

CRIME PROBLEM IS AIRED BY McMAHAN

Social Injustice Stressed in Jurist's Talk Before Lions; Hits Critics

Problems of passing sentences in criminal cases, and especially on youthful offenders, were presented to the Lions club yesterday noon by Judge L. H. McMahan of the criminal department of circuit court here. McMahan interspersed his remarks with cracks at newspaper editors and business men—mostly editors—who criticize him "but never come to investigate."

Judge McMahan holds a law which makes a petty larceny a penal offense must be changed and some form of parole for convicted youths worked out. He decried practices of officers in grilling prisoners and holding them incommunicado, and declared officers have no business to try to wring confessions from prisoners.

McMahan says the difference between a good man and a gangster is the difference between the mentality of the two men. He presented two problems of "victims of social injustice" now before his court; one that of a sub-normal youth arrested for stealing a

chicken; the other of an unusually alert youth who forged a \$25 check the day he was released from prison after serving a 60-day sentence imposed by McMahan on another charge.

"The state of Oregon is not interested in convicting any man who is not guilty," the judge said in denouncing that "cases today develop into a contest between the attorneys on either side."

He declared he has known a cases where "the grand jury has unanimously indicted a leading citizen for felony, yet the district attorney has refused to draw the indictment and has discharged the grand jury to prevent an indictment." Later he praised the fairness of the present Marion county district attorney.

Meier Message Now Completed

Preparation of Governor Meier's last state paper—his message to the new legislature—was completed yesterday after the governor had conferred at length with the executive offices here concerning the address. The state printer will have the text today in time to prepare copies for all legislative members for distribution shortly after noon Monday. It was understood at the statehouse yesterday that initial proofs of the message of Governor-elect Martin were already available for his reading and revision.

Camera Glimpses Into Interior of Court at Hauptmann Trial



This graphic photo shows an interior view of the courtroom at Flemington, N. J., where Bruno Richard Hauptmann is on trial for his life, charged with the kidnaping and murder of the Lindbergh baby. In the foreground are part of the many newspapermen "covering" the trial; upper center, the jury, and right, the counsel tables and judge's bench.

STARCH OF SWEET POTATO EXTRACTED

Unique Factory Producing Profit for Farmers of Mississippi

By SAM S. FARRINGTON
LAUREL, Miss. (P)—White starch extracted from sweet potatoes in a state-owned plant set up with federal relief funds and run on a cooperative basis is pouring profits into the pockets of Mississippi farmers.

The factory is the only one of its kind in the United States. And it is producing large quantities of the commodity which the United States imported heretofore at the rate of about 200,000,000 pounds a year.

It all started when Dr. F. H. Thurber, soil chemist of the United States department of agriculture, discovered the starch-making process and started searching for means to try it out in wholesale production. His proposal that the test be made in this section, long known as good sweet potato country, fell on receptive ears. It came at an opportune time for farmers were seeking ways to utilize vast acreage left idle by federal cotton control.

Banker Helped Get Loan
And so a loan was obtained from the federal emergency relief administration to set up the plant. An old lumber mill was bought and reconditioned. Then the project was placed under supervision of Mississippi's farm experiment station.

Success of the plant is credited in large measure to the leadership of Frank Wisner, Laurel banker. His fancy caught by Dr. Thurber's plan, Wisner journeyed to Washington and laid the proposal before Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins who approved a loan.

In the meantime farmers of the community had obtained \$10,000 from the relief administration to purchase seed potatoes. These were planted on hundreds of acres that formerly grew nothing but cotton.

200 Bushels Per Acre
The crop thrived during the summer and now the bountiful harvest is pouring into the factory which pays 20 cents a bushel for prime potatoes and culls alike.

The average acre yields about 200 bushels which sells for \$40. And that, agricultural experts agree, is more than a farmer can make from the average acre of cotton.

Banker Wisner, who likes to call the plant "my baby," visits it daily and keeps a watchful eye on the books of the operating cooperative, chartered as Sweet Potato Growers, Inc. He predicts the industry will spread to all sweet potato belts, furnishing

employment to thousands in factories and opening a new avenue for cash to flow to farmers.

10 Tons of Starch Daily
Although production at the Laurel plant has not been stepped up to full capacity, the factory is designed to consume 60 tons of potatoes and turn out 10 tons of starch daily. If a profit is shown, it will be divided among members of the co-op.

All the while the federal government, particularly the department of agriculture, is keeping a keen eye on the plant. If extended operations prove high grade starch can be produced at a cost low enough to compete with foreign manufacturers, the plan is to spread out to other southern states, all of which are well adapted to sweet potato growing.

RASMUSSEN HELD UPON NEW CHARGE

On the eve of trial of his appeal on a drunken driving charge, Antonie Rasmussen was arrested yesterday for driving his car during the period in which his driver's license is revoked. Haled before Justice of the Peace Hayden late in the afternoon, Rasmussen had freshers arranged \$500 bail, pending 2 p. m. today when he is slated to enter a plea.

