

Three Appear in Local Circuit Court

Clarence L. Bone, 15 Amy st., Central Point, pleaded guilty in Jackson county circuit court yesterday to charges of uttering and publishing a forged check.

A pre-sentence report was ordered. Bone is charged with issuing a \$75 bad check.

Paulette Bone, also of 15 Amy st., Central Point, appeared in circuit court on forgery charges. The case will be submitted to a grand jury, the district attorney's office said.

Keith McBride Troxel, 42, of 460 Siskiyou blvd., Ashland, pleaded guilty to charges of obtaining property by false pretenses. He is accused of issuing a bad check for \$10. A pre-sentence report has been ordered.

Closed Circuit TV Experiment Slated In Portland Area

The Pacific Northwest's first closed circuit educational television experiment is scheduled for a two-day trial early next month with students from five suburban high schools in the Portland area participating.

Inaugurated by Union High School District 5, Milwaukie, the television workshop is being presented in connection with the Oregon Program, a statewide educational project sponsored by a four-year grant from the Ford Foundation.

The "studio" for the Jan. 7-8 program will be Clackamas High School in the Milwaukie district. The work-

shop will be beamed, via Pacific Northwest Bell point-to-point microwave, to the Gresham and Oregon City High School districts.

Meet Together

Seniors from Gresham and Centennial, meeting together at Gresham, Oregon City High School, and Milwaukie and Clackamas of District 5 will participate. There are 1,200 seniors in the five schools.

The special program is designed to introduce new methods of presenting educational materials to a large group of students at one time.

The actual class will be a unit in Modern Problems. The introductory materials will be presented on the closed circuit television by outstanding experts in special areas related to the class unit. Then 13 regular classroom sessions will be held to complete the unit in each high school.

Owen Sabin, Milwaukie school superintendent, said a special monitoring system will be set up at Milwaukie High for observers from schools and universities throughout Oregon and Washington.

Romanoff Will Close Restaurant

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (UPI)—Restaurateur Mike Romanoff, who gave up his dubious claim to Russian royalty to become an American citizen, celebrated the 23rd anniversary of his restaurant Tuesday night by announcing he would close its doors Jan. 1.

The natty Romanoff told a news conference: "This is a rather sad occasion. But costs are prohibitive and with the new tax conditions it makes it completely impossible."

"I will miss the restaurant. One misses bad habits."

"There was a time when restaurants were the center of social life throughout the world. That era is gone. People are too controlled and too interested in other things. The pace is too fast. There is an undercurrent of anxiety and people are not interested in what they eat."

Romanoff said he might open a book shop and complete a book he is writing. He said he will not open another restaurant.

The Medical Roundup

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Meniere's Disease

Many unhappy people have written recently to ask me what can be done for Meniere's disease.

Some of the persons have had the dizzy spells for a year or more. Usually they are getting attacks of "vertigo" (dizziness) in which either the person feels as if he is spinning around or the room seems to spin around him. In the worst cases, the dizziness brings nausea, vomiting and even falling down.

People with such a severe form of a Meniere's disease sometimes get so desperate that some ask for the operation in which the nerve to the little balancing mechanism—which is associated with the inner ear—is cut.

If only this part of the nerve bundle could be destroyed without injuring the function of the other part which has to do with hearing, the operation might be a good one, worth trying, but since in some cases the nerve to the hearing part of the inner ear is already slightly diseased, and loses function after the operation, the patient loses his hearing on that one side of his head.

Because a number of these people have afterwards sued the surgeon and recovered large damages, several nerve surgeons tell me that they no longer will perform this operation.

Another way of tackling the problem is to operate and destroy the inner ear, but this means an end to hearing on that side.

Little Known
One great difficulty with the treatment of Meniere's disease is that we physicians know so little about the cause. We cannot get many autopsy examinations because people do not die of the disease.

