

Hospital Head Denies VFW Claim



CONFESSION REPUDIATED — John R. Crocker, 31, left houseboy and law student, has repudiated an earlier confession given Los Angeles police that he killed wealthy Bel Air divorcee Mrs. Norma McCauley, right. Denial came shortly after arraignment in court. His attorney, Raymond C. Simpson, said Crocker confessed to end 14 hours intensive grilling by officers. (NEA photo).

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Broad New Polio Research Planned

300,000 Shots Are Released By Authorities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government announced Friday a broad new research program is being set up aimed at improving the Salk polio vaccine and the production and testing methods now employed.

Simultaneously, it gave a boost to the present drubbing vaccination program by releasing approximately 300,000 shots of vaccine tested under new standards adopted seven weeks ago. It was the first vaccine to be released for use since June 6 and was manufactured by the Wyeth Laboratories of Marietta, Pa.

Surgeon General Leonard Scheele said the planned research program will be a cooperative one among the government, universities and industry. He predicted: "While largely developmental in character, with short-term objectives, it will undoubtedly uncover new scientific information that will aid in the long-range development of all viral vaccine."

The Health Service said the allocation of the 300,000 shots of vaccine released Friday will be up to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Shortly after the Health Service acted, a House commerce subcommittee unanimously approved a Democratic-sponsored bill to allocate federal funds to the states for free polio vaccine for children.

The bill is more liberal than the polio vaccine program requested by President Eisenhower, but less liberal than a bill being pushed by Democrats in the Senate. Eisenhower asked for 35 million dollars to provide free vaccine for about 20 per cent of the unvaccinated children under 20—those who can not afford to pay for it themselves.

The Senate bill would provide free vaccine for all children under 20 at a cost of about 135 million dollars. The committee reduced the Senate's allowance of \$600,000 for planning John Day Dam to \$350,000, but left unchanged the Senate's figures of \$236,000 planning and construction money for the Coos Bay, Ore., harbor improvement, and \$200,000 for the Tillamook, Ore., bay and bar project.

The committee also approved \$750,000 to dredge the Columbia River at its mouth, and \$646,200 to complete the Tacoma industrial waterway. Conferees pared \$50,000 from the Bonneville Power Administration's \$6,650,000 estimate, approved by the Senate, for operation and maintenance. Two Bonneville intakes deleted by the House were restored by the committee. The upper Olympic Peninsula service survey and the Olympia-Aberdeen transmission line.

A fishing trip for boys enrolled in the YMCA summer recreation program has been scheduled for next Monday, according to Don Naden, YMCA executive secretary.

New Radio Station Permit Is Granted For Roseburg Area

Douglas County's entertainment possibilities for the future were expanded for the second time this week with the announcement Thursday that an application for a new Roseburg radio station had been approved.

The announcement of approval was made by the Federal Communications Commission. The authorization to start a new station goes to Douglas Broadcasters Inc., Roseburg. It will operate a station on 950 kilocycles, one kilowatt in the daytime only.

Leroy Hilt, one of the incorporators of the station, said today that he would have more information on actual construction of the station as soon as the permit was received by Douglas Broadcasters. He said the new company had just been marking time while waiting for the notice of approval.

The first announcement of the new station came April 1 after Hilt reported he had resigned as manager of Roseburg station KRNR. Other incorporators of the company are Jim S. Whipple and E. G. Whipple, Drain lumbermen; Bernard Davis, Salem accountant; Harvey S. Benson, Portland attorney; and Bud Horn, Portland. Engineering for the firm was handled by Grant S. Feikert, member of the Oregon State College school of engineering. Most stock is held by the Whipples and Hilt.

This is the second announcement in two days of expansion of the county's airwave entertainment. Earlier Thursday, it was reported that the county will soon have a satellite television station in Roseburg.

Safeway Denies Antitrust Laws Violation Charge
FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — The president of Safeway Stores Inc. says the food store chain hasn't violated antitrust laws "unless meeting competition in good faith has become a crime."

