

State Treasurer Faces Charge Of Misappropriation

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 15 (AP)—State Treasurer Russell Fluent today was charged with misappropriating public funds and he and Vern A. Cole, Seattle broker, were charged with conspiring to defraud the state of Washington, in connection with the payment to Cole last August of \$1,107,977 broker's commission on a \$7,351,098.46 securities sale.

Superior Judge D. F. Wright set Tuesday at 10 a. m., for their arraignments.

Bail was set at \$1000 each on the gross misdemeanor conspiracy charge and an additional \$1000 bail was set for Fluent on the misappropriations felony charge.

The men were to be notified of the filings so they could post bail.

Fluent said today he would demand a grand jury investigation, and that he was preparing a written statement of his position.

Complaints Filed

The complaints were filed in the Thurston county superior court early today by Prosecutor Levy Johnson.

The conspiracy charge alleged Cole "did not perform any services to earn said commission," but Cole, when he returned the money to Fluent several weeks ago, asserted he did earn it but was returning it because of public criticism.

The commission was paid while two members of the state finance committee, Gov. Mon C. Wallgren and State Auditor Cliff

Yelle were out of the state. On their return they said they had not approved it.

Wallgren requested an investigation. Fluent recently notified Attorney General Smith Troy the money had been deposited to the state's account, after Troy threatened civil suit to recover it.

Prosecutor Johnson said he would ask the trials be set during the current jury term.

Penalty
He said Fluent's conviction on either of the charges would mean automatic forfeiture of his elective office. The misappropriation charge carries a 15 years' imprisonment penalty. The conspiracy penalty is a year in jail, a \$1000 fine or both.

The securities involved in the case are federal bonds which the state finance committee sold to the Seattle-First National bank. The conspiracy charge alleges Fluent directed the bank to pay Cole the commission although Cole was not a party to the transaction.

Fluent served six years as a member of the board of King county commissioners and is a former King county prosecutor's deputy.

Cole ran for the county commissionership in 1934, 1936 and 1942, each time failing of election.

Lumber Company To Build Addition

MERRILL — Ground was broken Tuesday for a new one-story addition to the Merrill Lumber company building and completion is scheduled for mid-January. Robert L. Drago, manager here since last spring, announces that the addition will be of hollow tile and stucco construction, will have a floor space of 40 by 40 feet and when completed both old and new buildings will have entire new glass fronts.

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William Palmateer, Merrill, is the contractor. Drago was employed for five years with the Swan Lake Moulding company before coming to Merrill.

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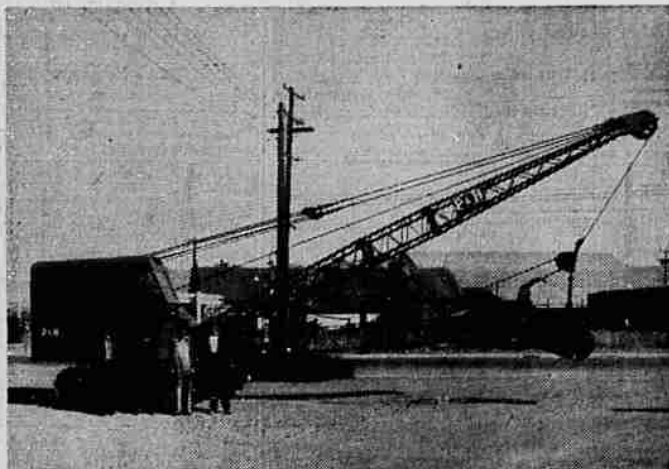
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Capt. Patterson was in combat for 85 days during the heavy fighting in the Bagio area. The Bronze Star medal was awarded him in October 28, and his parents received a copy of the citation this week. The army man's wife, Olive Jean, lives in San Jose, Calif.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Memorial services for Lt. Harry Johnson Jr., husband of Mrs. Rosemary Sloan Johnson, will be held at 8 p. m. Sunday, November 18, at the First Methodist church. Rev. Victor Phillips, pastor of the church, will officiate and all friends are invited to attend.

Lt. Johnson, flying a Mustang fighter plane over Holland, was reported missing September 17, 1944, and declared dead by the war department, September 18, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of this city.

Navy Memorial Stamps Arrive

Dozens of requests for the navy memorial U. S. postage three-cent stamp, picturing a local boy, may now be supplied at the Klamath Falls post office. The new stamp went on sale today.

Virgil "Jinx" Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Johnson, is pictured on the pale blue stamp with a group of fellow-graduates from a navy training class. The stamp is the size of a special delivery, and the faces are large enough to be recognized. A unique feature of this stamp is that it pictures men living today.

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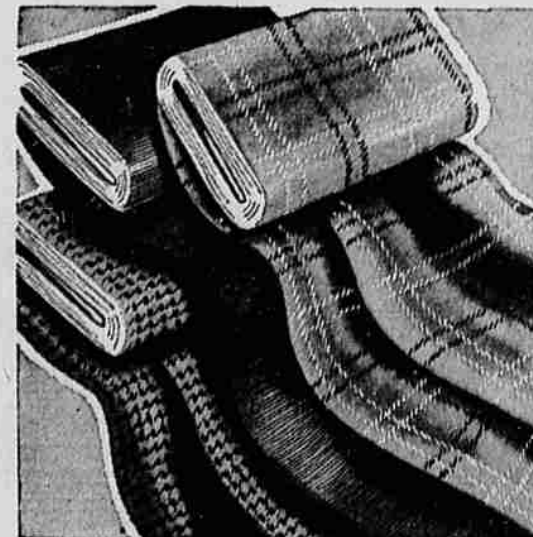
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