



PLENTY OF RED FACES were in evidence when jury trying Dr. Sam Sheppard for slaying of wife, Marilyn, went to Cleveland, O., clerk's office to collect pay, were informed till was bare, they'd have to return later. Incident occurred on fourth day of deliberations. (International)

Degree of Guilt Delayed Decision In Sheppard Case

Cleveland—(U.P.)—What took the Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard wife-murder jury so long in reaching a verdict was deciding just how guilty the osteopathic surgeon was, it was disclosed today.

The Cleveland Press said it had learned in talks with the jurors and those associated with them that they took 18 ballots during their five-day deliberation.

Two woman jurors voted to acquit on the first ballot last Friday night, but by Saturday afternoon they had joined the rest in concluding that Dr. Sam bludgeoned his pregnant wife, Marilyn, to death, the newspaper said.

Eligible for Parole It took three days of deliberation to work out the degree of guilt, second degree murder. The jury foreman, James C. Bird, pressed the buzzer late yesterday afternoon disclosing the five women and seven men were unanimous in a verdict.

The jury got the case Friday morning. They deliberated 102 hours before deciding on guilt in the second degree, which made a life prison sentence mandatory. However, the 30-year-old sports-loving doctor is eligible for parole in 10 years.

In County Jail Dr. Sheppard was under "suicide guard" in an isolated observation cell in the county jail today. But jailers said that was routine for prisoners convicted of murder. He was expected to be transferred back soon to a cell block with other prisoners.

The jurors agreed that Susan Hayes "seemed to be telling the truth" on the stand, the newspaper said. She testified to sexual intimacies with Dr. Sam and said he professed his love to her on several occasions.

Consumer Prices in Pacific Coast Area Average Downward

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Consumer prices reflected a steady downward trend during November in the major cities of the Pacific coast area, the United States Department of Labor reported today.

Food prices in Portland, Ore., averaged lower than during any month since December 1950. The index of 109.8 was 1.6 per cent below that for October and 1.6 per cent below that of November a year ago.

The sharp decline over the month was primarily the result of lower prices for items in the meats, poultry and fish group and in the grocery price of milk.

In Los Angeles retail prices were 0.2 per cent higher than in October—but in October they were at the year's lowest level. The all items index of 115.0 was 0.9 per cent below that of November a year ago.

The slight increase between October and November was the net result of nearly offsetting price movements of the items which comprise the index. Food prices averaged 1.0 per cent lower, while housing and apparel prices were down slightly. Transportation costs, however, moved up sharply, by 4.6 per cent.

Retail food prices in San Francisco dropped 1.0 per cent in November to the lowest point in 20 months. The index of 112.6 also was 0.2 per cent below the comparable figure for November 1953 and fell below the level of every other month since March 1953.

Fruits, Vegetables Higher Every important food category except fruits and vegetables showed a price level decline from that of October. Fruits and vegetables, however, averaged 0.6 per cent higher than a month ago. In Seattle, the average level

of retail prices during November was the lowest since February 1953. The maximum spread during this period, between the November all items price index of 115.7 and the high point of 116.8 in August, 1953, however, amounts to less than 1 per cent, indicating a stable price level.

The change between November 1954 and last August, when the all items group was last priced, amounted to a decrease of 0.4 per cent. The most important contributing factor in this change was a 2.0 per cent decrease in the price of food.

BALLOON TRIP Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — Jerry Peach, University of Nebraska student, turned loose a helium-filled balloon after the Nebraska Pittsburgh game here, and got more mileage out of it than he had dreamed. The balloon sailed 425 miles in less than 24 hours and was found by Mrs. Lester White near Farmer City, Ill.

WELL, WELL! Tijuana, Mex. — (U.P.) — During a shakeup in the Tijuana police department all 27 of the city's detectives were discharged. In the following 48 hours not one robbery was reported. It was the first time the city had made such a record in more than 10 years.

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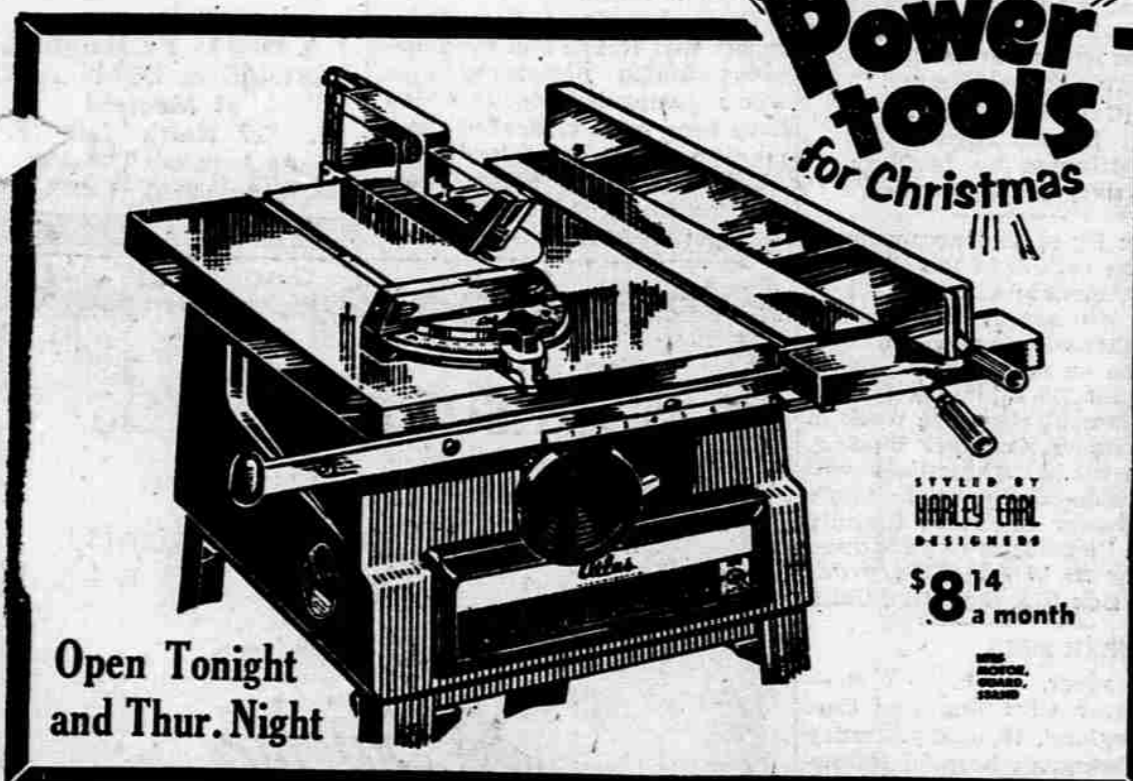
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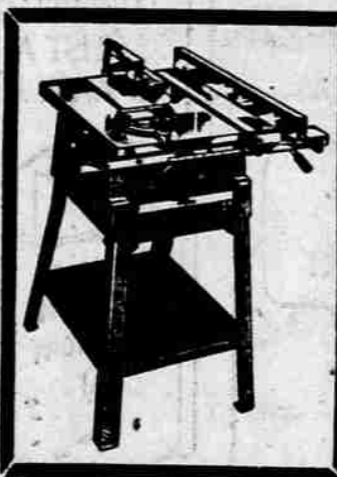


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