

## Judge Sloper Finds Use for Psychology as Well as Law

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Val Sloper, who is rounding out his first year as Marion County district court judge, freely admits these days that he is rapidly becoming a wise judge.

Wise, that is, in handling the affairs of his court. His busy chambers in the Public School Administration Building usually take on the air of a court of human relations.

In a typical day in court the young judge often must assume the roles of a soft-hearted professor, a hard-headed magistrate, a psychologist, an arbitrator, a stern parent and a researching writer of judicial decisions.

In between times he must frequently direct taxpayers how to find the county assessor's or other county offices which are housed in the same building as district court.

"One of the most searching problems of this job," says Sloper, "is meting out just punishment in all cases. A \$5 fine may be a more weighty hardship for one man than a \$50 fine for another. If I impose a minimum fine on a poor man, the word gets around and even the well-to-do violators expect the same consideration."

The judge recalls vividly the case involving the Salem man who was arrested on a traffic violation. The man sent his wife to court to appear for him. Judge Sloper levied a \$25 fine plus \$5 court costs. The woman immediately burst into tears right in the courtroom.

### Cuts Fine, Adds Lecture

Remaining clear of the spray Sloper soon got to the heart of the trouble. It seems the woman's husband had given her only \$25, and had warned her not to come home if the fine exceeded that amount. So the judge, almost in self-defense, reduced the fine—but added a short, stern lecture.

A case replete with more pathos and demanding more study was that of the young man who, finding himself broke on his wife's birthday, stole a bottle of perfume from a local store for a gift. He had no money to pay a fine, and if he went to jail someone else would have to support his family.

After some consideration Judge Sloper suspended imposition of a sentence and placed the miscreant on probation. The fellow had to get a job and report to the court periodically. Now, says Sloper, the man is "doing fine."

Then there was the motorist who was nabbed while doing 60 miles an hour in the Keizer district. Sloper imposed a moderate \$25 fine—it could have been \$100. The speedster then waxed belligerent and accused his honor of "picking" on him. Sloper waxed stern and the fellow paid up—it was either that or a jail bunk.

"Responsible" Citizens  
Other headaches to the judge are some of the community's "responsible" citizens who demand extreme leniency because "this is the first time I've ever been picked up for this."

And lots of persons bristle at the extra \$5 court costs tagged onto regular fines. The judge explains that he is required by law to collect this additional stipend (or more) on criminal and traffic cases.

Approximately 50 per cent of district court business involves criminal and traffic cases. The rest is civil matters. In one year—February, 1951, to February, 1952—the court handled 1,905 criminal cases and 1,135 civil cases.

Funds handled by the court, including fines and bail-money, will average about \$5,500 per month. And last December the amount came to \$9,000.

Cases involving juveniles are turned over by Sloper to Circuit Judge Joseph Felton's court. Sloper only sees the youths-in-trouble when they make a first appearance in his court on criminal warrants. Speaking in general

terms Judge Sloper feels that lots of juvenile trouble could be avoided if parents supervised more closely the out-of-home activities of their children.

All in all, though, Judge Sloper is a man who enjoys his work. He feels the courts, properly operated, are the basis and the safeguard of human rights. "The greatest satisfaction in this profession," he says, "is the feeling of having done a good job."

## McKay Says Ike Would Win 3 Coast States

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Oregon Republican governor, Douglas McKay, predicted here Sunday that Gen. Eisenhower would carry California, Oregon and Washington if nominated.

Both McKay and Colorado's Gov. Dan Thornton expressed doubt at a joint news conference that Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) would be able to carry their respective states. The two governors are Eisenhower backers.

Only Oregon of the 11 Far Western states voted Republican in 1948.

All 18 of Oregon's GOP delegates are pledged to Eisenhower. Thornton said the Colorado delegation was split 15 for Eisenhower, two for Taft and one for Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor.

### On Third Ballot

Thornton even went so far as to predict Eisenhower would win the nomination on the third ballot at the national convention, drawing strength from uncommitted and favorite son delegates, and even from those friendly to Taft on a third ballot "stampede."

The two state executives are here to attend the 44th annual governors' conference opening Monday.

However, two other Republican governors said the GOP faces an "uphill fight" to elect a president in November, no matter who the nominee is.

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### Will Work for Taft

Both Kohler and Driscoll said they believe Eisenhower more easily could carry their states than Taft. But both said that if Taft is the nominee they will work for him vigorously.

## District Judge, Attorney Confer



Marion County District Court Judge Val Sloper (left) and Ervin W. Potter, local attorney, look over legal papers in the judge's chambers. Judge Sloper will have completed his first year on the bench on Aug. 1.

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## 2 Salem Men on Aircraft Carrier Returning to U. S.

Two Salem men will be aboard the aircraft carrier Valley Forge when it returns to San Diego Thursday, two years to the day after it entered combat action off Korea.

