

Former Illinois Auditor Appears For Arraignment

Springfield, Ill. — J.P. — Former Illinois state Auditor Orville E. Hodge today appeared in court for arraignment on 46 charges of operating a confidence game, forgery and embezzlement.

His attorney said he would enter a plea of innocent for his client unless Hodge instructed him to do otherwise. Hodge already has been indicted on federal charges of misapplication of federally insured funds.

A 176-page "clean record" statement by Hodge was read by state's attorney George P. Contraction to newsmen Wednesday. In it, Hodge admitted "100 per cent responsibility" for a huge phony check scheme which Contraction said may involve more than \$1,000,000.

The prosecutor required more than two hours to read the entire testimony gathered in eight hours of interviews with the former official. Contraction said he considered the statement a "confession" but not a "full confession."

The statement was unsworn by Hodge because Contraction said he was not authorized interviewing him.

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Hodge was vague about the exact amount of money involved and details of the scheme. "I was very busy trying to do a good job in the auditor's office," Hodge said. "I suppose I was so busy I didn't think of the seriousness of what was happening and let it go at that."

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Marine Reservists Stage Surprise 'Raid' To Take Over Des Moines

Des Moines, Iowa — J.P. — A Marine reserve sergeant and 51 companions took over Des Moines for 15 minutes late Wednesday, forcing all local television and radio stations but one off the air. They had no official authorization.

The reservists, who had attended their weekly meeting on Wednesday night, said the purpose of their "raid" was to block the city prior to a simulated A-bomb attack. They carried dummy rifles and hand grenades with them.

Reserve officials indicated that no disciplinary action would be taken against the group, who kept their plans from officers.

Led by M. Sgt. Don E. Plato, members of the 26th Rifle company took over the filter center of the Ground Observer Corps, the Civil Defense headquarters, the telephone company offices and equipment, the water plant, and an emergency unit of the Air National Guard.

In addition to these activities, the Marines raided KRNT-TV and radio, WHO-TV and radio, KWDM radio and KIOA radio stations in Des Moines. They also silenced WO-TV and radio station in Ames, Ia.

Broadcasting and telecasting was discontinued for a brief period of time. Plato said they failed to silence one remaining radio station in Des Moines, because the door was locked, and the men didn't want to cause any property damage.

A squad of 10 men "captured" the 124th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, which has been on a standing alert since July 1. The Marines clambered over a fence and surprised an armed guard in the operations room. They informed the squadron that they were the "20th Special Aggressor Forces."

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State Crews Repair Street Intersections
The state paving crew, number eight was making maintenance repairs on Front st early this morning at the Sixth st. intersection.

Front st is a truck bypass route, the surface of which is maintained by the state highway department. During the early part of the week the crew was busy at the 'Y' intersections at the north edge of the city, doing mending work on the north and southbound lanes of Highway 30 and on the Foster Lake highway.

The crew has set up a temporary parking plant on the Santa Valley Highway from here they will move to Prospect and then to Conville.

Kiwanis Club Nets \$4,675 From Kapers
Medford Kiwanis club netted \$4,675.24 from its Kiwanis Kapers presentation earlier this year. Chairman Bill Mitchell reported to members Wednesday by his final accounting to the club.

The funds will be used for the club's varied youth projects.

Vernon Thorpe, city public works director, outlined the city's projected arterial street program to Kiwanians at the regular luncheon session of the club at Rogue Valley Country club.

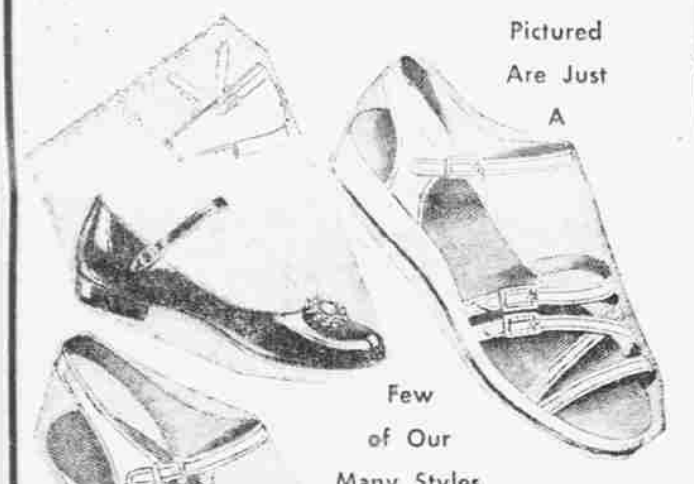
Demonstration Program Set for School Pupils
A demonstration program will mark the close of the vacation church school at the Congregational church at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The program will include an exhibit of handwork made at the school in Pilgrim house.

The school was the first vacation school held by the church which started less than three years ago. About 60 children were enrolled.

Staff members included Mrs. Richard Travis and Mrs. Frank Price, beginners; Mrs. Daryl Farham, lower primary; Mrs. Paul Price, upper primary; Mrs. Paul Norris, upper primary; Mr. and Mrs. John McCamant Jr., Mrs. Ivan Burton and Mrs. and Mrs. Charles G. Smith, directors of music.

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