

Forgery Charge Hits Spouse In Alleged Plot

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Nov. 15.—(AP)—A new charge—forgery hung over Mrs. Margaret Platt today.

In addition, Prosecutor James Munro said he would ask the State Supreme court to reverse Superior Judge H. G. Sutton's decision sustaining a defense plea for dismissal of attempted murder charges against the Bremerton housewife.

The 31-year-old mother of two children had been charged with attempted murder after admitting in a signed statement that she paid a \$324 down payment to have her husband killed. She said his persistent love-making

over their 15 years of marriage prompted the plot.

Defense attorneys argued yesterday that the facts in the information did not justify the charge—that the issue was one of intent, rather than attempt. Judge Sutton agreed.

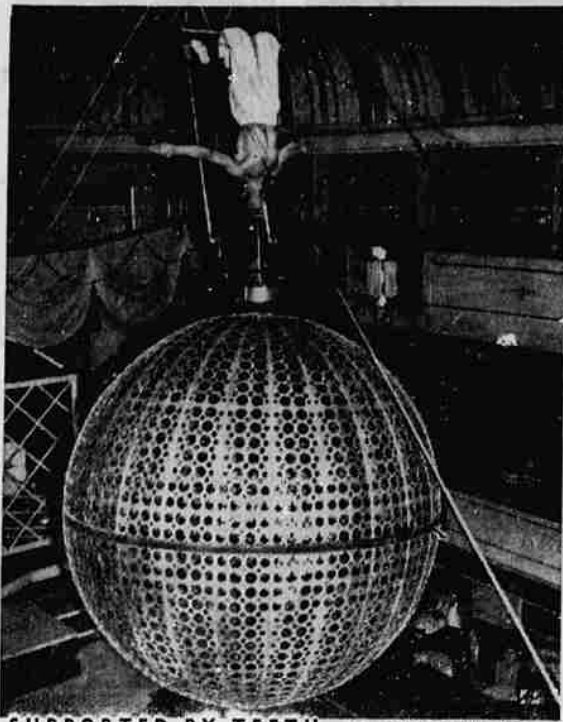
Munro promptly served oral notice of appeal. He told newsmen that if the Supreme court upholds Judge Sutton, he will file an amended complaint charging Mrs. Platt with conspiracy to attempt murder.

The forgery charge now faced by the defendant is based on her alleged forgery of her husband's name on the title of the family car, which she sold shortly before a planned flight with Hollis D. Scott, 23.

It was Scott, a former private detective, whom Mrs. Platt named in her signed statement as accepting the down payment on the \$1,000 plot to slay her husband, Wilford, 34, Scott and Wallis Morton, 22, said by Mrs. Platt to have posed as the "triggerman," have pleaded innocent to charges of grand larceny by embezzlement.

Both have denied any intention of carrying out the plot.

The forgery charge was filed with Justice of the Peace Ross Watt, who set bail at \$5,000 and then reduced it to \$1,000 at the request of defense attorneys.



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Keeping Of Rural Voting Power Aim Of Farm Bureau

LA GRANDE, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The Oregon Farm Bureau federation opened convention sessions today with a campaign to retain rural voting power in the state

legislature at the head of the program.

The Resolutions committee was told yesterday to draft policies aimed at "protection of rural voting power" against inroads of growing city electorates.

Three specific resolutions were suggested by the house of delegates. They were:

- 1—Require signatures on initiative and referendum petitions to be representative of all sections of the state;
- 2—All bills of initiative measures should be accompanied by revenue provisions cleared by the State Tax commission;
- 3—Opposition to any reapportionment of the legislative districts that would "limit or divide" the voting power of rural Oregon.

County federations of Yamhill, Benton, Tillamook and Clatsop, newly organized the past year, were admitted into the state organization. President Lowell Steen, Salem, reported a 34 per cent membership gain since the last state session. He said 4037 Oregon families are now affiliated with the bureau.

A proposal to increase the state legal minimum content of butterfat in milk headed today's agenda after opening speeches.

The scientific name for jungle cat is *Felis chaus*.

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Truman Gets Nod Over Taft In Bid To Plowing Bee

URBANA, O., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Politically, Champaign county in West Central Ohio is usually almost solidly Republican.

It also will be the scene of the national plowing contest in the election year, 1950, when Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) may face his toughest fight for reelection.

The county committee planning the plowing contest, a group of 90 farmers, met last night to decide who should be invited here as the principal speaker of that Sept. 13, 1950, event.

Members present voted their choices in this manner:

For President Truman—30 votes. Sen. Anderson (D-N.M.) former secretary of agriculture, nine.

Milton Eisenhower, president of Kansas State college and brot-

her of General Ike—six. Senator Taft—one.

A letter of invitation soon will be in the mail to Missouri Democrat, Harry S. Truman.

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DAVIS, Calif.—(AP)—There's no such thing as the ideal olive, laments Prof. H. T. Hartman of the University of California college of agriculture here. But he's working on the idea. Some olives produce good oil, but are too small to pickle. Others make fine pickles but are poor for oil.

Some make good pickles and good oil too, but are "alternate producers" that yield a good crop one year and a poor one the next, he explains.

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