

Fourth in a Series

Moonlighting Not A Major Problem Among Medford Policemen

Local Officials Attend Conference

Various Jackson county law enforcement officers attended the second annual Oregon crime prevention conference in Salem last week. The meeting started Thursday.

Criminal Investigator Lee Rice and Chief Deputy Paul Bettio represented the sheriff's office, and Lt. Lyle Perkins, Medford city police.

Featured speakers at the conference called by the attorney general were Dr. Garret Heys, director of institutions, state of Washington, and Dr. Maxwell Jones, Oregon state hospital.

Reports were scheduled from the attorney general's crime prevention advisory committee following its year long study. The report was expected to include training and salary ranges and proposed solutions, crime prevention seminars via the district attorney's office, the listening device bill, proposed narcotics bill, and a bill proposing a state-wide curfew.

Scientists have ruled that a zebra is a light-colored animal with dark stripes, not the opposite.

The Week in California Authorities To Ask Death in Chamber for Accused Killers

United Press International Kern county authorities said they would ask death in the gas chamber for possibly the same for Lindsey's pregnant wife in the rape-slaying of 6-year-old Rose Marie Riddle.

The crime brought anonymous lynch threats against the accused couple and fanned the capital punishment controversy in the state capitol.

Lindsey, 30, and his wife, Dixie, 23, have accused each other of killing the blonde, blue-eyed child after she was lured away from her home with the promise of a dollar for housework. Rose Marie was beaten to death with a tire lug wrench after a sexual assault so vicious that it alone could have proved fatal.

Several Calls Received

The Kern county sheriff's office disclosed that several calls were received by local radio stations warning that there would be "lynch action" at the jail.

State Sen. Hugh M. Burns,

Most Members of City's Force Hold Outside Positions

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(Editor's note: This is the last in a series of four articles dealing with the problem of moonlighting. The first three articles dealt with the problem in New York's police department and in other police departments around the country. This article will deal with the problem, if it is a problem, in Medford's police and fire departments.)

Nearly all members of Medford's 41-man police force hold outside jobs, a practice known as "moonlighting," Police Chief Charles P. Champlin does not like moonlighting, but he feels that it is a necessary evil.

Moonlighting has not been a major problem in Medford as it has been in such cities as New York where the police force is roughly equivalent in size to the entire population of Medford.

Nor is there any indication that it will ever become a major problem. "But," Champlin says, "whenever a man has to hold down two jobs to earn a decent living, it is a bad situation, whether he be a police officer or anybody else."

Starting Pay

The starting pay for a patrolman is \$350 a month, and in three years he can receive a maximum salary of \$430 a month. If this pay were raised "substantially," then Champlin says he would "have a great tendency" to prohibit off-duty work.

The chief said members of the city's force now earn enough to make a respectable living, but not enough to afford the "extras" that most people would like to have. So, they hold extra jobs.

He defends this practice with the statement that policemen are entitled to the same opportunities in life as everyone else. "Just because a man is a police officer, I see no reason to place economic restrictions against him that are not consistent with the restrictions against anyone else."

Range of Jobs

The outside jobs held by members of the local force range from driving instructors to grocery clerks. "They work anywhere from one to five hours a day at these jobs. Other police officers do not hold regular outside jobs, but will work from time to time at odd jobs.

Although the range of work a police officer may do in his off-duty hours is large, there are several kinds of jobs that Champlin prohibits.

Chief among these is an inflexible rule against working in a place where alcoholic beverages are served. Many taverns and nightclubs would like to employ off-duty policemen as "bouncers." This is done in many cities, Champlin points out, but it is taboo here.

The chief reserves the right to approve, or disapprove, of any outside job held by a member of the force.

No Interference

He demands that the outside job not interfere with an officer's police work. "A police officer for this department is expected to be alert at all times and put in eight active and alert hours with us." Also, a police officer's "loyalty," as Champlin calls it, must be to the police force, and not to some other job.

The chief says he has discharged "some" officers over the years simply because their loyalty appeared to lie elsewhere.

Some kinds of moonlighting would be permitted by the chief no matter how much money an officer made.

Champlin said these include police officers hired by the school district to work at basketball and football games as guards of sorts; a police officer serving as a parade escort; and a police officer performing special guard duty at such functions as the opening of a new building.