The men are Kenneth W. Smell, storekeeper second class, of 1176 S. 14th St.; and Frederick V. Cleveland, airman, of 1125 N. 16th St.

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## West German Minister Asks Return of Saar

TRIER, Germany (AP)—Jakob Kaiser, West German minister for all-German affairs, Sunday night called for the return of the coal-rich Saar to Germany. He also accused the Western powers of handing over 18 million East Germans "to a dictatorial system of terror."

Kaiser, a member of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's cabinet, demanded an early solution to the controversial Saar problem "which does not question that the Saar is a component of Germany."

### Linked To France

This little border territory has been economically linked to France since the war. It has its own government but the West Germans contend it belongs to Germany. In a speech prepared for delivery before a patriotic Rhineland rally here Kaiser said:

"After all, how can we protest convincing in the East against brutal force and terror if in the West the Saar the right of self-determination is denied to Germans."

"Our French neighbors have an outspokenly strong feeling for the integrity of their frontiers. They should concede to us the same feelings."

### Restlessness to Remain

"Ignored national feelings have always been the cause of false and aggressive nationalisms France and the rest of the world will understand the existing restlessness concerning the Saar. This restlessness will remain alive in the German people until the Germans have been welded together in one nation again."

Turning to Soviet-occupied East Germany, Kaiser said Hitler had disregarded the national rights of others and added:

"These deeds by National Socialism should never have become the basis and justification for the Allies repaying us in kind. There can be no justification in taking revenge on the Germans for Hitler's deeds, and in driving out millions of people as in German territory beyond the Oder-Neisse."

## Egypt Premier Quits; Farouk Fills Vacancies

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP)—Premier Ahmed Naguib Hilaly Pasha resigned Saturday after four troubled months in office. King Farouk I Sunday gave another veteran independent politician, Hussein Sirry Pasha, a formal mandate to form a new government.

No official reason was given for Hilaly Pasha's resignation. Several theories were advanced, but none of them has been given official sanction or been accepted generally.

Some credence was given to speculation that Hilaly Pasha had moved too slowly in his announced program of purging the Egyptian government of graft and of achieving the nation's chief goals: Getting the British out of the Suez Canal Zone and effecting the unity of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan with Egypt.

The cable and wireless office in London reported Sunday that an Associated Press dispatch from Alexandria Saturday, reporting Hilaly's resignation, was held by Egyptian censors for 36 hours.

Early Sunday Sirry Pasha began a series of discussions with political leaders.

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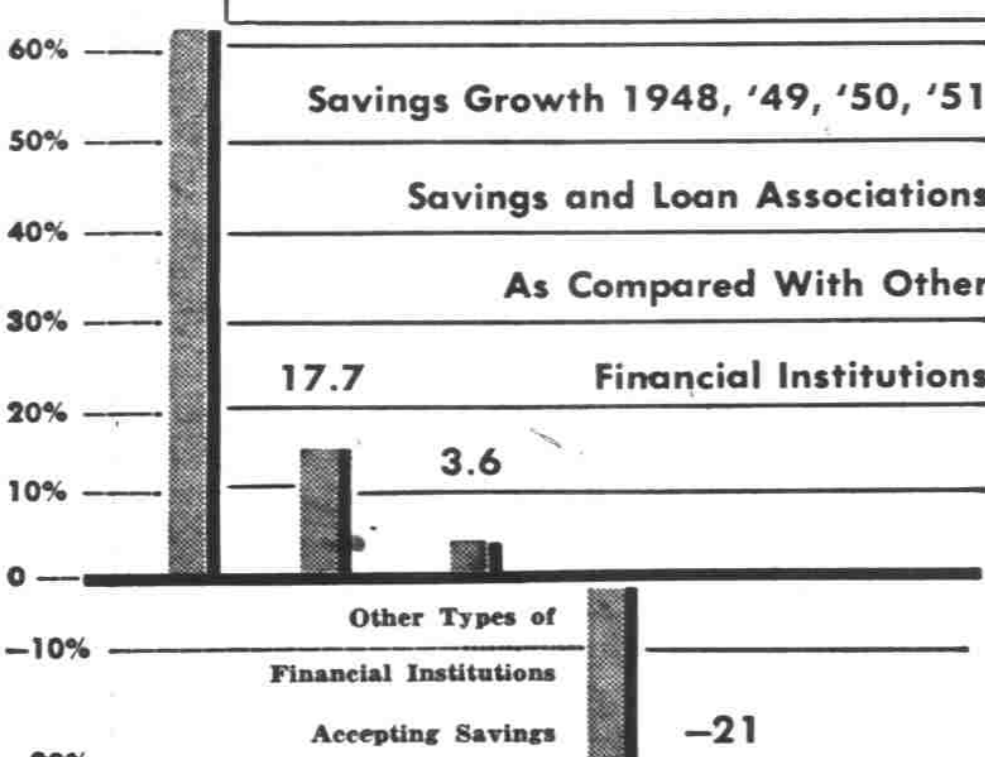
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