In justice court, Rasmussen said he was on the way to town to see his attorney about the trial in circuit court today when he was arrested.

Rasmussen, who lives east of town, was found guilty by a justice court jury last April 19 of driving while drunk and a 30-day jail sentence, from which the defendant took appeal. This is the appeal case today.

Address of Mrs. Hobbie Desired

Information regarding the address of whereabouts of Mrs. Billie Hobbie or Mrs. Jane Hobbie has been requested through the chamber of commerce here by the woman's sister, Mrs. James Durand, route one, Marshfield, Mrs. Hobbie at one time owned a home in West Salem on McNary avenue, the sister writes, adding that she is anxious to get in touch with her.

Canned Goods is Moving Rapidly

Canned goods is moving from warehouses here in fine shape for this time of year, one cannerman said yesterday. No indications of outlook for next year from the grower angle are available yet, as canners indicate it will be two months before they send buyers into the field for any fruits.

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POLICE STILL BUSY NABBING VIOLATORS

City police yesterday continued to check traffic violations, convinced that prompt attention would be given the persons arrested when they appeared in recorder's court here. Six traffic law violations were placed on the police blotter during the day.

J. A. Brown was booked for alleged reckless driving and operating without a driver's license; Ernst C. Murphy of Portland was charged with speeding; Francis P. Schlegel of Portland was charged with reckless driving; Mrs. Evan

Unitarian Group Names Trustees For Coming Year

Trustees elected for the First Unitarian church at the annual meeting Wednesday night are Kenneth Randall, Edwin C. Goodenough, Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Mrs. Miles McKay and Miss Ethel M. Fletcher.

The congregation voted a permanent call to Rev. Richardson Tebbets, who came here as temporary minister September 9, when the church resumed active sessions after nearly a year without a minister.

The church was reported in good shape financially.

PER PUPIL COST OF EDUCATION IS CUT

The total cost of conducting the Oregon grade and high schools for the year 1933 and 1934 was approximately \$5,500,000 less than during 1929 and 1930, according to the biennial report of Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, released yesterday.

The cost per pupil, grade and high schools combined, for the year 1933 and 1934 was \$77.53 as against \$103.87 in 1929 and 1930. For the year 1933 and 1934 the highest per pupil cost of the grades was in Jefferson county. There were 14 schools in this county which had an average enrollment of eight pupils. In this county the pupil-teacher ratio was low with the result that the pupil cost was high.

In those counties where there were comparatively few small rural schools the pupil cost was much lower than in the less populous counties of eastern and central Oregon.

The low per pupil cost in Lincoln county in 1933 and 1934 was due partly to the shortened term of all schools.

Howard said it should be borne in mind that a low per pupil cost is not necessarily an indication of efficiency. On the other hand a high per pupil cost may be due to

Still Possession Charged to Lam

Freddy T. Lam was arrested Thursday night in the hills above Seilo by federal alcohol bureau agents and brought before U. S. Commissioner Lars Bergsvik on a charge of possessing a still and whiskey. He was bound over to the federal grand jury and bail was fixed at \$1000, which Lam was unable to furnish. He was taken to Multnomah county pending hearing.

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Standardizing of Law School Near

Prospects for standardization of the Willamette university law school look good, Dean Roy M. Lockenour said yesterday following recent conferences with graduates of the school in Portland. Lockenour said he would release in the next few weeks a statement on the progress which has been made of late towards bringing the school to standard. The dean said he anticipated a larger attendance in the law school here next year. A new building for the school is an objective at the university, he said, although standardization is a more imperative need of the department.

Permits Revoked — Governor Meier today issued a proclamation revoking 978 domestic and 46 foreign corporation licenses which are two years delinquent. Of the domestic licenses 914 involved private corporations, 53 mining and 11 cooperative.

Case Continued — Charges of driving while intoxicated faced by James H. Maden will go to trial before a jury in justice court next Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock, the case having been continued to that time from this afternoon.

Pays Dollar — Riding with four in the front seat cost Ernest Ermante Hayes a dollar when he appeared before the justice of the peace yesterday.

Coming Events

January 11 and 12 — Keizer Community club play at Chemawa hall, 8 p. m.

January 12 — Taxpayers league meets chamber of commerce, 1:30 p. m.

January 14 — Governor inaugurated, legislature convenes.

January 14 — Annual meeting Willamette Valley Production Credit association, chamber of commerce here, 10 a. m.

January 16 — Semi-annual meeting of Oregon Mining congress here.

January 18 — League of Oregon Cities, semi-annual meet, chamber of commerce.

January 21 — Hop code hearing Marion hotel.

January 25 — Annual banquet Cascade Area Boy Scouts.

January 26 — Valley Legion members bonus rally here.

January 26 — Oregon Jersey Cattle club, all day convention, Marion hotel.

January 28 — Second semester public schools begin.

February 7 — Examinations given for police department applicants.

February 8 — Eugene Glennon at armory.

February 15 — Eugene Philharmonic orchestra concert.

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