Best Under Circumstance

The department has neither the manpower nor money to provide on-duty officers for such things, the chief explains, and the existing arrangements are the best possible under the circumstances.

Another outside job that the chief would hesitate to ever prohibit, is where off-duty officers are working as driving instructors.

One member of the city's force runs his own drivers' training school. Another works at Phoenix High school as a part-time driving instructor. Such work is "well-justified," Champlin says, because of the officers' familiarity and experience with traffic laws and safe driving habits.

Fire Chief Gordon Barky views moonlighting much as

Property Deeded Back to Company

The Jackson county court Friday decided the property of Lithia Lumber company of Ashland back to the company following payment of real property taxes.

The company property was taken over by the county for back taxes owed. It had owed about \$75,000 in back taxes to the county and the city of Ashland, according to former County Commissioner Ralph James.

The company has paid \$26,623.38 in real property taxes from 1954-55 fiscal year to 1959-60 fiscal year. The personal property taxes of \$30,722.82 plus interest still owing are to be paid in two installments, according to the agreement between the company and the county. Other arrangements have been made

with the city of Ashland. On Dec. 12, the county court had agreed to allow the lumber company to continue operation yet pay its back taxes to the city of Ashland and Jackson county.

According to a resolution approved earlier by the county court the lumber company will pay all real property taxes due now, plus interest, plus 2 per cent penalty. Half of the personal property tax due is to be paid by July 31, 1961, and the last half by July 31, 1962.

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Two Medford high school seniors have been chosen to participate in the Northwest Conference Band in Spokane, Wash., March 15 through 18.

Selected were Miss Linda Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Hess, 750 Lorier Lane, and Miss Anne Younger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus N. Younger, 832 Palm St., both Medford. Named as an alternate was Miss Carla Borough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Borough, 1626 Myers Lane, Medford.

The local youths were among about 800 applicants from the five northwestern states who applied for the 260-piece band. Auditions for the Conference Band were recorded on tape and sent to the organizing chairman.

Frank Piersol, director of bands at Iowa State college, Ames, Iowa, will direct the musicians for the four-day period in Spokane.

A concert will be presented by the Conference Band the evening of March 18, according to I. A. Mirick, instrumental music supervisor for the Medford public schools.

Elsewhere, there were these developments:

Waves: Strong easterly winds finally drove back huge waves that pounded the southern California coast for nearly a week. Thousands of dollars of property damage was caused by the unusually high waves, and two persons were swept to their deaths. The Pierpont Bay colony of Ventura county, containing about 50 homes valued in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 class, was the hardest hit area. At least 30 of the homes suffered some kind of water damage despite large seawalls of sand. Gov. Edmund G. Brown declared Ventura county a disaster area.

Finch: Opening arguments got under way in Los Angeles before a jury of three women and nine men in the third murder trial of Dr. R. Bernard Finch and his red-haired sweetheart Carole Tregoff. Both the earlier trials ended in hung juries. Finch and Miss Tregoff have denied state charges they plotted and carried out the July 18, 1959, gunshot slaying of the surgeon's socialite wife, Barbara.

Powell: Dick Powell and June Allyson had a "friendly" breakfast in Hollywood with their two children, but the actor-producer said he has "accepted the divorce plans and will let proceedings take their natural course." Under terms of the divorce suit filed by Miss Allyson, she would receive \$2.5 million and custody of both children.

Nixon: Outgoing Vice President Richard M. Nixon said he has "no plans at the present time" to run for office in 1962 or 1964, but he would not rule himself out of the political picture. Nixon left Washington after the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy for a month's vacation. He said he would join a Los Angeles law firm about March 1.

Shooting: A disheveled former student was arrested in Berkeley and confessed he burst into an office at the University of California, shot and killed a graduate student and wounded a professor because "God told me to do it." Police identified the man as John Harrison Farmer, 34, who graduated from the university in 1959 with a master's degree in journalism. They said he admitted firing the charge from a sawed-off shotgun which killed Steven Mann Thomas, 29, of Ukiah. A second blast ripped away part of the jaw of English Prof. Thomas F. Parkinson, 40.

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