

Six Appear in Circuit Court

Homer William Prosser, 21, of 421 West 10th st., Medford, had a 2½ year sentence to the Oregon state penitentiary for burglary not in a dwelling suspended in circuit court action Monday.

He had pleaded guilty to the charge earlier. The case of John D. Abel, 52, Grants Pass, was continued until Aug. 26. He was arraigned in circuit court on a charge of forgery and bail was set at \$1,000.

He is charged with forging the name of Francis A. Krouse, Applegate rancher, on a check and cashing it at a local store.

Nancy Lee Kime, 19, and Janice Gail Houghton, 20, both of 203 Elm st., pleaded guilty to charges of attempting to obtain property under false pretenses. Pre-sentencing reports were ordered and bail was continued at \$500 each.

They are accused of attempting to cash a false check at a local store.

Troy A. McCoy, 49, Long Beach, Calif., was placed on probation for two years after an eight months' jail sentence was suspended. He had pleaded guilty to obtaining property under false pretenses. He was ordered to make restitution.

Anna Belle Brennan, 3523 Grant rd., Central Point, pleaded guilty to uttering and publishing a forged check and a pre-sentence report was ordered.

If Mao's Farm Policy Liberalized, Chiang Counterattack Said Unlikely

By KENNETH GALE Taipei - A senior official of Nationalist China's Communist Affairs Research Commission has reported that if Red China continues to liberalize its farm policy there

will be little if any chance of a successful "counterattack" by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces two years from now.

The researcher, who asked not to be named, also said Mao Tse-tung was firmly in control of the leadership in Communist China.

He said despite reports of possible purges in the higher ranks it was very doubtful anyone in the Communist party was strong enough today to overthrow Mao. He said there were some

dissent elements opposed to Mao but that they were in no position at this time to rebel.

Speaking from the knowledge of his daily full time studies of Communist China, the researcher said that food relief in China had lessened the chances for a popular revolt.

He said the famine of three years ago was partly man-

made. "The Chinese people are mostly simple farmers and they are not interested in any government," he said. "They are only interested in living their own lives independently."

"When the Communists tried to force them all into communes the people lost their privacy and they did not like it.

"The Chinese farmer only wants to pay his taxes and have nothing more to do with the government. Then he can say 'see, I've paid my taxes and the government can no longer bother me.'"

The researcher said that with the restoring of personal incentive to the farmer production had increased and would continue to be sufficient as long as the liberaliza-

tion policy was in effect. "As it gets better, it is going to become increasingly harder for our counterattack to succeed," he said.

"If the Communists do not revert back to the commune system the chances for a successful counterattack will be

very slim if not impossible two years from now," he said. But he said the Nationalists would never give up their goal of ousting the Communists from China.

"It is our national policy, we cannot abandon our policy," he said.

Four Grass Fires Reported in Day

The Medford fire department responded to several small grass fires in the Medford area.

At 1 p. m. Sunday, firemen were called to 2685 Connell st. to a small fire burning in a vacant lot. The fire was extinguished and cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Later on in the day at 4:30 p. m., a fire in the Modoc area at the end of Lynn st. was reported. Firemen extinguished the blaze which burned two acres of grass.

A fire, resulting from trash burning, was reported to the fire department about 5 p. m. It was extinguished and minutes later firemen put out a blaze in the 2200 block of Barnett rd.

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Your Money's Worth

By SYLVIA PORTER
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On-the-job alcoholism has now become a staggering \$2 billion-plus a year "hangover" for American industry.

It is hitting hardest at the young-middle age man in U. S. business - including the expensively trained, crucially important middle-management executive.

It is boosting the cost of "sick leave" and other fringe benefits to levels far beyond any dollars-and-cents figures in a wage contract. It is similarly ballooning absenteeism and the accident rate in corporations across the land.

It is, in bluntest words, a "hidden" cost to industry of startling magnitude which is deliberately concealed by the afflicted worker.

The common estimate that employee alcoholism costs industry around \$1 billion a year is unrealistically low because of the traditional reluctance of corporations to acknowledge the extent of the problem. Lewis F. Presnall, industrial consultant for the independent, non-profit National Council on Alcoholism, flatly stated in an interview last week. "The total cost is at least double what anyone suspects."

Even the new estimate of over \$2 billion a year could be low, because, says Presnall, "Industry's attitude toward the problem has resulted in a shocking unwritten company policy to pay an economic premium for the concealment of alcoholism. This premium comes in the form of keeping an alcoholic on the job, promoting him and paying him fringe benefits. When the alcoholic is in the late stages of his disease and can no longer conceal his condition, the company ordinarily fires him."

The estimate is that about 3 per cent of all American workers are alcoholics—about 1.7 million to 2 million workers, with the ratio five men to one woman. Of these, nearly 90 per cent are between 33 and 55 years old. There are no class distinctions among alcoholics. The NCA's studies disclose they are "proportionately distributed rather evenly throughout a plant population from top management to the unskilled labor group."

Payments for sick leave and other fringe benefits run three times as high for alcoholics as for those without the disease. One company surveyed puts the average fringe benefit cost at \$500 per year for each alcoholic. Absenteeism also averages three times as high among alcoholics and companies pay extra millions per year in overtime to workers to fill in for the sick person.

As for the accident rate, this may be double the non-alcoholic average and this doesn't take into consideration the costs of off-the-job accidents which impair efficiency of the worker and make him an absentee. A full 25 per cent of all absenteeism in some corporations is traced to alcoholism.

The scope of the problem is immense, the problem is growing, and industry finally is waking up to it.

The first alcoholism program in a major company was begun in 1944. As recently as four years ago, only 35 big U. S. companies offered these programs - which involve round-the-clock personal counseling, psychiatric treatment if necessary and close cooperation with Alcoholics Anonymous. Today, the number is up to 80 large companies, reports Presnall, and many smaller companies are joining in.

The results are remarkable, for the NCA emphasizes that 50 to 75 per cent of alcoholic cases identified can be successfully treated.

One New York City agency, which has studied more than 2,000 cases in a six-year-old program, estimates its savings from the program will run to \$750,000 in 1963 alone. A major Detroit utility reduced its alcoholism-caused absenteeism from twice the company average to half the company average. A large midwestern farm machinery firm cut its absentee rate among alcoholic workers 65 per cent and slashed its firing rate among them from 95 to 8 per cent.

What's of first importance is to end the secrecy and admit this is a \$2 billion a year cost which can be drastically reduced. Then every company in which there is even the possibility of this problem should adopt a realistic treatment program tailored to its own organization setup and designed not only to save money for itself but also to save the life of the worker.

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