A federal grand jury here Thursday indicted Safeway and two of its officers on charges of anti-trust violations in Texas and New Mexico. One indicted officer — President Lingam A. Warren of Oakland, Calif. — declared: "Safeway has in no way violated any antitrust laws unless meeting competition in good faith has become a crime."

White House Says President, Dulles Agree

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Friday there is no difference between President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles over the relative strength of the Soviet Union.

Press secretary James C. Hagerty made this statement in commenting on news stories about testimony which Dulles gave in a congressional hearing. The testimony—that the economy of the Soviet Union "is on the point of collapsing"—was given June 10 to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee in connection with the foreign aid program. It was released Thursday.

Some stories compared this with President Eisenhower's news conference remark Wednesday that so far as he knew "no individual in this government" had said the Russians at the Geneva Summit conference of the Big 4 will be negotiating from weakness. Dulles told the committee that the Soviets are "over-expanded, unable to meet their commitments," and are seeking "some respite against strains" of trying to keep pace with the Western world.

Washington State Prisoners Herded In Baseball Field
WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — The bulk of 1,700 inmates at Washington State Prison traded baseball bats for starchy last night—and didn't like it—as they reaped the first fruits of their two-day revolt.

Meanwhile, penitentiary officials harvested another crop of weapons, broken glass and damaged fixtures, totting up a bill that may run into six figures. Jammed cell locks and other damage plus the slow job of shaking down the whole prison for hidden weapons kept the prisoners outdoors last night, milling about on an athletic field within the walls.

Around them stood guards and state policemen carrying guns and clubs, alert against any revival of the revolt which started Tuesday with the seizure of nine hostages and control of most of the prison. The prisoners were herded outdoors yesterday after guards objected to trying a cell check with inmates in the cell.

Officials ordered the 33 tough convicts who sparked the revolt into cells with new locking devices. The cell shakedown produced large piles of weapons ranging from clubs to meat cleavers. A personal search of the 1,700-odd prisoners will be made before they are returned to cells.

Roseburg City Library To Be Closed Sundays
Miss Muriel Mitchell, Roseburg librarian, reports that the city library will not be open on Sundays through the remainder of July and August.

Thomas Conquers Treacherous Strait Of Juan De Fuca

VICTORIA, B. C., (AP) — Bert Thomas, stroking the steady beat of United States Marine Corps battle music, conquered cold, bad-tempered Strait of Juan de Fuca today, swimming the 13.3 miles from Port Angeles, Wash., in 11 hours, 10 minutes.

The former Marine frogman made it lucky 13 as he sidestepped his way to more than \$3,000 in prize money. The 14th attempt on the strait, which began at 1:58 a.m. PST, failed less than three hours later when Mrs. Ann Mungie Meraw, 36, noted Canadian distance swimmer of the 30s, was pulled out.

For Bert, a 270-pound logger out of Tacoma, Wash., it was the fifth attempt. For Mrs. Meraw it was the second. Thomas, who said the south-to-north swim was "the easy way" across the strait, started in daylight—at 5:55 p.m. PST yesterday—and ended in daylight, at 5:06 a.m. today. It was the first time the north-south swim had been attempted.

Mrs. Meraw's attempt was on the Victoria-to-Port Angeles route. From his pilot boat, Thomas' 11-year-old daughter Sharon chanted "go, Daddy, go." A Victoria radio station played battle songs at intervals, which were beamed to the lone figure in the water. In Port Angeles waited \$1,800 collected by public subscription for the first person to make the south-to-north crossing; ahead of him was the standing \$1,000 offer of the Victoria Daily Times for the first person to swim the strait in either direction.

As victory appeared certain, citizens and firms of Victoria pledged an additional \$700 and more was indicated. **Peron Fires 60 Argentine Navy, 25 Air Officers**
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — President Juan D. Peron has fired 60 officers of the Argentine Navy and 25 of the Air Force for the aerial bombing of his office in the government house in the June 16 revolt.

