

Forger Gets Five Years; Probation Set for Two

Electric Link Plan Shelved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Interior Chapman told a Senate appropriations subcommittee Wednesday he has temporarily abandoned efforts to obtain funds to build a connecting transmission line between Bonneville and California Central Valley power systems.

Chapman described the project as "important and very worthwhile," but said he will not ask for the money now because it "may take a little time" to convince opponents.

The House recently turned down an appropriation for the Bonneville Central Valley line, and a \$1,173,000 item for an interconnection between La Grande and Baker, Ore.

Chapman asked the Senate committee to restore the latter appropriation.

On another power matter, Rep. Engle (D-Calif.) made public a letter from Chapman which said power production at Folsom Dam and the proposed Trinity River project should provide enough energy for an aluminum or magnesium plant at Redding, Calif.

Last month Engle asked Chapman what the situation would be when Folsom power comes into production and power from the Trinity project, not yet authorized by Congress, becomes available.

Chapman's reply said Folsom alone would not supply enough power, but he added:

"The Trinity River developments would alleviate this problem to a considerable extent.

"With this development in the picture it should be possible to supply a reasonable block of power at high load factor for magnesium or other industrial processes without disturbing the sufficiency of supply for preference customers."

Two probation terms and a prison sentence were handed out in Circuit Court here Thursday afternoon.

John H. Parker, 27, released from Oregon State Prison March 31, two hours before Klamath County officers arrived to get him, Tacoma, Wash., received five years in prison on a forgery charge.

He pleaded guilty last week to forging a \$28 check at the Klamath Army store in 1951. The same year he was sentenced to a two-year prison term in Grants Pass on charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

Parker's FBI sheet showed a criminal record dating back to 1938 in Michigan.

A five-year probation was given 18-year-old Robert Edward Law, who turned himself in to City Police the latter part of January after coming here from Casper, Wyo., to clear up a bunch of bad checks he had passed.

Feb. 27, Law admitted in court to passing \$500 worth of bad checks in the area in the fall of 1951.

Judge David R. Vandenberg told Law he was put on probation because he gave himself up, because he was 18, and also because he had kept record of the bad checks with intent to pay them back.

Placed on three years probation was Hoyt J. Kesterson, charged with stealing clothing from the home of his brother-in-law, Kenneth Nash, 2409 Oregon Ave., the morning of April 3.

In other court action Dillard Odum, 35, brought back from Fresno, Calif., April 5, to face charge of larceny by bailment, pleaded guilty and was remanded held till April 21 for passing of sentence.

Odum is accused of buying a car on contract last October, leaving the state and not making payments on the car.

Collins Brags On New Tank

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tank the Army gambled on has proved it can climb better than a man without slipping, run under water, break most city speed limits, stop on a dime — and packs a terrific wallop.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins says the M-47 medium tank, now being mass produced, is "more than a match" for its Soviet counterparts.

The Army demonstrated the M-47 to newsmen at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in nearby Maryland Wednesday.

Officials did not say how many are built and ready for combat, but Col. C. G. Wilhide, commander of the Detroit Tank Arsenal, told reporters they total more than "all types of United States tanks in Korea combined."

The exhibition indicated to newsmen that the M-47 was rid of the "bugs" that plagued early production models, ordered built by the Army as a "calculated risk" after the Korean War broke out.

Ordinarily, tanks are not built until pilot models are tested, "bugs" eliminated in long-drawn-out experiments. But the Korean War was serious, the situation in Europe tense.

The Army gambled on all-out production before the routine tests were completed, and the M-47 medium tank demonstrated it had won. Here are some of the things reporters saw:

1. The tank showed a speed of about 35 miles an hour on a highway.
2. It climbed a 50 per cent grade from a standing start—too steep a grade for a man to climb without slipping.
3. It ran through water so deep only the turret was visible.
4. It hit a moving target tank 500 yards away in dead center.

Editor Wins Service Award

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Society of Newspaper Editors awarded a distinguished service membership Wednesday to Donald J. Sterling, recently retired managing editor of the Oregon Journal, Portland.

It was one of three such awards made at the annual meeting in recognition of valued service to the ASNE.

Ralph D. Casey, director of the University of Minnesota School of Journalism at Northwestern University, were the other two recipients.

The Executive Board of the ASNE also considered a proposal to establish a Washington secretariat to guard freedom of information. It would carry on much of the work now performed by the ASNE Committee on Freedom of Information and make protests to government agencies on any news barriers discovered. The board reached no decision, but said the proposal probably will come up again in the next three days of the ASNE meeting.

The board elected 35 new members to the society, including David W. Eyre, managing editor of the Oregon Journal, and William M. Tugman, editor of the Eugene (Ore.) Register-Guard.

Shark in Tub, No Baths

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — There were no baths taken at the Joseph L. Tedeschi home Thursday. There was a shark in the bathtub.

