

FBI Agent States Reluctance of Businessmen to Prosecute Gives Boost to Phony Check Passers

With November setting a nine-year record for the number of checks reported in Salem, an FBI official chose a timely topic for a talk to Salem Lions Club Thursday.

William H. Williams, agent in charge of the Portland area, said one of the major difficulties in halting check passers is reluctance on the part of businessmen to prosecute.

"They only want to know, 'How much of my money can I get back,'" he said.

"Businessmen must accept the responsibility of signing complaints against these individuals."

3 to Appeal Gaming Count Convictions

Richard Lee Johansen and Norman Perry Brewer, both of Yreka, Calif., were found innocent on larceny charges Thursday by Marion County District Court Judge E. O. Stadler Jr. They had been charged concerning alleged theft of clothing and miscellaneous articles from a Salem home earlier in the month.

Three Salem men filed notices of appeal of November court convictions on gambling counts, said Marion County District Court officials Thursday. The trio is three of 11 charged from a gambling raid on a Salem clubhouse in September.

Notices were filed by James Ambrose Lewis, 1730 Center St. NE on a charge of gambling and Wilbur Joseph Neulinger, 570 23rd St. NE and Abraham C. Friesen, 165 25th St. NE on charges of permitting gambling in a building.

A charge of receiving stolen property was dismissed against Daniel Eugene Harrison, Scott's Mills, Thursday in Marion County District Court. He had been charged concerning property reported stolen from a Salem vacuum cleaner clinic earlier in the month.

Group to Sell New Berry

A group of Salem berry producers incorporated Thursday to sell and distribute a new type berry known as the "Lincoln Wild Blackberry."

Roy L. and Nell Etheridge and Ray H. Rogers filed the corporation papers.

The new berry is a hybrid of the Blackberry, Loganberry and Boysenberry. It is large, seedless and grows on a thornless vine, according to Etheridge.

N. J. Nute of Siletz first produced the berry. The Lincoln Berry will thrive where other berries grow and has yielded 15 tons per acre without irrigation, it was said.

Equalization Board Urges Attention To Land Values

Marion County Equalization Board Thursday recommended to Harold Domogalla, county assessor, that special attention should be given to classification of land values in suburban, rural, range and timber areas.

The board met yesterday at the courthouse, reviewing Marion County reappraisal of assessed valuations as part of a statewide program. The work started in 1955 and is expected to be finished by January, 1959.

Reappraisals are about 65 per cent finished, said assessment officials. Most of the office work has been done, including clerical work, mapping and filing of records.

Corporation Seeks Stricter Divorce, Child Custody Laws

A corporation of Willamette Valley residents was formed Thursday to campaign for stricter Oregon divorce and child custody laws.

Called the Friends of Children of Divorce, Inc., the organization's goal is the welfare of children, according to Gordon L. Wilcox of Salem and Guy Smelser, Astoria, who filed the incorporation. Smelser said that parents seeking divorce should be required to take psychiatric and physical examinations before child custody is awarded. "If neither is fit, the children should be placed with other people or a foster home," he said.

Winter Livestock Ranges Said Fine

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP) — The best Oregon winter livestock ranges since 1953 were reported today by the state Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

As a result, cattle and sheep are in good condition, the report said. Hay and feed grains are plentiful and prices are below last year's.

Bids Called for Road Work in Douglas County

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Bureau of Public Roads called for bids today for grading a section of timber access road in Douglas County.

The 5.4 mile section is part of the Cow Creek Road project 10 miles west of Riddle. Bids will be accepted until Jan. 7.

he added. "If they are allowed to go on, others will get stuck good and the rising cost of apprehending them must be borne by the taxpayers."

Check passing is the second most frequent crime in the U.S. today, the 16-year veteran investigator said. At the top of the list is car theft, which is mainly a juvenile crime.

Check passing is "like taking dope," the veteran investigator said. Some are never cured. Williams cited the philosophy of one big operator who had spent several terms in prison. "I live good when I'm in, I live good when I'm out."

The professional makes a study of his work, including a special field in which he can pose as a successful businessman and carries stolen or fraudulent credentials.

Some show great confidence, Williams said, citing one who used the signature, "U. R. Stuck," and one who drew a check on the East Bank of the Mississippi.

Carelessness on the part of businessmen is necessary to make such frauds successful, he pointed out.

Individual Perseverances

The FBI enters a case when a state line is crossed. The bureau can identify the writer of about 60 per cent of the bad checks it receives from local agencies through such clues as the paper on which it is printed, method of operation, bank on which it is

drawn, and the individual peculiarities of check protectors and typewriters used.

Although the days are 20 years past when the FBI spent most of its time tracking gangsters who made a career of major violence, crime is still an expensive proposition in the U.S., Williams said.

For every \$1 spent on education, crime gets \$1.25, and for every \$1 given to church, crime gets \$12.

Salem Police Chief Clyde Warren, Marion County Sheriff Denver Young, state police Capt. Raymond G. Howard and Salem Fire Chief Robert Mills were guests at the noon lunch in Hotel Marion.

and the speaker was introduced by State Police Sgt. Wayne Huffman, a member of the club.

Children's Group to Sell Pine Cones

Pine cone Christmas decorations will be sold in several Salem stores today and Saturday under the sponsorship of the Salem Association for Retarded Children.

The cones, both decorated and plain, were gathered in assorted sizes during a recent trip to southern Oregon.

Association representatives will be stationed at second floor Lipman, Sears Roebuck, and the Vista Market from 8 to 9 p.m. today and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, according to Elton Brutscher, Association president.

Funds from the sale will be used for local association projects such as gifts for Fairview residents, public school pilot class for retarded children and Haven School.

Three Youths, Man Held in Mill City Theater Burglary

Three juveniles and a Mill City man were held Friday concerning a \$100 burglary of the Mill City Theater on Nov. 18, said John Zabinaki, Marion County chief criminal deputy sheriff.

Michael Dennis Podrasky, 20, of Mill City, two 16-year-old boys from Mill City and Salem, and one 14-year-old boy from Salem, were charged with breaking and entering, not in a dwelling, Zabinaki said.

Mexico Imports Trees

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12 (AP) — Mexico plans to import 75,000 Christmas trees this season from the United States and Canada.

The import system is intended to preserve Mexican forests. The government forbids cutting of domestic trees for yuletide use.

OEA Names New Policies Commission

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Oregon Education Assn. today announced appointment of a new Education Policies Commission, "a deliberative and independent body dedicated to studying and recommending suggested courses of action for the OEA and education in Oregon."

Members include: Mrs. Loran Meidinger, Sweet Home; Mrs. Emma Reynolds, Bonanza; Miss Eleanor Roberts, Salem; Miss Martha Shull, Portland; Melvin F. Moore, Salem; R. E. Jewell, Bend; Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, Salem; Miss Florence Beardsley, Salem; Vincent Ostrom, University of Oregon; Keith Goldhamer, University of Oregon; Frank B. Bennett, Eastern Oregon College; and Cecil W. Posey, Portland executive secretary of OEA.

Pendleton Chamber Appoints President

PENDLETON, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Pendleton Chamber of Commerce has named Vern Hendershott, 42, president. He is manager of the Pendleton chamber's board.



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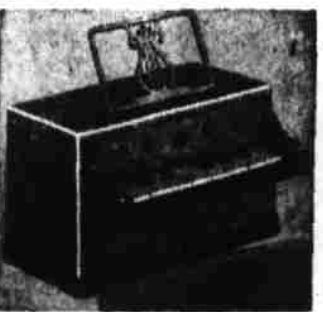
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