Brethren in Christ Church. The evangelistic series began Sunday and will continue for two weeks.

At 7 o'clock each evening, Mrs. Springer, a teacher in the local grade school, conducts a children's meeting for the boys and girls of the community. Stories illustrated on the flannel board and object lessons together with gospel choruses are featured each evening. All children are invited to enjoy this 30 minute meeting.

At 7:30 the entire group gathers in the main auditorium for the evangelistic service. Everybody takes part in a rousing song service. Special music is rendered by visiting friends from neighboring churches each night. Tuesday evening will feature Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Klopfer of Berne singing the gospel selection "The Meeting in The Air."

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