

# SHERIFF MIKE ELLIOTT RECALLED FROM OFFICE



**JOHNSONS ALL**—Five unrelated girls named Johnson are freshmen at Endicott Junior College, Beverly, Mass. From left are: Diane, Torrington, Conn.; Nancy Ann, Short Hills, N. J.; Suzanne, Grosse Point, Mich.; Susan, Longmeadow, Mass.; and Mona, Presque Isle, Me.

**The Weather**  
Fair this afternoon and Sunday; foggy Sunday morning.  
Sunset today 5:20 p. m.  
Sunrise tomorrow 6:35 a. m.

## The News-Review

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**Career Short Lived Voting Margin 15,000**

**Political Life Stormy; Commission To Appoint Democratic Successor**

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Marion LeRoy (Mike) Elliott, the political unknown whose glib statements made him sheriff of Oregon's most populous county, had the shortest of political careers ahead of him today.

It will last until the first of the week. Then election officials will announce that he has been recalled, and he will be out of office.

The result in a special recall election was decisive last night—39,059 to 44,810 in the unofficial count of the 512 precincts in Portland and the rest of Multnomah county.

About 50 percent of the county's voters—an unusually heavy turnout for a special ballot—went to the polls in the most heated local contest in 17 years.

Less Than Year  
It wound up—in less than a year—the spectacular public career of the young, round and curly headed Elliott.

An obscure deputy sheriff, he made a last-minute switch to Democratic registration last year, and told voters he was a 32-year-old war veteran who had played football for the University of Michigan.

He beat out long-time Sheriff Martin Pratt by 800 votes before it came out that he actually was 28, had never finished high school, and was discharged from the marines before the war. He spent the war as a shipyard guard here. He took office in January, feuded with the newspapers, with leaders of the Democratic party and with his own office staff.

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"MIKE" ELLIOTT

## Two Prisoners Killed In Arizona Jail Break

### Two Captured, One Escapes Under Gunfire

**Watchman Shoots Pair After Being Injured; Phoenix Said In Furor**

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 22.—(AP)—Five Arizona desperadoes smashed out of the midtown, fifth-floor county jail early today, and two fell dead under a blast of gunfire before they could get out of the courthouse.

At least one of the prisoners was killed by a crippled night watchman whom they had disturbed reading in a ground floor record room.

The watchman, Tom Stowe, may have shot the second, but so many sheriff's deputies were firing by that time that no one could be sure who hit him.

Two of the jailbreakers were captured on a stairway between the second and third floors. The fifth, Jack L. Tatum, 26, crawled out of a courtroom window and got away.

**Prison Pals Killed**  
A deputy sheriff was shot in the mouth by one of the prisoners. Killed were two Arizona prison pals who were charged with murder not long after release from the penitentiary. They were Edward Corcoran, 33, and Edward McEwen, 32, both were awaiting trial.

The search for Tatum turned downtown Phoenix into a furor in the early morning hours. Sheriff's deputies roped off the courthouse grounds to keep several hundred spectators out of the range of possible gunfire. Fire trucks splashed.

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### TENSION GROWING

## Indictment Of Russia's Amtorg Feared May Start Reprisals Against U. S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Indictment of Russia's famed Amtorg Trading corporation and its top officers as unregistered foreign agents appears certain to set off new tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union.

### Communists File Appeals After Being Sentenced

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—(AP)—For a trifling \$5 apiece, America's 11 convicted communist leaders last night bought back a slim chance for freedom.

They were sentenced to prison yesterday by Federal Judge Harold R. Medina. Their terms range from five years for 10 of the men, to three years for the 11th. All were fined \$10,000 each.

They spent more than \$500,000 fighting conviction during their nine months trial for conspiracy to advocate overthrow of the U. S. government. They lost.

Then they launched an appeal, asking for the same government they so loudly criticized all the legal rights of review that the U. S. offers any condemned man.

Their formal motions for appeal appear headed for the U. S. supreme court. But if they may be months—conceivably years—before the high court gets the case. Normally the U. S. circuit court of appeals reviews the case first.

As each motion for appeal was filed last night, a \$5 fee was paid in accordance with the law. Their last ditch fight for freedom began less than an hour after Federal Judge Harold R. Medina looked down on them from his high bench and gave them the maximum punishment for their crime.

Medina spared only one. He was Robert G. Thompson, who got off with three years instead of five. The 34-year-old New York state communist chairman won the distinguished service cross for gallantry as a U. S. army sergeant in the Pacific war. Judge Medina eased his penalty because of this war record.

Separate motions yesterday, the five defense attorneys also appealed contempt sentences that are due to begin Nov. 15. Judge Medina gave them terms varying from 30 days to six months for their conduct during the 39 weeks trial.

