

Meeting May Start Another Round in Dr. Sheppard Case

Columbus, Ohio—A meeting later this week between four defense attorneys of Dr. Sam Sheppard may start a new round of legal battle to gain the convicted wife killer his freedom.

Gov. Paul Herbert, one of Sheppard's lawyers, said he and the others will sit down this week to decide whether to press murder charges against Florida convict Donald Joseph Wedler.

Last month, Wedler told authorities he murdered a woman in Bay Village, Ohio, on the same date that Sheppard's wife, Marilyn, was found brutally beaten in the bedroom of his fashionable home.

Wedler later signed a confession which Herbert has locked in his vault.

Freedom Sought

Sheppard's lawyers, Herbert, William Corrigan, Arthur Peters, and Fred Garmon, one of Cleveland, have contemplated filing murder charges against Wedler as a way to free Sheppard from the Ohio Penitentiary where he is serving a life sentence for the slaying.

Herbert said a final decision on whether to press the charges against Wedler would be reached during the meeting.

The lieutenant governor recently returned to Ohio from a meeting of the American Bar Association in London, England, and a tour of Europe.

During his absence, Corrigan went to Florida to question Wedler personally. Cleveland authorities, who also flew to Florida to talk with Wedler, have branded the confession a "hoax."

Last Resorts

The case gained national prominence again when mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner's "Court of Last Resort" asked Gov. C. William O'Neill to permit them to give Sheppard a lie detector test.

The governor first approved the test but later withdrew permission after Gardner reported there were major discrepancies in Wedler's story.

Gardner told O'Neill, however, that the test showed Wedler was telling the truth or "what he believed to be the truth."

Herbert, who handled Sheppard's unsuccessful appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court, told the United Press that the American people "don't want an innocent man punished for something he didn't do."

He said the meeting between the attorneys would be held as soon as "the schedule of four busy lawyers can be arranged."

Eastern Firm Gets Contract for Reactor

Lemont, Ill.—Argonne National Laboratory today announced it has awarded a contract for the detailed design of a boiling reactor facility to be constructed at the National Reactor Testing Station, about 50 miles west of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Business manager J. H. McKinley said the contract for the Argonne boiling reactor, or reactor facility, was awarded to United Engineers and Constructors, Inc., Philadelphia.

The facility will provide the physical plant for experiments to gather performance and operational data for various types of boiling reactor concepts, McKinley said.

Two Injured In Wreck As Truck, Car Collide

Mrs. Casey Wierzbinski, Box 308, Rogue River, and her 13-year-old daughter Joan were injured when the car in which they were riding and a truck and trailer collided on Highway 99, a half-mile south of Rogue River yesterday.

Driver of the car was Casey Wierzbinski, 41, Rogue River, and Milton John Hilkey, 28, route 1, box 560, Central Point, was the truck driver.

State police reported extensive damage to the car and minor damage to the truck. The ambulance was not called.

Crew of Tanker Parachute Safely

Bovina, Tex.—A KB50 tanker plane crashed during practice refueling operations today but all six men on board managed to parachute safely.

Mrs. Pete Davies, a rural mail carrier who was out on her route with her 9 and 13-year-old sons, said the plane almost hit her.

"A jet plane came in real low in front of my car," she said. "I looked in my rear view mirror and saw this other plane hit the road a few hundred yards behind me."

"It glanced off the road and crashed into a field. It scared me so bad I couldn't talk about it right away."

The KB50, a four-engine plane used as a bomber in the Korean War, crashed 12 miles northwest of Bovina within a quarter mile of the home of Dean McCallum, a farmer. Bovina is within sight of the New Mexico border.

Maj. Clarence Cone of Cannon Air Force Base, at Clovis, N.M., said the plane and its crew were from Langley, Va., Air Force Base and stationed temporarily at Cannon for training.

Griffin Creek Expects An Enrollment of 300

An enrollment of 300 pupils is anticipated for Griffin Creek school when it opens Sept. 9, according to Principal Myrna Frink.

Lunch will be served in the cafeteria the first day. The price will be the same as last year.

In preparation for school opening the building has been cleaned, several rooms redecorated and new tile laid on three classroom floors.

All children entering the first grade must be six years old before Nov. 15, the principal reminded parents. Birth and medical examination certificates must be presented.

This year's faculty includes Joan Williams, and Charlotte Stearns, first grades; Edith Arnold, second; Lois Stable, second and third grades; Marilee Lindsay, third grade; Alma Austin and Shirley Routh, fourth grade; Harriet Eltemiller, and Howard Lindstrom, fifth grade; Lynn Jenkins, sixth grade; Charles Jones, seventh grade; and Roland Griffith, eighth grade.

Coaches are Roland Griffith, Lynn Jenkins and Shirley Routh. Lynn Whipple is music director.

