

Mock Trial Roles Taken Seriously as Reality



(Register-Guard photos by Phil Grenon)

"Now," the defense attorney asks of a witness, "are you sure this is the same gun the defendant is accused of using?" Defense counsel Bill Miller (left) poses the question as Judge Stan Meyer and Bailiff Ken Rupp (center) look on. In a mock trial on a charge of second degree murder, the defendant Bob Dougherty (right) hangs his head as he listens to the testimony against him. The sham trial is all part of an American Problems class at Willamette High School, and shortly after these pictures were taken the principals in the case were en route to another class.

Acting It Out

Students Come to Grips With an American Problem

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Murder Trial Begins for High School Student!

Headlines such as this usually bring shock and grief to a community.

However, a trial currently being conducted at Willamette High School northwest of Eugene is evoking no emotion except from those affected—all seniors in an American Problems class.

It is a mock trial, with "murder" as the crime. The trial is being conducted as part of a classroom project.

Ralph Beebe, the instructor, says the "crime" is reconstructed with no pretense, "except

in murder cases we do just pretend we have a victim."

Four trials have been in progress during the past week at the high school, one for each of the American Problems classes. Initiated, conducted and administered entirely by students, the trials concern two "murders," conversion of public property to private use and concealing stolen property.

In the "12:10 murder," so called because the class begins at 12:10 p.m., a youth is accused of shooting another during an art class.

Only the teacher and the two youths were aware the "murder" was to be committed, as the event took place last week. Several students admitted afterward to a "panicky" feeling.

The trial itself comes so near the real thing that an observer feels a little of the awe one feels in a court of law.

This is the fourth year in which Beebe has conducted these sham crimes and trials.

and from all reports the students enjoy them. Other classes often are dismissed so the students may attend these sessions. There was "standing room only" Friday as the "12:10" trial entered the third day.

The entire procedure, from arrest through trial, with the exception of the preliminary hearing and grand jury indictment, is conducted by the students, with expert advice. The exceptions are assumed to have occurred.

Lane County Sheriff Harry Marlowe made the fictional "arrest" while Dist. Atty. William Frye and Circuit Court Judge Edward Leavy gave advice.

In Leavy's words this work done by the students is a "good thing."

"It is much better for the kids to do all the work themselves," Leavy said, "rather than have many people looking over their shoulders. We are always glad to give the advice needed, though."

Beebe says his students attend actual trials in the courthouse, read books of trial procedure, "and in fact the attorneys" have been studying Oregon statutes for precedent and to see if they can come up with a technicality to help their case."

The students are selected for their roles in numerous ways. They may request a certain job, be selected by Beebe or in some cases elected to their posts by the class.

Participants in the "12:10" case are Bob Dougherty, defendant; Stan Meyer, judge; Phil Groshong, district attorney; Bill Miller, defense counsel, and David Mitchell as the main character—the victim.

4,342 Persons Tour Savannah

PORTLAND (AP) — A total of 4,342 persons visited the nuclear ship Savannah here Monday, bringing the total for three days to 20,012.

Monday's figure included members of several maritime and technical organizations which toured the ship in the morning. Public tours did not start until noon.

The world's first nuclear merchant ship is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Wednesday. It is scheduled to leave for San Diego Thursday morning.

English Professor To Give Lecture

The first Browning Room lecture of the winter term at the University of Oregon will be given Wednesday. It will feature James Hall, associate professor of English.

Hall will speak on "Radical Short Story, With Examples."

The lecture is to start at 7:30 p.m. The Browning Room is in the Erb Memorial Student Union.

Session Scheduled

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon State Board of Forestry will meet here Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Bethel School Board To Meet Wednesday

Salary schedules for classified personnel and possibilities for acquiring an additional school site will be discussed by the Bethel school board Wednesday.

The board will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the administrative office, 4640 Barger Ave., Eugene.

Other agenda items include a proposed 1963-64 school calendar, athletic policies for grades seven and eight, and Oregon Program proposals for 1963-64.



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Man Fined \$200 In District Court

Harmon O'Neal, 55, of 734 Hwy. 99 N., Eugene, was fined \$200 in Lane County District Court Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor. O'Neal was arrested on Highway 126 east of Springfield in November and had originally entered a plea of innocent.

Sierra Club to Meet

Eugene Chapter of the Sierra Club will meet for lunch at the Erb Memorial Student Union on the University of Oregon campus at noon Wednesday.

Co-op Meet Wednesday

Some \$7,000 will be distributed to members, stockholders and patrons of the Eugene Farmer's Cooperative at the organization's 28th annual meeting Wednesday.

The funds are in the form of petroleum adjustment checks, fertilizer adjustment checks and preferred stock interest checks, according to Kenneth C. Farrens, secretary-treasurer.

The annual meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the co-op's new \$85,000 facility at 2690 Prairie Rd.

Also on the meeting's agenda is voting upon an amendment to the organization's by-laws.

Vandalism Reported

Two incidents of vandalism in Bethel District schools were reported Monday to the Lane County sheriff's office.

Six windows were reported broken in the Cascade Junior High school and several at Shasta Junior High.

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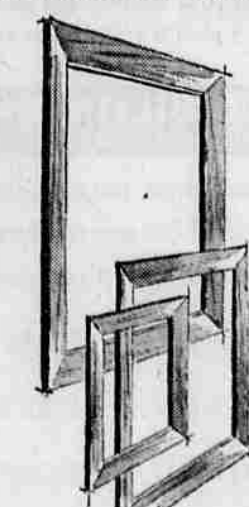


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