Tedeschi said the shark — a 5-foot job — swam toward his little girl Wednesday at the beach. So Tedeschi picked up a board, beamed the shark. Then on an impulse he took it home and put it in the bathtub.

Now he's wondering what to do with the lively specimen.

MILK CHIEF

PORTLAND (AP) — William S. Weidel became acting administrator of the State Milk Marketing Administration Wednesday. Weidel, usually assistant administrator, will serve while Administrator Thomas L. Ohlsen recovers from an operation.



GETS 'HAM' LICENSE—Carol Millett, 12, St. Cloud, Minn., grammar school pupil, sits at short-wave set on which she was coached by father to pass FCC test for novice license.

Old Doc's Suffering Eased By Neighbors' Remembrance

By WILLIAM CRIDER
INVERNESS, Miss. (AP) — Cancer of the liver is an agonizing death, but because of it Old Doc, knew he was rich.

Not in money. He never made much money as a country doctor, though he got by.

He found that he was rich in friends, respect, gratitude. On his scales they outweighed gold.

Dr. W. L. Ervin died of cancer of the liver at his home here Wednesday at the age of 75.

And after 33 years there weren't many in this section of Sunflower County he didn't know or hadn't treated — or "birthed."

He rarely sent bills. A lot of his patients couldn't pay anyhow — unless it be in cornmeal, hams and sorghum.

Not long ago, however, when Old Doc had to go to Memphis, 140 miles north of here, for an operation to confirm his diagnosis of his own illness, word got around he was low on cash.

Money rolled in. A couple of days later, his patients and friends gave him \$2,000 for pocket money.

And when newspapers told of the physician who didn't bother with bills, letters came from every state in the union.

Some letters held checks from patients he had long forgotten.

The largest — for \$100 — was from a couple whose child he had treated when they were penniless 25 years ago.

The smallest was a "widow's mite" of \$2 sent in by an old Negro woman in Louisville, Ky.

There's probably not much that Old Doc would change if he could live his 75 years over again. He liked being a country doctor, he said.

"Best people in the world down here, black and white."

Funeral services were set at the Methodist Church here Thursday.

Prowler Found Under Bed

PORTLAND (AP) — A neighbor's shouts of a prowler awakened Pete Thompson from a nap Wednesday afternoon and Thompson grabbed a gun and started looking. Following tradition he looked under a bed, and there was Robert Lee Collins, 19.

At the police station Collins said yes, he was the youth cited last week for failing to yield right-of-way to a pedestrian. He was at the Thompson home, he said in a signed statement, looking for money to pay hospital bills for the pedestrian, Mrs. Louise Adler, 73.

Police filed a breaking-and-entering charge.

KEFAUVER TO ASHLAND

ASHLAND (AP) — Sen. Estes Kefauver has tentatively scheduled a May 14 appearance and speech at Southern Oregon College. Dr. Arthur Kreisman, chairman of the Kefauver-for-President Committee, said Wednesday.

Byrnes Charges Truman Untruthful; Says President Fouled Russ Policy

By ED CREAGH
WASHINGTON (AP) — James F. Byrnes Friday accused President Truman of spreading falsehoods about him and of substituting "fiction for history" in describing U. S.-Russian relations in the dangerous months of the developing cold war.

The South Carolina governor, was Truman's secretary of state from 1945 until early 1947, replied in a scathing article published in Collier's magazine to statements Truman made about him in the recent book "Mr. President."

"Byrnes went beyond denying—he has done before—that he got a personal dressing down from Truman right after the Moscow conference of 1945.

"BABYING"

By Truman's account, the President read Byrnes a memo saying he was tired of "babying the Soviets."

Byrnes said he never heard of any such memo, and then:

- 1—He charged that Truman was quick to use "strong language" against the Russians but "he did not provide the iron fist" to back up his words.
- 2—He said "the Soviets will welcome" Truman's statement that this country was "almost forced to agree" at the Potsdam conference—right after Truman became president to Russian occupation of East Poland and Polish occupation of Germany east of the Oder river.
- 3—He denied that the U. S. was eager at Potsdam to get Russia into the war against Japan. Byrnes said he hoped the Japanese would surrender before Russia could enter the war. Truman, he said, "led me to believe he shared my view."
- 4—Byrnes denied quitting as secretary of state because of any scrap with the President. He said he resigned solely, because he suffered from a heart ailment. And he said that for at least two years after his resignation he and Truman remained on cordial terms.

In addition to the Collier's article, Byrnes made public a medical record of his heart condition—described as coronary sclerosis and three letters from Truman to him, designed to show that the break between them did not come until Byrnes opened fire on Truman's domestic policies in 1949.

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Truman informed of developments at the Moscow conference as far as communications permitted.

And he said Truman often praised his work, then and later in the presence of others.

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