**Australia To Reorganize Armies For Red Threat**  
SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The Sunday Herald said today Australia's army is going to reorganize, and standardize arms with the U. S., to "prepare for the inevitable war with Russia."

Top level conferences between Australian cabinet ministers and Army Chief of Staff Lieut. Gen. V.A.H. Sturdee brought a bout the decision, the newspaper said.

Sturdee was said to have told the ministers that war between the Western Powers and Russia is inevitable and that Australia's defenses are a "tragic farce." He also was reported to have said that the British commonwealth must get used to playing second fiddle in defense matters to the United States.

**3 Persons Plead Guilty Before Circuit Judge**  
Three persons arraigned before Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly Friday entered pleas to District Attorney Robert G. Davis' information. Imposition of sentence was postponed until a later date.

Ralph McKibben, 20, of Sarasota, Fla., and Jerry Sharum, 20, Clovis, Calif., both charged with larceny, entered guilty pleas. They were accused of the theft of an automobile owned by Willie M. Miller. Both were arrested Oct. 8 at Grants Pass on Douglas county warrants, and were held under \$2,000 bail upon their return here by Deputy William Kissinger.

Kenneth George Hong, 42, of Sutherlin, pleaded guilty to a charge of non-support. He is the father of six children, according to the information. He was arrested Sept. 3 at Sutherlin.

**Airport Bill Offers Oregon More Money**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A bill, which would give Oregon more funds for airport construction, was before President Truman today.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Guy Cordon (R-Ore.) and passed by Congress after seven months' argument, provides that money provided by the Federal airport aid law be reapportioned among the states if not spent.

Cordon said it would give Oregon \$788,509 during this fiscal year, instead of the \$534,714 the state would otherwise receive.

Other states, too, would get increased funds.

### Military Purge Threat Aired Caution Urged

**Unification Squabble May Result In Some Changes At Pentagon**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—Talk that military purges may be in the wind as a result of bitter armed forces disagreement over unification brought sharp words of caution today from two House members.

Rep. Spoke (R-Mo) and Sasser (D-Md) spoke up in the wake of spreading reports that some heads may roll in the Pentagon as an aftermath of the congressional hearings which wound up yesterday.

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Short, expressing concern over the rumors, said he intends to see to it that Johnson sticks to per-

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### Wholesale Meat Plant Opened By Jim Decker

Featuring "old fashioned" curing of meats, Jim Decker, former manager of the Safeway meat department here, opened his own wholesale meat business on the Pacific highway north of the city this week.

Known as Decker's, the business is located in a newly constructed building just south of the Airport road. The building has the "largest walk-in ice box in town," he said.

Decker came here almost four years ago from Vancouver, Wash., where he learned the meat business from his father, who has the only "old fashioned" meat curing business in Washington state.

The "old fashioned" cure, Decker explained, is a brine soak for 30 to 40 days. Decker also will have a smokehouse, which has not yet been erected.

In addition to wholesaling meat obtained locally, Decker will also furnish fresh and cured meats from Portland packing houses to local butchers, grocers and restaurants. He will also cut and wrap meat for cold storage lockers.

**County Grand Jury To Convene On Oct. 31**  
Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly has issued an order directing the Douglas county grand jury to convene Monday, Oct. 31, at 10 a. m. in the courthouse.

Members of the jury, appointed for the February term but held over for the May and November terms, include Thomas Webb, Helen J. Gallap, Richard L. Preston, Stanley E. Short, John N. Boor, Ethel Catching and Lyle Marsters.

Criminal and other investigations will be made by the grand jury, prior to the beginning of the November term Monday, Nov. 14.

### United Nations Week Observance To Be Made Here

Local observance of United Nations Week, Oct. 23-29, will open Sunday, with mention of the event to be made by several Roseburg ministers during church services.

Robert Kidder, special services officer at the Roseburg Veterans hospital, said hospital chaplains will join fellow ministers in observing the occasion during church services there, both in the auditorium and outdoors.

Radio station KRBR will carry special programs on the theme Monday. Byron Price, assistant secretary-general of United Nations, will be guest speaker Monday on the "Veteran Wants to Know" program, sponsored by the Veterans administration.

The local J. C. Perney's store will feature a special weeklong United Nations window display. Store Manager Bruce Elliott said the exhibit has been arranged in cooperation with city officials and the local Lions club.

Elliott, also a member of the Roseburg Lions, said the club will note the observance of the occasion during their regular Thursday night meeting. Lions International is the only service organization to hold an advisory seat on the UN council, Elliott said. One of the important functioning committees in the United Nations organization is the United Nations committee, according to Elliott.