Other school employees include Stanley Robbins, maintenance; Elsie Gamaehlich, in charge of cafeteria, assistants Dorothy O'Conner and Lorraine Wasden; Helen and Bob Daun, custodians; Bob Daun and Steve Whipple, bus drivers, and Norma Smith, secretary.

Eighty Firms Join Following Drive By County Chamber

Eighty business firms have become new members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this month, it was reported by Chamber officials following a membership team breakfast this morning.

The membership campaign began Aug. 1 to build a broader participation and greater support of the Chamber program. "Increased activities of the Chamber in the field of industrial research, efforts to stimulate wholesale expansion and specific promotional efforts to increase diversified, year round payrolls will require more money than in the past," according to Miller Huggins, chamber president and campaign chairman.

High man for the campaign was Dr. Merle Foland who brought in 20 new members. Next highest was Mrs. Bertha Gammill who successfully secured 14 new members in support of the chamber program.

This was closely followed by Ken MacDonald with a count of 12 new members. "Congratulations are in order for a job well done," Huggins said at the wind-up breakfast meeting. "You have turned in an enviable record. Probably, no other group has ever equalled in importance the job you have just accomplished."

Those serving on the membership contact teams were William Abbott, captain; Gene Ferrell, Frank Benesh, Harold Soballe, Bertha Gammill, Bob Balk, Wayne Struble, Paul Hornbeck, Marie Pierce, Frank Morgan and Ken Cook, John Dellenback, captain; Jennings Pierce sub-captain; Bill Leever, Dick Dempster, Chris Schempp, Harold Snodgrass, Robert Stokes, Ron Gande, Ken MacDonald, Wayne Saffley, Bill Singler and Fred Robinson, Dr. Merle Foland, captain; Dave Franklin, captain; Howard Boyd, captain; Willard Hunter, Lowell Chamberlain, Bill Frake, Al Gandt, Cliff Lovejoy, Larry Schade, Bob Agard, Granvil Brittan.

Although the count of 80 new members was tallied at the breakfast meeting a number of contacts not yet returned by team members may increase this amount to nearly 100.

Board Asks FPC To Delay Action

Portland—The State Water Resources board decided Tuesday to ask the Federal Power commission not to issue permits for proposed Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams on the Snake river until it can complete a seven-month survey.

The board will make a \$50,000 survey of the middle Snake where five dams are proposed, three in the Hells Canyon reach by Idaho Power company and the Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley projects by Pacific Northwest Power company.

The board earlier had asserted jurisdiction over granting of state licenses for the three Hells Canyon area dams. Lewis Stanley, state engineer, said Tuesday the application for state licenses for Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams soon would be before the board.

Ah FPC examiner had recommended approval of licenses for Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams but the FPC has not announced a decision.

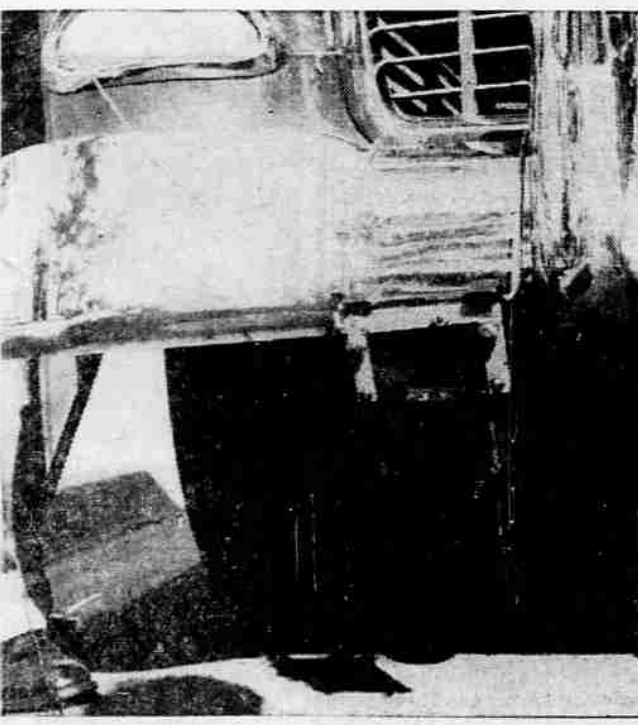
Gov. Robert D. Holmes called for the middle Snake survey in a letter to the board. Holmes criticized the Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams for their "single-purpose nature and limited storage."

L. C. Binford, of Portland, chairman of the board, said the board did not have an idea it could veto an FPC permit but that it hoped persuasion might block granting of a permit after the study.

Bids Opened for Work On Access Highways

Portland — Power City Electric, Inc., Spokane, today submitted an apparent low bid of \$74,179 to Bonneville Power administration for construction of access roads and a six-mile transmission line on the McNary-Richland loop.

