

Most Criminals Desire Capture, Veteran California Attorney Says

Visalia, Calif. —(U.P.)—A veteran attorney who has toiled in the role of both prosecutor and defender is convinced that criminals desire capture and imprisonment.

"This is a startling thought to the layman, but is true nonetheless," declares John Locke, public defender for Tulare county in central California. "Surprisingly, most criminals know crime does not pay."

In the past three years Locke has witnessed cases where criminals confessed and demanded to be sent to prison although often their guilt could not be proved under law.

Left Stupid Clues
Others outwardly resisted jail

yet subconsciously did what Locke described as "everything possible to put themselves there, leaving stupid clues which pointed irrefutably to their guilt and antagonized juries into convicting them."

"My experiences convince me that all man's troubles—crime, alcoholism, narcotics, mental illness—result from a feeling that life is futile and not worth living," Locke says. "A person so troubled rejects life and seeks death in the guise of crime."

Beliefs Not Unique
Locke's beliefs are not unique. Many leading criminologists and law enforcement officials have similar theories. However, he is one of the leaders in a branch of the law whose ranks are slim.

There are only 75 fulltime legal defenders in the United States.

A 1936 University of California graduate, Locke was with the Tulare county district attorney's office for 13 years before he was named to the public defender's post in 1954. He currently is president of the California Public Defenders and Legal Aid association.

Locke, who with one assistant handles more than 200 cases every six months, predicts there soon will be more public defenders in the nation. He believes the system is the best method for providing legal aid to defendants without funds at less cost to the taxpayer.

Many areas operate a court assignment list in which private attorneys take turns in defense of indigent cases. However, sometimes the court-appointed counsel is unable to give all of his attention because of the pressure of private business.

Lie Detection Used
Locke works closely with the district attorney and often has eliminated needless jury trials at a saving to taxpayers. He also is one of the few public defenders who employs lie detection.

"We have had several cases where their attitude after a lie detector test had proven them guilty," Locke said. "However, we had one case where the innocence of the suspect was uncovered by the test and he was freed."

Although Locke's primary role is defense, he is an ardent advocate of reform and rehabilitation of criminals.

"Criminals can be reformed through group and individual counseling by trained personnel, through education, thorough training in the trades and through religion," he says.

After all, he adds, 90 per cent of the persons imprisoned return to society sooner or later and the only real cure for crime is to reform the criminal.

Gypsy Tribe Pays Final Tribute To Dead Patriarch

Winston-Salem, N.C. —(U.P.)—Members of the sixth largest gypsy tribe in the world gathered here to pay final tribute to their dead patriarch.

George Toney, also known as George Antonio, died here Wednesday night in a private home a few hours after he and other members of the tribe were evicted from the house where they had been living.

The 67-year-old wandering tinsmith, critically ill for a week, was brought here to die Monday night after relatives removed him, unconscious, from Cone Memorial Hospital at Greensboro, N.C.

Hospital authorities said they understood Toney had been moved so tribal rites at his death "wouldn't disturb anyone."

Stricken on Trip
The tribal leader, whose home was in Elizabeth, N.J., was stricken last week while traveling from Birmingham, Ala., to Danville, Va.

The gypsies bundled Toney into an ambulance and brought him here, the first of two moves the dying chieftain made this week.

Wednesday, a justice of the peace ordered them to move from the house they had rented here. Their landlord had told them more than a month ago to leave, claiming they had violated the rental agreement.

The gypsies rented another house, but the landlord said Wednesday night that he had refunded their money and had asked them to move. "I didn't know I was renting it to gypsies," he said.

Portland —(U.P.)—Charles E. Snell of Portland has been named president of the Oregon State Motor Association.

New Automobile To Make Debut In Fall; Details Remain Secret

Washington —(U.P.)—Richard E. Krafe is a man beating the drums for a product so secret only 500 people know what it will look like.

The product is the new Edsel automobile, Ford's forthcoming challenge in the medium-priced automotive field. Krafe, general manager and vice president of the Edsel Division, is busy lining up the 1,200 dealers who will originally distribute the new car.

"We've received more than 2,800 applications for dealerships," Krafe told the United Press in an interview. "But we're not waiting for people to come to us—we're asking banks and business leaders to recommend prospective dealers, too."

Debut in Fall
The Edsel, named for the son of the company's founder, will be introduced sometime next fall.

"We have a target date but we can't reveal it yet," Krafe added. "There are too many things we might trip over before we arrive at a definite date."

The slim, baldish executive did reveal these few things about the new car whose styling has been revealed only to top Ford officials.

"It will sell in four price brackets—the Ranger, Pacer,

Corsair and Citation, the latter being the most expensive. Wheelbase will vary among these models.