The decree of dismissal was issued Thursday night after the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces declared these officers to be rebels. Most of them are refugees in neighboring Uruguay. They flew there after the rebellion fell through.

The armed forces council is trying to catch the rebels in Buenos Aires including the Navy minister at the time of the revolt, Rear Adm. Anibal O. Oliveri, and two other admirals. Nine Navy captains are among the officers fired. The council at one time had 800 prisoners, but most have been freed, it was said. Many more are still being questioned.

The military developments came out as the opposition Radical Party, which challenged Peron to back up his peace talk with deeds, reported it has been denied radio time to answer a presidential speech.

William Keady Is Bound Over To Grand Jury

District Judge Warren Woodruff decided Thursday after hearing some of the state's witnesses that enough evidence was included in testimony to bind William Charles Keady, 26, Myrtle Creek, over to the grand jury.

Keady is charged with robbery by force and violence. According to the charge, Keady allegedly beat up Nyl Henry Boyd July 4 and took a wallet from him containing approximately \$112. Boyd of Box 165 Dillard was the chief witness on the stand in district court Thursday. He alleged Keady, a husky man, had stepped out of a car with him on the new highway behind Community Hospital and had hit him "at least five times." He said the attack dazed him and then Keady allegedly took his wallet from him. The wallet was introduced as evidence by prosecutor Don Sanders, deputy district attorney.

Boyd said he had been picked up by Keady in Dillard after Boyd's wife had taken the car keys away from him because he had been drinking. He said he and Keady were later joined by Ralph Raymond Lee, 30, Winston, and the three (after drinking more beer) started on what he said he thought was a drive to Oakland. He said they ended up later on the new highway where the alleged attack took place.

Lee also went on the stand. He said he was drunk and had not exited from the car during the alleged attack. He said he heard what he thought was fighting but "I didn't think it was any of my business." Lee is also charged with the same crime. Dep. Sheriff Larry Wright also testified. He said Keady had admitted fighting with Boyd, but had denied taking the money. Mrs. Boyd also testified. Keady did not appear on the stand. Judge Woodruff continued bail of \$5,000 and bound the man over to the grand jury after the hour and 15-minute preliminary hearing.

Distress Report Declared Hoax
NEW YORK (AP) — The Coast Guard called off a search Friday for a ship which was reported sinking Thursday. The alarm was "undoubtedly a hoax," the Coast Guard said. The search began at 2:25 a.m. Thursday when a distress call was received over radiotelephone. The call purportedly came from a fishing boat which identified itself as "the Blue Star." It said it was sinking after striking a "strange object off the New Jersey coast."

At Camden, James Doyle, Coast Guard public information officer, said the search turned up only a defective life preserver and an oil slick in the area where the boat was supposed to have sunk. Such discoveries are not uncommon, he said. Doyle said the distress message was sent on a ship-to-ship frequency that does not carry far, and that it possibly may have been sent from some transmitter on land.

Gerald Johnson Hired As New City Patrolman
Gerald Johnson, Winston, has been employed as a patrolman on the Roseburg Police Dept., according to Police Chief Stan Olson. Johnson, who has no previous police experience, was employed, before his appointment, by the Hanna Nickel Smelting Co., Riddle. The appointment came after written and oral examinations given by the city. The new officer is married and has two small sons. He is 25. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Sorely Sr., Winston. Olson said Johnson has been assigned to the swing shift.

2 Power Saws Stolen From Logging Operation
Miles Standley complained to the Sheriff's Dept. that two power saws, miscellaneous tools and 20 or 30 gallons of gasoline, all valued at about \$700, were stolen from him early this week. The property was taken from a logging operation near Camas Valley, Standley said.