**Trains Ordered To Cut Use Of Coal**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered a 25 percent cut in the operation of coal-burning passenger locomotives on all railroads that have 25 or less days supply of coal on hand.

The order is effective at midnight Tuesday, Oct. 25, and will continue in effect for two months. The ICC said reserve stocks of railroad locomotive coal have reached a dangerous low level and are further decreasing.

It said it was of the opinion "that an emergency exists requiring immediate action in all sections of the country."

The order, which applies to travel both between states, to other countries and within states, directs railroads to reduce their coal-burning passenger locomotive miles to an equivalent of 25 percent less than were operated on Oct. 1.

**Drunkness Charged**  
State police last night arrested Gerald Donnelly, 18, Roseburg, in answer to complaints of residents of Cloverdale Park who said he was "trying to walk into their houses," Sgt. Lyle Harrell said today.

Donnelly was lodged in the county jail, charged with being drunk on a public highway.

**Drunk Driving Alleged**  
Jim E. Crouch, 27, Coquille, was arrested last night by state police four miles south of here, charged with driving while intoxicated, according to Sgt. Lyle Harrell.

Arrested at the same time was Ronald Douglas Burr, 31, also of Coquille, charged with being drunk on a public highway.

Both men were lodged in the county jail.

### STOP WITCH HUNTING

## Advice Is Given By Nobel Prize-Winning Scientist; Says Russia Knows Secret

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A Nobel prize winning scientist pitched a verbal bombshell at the American people today. He said the Russians are moving faster than the U. S. in atomic development and soon may be ahead of us.

And Dr. Harold C. Urey, the scientist honored for discovering heavy hydrogen, had a ready-made reason:

"The U. S. is too concerned about military secrecy. It is time that we take stock of this situation and recognize it for what it is," Dr. Urey declared, and it is time that we stop witch hunting about the "secret" which obviously now does not exist.

He gave his views at a press conference yesterday. So did Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, war-time atomic research chief.

Dr. Urey said "I would fire every security officer in every atomic plant and laboratory in the United States with the exception of Los Alamos." Los Alamos was excepted, he said, because of its military detail value.

"Childish," scoffed Gen. Groves. The general said U. S. atomic secrecy since World War Two was needed to give European nations "breathing time for recovery. We would have shortened the time for Russian discovery of the atom bomb by making our information.

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## YMCA Board Of Directors Hear Reports On Projects At Monthly Meeting Here

Roseburg's YMCA board of directors, who met Thursday night, heard several reports and discussions. Marlan Yoder, YMCA general secretary, reported on the program the "Y" will try to carry on this winter.

The exercise hour, already started, is being carried on every Thursday at 5:30 p. m. in the junior high gym. This program is available to any man of the community who cares to participate at a cost of only 25 cents.

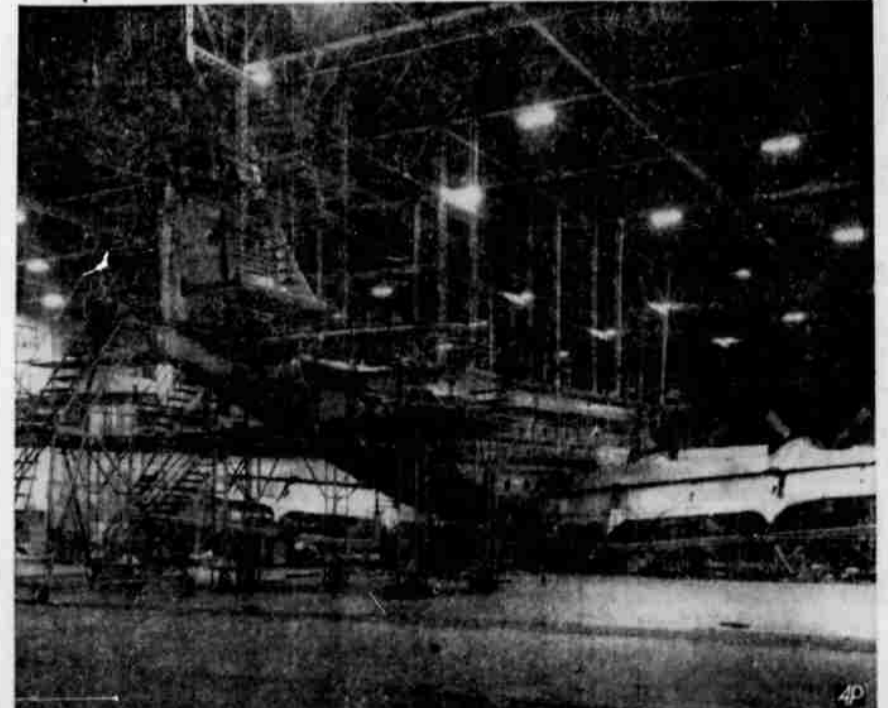
A basketball league is being organized for men who just want to get out and play for the fun of it. The plan is to have each team furnish its own equipment, balls and one person to referee a game each week. Under these stipulations, Yoder pointed out, the league can run on the mere cost of the gym facilities. So far Umpqua Plywood, Christian church, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and possibly the Elks have expressed a desire to take part. Any other teams desiring to join should contact Yoder.