The project will complete the link between McNary dam and Richland and energization is planned for the fall of 1958. Other bidders include Dukes Electric company, Pasco, Wash., \$77,770; Nichols Construction company, Grandview, Wash., \$80,000; Sierra Electric company, Portland, Ore., \$81,070; Tyee Construction company, and Lee Hoffman, Seattle, \$81,481; Fischbach and Moore, Inc., Seattle, \$89,054; Collins Electric company, Inc., Stockton, Calif., \$92,359; North Idaho Construction company, Coeur d'Alene, Ida., \$95,644; R. C. Hughes company, Spokane, Wash., \$97,850; and W. L. Ridge Construction company, Spokane, Wash., \$103,639.



TESTING MECHANISM—This mechanism mounted on a front bumper is used for testing a driver's quickness in braking a car to a stop. A pull on a string held by a front seat passenger triggers the gadget which detonates a .22 shell. As the driver's foot hits the brake pedal a second shell is exploded, dropping a blob of bright yellow paint. Distance from where the driver hits the brake and final location of stopped car is measured to determine quickness of reactions. Such a test is given Pacific Telephone and Telegraph employees who drive for the company. It may also be given local groups of drivers if a course in defensive driving is established here.



BRAKING CHECKED—Paul Hoff, manager of the Grants Pass Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company office brakes a company car smoothly to a stop even with a standard. Testing him is Leonard B. McKellar, responsible for the defensive driving training and examination of telephone company employees in Oregon. This test will be included if a defensive driving course is established locally for public groups.

President's Doctors Used High-Pressure For Shot

Washington — President Eisenhower's doctors had to resort to high-pressure tactics to get him inoculated against Asian flu.

Here's the backstage story of the President's flu shot. The White House staff tried earlier this month to persuade Eisenhower to let himself be inoculated. They argued that he is clearly in the "essential worker" category for which the Public Health Service recommends priority.

But the President adamantly refused. As he told a news conference, he was determined to wait for his shots until supplies were available to "ordinary people."

A member of the White House staff got on the telephone and talked to a Public Health Service official. A short time later, Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney publicly declared his belief that the President should be among the first inoculated.

Fails to Budge
Burney's statement failed to budge Eisenhower.

More telephone calls followed, and last Saturday the Public Health Service put out a special statement to the press. The re-

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Defensive Driving May Be Taught Here

A meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 12 with city and school officials to discuss setting up a defensive driving course here, it was announced today.

Instructor for the proposed course would be Leonard B. McKellar who is responsible for teaching defensive driving to employees of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company throughout the state.

Defensive driving is just what the name implies—driving in a manner to prevent accidents regardless of the other fellow's faulty driving or nonobservance of traffic laws. The defensive driver is prepared for lack of road signs, weather conditions and unexpected happenings.

McKellar was in Medford Monday to check telephone company employees on their defensive driving techniques. While here he contacted Jennings Pierce, chairman of the local chapter of Highway Life-Savers league, upon the recommendation of E. C. Sammons, Portland, president of the U. S. National bank of Portland. Sammons is head of the state organization of the Life-Savers league.

McKellar, while here, met with representatives of press, radio and television, to explain his program and how it has been applied to other localities.

Such a course includes a check on 86 points of a person's driving. This would cover proper hand and mechanical signalling, observance of traffic regulations, alertness in relation to various traffic hazards and possible collision threats from other drivers.

Speed of a driver's reflexes in stopping a car is measured also. This is done by an ingenious device attached to the front bumper of a car. It consists of a trigger mechanism containing a blank .22 caliber shell and a second one filled with a charge and yellow paint.

The examiner rides with the driver and holds a string by which the mechanism is triggered. At a steady 20 miles per hour the string is yanked suddenly exploding the first shell signalling the driver to stop. As the car is braked the second shell is discharged spattering the pavement with a blob of yellow paint. This indicates the spot where the driver's foot hit the brake pedal. A measuring tape is extended from the mark to where the car finally halts.

It not only indicates the quickness of reflexes but gives the driver a graphic picture of the space required to brake a car. "A driver with his foot on the brake as the car approaches a dangerous traffic situation can stop quicker than the non-prepared one," McKellar points out. "This is especially true at intersections, where, by the way, it is unlawful to pass another car."

Among other equipment used in the course is a set of collapsible standards for a car maneuvering poles. These yellow painted poles check the driver's

Search Continues For Missing Couple

Walla Walla — A reinforced search party planned to resume today one of the most intensive hunts ever made in the Blue Mountains southeast of here.

Missing are Lillian Fay Hodges, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hodges, Kennewick, and Barney Blackwell, 35, Kennewick carpenter. Both disappeared on a picnic and rock-hunting expedition Sunday.

Umatilla County Sheriff Roy Johnson said the search will be concentrated in the Mill Creek watershed and Indian Ridge areas in Walla Walla county.

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Ashland Fire Burns Area at Twin Plunges

Ashland—A grass fire in Ashland burned a small area near Twin Plunges, according to Ashland fire department officials. The fire, reported at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, was started from a trash barrel, firemen said, that was placed in a patch of weeds.

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