Resolution Hits Morale Of Employees

Manager George Wadsworth said today that he was surprised and shocked at the charges made against the Roseburg Veterans Hospital Thursday in a unanimously adopted resolution by Veterans of Foreign Wars at their state convention at Oceanlake.

The resolution called attention to what it termed "low morale of employees there." The resolution requested a change of management and dietician at the hospital. Delegates said the request will be sent to the administrator of veterans' affairs in Washington, D.C. Local delegates could not be contacted today for additional comments.

Manager Wadsworth was stunned, however. He said he was particularly surprised when he heard about the resolution this morning because he had been invited to attend the convention. He said he and Robert Kidder, chief of special services and director of voluntary services, had actually been present at the opening of convention Wednesday. At that time, he said, no indication of dissatisfaction was made by the VFW members.

"I don't know of any low morale," he said. Personnel assistant Ralph Church made the statement even bolder. He said morale among employees was "the highest it has ever been."

Continuing, Dr. Wadsworth verbally opened the gates to "all service organizations at any time." He stated that any organization or individual may look the hospital over. That has always been the policy, Wadsworth said. In addition, he said, both regular and irregular inspections are made by the VA area office in San Francisco and the head office in Washington.

24 Billion Road Program Proposed By Subcommittee
WASHINGTON (AP) — A House public works subcommittee decided Friday on a 24 billion dollar, 12 year interstate road building program and on a big boost in highway user taxes to help pay for it.

Members of the subcommittee, headed by Rep. Fallon (D-Md.), said a majority reached general agreement along these lines but postponed formal action. The subcommittee was appointed to try to end a stalemate in which it had blocked action on any of numerous rival proposals for a vast new road building program.

President Eisenhower has advocated the multi-billion dollar construction plan but proposed financing it largely through bonds, outside the federal debt. The Senate discarded the bond proposal and passed a similar bill by Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.) without precise provision for financing. Some House members have insisted that the road building program should provide for tax increases to help pay for it.

The Public Works subcommittee agreement was said to call for this schedule of tax hikes, to raise 11 to 12 billion dollars over a 14 year period: Gasoline taxes increased from 2 to 3 cents per gallon; diesel fuel from 2 to 6 cents; heavy truck tires, 5 to 15 cents a pound; heavy truck tubes, 9 to 15 cents a pound. The proposal also would increase excise taxes on trucks from 8 to 10 per cent.

Conferees Clear Hurdle With Plans To Construct Three New Northwest Dams

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plans to build three new dams in the Pacific Northwest cleared a major hurdle Thursday with approval by a Senate-House conference committee of a compromise public works appropriations bill.

After a daylong meeting, the conferees adopted the Senate version and agreed to recommend one million dollars to start construction of Ice Harbor Dam in Washington, \$500,000 for construction and planning Cougar Dam in Oregon, and \$310,000 for construction and planning Hills Creek Dam, also in Oregon.

The compromise bill now goes to the Senate and House and if approved will be sent to the White House. The committee approved a start on the Ice Harbor Dam after it had received assurances that over-fishing rather than power dams are responsible for decreased salmon runs in the Columbia River.

Only 169 Children Receive Second Shots
Only 169 children showed up Wednesday for administering of their second Salk anti-polio vaccine shots according to Mrs. Lavenia Miller, supervisor of public health nurses in the County Health Dept.

The clinic was one of three scheduled this month for second shots of the vaccine. First shots were given last month to 473 children in three clinics. In the first of the June clinics, 228 children, who will be second and third graders next year, appeared for their first shots. Mrs. Miller pointed out that clinics for second shots will be held on July 12 and 19.

In The Day's News
By FRANK JENKINS
Today's hardest hard luck story: The city of Atlanta, which advertises itself as the peach capital of the world, is peaches this summer, and in order to satisfy the tourists who demand "those matinee Georgia peaches" for breakfast it is having to import peaches from California. A refrigerated truck, loaded to the eyebrows with them, left Fresno county this morning, destination Atlanta. A spokesman for the packer that is supplying the fruit declines to give out figures but adds with a trace of smugness that the price is the highest ever paid for peaches from the Fresno area.

