

High School Athletics Coach Arrested for Sale of Liquor

Yakima—(U.P.)—Robert Liefer, 28, former Toppenish high school teacher and athletic coach, has been charged with buying beer for two of his students.

The information filed in superior court charged Liefer with unlawfully supplying liquor to Rolly Knutson, 18, and another youth, 17, last Tuesday. His bond was fixed at \$1,000.

Resigned Thursday

Liefer submitted his resignation Thursday to Superintendent A. K. Temperley.

Sheriff Bert Guns said Union Gap police stopped a car Tuesday night in which Liefer and the two youths were riding. Officers said three bottles of beer were found in the car, which was driven by the younger boy.

The driver was placed in the county detention home and Liefer and Knutson were lodged in the county jail.

Liefer coached Toppenish high school basketball second team and the junior high school basketball team.

Extensive Remodeling Planned On Tucker Properties, Newly Purchased by Wealthy Hawaiian

Plans for extensive remodeling of the ranch properties of the late Nion Tucker on the upper Rogue river were learned here last week. They will be undertaken by the new owner, who purchased the properties last month from the Tucker estate.

George Murphy, owner and operator of the largest automobile dealership in the Hawaiian Islands, obtained some 1,400 acres, including 3 1/2 miles of river frontage, in the transactions. The size of the consideration was not reported here, but a Honolulu newspaper said it exceeds \$125,000.

Bar GM Ranch

The properties, known as the Frounce Rock ranch during Mr. Tucker's lifetime, will be known as the Bar GM (for George Murphy) ranch, it was learned. They include five homes, five barns, and complete facilities for handling livestock. Some 18 head of registered riding horses, including palominos, quarter horses, morgans and a couple of albinos, have been shipped to the ranch by Murphy.

The improvements planned there include remodeling of existing buildings, construction of new structures, and leveling of land in the ranch areas. There is a small herd of registered Hereford cattle on the ranch, and Murphy plans to expand the number of pure bred cattle.

John Taylor, who has lived in the area all his life, has been named general superintendent of the ranch, and is now at work with a sizable crew of men, all employed directly from this area.

Will Spend Time Here

It is understood that Murphy will spend a good deal of time on the ranch. He is president of Murphy Motors, Ltd., and Aloha Motors, both of Honolulu, and also has dealerships in the states. The two firms did a gross business in excess of \$16,000,000 in 1951.

Ray Coll Jr., a writer for the Honolulu Advertiser, recently did a story about Murphy. Part of it is as follows:

"I think it worthy of note that just 20 years ago George Murphy arrived in Honolulu stone broke. He had lost a fortune in the 1929 crash. Stepping ashore here, he went to work as a used car salesman. It wasn't long, however, before he organized his own company of Murphy Motors and later absorbed Aloha Motors. Today he is the sole stockholder in the company. . . I don't think anyone will argue otherwise that George Murphy is the most successful individual automobile dealer in Honolulu."

Valley Show Place

The Frounce Rock ranch has long been one of the Rogue valley's show places. Mr. Tucker was for many years associated with the San Francisco Chronicle, which was founded by the father of Mrs. Tucker.

The Tuckers were hosts to famous people from all over the world on frequent occasions, and the lodge at "Rogue's Roost" was a familiar spot to many valley residents who also visited there. It was not included in the sale. Pure bred cattle raising was also an avocation in which the Tuckers were interested.

The sale of the property was handled here by the T. J. Hight Realty office in cooperation with Earl Tummy, an administrator of the Tucker estate.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

"Moral Outrage" Said Needed for Release of Oatis

Cleveland, O.—(U.P.)—Louis Seltzer, editor of the Cleveland Press, said Saturday William Oatis will continue to languish in a Communist dungeon "until we bring about enough moral outrage to show the Communists he must be released."

Reviewing the July 4, 1951 conviction and imprisonment of the Associated Press newsmen on "espionage" charges by Communist Czechoslovakia, Seltzer asked, "who will be next?"

"It behooves all citizens to take an active part in demanding that the rights of the press be guarded, not only in America, but throughout the world."

Fort Worth, Tex.—(U.P.)—The first time George Akins, tavern owner, heard dogs barking at his place of business, he ignored it. The second time he investigated and found a group of officers there. That was how he learned the place had been burglarized.



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Retail Prices Up As Farm Prices Show New Decline

Washington — (U.P.) — Retail food prices edged ahead during February and March, while farmers' prices fell for the third straight month, government reports showed Saturday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on the basis of an eighty-city survey that retail food prices increased four-tenths of one per cent during the 20 days before March 15. The rise was led by a 6.2 per cent increase in prices of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The rise brought the food index to 227.9 per cent of 1935-39 prices and 12.2 per cent above prices just before the Korean outbreak.

Wholesale Prices Down

BLS reported, however, that wholesale prices of all commodities—including fresh fruits and vegetables—declined one-tenth of one per cent during the week ended March 25. The wholesale price index has dropped nearly three per cent since January to stand at 111.7 per cent of 1947-49 prices.

The Agriculture Department reported meanwhile that farm prices fell on March 15 to the lowest point since December, 1950. Prices received by farmers for their products from mid-February to mid-March were three-tenths of one per cent below the previous 30-day period.

Don Lane To Attend Travel Show in L. A.

Don Lane, secretary and manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, left Saturday for Los Angeles where he will attend the Los Angeles Sports and Travel show at the Pan-Pacific auditorium there. He is representing the Pacific Northwest Travel association, of which the chamber is a member.

The Los Angeles show is one of seven in which the chamber participates through the PNPA, and this is the third year that Lane has represented Oregon at the show. Three other men from the 11 Pacific northwest states and Alberta, Canada, will also attend.

Lane is taking some 20,000 pieces of literature about the Rogue valley to the event, and will also call on newspapers and chambers of commerce en route south. Among other activities, he will call on television producers regarding the showing of Oregon films on TV networks. He will be gone about three weeks.

IN DUAL ROLE

Torrington, Conn.—(U.P.)—Police had a special reason for hoping there would be no disturbances on the picket line at the strike-bound Turner-Seymour Manufacturing Co. One of the pickets was the president of the local foundry workers' union, John J. Swift, who also is police commissioner.

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