

## Portland Girl, 18, Confesses To Burglaries

Portland—(UPI)—Police said today Sandra Kay Oswalt, 18, Portland, has confessed to six burglaries, including two where she "cased" safes for a male companion. But her total take, over a three-week period, aside from food, beer and cigarettes, totalled only \$40.

The girl was arrested Wednesday by County Detectives Clyde Lowry and George Minielly.

Sheriff's deputies earlier arrested James Dennis Ryan, 21, Portland, and identified him as Sandra's accomplice. Ryan was arrested at the scene of an attempted safe stealing which police said Sandra had "cased."

**She Wanted Money**

The officers said the slender teen-ager explained "I wanted some money." They

said she told them that Ryan tried to talk her out of it.

Detectives said Sandra admitted participating in three burglaries in Portland, two in the county and one in Clackamas county.

They said she admitted breaking into a market but she found the safe set in concrete, so she left, after taking two cartons of cigarettes. Police quoted her as saying she later threw them along a roadside — she didn't like the brand.

**Smashed Glass Door**

Early Monday, she told police, she smashed a door glass at another market. Determining that the safe could be moved, she said she left and informed Ryan, taking with her cigarettes, canned ham and beer. Ryan later was arrested by deputies inside the

store. Deputies went to the scene after someone reported the door glass broken.

Lowry said the Clackamas county burglary involved a break-in at a store near Molalla.

## Railroad Plans To Combine Trains

Chicago—(UPI)—The City of Denver and City of Portland streamliners will be combined into a single train during the off-season, the Union Pacific Railroad announced today.

The railway said lack of passenger patronage dictated the merger, which becomes effective Jan. 11. The trains will run separately during the summer tourist season.

## Wilderness Bill Gets Opposition

Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association has submitted a brief in opposition to the proposed Wilderness area bill, according to Robert F. Kline, association president.

The proposal to restore the ever more populous west to the primeval grandeur that only the Indians knew before the white man's coming is as impractical as it is idealistic, the brief stated. The brief is addressed to Sen. James E. Murray, chairman of the committee on interior and insular affairs.

The proposed legislation overrides the multiple use concept upon which the national forest system was established, the brief stated. Access roads are needed into the forests for proper timber management and enhancement of the tourist trade.

However, the bill would prohibit them, it was pointed out.

Limiting the timber yield through establishment of wilderness areas would give Southern Oregon residents a reduced payroll and increased tax burden, the brief stated further. The wilderness bill would also do nothing to enhance development of water use and water power, it was pointed out.

## Icy Spots, Fog Mar Ore. Highway Travel

Salem—(UPI)—The State Highway Department said icy spots were on the highway at Green Springs, Prospect and Santiam Pass today, but elsewhere in Oregon pavements were bare.

Fog was reported at Astoria, Medford and Coquille.

## Federal Men Get Two on Violations

Two persons were arrested by federal authorities in the Rogue valley area Wednesday and today. One was charged with embezzlement while the other was for a Dyer act violation.

Mrs. Lois Lacy Sauer, San Francisco, was arrested Wednesday morning in Central Point on a warrant charging her with embezzlement of government property.

Today James Robert Young, 65, transient, was arrested in the valley on a warrant issued in New Orleans, La., March, 1956, for interstate transportation of a stolen motor vehicle.

He is scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon or Friday morning.

Mrs. Sauer, who was visiting in the valley at the time of her arrest, was a cashier at a U.S. Navy installation in San Francisco, it was reported. Officials said that she had been released from her job following an audit of her accounts.

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## Mayor Will Talk Air Study Plan To City Council

Medford Mayor John W. Snider confirmed his intentions today to consider further a city-state joint study of local air conditions at the city council meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock in city hall.

He said he plans to comment at the meeting on the letter received recently from the Oregon State Air Pollution authority. This letter, reporting on results of a token study conducted here early in October, recommends "additional sampling and field surveys on a joint basis to obtain more complete information."

"It cannot be concluded at this time that an area-wide pollution problem exists in the city," the report states, "but the sample data indicates the presence of local nuisance conditions."

Mayor Snider has said he considers the possible study an administrative matter, with details to be worked out by City Manager Robert A. Duff.

Other subjects up for consideration at tonight's council meeting include amending the ordinance requiring basement sprinkler systems, and adopting plans and specifications for extending Columbus ave. from Jackson st. to McAndrews rd. through the Jackson County Housing authority area and for a sanitary sewer along South Riverside ave. from Earhart st. to Stewart ave.

A public hearing on a sanitary sewer for Eastover Terrace rd. and a portion of Hillcrest rd. in the unrecorded Getchell subdivision is on the agenda.

Resignations submitted by two members of the city planning commission, County Judge-elect Earl Miller and Hugh Coleman, are also to be considered tonight, Mayor Snider said.

The matter of authorizing the city to sell a thin strip of land on Newtown st. to the owner of adjacent property for \$100 is also slated.

## Ashland Court Hears Charges On Vandalism

Ashland—Doyle M. Benson, 18, of Ashland, was fined and given a jail sentence in Ashland municipal court Tuesday for damages done to the Lincoln statue in Lithia park on Nov. 4.

Municipal Court Judge P. H. Stansbury sentenced the youth to 30 days in jail and fined him \$200. He was ordered also to pay \$314 for damages done to the statue.

Benson admitted that he and a companion, who is no longer an Ashland resident, pushed the heavy statue off its base on Nov. 4. The head was broken off.

A 17-year-old girl and a 14-year-old girl, both of Ashland, were brought before Ashland municipal court Tuesday on charges of smearing and painting cars Oct. 28 in the city. Total damages from the vandalism was estimated at \$195.

The 17-year-old girl, who holds a job, has been restricted to her home on week ends. The 14-year-old girl is restricted to her home all hours when not attending school. The girls were directed also to pay for damages done to the cars.

In a third case, a 16-year-old boy was fined \$52.50 for damaging an auto in an Ashland parking lot. The judge ordered him to pay for the estimated \$150 in damages.

before U.S. Commissioner Frank J. Van Dyke Wednesday.

Both persons were lodged in the Jackson county jail. Mrs. Sauer will be returned to San Francisco, it was reported.

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## Veteran Resident of Wasco County Dies

Portland—(UPI)—Mrs. Jessie Lucas, 87, who lived for more than half a century on the farm she and her husband

homesteaded at Wamic in Wasco county, died in a local hospital Wednesday after a long illness. She had made her home here since 1948.



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