It's another example of the working out of the proverb: "What's one man's meat is another man's poison." What happened to the Georgia peach crop? It's another casualty of this freak weather year. It was wiped out. (Continued on Page 4 Col. 6)

The Weather
Mostly cloudy today, tonight and Saturday with scattered showers. Highest temp. last 24 hours — 81 Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 56 Highest temp. any July — 107 Lowest temp. any July — 40 Precip. last 24 hours — .10 Precip. from July 1 — .11 Precip. from Sept. 1 — 22.55 Deficiency from Sept. 1 — 7.51 Sunset tonight, 7:55 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 4:41 a.m.

Ex-South Dakotan Buys Auction Business Here
Virgil Munion, formerly of Huron, S.D., announced Thursday that he has leased the Roseburg Auction, 1807 Grandview St., from Harry Hagman Jr.

He said he plans to continue the Friday evening sales and hopes to reopen the livestock auctions which were discontinued about 1 1/2 years ago. Munion said he will bring his wife and two children to Roseburg soon. He operated an auction house and furniture store in Huron before coming to the west coast. Hagman will continue to operate Harry's Furniture Store, 1835 N. Stephens St.

Salmon Harbor Dedication Scheduled For Saturday
Public-owned Salmon Harbor, Douglas County's major attraction to tourists, is expected to have plenty of the home folks on hand Saturday morning when the new \$65,000 addition to the recreation plant is dedicated.

Gov. Paul Patterson will be the featured speaker in the ceremony, which will last between 9 and 11 a.m. The addition recently was completed after the money was put up by the Douglas County Court. Half of the amount went as a loan to the Port of Umpqua Commission, and the county will pay for the rest of the improvements in the joint public recreation venture.

Included in the improvements are the addition of a 404-foot moorage float containing eight slips, a deep-water moorage basin to provide sheltered moorage for pleasure boats and about five acres of new shoreline area built up of dredgings. Parking facilities have been increased to handle large crowds. The mighty salmon was the cause of all the improvements, which approximately double the capacity of the harbor and facilities. The Umpqua River bar fast is becoming one of the most popular angling sites on the West Coast.

Incidentally, the salmon haven't failed promoters of the dedication. Angling prospects at the harbor this weekend are described as "hot." Not so coincidentally, a heavy use of harbor facilities is looked for during the day. A second featured visitor at the dedication will be Carl (Bobo) Olson, world's middleweight boxing champion. Several prominent conservationists are on the program with the governor. Luncheon will be prepared by ladies of the Winchester Bay Grange.

Levity Fact Rant
By L. F. Reizenstein
According to a British medical authority, Jack Dempsey's chewing gum habit that strengthened his jaws probably saved him from a knockout in his 1921 bout with Georges Carpentier when the French challenger hit him "near his mandibular symphysis." This should warn the pugilistic intelligentsia to "bone up" on anatomy and improve its defensive technique accordingly.

Myrtle Creek Man Gets Citation For Accident
Kenneth Earl Mahoney, Myrtle Creek, Thursday afternoon was cited for failure to heed a stop sign by Roseburg police following a two-car collision at Pine and Mosher streets. Driver of the other car was Samuel Mitchell Moore, 1120 Pilger St. Damage to the cars totaled \$225.

Brian H. Nielson, 23 S. Chadwick St., also reported to police Thursday that his car was struck by an unidentified car. The driver of the second car drove away without leaving his name.

DENIES DRIVING CHARGE
Elanah Junior Sweet, 29, Portland, pleaded innocent Thursday when arraigned in municipal court on a charge of driving while under the influence of liquor. Acting Municipal Judge John Horn set bail at \$300, which Sweet posted, but trial date wasn't set. Sweet was arrested Wednesday evening by Roseburg police.