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"The testimony (Parker's) is unworthy of belief," Williams charged after he ended his cross examination. The attorney pointed out that the detective's memory of details on the case was poor.

The questions were aimed at drawing out a potential admission from the detective that implied promises of immunity had been made to the woman in an effort to secure admissions or a confession.

Judge Joseph B. Felton, in commenting on the evidence before he ordered Mrs. Cook held for grand jury action on the charge of burglary, said that the "proof is pretty weak."

No written statements or confessions were introduced by Gordon Moore, deputy district attorney who presented the evidence.

Mrs. Cook's husband, David, was also scheduled to appear in court Monday afternoon on similar charges. The third member of the trio, Lancelle, waived preliminary hearings earlier in the case and was ordered held for grand jury action. The Cooks pleaded innocent to the charges.

Defense ministry officials here predicted a communist attack on Namoa island shortly.

Namoa is one of the bases from which nationalists carry on their blockade of China. It also is important as a supply point for material smuggled to the mainland for use by nationalists guerrillas in the seaboard provinces of Fukien and Kwangtung.

To Discuss Plans For Labor Camp

Salem Agricultural Housing, Inc., which sponsors the labor camp on Turner road near the airport during the harvest season, will have its annual meeting Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the First National bank.

Nine directors will be elected—three to represent the farmers and producers, three for the canners and packers, and three for the Chamber of Commerce.

A notice to members says the camp can be maintained this season with little cost for alterations, but that for the following season an expenditure of possibly \$2000 should be made for camp repairs.

The camp, which is housed in barrack buildings that were used by the government during the war, was operated last season without loss. Previous seasons showed a loss.

Whether the camp should be continued will be discussed at the meeting.

Doctors and Dentists Clearing House

Paying habits of medical and dental patients will be exchanged by doctors and dentists of Salem through the newly-organized Institute of Medical-Dental Business Relations, Inc.

The project came to light Monday when articles of incorporation for the firm was filed with the Marion county clerk. Signing the articles were F. W. Smith, F. H. Emmons and L. M. Blum.

Aim of the institute will be to provide a clearing-house for credit information for doctors and dentists. Records will be maintained of the paying habits of all customers and patients, and a report on any person will be given to doctors and dentists who are members of the corporation.

It is expected by the originators of the plan that nearly 100 percent of Salem men in the medical and dental professions will use the services of the new institute.

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Low bidder for constructing 6.74 miles of road between Barclay Springs and Algoma was Peter Kiewit Sons Co., Longview, with a bid of \$853,882. The work includes grading and paving.

The new road, paralleling Southern Pacific tracks along the shore of Klamath lake, will eliminate curves of the present route.

The commission agreed to take over three myrtlewood tracts in Coos county as way-side parks. They are at Brummit Creek, Allegany, and 10 miles from Powers junction.

Other low bids today: Coos county—Construct new steel bridge over the south fork of the Coquille river. Valdere Construction Co., Portland, \$154,482.

Linn county—Surfacing 8.53 miles of Thomas Creek-Lyons section of Albany-Lyons secondary highway. E. C. Swaggart, Eugene, \$118,645.

Malheur county—Garrison Corner section of Nyssa-Adrian secondary highway. N. A. Toole Construction Co., Ontario, \$24,912.

Marion county—Salem traffic signals. W. R. Gracie Co., Portland, \$5652.

Morrow & Gilliam counties—Furnishing crushed rock on Heppner junction-Lena section of Heppner highway. Rush Construction Co., Enterprise, \$46,540.

Sherman & Wasco counties—Furnishing crushed rock on Biggs section, Columbia river, and Sherman highways. Vernie Jarl, Gresham, \$29,220.

Umatilla county—Furnishing crushed rock on Boardman-Cold Springs section of Columbia river, Hermiston and Pendleton-Cold Springs highways. Newport, Kern & Kibbe, Portland, \$30,492.

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Strange Blast Stumps Officers

Houston, Feb. 6 (AP)—A strange, unexplained explosion shook the whole northwest corner of Harris county (Houston) last night. Officers said today they were stumped.

There was no question of an explosion, but the cops could not find where it took place. The blast was heard for 30 miles. No death or injury was reported.

Whoever was at the scene, Cheriff C. V. Kern said, either was beyond needing attention, or was too injured to go for help.

Or didn't want anyone to know they were present.

"We certainly will keep on working to track it down," the sheriff said.

Plotting the explosion on the map, Sheriff's Dispatcher Jimmy Scarborough placed the scene as somewhere on the San Jacinto river bottoms between Sheldon and Crosby.

Calls came to the sheriff's dispatcher from as far as Bellaire, Liberty, Baytown and Humble.

Morse Urges End Of Worn Platitudes

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 6 (AP)—Republicans were urged by Sen. Wayne L. Morse (R., Ore.), Saturday night to abandon the worn platitudes of "the late campaign."

He urged the party to place human values and human rights above materialism and urged the policies of the 1948 party platform be carried out in these terms.

New Hearing Device Has No Receiver Button In Ear

Chicago, Ill. — Deafened people are hailing a new device that gives them clear hearing without making them wear a receiver button in the ear. They now enjoy songs, sermons, friendly companionship and business success with no self-conscious feeling that people are looking at any button hanging on their ear.

With the new almost invisible Phantomold and Beltone you may free yourself not only from deafness, but from even the appearance of deafness. The makers of Beltone, Dept. 40, 1450 W. 19th St., Chicago, Ill., are so proud of their achievement they will gladly send you their free brochure (in plain wrapper) and explain how you can test this amazing device in the privacy of your own home without risking a penny. Write Beltone today.

STOCKS

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including American Can, Am Tel & Tel, Anacosta, etc.

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Dana Opposes Creation of CVA

In the formation and inauguration of the Columbia Valley Administration, Marshall Dana, editor of the editorial page of the Oregon Journal sees a deviation from the ideals of democracy which this country is trying to spread throughout the world.

Dana said as much as he concluded an address before the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon in which he reviewed his experiences of a journey into Europe and another into the Pacific. In modern day transportation and communication anything that happens over the world is of importance to the United States, declared Dana.

At the same time what this country does as an outstanding example of democracy, has its influence over the globe.

In touching upon what he saw and experienced in Germany, Dana said it would take the second generation to reach respect for the rights of the individual.

The younger German who followed Hitler holds nothing but sullen hatred for the citizens of this country, he stated.

Over the world as a whole, Dana finds millions of "little people" moving toward the goal of democracy which this country professes. They are making the struggle to attain those things which the United States have attained.

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The projects include: Priest Rapids, John Day and The Dalles dams on the Columbia; Libby dam on the Kootenai river, Albion Falls dam on the Pend Oreille river, and Hills Creek, Fall Creek, Holley, Tum Tum, Cougar, Blue River, Green Peter, White Bridge and Dexter Dams in the Willamette valley.

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