

## Candidates for Beauty Title



**CONTESTANTS:** TODAY in Huntington, W. Va.—Miss Washington, Pat Dzejachok of Bellevue, second from right, was among early arrivals in the Miss U. S. A. Pageant. The contest opens Sunday. From left, Miss North Carolina, Louise Furr; two West Virginia entries, Miss Huntington, Sherry Lee Smith, and Miss Charleston, Janice Lee Channels; Miss Missouri, Bonnie Barclay; Miss Dzejachok and Miss Pennsylvania, Maria Fraietta. The Bellevue girl was chosen to represent Washington after being named Miss Century 21 Employee at the Seattle World's Fair. The winner will enter the Miss World contest in London.—A. P. wirephoto.

## Slayer Hears Death Decreed Third Time

For the third time in two years, Joseph Chester Self, 31, today heard himself sentenced to be "hanged by the neck until dead."

Superior Judge George H. Revelle directed the supervision of the state penitentiary to execute Self December 5.

Convicted by a jury June 3, 1960, Self has appealed to the State Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. Both rejected his request for a review.

Daniel Rivera and Alan Austin, defense attorneys, said they will ask the State Supreme Court to test the validity of the judgment of execution.

Self was convicted of fatally shooting Ralph J. Gemmill, Jr., a Seattle taxicab driver, during a March 16, 1960 robbery in Eatonville four days later.

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## Deputies Seek Man Who Fled From Judge

Deputy sheriffs today were seeking Lawrence D. Ferguson, 27, of 18420 108th Av. S. E., Renton, who escaped from Justice of the Peace J. C. McKay as Ferguson was being escorted to a restroom by the judge at 8:45 o'clock last evening.

Deputy William A. Johnston said Ferguson had been fined on a traffic charge and was to be returned to the county jail to be held for the Parole Board.

Ferguson fled from 10671 Rainier Av. S. His wife told deputies her husband feared his parole would be revoked. Ferguson was placed on parole for 15 years in 1958, for second-degree burglary.

Johnston was telephoning the jail to check on the possibility of Ferguson being freed when the man escaped.

## Jury Convicts Spokane Man in Auto Death

Robert O. Erdman, 32, Spokane, father of six children, was convicted in Superior Court last night of negligent homicide.

The verdict was returned by a jury in the court of Superior Judge Edward E. Henry.

Deputy Prosecutor Lewis Guterson introduced evidence that Erdman was driving a vehicle which crossed the center line and collided with an oncoming automobile March 21 north of Bellevue.

Testimony showed Erdman had a .27 reading in a blood-alcohol sample. A reading of .15 is considered a presumption of intoxication.

The driver of the car which Erdman struck, Mrs. Mildred E. Moses, 43, Auburn, was injured fatally.

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## Infant-Death Rate Still U.S. Problem

The United States is not progressing in efforts to reduce its infant-mortality rate.

Ruth Taylor of Washington, D. C., said here today.

Miss Taylor is chief of the division of health services for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She participated in a ten-state conference on maternal care and infant nursing at the University of Washington.

The conference, sponsored by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, ended today.

Miss Taylor said the United States has dropped from sixth to tenth in nations of its population class in rate of infants who die at birth.

MISS TAYLOR said agreement should be reached, and guidelines developed for action, between medicine and nursing in the care of mothers and infants.



**RUTH TAYLOR**

"Today's nurse, with her training in the social sciences and psychology in addition to physical care, is learning about the emotional needs which contribute to the progress of both mothers and infants," Miss Taylor said.

"If we cannot give a mother a feeling of security through our concern for her personal welfare, how can we expect her to impart emotional security to her baby?"

Patients who approach pregnancy troubled by emotional, social or economic problems should be handled in a "team" approach in which physician, nurse and social worker exchange information and plan action jointly, Miss Taylor said.

SHE ALSO expressed concern at the brief average stay in maternity wards.

"With hospitalization limited sometimes to as little as 24 or 48 hours, mothers frequently go home to attempt to carry on a normal life before they are able," Miss Taylor said.

"We need to see that such mothers have someone at home to help them or to establish some sort of halfway facility where mothers may stay according to their physical, social or emotional needs."

## Woman's Purse Grabbed by Boy

Sophia Mary Kurij, 40, of 111 19th Av., told police that a boy, about 15, threw her to the ground and stole her purse containing \$2.20 at 10:50 o'clock last night as she was walking in 18th Avenue at East Howell Street.

The victim said her coat was torn as she tussled with her assailant.

## B. C. Auto Looted

Raymond K. Chow, of Vancouver, B. C., reported to police that clothing, and a wrist watch, valued at a total of \$300, were taken from his automobile parked at 307 Sixth Av. S. between 8:30 and 10 o'clock last night.

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