"It will be 'distinctively but not radically styled.' You'll be able to tell it's an Edsel from any angle you look at it," Krafe added.

Parts Interchangeable
—Mechanically, some of its parts will be interchangeable with the Lincoln, Ford and Mercury. The Edsel generally will

rank between the Lincoln and Mercury in price.

—Edsel prototypes have been undergoing tests for at least 14 months; the car itself was first conceived in 1954, when preliminary styling sketches were made.

Present plans call for at least 200,000 Edsel units a year, produced in five plants located in Mahwah, N.J.; Somerville, Mass.; Wayne, Mich.; Louisville, Ky., and Milpitas, Calif. A sec-

Education Committee Recommends Funds
Salem—(U.P.)—The House Committee on Education has voted 5 to 2 to recommend funds for community colleges be appropriated from the general fund instead of taking it from basic school support funds.

—The Somerville plant will turn out the Citation and Corsair models exclusively. The other assembly facilities will continue to build Fords or Mercurys, along with the Edsel.

ond West Coast plant, in the Los Angeles area, will be picked in the near future.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Moss grows on the north side of trees, hoarfrost is frozen dew; thunder echoes longer in mountainous regions than in the open plain; life quite similar to the earth's may exist on the moon.

You've heard every one of these around the campfire—including the hoary one about a check being dated on Sunday being stack up. How do these beliefs value up?

Fallacy: When lost in the deep woods you can always tell directions because moss always grows on the north side of the base of trees.

Fact: Only sometimes. If you are in a deep forest which is fairly on the level, with an unbroken canopy overhead, then the moss will tend to be at the base of the trees on the north side where the sun is unable to reach and moisture collects. But there may be other factors—springs, brooks, a steep slope of ground, a broken canopy. Then moisture may collect in sunless areas on other sides of the tree.

Fallacy: Hoarfrost is frozen dew.

Fact: Hoarfrost, the silvery deposit in white needle form, is the moisture of air deposited in solid form without first having passed into the liquid state of dew. This is in contrast to rime which is somewhat resembles but is actually congealed dew or vapor on the windward side of exposed objects.

Fallacy: Thunder echoes longer in mountainous regions than in the open plain.

Fact: I was all prepared to go along with this fallacy until I was caught up short by Eric Sloane's Almanac and Weather Forecaster (Duell, Sloane & Pearce, N.Y.) Sloane states that although thunder seems to roll in with a descending roll, thunder does not echo at all.

The prolonged rumbling is caused by the length and irregularity of the lightning flash. A gun for example, he continues, makes one solid "bang" because the explosions come from one place—within the gun. But a lightning explosion occurs at many different distances from you, sometimes from a two-mile long and very irregular flash.

As the sound travels comparatively slow, this lengthy explosion reaches your ears as a prolonged rumble because it is coming from a variety of different places.

Occasionally the lightning may flash in an arc overhead and although the resulting "bang" will be coming from different places, it will all reach you at the same time; that effect, which is known as "a thunderclap" is one loud explosion instead of the usual rumbling. (In spite of Sloane, I still think a gun's fire echoes in canyon country and so does thunder. Who's with me?)

Fallacy: Life quite similar to ours may exist on the moon.

Fact: Our satellite, the moon, has no atmosphere, no air, and no moisture. Hence, no rain, no oceans, no dust clouds rising from its surface. If there is any animal life on the moon, it would have to be very simple and wholly unlike that on our earth.

Fallacy: A check dated or written on Sunday is illegal and valueless.

Fact: The bank is holding your money on Sundays and making as much money from it as it does on week days, so Sunday checks are as good as gold—or should I say, just as good as the checking account of the underwriter.

This superstition, quite likely, is a leftover from our early Sabbath laws. Before the turn of the century, the Sabbath day was held rigidly in most parts of our land, even as it pertained to long-distance travel. An 1830 Connecticut statute reads: "No proprietor or driver of any coach, wagon, sleigh . . . shall suffer or allow any person to travel . . . on the Lord's Day, or penalty of \$20 for each offense." In those days, this was important money.

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Office Prepared for County Planners
An office for the Jackson county planning commission is being set up this week in the room behind the new circuit courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse annex, the county court announced today.

Furniture is being moved into the room now and the office is expected to be occupied next week, according to the county court. A draftsman and part-time secretary of the commission will occupy the office daily and the commission will hold its regular monthly meetings there. The commission has previously met in the county courtroom.

Planning commission meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

Needs of County Are Discussed by Jaycees
Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, explained needs of Jackson county and problems faced in developing new and allied business in the area at a meeting of the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce this week.

"The day is fast approaching when the population increase and the business market will certainly have a great effect on the economy of southern Oregon," McNeil said. He was introduced by Buzz Doody of the Medford Jaycees.

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