A church league will be organized around the first of the year. This league will be for grade school youngsters. They will play their games on Saturday afternoon. A church council will be formed consisting of a representative from each church entering a team. This council will determine all the rules for the league.

A report was given on the craft program, to start November 1 and continue every Tuesday through the winter and spring. The meeting place will be the Methodist church social room. Many different crafts are to be featured. It was pointed out that the program is for adults who will use the skill acquired in teaching youngsters of various groups.

Mention was made of the progress of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y. Some 22 new members were taken into the girl's group and nine new members into the boy's group. The officers will attend an

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**SERVICE DOCK FOR CLIPPER**—A double-deck clipper undergoes inspection at new Pan American overhaul base in Miami. Steel tubing and trusses contain 75 tons of metal.

### Shoplifters Are Blamed For Loss Of Mink Coat

Shoplifters today were blamed for the loss of a mink coat valued at about \$500, taken from Mable Lewis's dress shop late Thursday afternoon, according to Police Chief Calvin H. Baird.

Chief Baird said the theft was not discovered until Friday when employees saw that the coat was missing from the stock room. A sales clerk, alone at the time the coat was presumably stolen, said she remembered two men and a woman had entered the store and talked to her. Police believe one of the trio slipped into the stock room and picked up the coat while the clerk's attention was distracted by the other two.

According to Baird, a similar theft occurred at Medford the day before the Roseburg incident. Medford authorities said three persons, believed to be those who entered the local store, made off with a fur coat valued at approximately \$1,300.

Local police have alerted authorities in other cities.

Dale William Parry, 18, Melrose route, was arrested last night on a charge of petty larceny, following an alleged shoplifting incident, according to Police Chief Calvin H. Baird.

Chief Baird said an employee of the local Montgomery Ward store claimed to have sighted Parry as he walked out the front door with an electric drill valued at \$25.

The employee gave chase through town, only to lose his suspect in the brush on W. Lane street. City police were notified and Parry was taken into custody later that day, Chief Baird said.

Parry was arraigned in justice court this morning and pleaded guilty. Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes fined him \$50.

**Holdup Man Gets \$2,000 From Loan Company**  
SEATTLE, Oct. 22.—(AP)—A lone bandit held up a clerk at the Provident Loan Company, Inc. shortly after noon Friday and escaped with an estimated \$2,000, C. E. Larson, company manager, told police.

The well-dressed robber, wearing dark glasses and carrying a revolver, ordered a woman employee to give him the money from the cash drawer and the vault.

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## Something New Promised By Roseburg Women's Club For Flower Show Tuesday

Something new in the way of floral shows has been promised by Mrs. P. E. Beaver, who with Mrs. J. J. Kester, is co-chairman of the coming Roseburg Women's Club flower show.

Since recent frosts have killed or otherwise damaged many flowers and shrubs, Mrs. Beaver said fruit and vegetables as well as flowers and shrubs will be used in decorations.

The show is scheduled to open Tuesday at the Methodist church at 1 p. m. and run until 30 p. m. Wednesday. The show will run from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. All displays will be left in place until completion of the show Wednesday.

According to Mrs. Beaver, there are a number of "real artists" in arrangement who will participate in the exhibit. A number of interesting and novel displays are anticipated.

The affair will feature the educational aspect of floral display and arrangement. The various flowers and shrubs will be tagged with exact specimen names and plans are to have an informed person on hand to answer any questions which may be asked.

Nurserymen and florists are cooperating to help make this year's exhibit more complete, and a reference table of magazines and books relating to the subject will be displayed.

Mrs. Beaver said her organization believes there is a need for more information and education on the subjects of growing and arranging flowers and shrubs. An added advantage to persons attending the show will be to gain information which will aid in planting or transplanting, much of which is done during this fall season.

Plants, shrubs and home-made candy will be offered for sale during the two-day exhibit.

**Levity Fact Rant**  
By L. F. Reizenstein

Soon be time to frame resolutions for 1950. Atone for those you broke this year by opening your heart and your purse to the Community Chest.