

Corvallis Postal Clerk Sentenced For Embezzlement

Portland (UPI) - A former postal clerk at Corvallis was sentenced here Wednesday to 30 months in Federal prison on each of three counts of postal embezzlement.

Charles S. Bennett, a Corvallis postal clerk for 20 years, will serve each count concurrently.

He was convicted June 6 of manipulating \$19,000 of postal money over an 18-month period in such a way as to embezzle \$8,972.

Has Five Children

Bennett's attorney sought probation for him and pointed out Bennett's long service with the post office department, that he has five children and is a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.

District Judge William G. East refused leniency and said "You had a high trust - you violated it. I have no alternative except to sentence you to prison."

In order to make restitution for the alleged embezzlement, Bennett previously had assigned his retirement fund and sick leave pay.

New Air Defense Region Created

Colorado Springs, Colo. (UPI) - A new region of the U.S. Army Air Defense command was created in the Pacific Northwest Wednesday. It was part of a realignment to conform more closely with re-

Civilian Space Agency Unveils Plans for Decade

Washington (UPI) - The government's civilian space agency today unveiled a timetable of 260 space shots for the next 10 years - more than two shots a month - including a test flight of a nuclear-powered rocket in 1965.

Space scientists announced plans to put a Mercury Astronaut in orbit and hit the moon with an instrument package next year, launch the first astronomical laboratory in 1963 or 1964, and send the first unmanned spaceship around the moon and back in 1964.

"We expect to accomplish manned flight to a landing on the moon and return to earth beyond 1970," the agency said.

Series of Reports

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration gave the timetable in a series of reports to the opening session of a two-day meeting of 1,300 government, industry and university officials involved in space projects.

The sessions were closed and many of the reports were censored when released because they contained classified material. Some target dates on the timetable have been announced previously.

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Lie Detectors Used By Business Firms

Miami Beach, Fla. (UPI) - The average American is more likely to be taking a lie detector test these days than Public Enemy No. 1.

The reason? American business is adopting the scientific interrogation technique to reduce embezzlement and pilferage losses which last year reached an all-time high of \$1.5 billion.

Lincoln M. Zonn, a commercial examiner who has run many more tests on housewives than murderers, reports that non-criminal cases account today for 95 per cent of all lie detector interrogations.

"Screening is most in demand by supermarkets, warehouses, department stores and banks, all with staffs handling large amounts of merchandise or cash," Zonn said.

Screen Employees

"It's a safe bet that around 20,000 firms have screened one or more employees. Within the next two years this number will probably double."

Zonn noted that business uses the lie detector primarily when specific wrongdoing is uncovered, as is the case in

the criminal investigation field. But where a signed confession usually leads to prosecution in criminal cases, business prefers to handle its wrongdoers outside of the courts, he said.

"Bonding companies make restitution based on the confession plus other proof of loss," he explained.

"In more than half of the cases uncovered, pilferers are either reemployed or the bonding company finds other employment for them in order to get back money paid on the bond. Money can't be recouped when a man sits in prison.

"Of course, the man is screened carefully to determine the likelihood of further wrongdoing, and in almost every case he is required to

sign an agreement to sit for periodic lie detector examination.

Good Second Risk

"This serves as a moral vaccination. I have never had a case where temptation again proved too great."

Pre-employment interrogation has gained favor with many companies, Zonn said. He noted that a truthful answer to the question of intention to remain on the job in Florida after the winter season can determine the success of an entire training program.

A former intelligence officer, Zonn reported a management trend to screen new executives who might be potential undercover operatives for competitor firms.

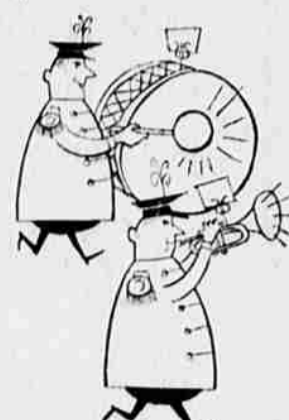
"To prevent these after-

shave-lotion-scented Mata Hari from walking off with a new car design or product innovation, all it takes is an answer to the man's intent to divulge company information," he said.

"The truth here is worth a fortune."

SOUND SLEEPER

Billings, Mont. - David Beer, 11, was sound asleep in the cab of his father's furniture van when the truck crashed through a bridge guard rail, tumbled on the edge 30 feet above the water, was sprayed by a broken fire hydrant and was bumped as two cars collided on the bridge. When it was all over, David was still sound asleep.



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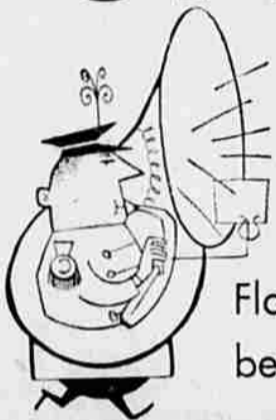
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