

Major Offenses Show Decline in Police Reports

Major offense reports in April were nearly a third lower than those in the previous month and were also below the figure for April, 1958, Medford police reported.

April totaled 71, compared to 100 in March and 82 a year ago, according to the department's monthly tally.

Included in the total were 19 burglary reports, 6 auto theft reports, 4 reports of larceny over \$50 and 42 of larceny under \$50.

Miscellaneous offense reports, however, climbed from 611 in March to 678 last month, primarily from an increase in reports of road and driving law violations. Miscellaneous offense reports for April, 1958, totaled 649.

Rise in Offenses

A sharp rise in sex offense reports—12 last month, from 2 in March and 5 a year ago—was recorded.

Embezzlement and fraud reports stood at 20, the same figure as in March but twice that of April, 1958, while drunkenness reports climbed slightly to 38, compared to 35 in March and 34 a year ago.

Nine cases of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages were recorded in April, compared to three cases last month and five the previous April.

Road and driving law violations rose to 202 last month from 162 in March, while traffic and motor vehicle law violations totaled 270, compared to 269.

A total of 128 traffic citations were issued for violation of basic rule in April, 50 of them based on radar. This brings the total of such citations based on radar, since its use began Feb. 9, to 128 out of a total of 344.

Jensen Fills Post Left by Donovan

Kenneth W. Jensen of the Medford bureau of land management has been promoted to fill the vacancy left by William J. Donovan, who was unit forester of the northwest Josephine forest management area. He was recently transferred to Washington, D.C., office of the BLM.

Jensen is a graduate of Idaho university school of forestry. He has had prior experience in the pine forests of the bureau in eastern Oregon and wide experience in forest inventory for BLM in western Oregon for which he received one superior service award for his high calibre work in the inventory field.

Jensen has been with the bureau since 1952. Prior to his advancement Jensen was assistant unit forester in the south unit of the Medford district.

TEST POLICY

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia—UPI—The African National Congress said today it will step up its campaign to get shops, hotels and other business concerns to put the congress' "racial partnership" plan into practice. During the week end Africans also will visit European "whites only" swimming pools, theaters and churches to test their segregation policies.

State Legislature 'Looked Backward', Hatfield Declares

Salem—UPI—Gov. Mark Hatfield said the 50th Oregon Legislature which adjourned here Thursday "looked backward" rather than pioneering for our future.

The governor said "They have provided only another patch on the crazy quilt of Oregon taxation. Instead of truly broadening the tax base as was recommended to them in a comprehensive budget message Feb. 9, the Democratic leadership has socked the same taxpayers who have been hit so often and so hard for so many years.

The governor continued "had the base been broadened, vital needs could have been met such as those in elementary and secondary education with resultant property tax relief. Only a slight tip of the Legislative hat was given to capital gains which would have encouraged investment capital and provided more job opportunities.

Hatfield said some good things did come out of the

Legislature. "The Board of Agriculture was reorganized to widen its responsibilities and remove it from politics, the anti-picketing law was repealed and uninsured motorist clause was adopted and unemployment compensation provisions were rewritten."

He said the budget, estimated now by Sen. Alfred Corbett, (D-Portland) to be \$312,400,000, was kept to "some \$15 million under what

was predicted for this biennium a year ago by then finance director John Richardson."

As a parting shot, the governor added that "a tax rebellion in Oregon is avoidable only if we in government administer with economy and efficiency."

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GIVING VIVID DEMONSTRATION of how he strangled two sons of Mrs. Wanda Brogdon (left), his common law wife, Archie Merriam, 37, tells San Diego police they decided to kill boys "because they were a bother."

Mulling to Speak at Roseburg Meeting

Ashland—Leon Mulling, director of the speech and hearing center at Southern Oregon college, will speak at the 1959 annual state convention of the Oregon Association for Retarded Children in Roseburg, Saturday, May 16.

Mulling will direct two workshop sessions on the topic "Speech and Language Development of Mentally Retarded Children," and will deliver a summarizing talk on the same subject.

The meeting will take place at the Umpqua hotel and will consist of talks by Edgar Bell, nationally known educational authority; Dr. Harold Dickman, psychologist, veterans hospital; Mrs. Minnie Waterman, psychiatric social work consultant; and C. F. Feike, state director, division of vocational rehabilitation; and Curtis Krishef, field representative, national association for mentally retarded children.

The Douglas county association for retarded children is arranging the meeting.

Errol Flynn Treated For Arthritis in Knee

Miami—UPI—The usually swashbuckling Errol Flynn was treated at a local hospital Thursday night for arthritis in the right knee. Hospital officials said the movie actor remained in the hospital only long enough for a doctor to take care of his knee and then left.

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