Sometimes what looks like Meniere's disease can be due to a "little stroke" in the brain; or it can be due to injury to the nerve that runs from the brain to the inner ear, or it can be due—according to one authority—to little blisters in the lining of the

semi-circular canals (that give us our sense of balance) or it can be due to swelling of the lining of these canals, or to the degeneration of the "organ of Corti" (the essential hearing mechanism in the inner ear). Occasionally there is an acute temporary form of vertigo which seems to be due to a virus.

According to Meniere, since his disease is due to an injury in the inner ear, the person with true Meniere's trouble should get some deafness in one ear. Many of my older patients (60 or over), when I send them to a good ear man come back with the report that their hearing is normal.

In many such cases, I get a history that the trouble started after a brief dizzy or woozy spell, and that this was followed by some loss of memory, with perhaps some change in character—some loss of ability, or some irritability or instability. Then I suspect that the cause of the trouble was the plugging up in the brain of a tiny artery.

Usually in these cases, the distress is not so much a feeling of spinning around as the loss of the feeling of sense of balance and position in space. I think that usually, with little strokes, the symptoms clear away in a day or two. In cases of true Meniere's disease they can be troublesome for years.

Spell of Dizziness
Many people past 50 or 60 who haven't Meniere's disease will occasionally experience a brief spell of dizziness when they quickly get up from their bed and stand up. This is not so much a sign of disease as it is in a sign of a slowness in the aging body's reaction to sudden changes in position.

Fortunately, in many cases, Meniere's disease is not severe. Only in occasional cases are the attacks so violent that the person is made utterly miserable. Then he may be afraid to drive a car. Sometimes there are troublesome ear noises.

Treatment is usually satisfactory. Some people have told me that they felt better after going on a salt-poor diet, and hence this can be tried for a few weeks.

For years the drug most commonly used has been nicotinic acid (or nicotinamide or niacin). This causes the face to flush and fill with blood, but the result of taking this drug is often transient, and so I have no faith in this medication.

I was just reading an article written by Drs. Norell and Stahle in Sweden, who said that they had used Hydrochlorothiazide in the treatment of 57 patients with Meniere's syndrome. They gave 25 mg. by mouth 3 times a day for 3 or 4 days, and then from 15 to 25 mg. a day for two or three weeks, together with some potassium chloride—after the second week.

The doctors said the patient's hearing generally improved, and 75 per cent of them were either freed of their spells or obtained some improvement. I hope their results are confirmed.

A discussion of the various causes of dizziness is contained in a small booklet called, "Head Noises and Dizziness," by Dr. Alvarez. You may obtain a copy of it by sending 25 cents and a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, Dept. MMT, The Register and Tribune Syndicate, Box 937, Des Moines 4, Iowa.

Dick Powell Has Cancer Setback

Beverly Hills, Calif. — (UPI)—Dick Powell appears to have suffered a setback in his battle against cancer, but the actor's physician emphasized Tuesday that reports Powell may not live to the end of the year were inaccurate.

"He is not a terminal case," Dr. John C. Sharpe said. "It takes a lot to knock out a big man like that."

Powell's press agent said the 37-year-old actor is not responding to cobalt treatment and is now getting intravenous treatment, according to what he learned from Dr. Sharpe.

"The doctor said Powell is under increased sedation and it now appears the back trouble for which he was hospitalized three weeks ago may not be altogether unrelated to the cancer," Frank McFadden said.

TO WRITE COLUMN

Belmont, Mass. — (UPI)—Columnist Westbrook Pegler will begin a monthly column next February for American Opinion magazine, the organ of the John Birch society.



GOD TOLD HIM—Gabriel Richard Trifari, 30, front, is in custody of police as he leaves his home in Howell Township, N.J. He faces arraignment on murder charges after telling police he killed his parents and his brother and sister with a crowbar. "God told me to do it because my family is bad," police quoted him as saying. A police spokesman said Trifari had cuts and bruises on his face and that his jacket was splattered with blood. Asked what happened to his face, Trifari, according to police, said "God told me to tear my eyes out."

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