

FBI Agent's Notebook Studied



An FBI agent's notebook draws some intense study during the meeting of Oregon district attorneys Thursday in the capitol building. Left to right are Donald E. Roney, Portland FBI agent; Robert Anderson, deputy Marion County district attorney; Attorney General Robert Thornton, and Kenneth Brown, county district attorney.

D.A.s Told State's Agriculture Laws

A butcher who is caught adulterating his hamburger with flour deserves more punishment than a warning letter, Assistant Attorney General John D. Nichols said Thursday as he addressed a group of Oregon district attorneys who are meeting in Salem.

Nichols' subject was the state agricultural laws. He said that in one year the department of agriculture discovered 10 cases of adulteration in a district but that not a single prosecution resulted.

"The district attorney indicated that he preferred to send warning notices," he said.

The state-wide conference of district attorneys, which opened Thursday, will continue until Saturday noon. Nichols addressed the group Thursday morning in its meeting headquarters on the third floor of the capitol building.

Not Typical

"The violations of which I am speaking are not typical of food producers and processors in this state," Nichols said. "They represent only a small fraction of those on the market." He told the district attorneys they had an obligation to take vigorous action against those who violate the state's food acts.

Nichols said there are a total of 54 state laws which must be enforced by the agriculture department. "I would think that aside from the state police probably no other state agency calls you so frequently as the department of agriculture," he said.

The talk followed discussions of FBI operations and of the problems in prosecuting cases involving medical practice.

FBI Agent Talks

An FBI agent, Donald E. Roney, told the district attorneys of the facilities the FBI can make available to them. These include laboratory work, identification services, training programs and crime records, he said.

Roney is the assistant agent-in-charge of the Portland FBI office.

Howard I. Bobbitt, special assistant attorney general, spoke on "Problems in Medical Practice Cases." Afternoon talks at the meeting were concerned with welfare and family support problems.

Scheduled for Friday morning at the district attorneys' meeting are talks on the examination of witnesses and on the usefulness and limitations of grand juries.

This afternoon the prosecutors will hear discussions of law enforcement problems and of presenting cases in court. At 5:15 p. m. they will move to Paradise Island for a picnic with attorneys from the state department of justice.

A feature of the picnic will be a softball game between the district attorneys and the justice department lawyers.

Aurora Man Sentenced on Check Charge

Paul Gordon Ferguson of Aurora, was sentenced to 30 days in the Polk County jail after he pleaded guilty Thursday in West Salem Justice Court to passing a check with insufficient funds in the bank.

The sentence was suspended and Ferguson was taken to Woodburn Thursday afternoon by sheriff's deputies to appear in Woodburn Justice Court on a similar charge. There he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 days in the Marion County jail.

Woodburn Justice T. C. Gorman said the sentence was delayed 10 days to permit Ferguson to make good the Woodburn check.

The Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt is 787 feet square and 479 feet high.

Bloodmobile Gets 73 Pints of Blood

Seventy-three pints of blood were collected Thursday by the Marion County Red Cross bloodmobile at the Assemblies of God district headquarters near Brooks.

All the donors were members of the congregation which is conducting its annual state meeting at the Brooks site this week.

Red Cross officials said the next drawing in this county would be July 14 at St. Paul High School from 3 to 7 p. m.

Investigation Continues on Knifing Here

Investigation continued Thursday into a knifing near a local hotel late Wednesday night which hospitalized two men.

One of the two men allegedly involved, Everett Eugene Carpenter, 54, was arrested by city police on a vagrancy charge following his release from Salem Memorial Hospital Thursday morning, after he had been treated for wounds about his face and hands.

The second man, Jack Melvin, was still confined in the hospital with severe lacerations on the neck, face and hands. His condition Thursday night was reported satisfactory.

In a tape recorded statement Thursday, Carpenter told police he "blacked out" about 5:30 p. m. and could remember nothing of a knifing, according to police. Investigating officers quoted him as saying he "came to" shortly before midnight while being loaded on a stretcher by the Willamette Ambulance Service at the police station.

Melvin, who was picked up at a hotel by city first aidmen and taken to the hospital, told police in a recorded statement he was walking along S. Commercial Street when he met a man he identified as Carpenter, police said. An argument ensued about Texas and the knifing followed, his statement to police explained.

Officers said the district attorney's office will hear the statements today. Carpenter was lodged in jail on the vagrancy charge.

Seventy-nine licenses were cancelled because of violation of license provisions, withdrawal of parents consent, or court recommendations.

Petty Larceny Charge Against Man Dropped

Rodney L. Hall, Brooks, was released Thursday by Marion County District Judge Val Sloper after a petty larceny charge against him was dropped.

Hall was accused of stealing linen from Salem General Hospital, where he was formerly employed as an orderly. He pleaded innocent to the charge. Officials of the hospital withdrew their complaint after the linen was returned by sheriff's officers.

Traffic Law Violations in State 59,353

Oregon drivers were convicted of 59,353 traffic law violations during the first six months of this year, driving license bureau officials reported here Thursday.

Convictions during the same period in 1953 numbered 29,409. Officials cautioned the increase does not necessarily mean drivers are violating laws more frequently. Much of the increase, they said, was due to improved court reporting of convictions to the State Department.

Included in the six months report was a listing of driver license suspensions. Topping the list was driving while intoxicated which resulted in 1,415 suspensions. Oregon law calls for mandatory suspension after court conviction in a drunk driving charge.

A total of 1,124 persons lost driving license privileges on 134 miscellaneous traffic charges. These included 292 for reckless driving, 237 for failure to report an accident, 195 for violation of the basic rule, 48 driving record, 21 for disregarding a signal and 20 for violation of instruction permit.

TRANSFER ANNOUNCED

PORTLAND (UP)—Transfer of Frank M. Lewis, Bonneville dam project engineer for the past eight years, to the operations and maintenance branch of the North Pacific division of the Army Engineers was announced here Thursday.

Tourists Told Of Regulations For Cherries

Oregon travelers were warned Thursday by Frank McKennon, chief of the division of plant industry, state agricultural department, not to take fresh cherries into California unless they come from Baker, Coos, Curry, Lake or Malheur Counties.

Cherries are the only fresh fruit that California border officials will not permit to cross the state line from Oregon, McKennon said.

Fresh strawberries or other berries may be taken in an automobile by Oregon travelers bound for a vacation in California areas.

The ban against Oregon cherries, McKennon said, is the result of a cherry fruit fly infestation in several commercial cherry producing areas.

The fly is not current in Baker, Coos, Curry, Lake or Malheur Counties.

Cherries from these counties may be taken into California provided they are properly certified. The certification must be made by the county horticultural inspector as an official of the state agricultural department.

Wet June Fails to Halt Forest Fires

The wettest June in 17 years did not eliminate all Oregon forest fires, the State Forestry Department said Thursday. During the last two weeks of the month, 32 fires occurred on lands protected by the Forestry Department. Since the start of the season 117 fires have covered a total of 243 acres.

Air Corps Cooperation Asked of State Units

State agencies have been asked by Gov. Paul Patterson to cooperate with the Air Corps in its Ground Observer Corps program, State Civil Defense Director Arthur M. Sheets said Wednesday.

Sheets said he has been notified by 25th Air Division that an exercise involving the Ground Observer Corps will take place sometime during July. The exercise will be called "operation check point."

Ship Company Agrees to Pay Death Claims

PORTLAND (AP)—An attorney announced Thursday that the States Steamship Co. has agreed to pay death claims of \$500,000 from the sinking of the Pennsylvania in North Pacific storm two years ago.

All 45 men aboard the ship were lost. The vessel, carrying cargo from Seattle to Korea, went down 750 miles at sea on Jan. 9, 1952.

John G. Gearin, attorney for two insurance companies said death claims were submitted by beneficiaries of 40 of the men.

Still to be settled are claims for 2½ million dollars, stemming from cargo loss. The matter will come up in federal district court here next week.

Forest Camp For 4-H Club Set July 12-14

Willamette Valley 4-H clubbers are being advised that the three day 4-H Forestry Camp will be held at Camp Wilkerson in Columbia County July 12-14. This is the annual outing in which forestry club members participate.

A new class added this year will be forest protection, taught by the state forestry department. Tools will be furnished for this and trails built by the club members.

Camp fire building contests are scheduled under Andy Landforce, extension wildlife management specialist, who will teach fishing and casting methods.

There also will be classes in animal and bird life. Compass and cruising training will be given with a trip planned through the Crowna Zellerback tree farm.

Club members will need to bring sleeping bags and necessary clothing for the three-day outing, 4-H extension agents report. The members are also to bring a sack lunch for the first noon meal.

Girls as well as boys are welcomed and chaperones are being furnished.

Club members planning to go should inform the 4-H club offices at once.

Experts on human fertility say U. S. couples must average 2.1 children if they are to replace themselves in the population.

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