

Chief Finds Little Support In Attack On AF Officer

NOVATO, Calif. (UPI) — That \$15 parking warrant of Air Force Major Alan W. Sanders has been paid and acting Police Chief Robert J. Di Grazia admitted today that sometimes the life of a law enforcement officer can be a trying one.

Di Grazia has been bombarded with letters and telegrams since last week, when he accused Sanders of action "unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" for the major's reaction to a \$15 warrant which resulted from an unpaid \$2 parking fine.

Sanders—who had been transferred to Viet Nam—wrote a letter to the acting chief saying he would welcome the arrest, preferably in Novato, and would cooperate fully in any efforts to get him out of the Far

East and back to California. Di Grazia, slightly miffed by Sanders' action, turned a copy of the citation and a record of the action over to the Air Police at Hamilton Air Force Base.

But Di Grazia admitted today that he may have acted in haste. He said the letters and telegrams which have flooded his office were 20 to 1 against him.

And Di Grazia said Sanders' fine had been paid by a generous citizen in Redwood City, Calif., who forwarded a letter and a \$15 cashier's check.

He said the cashier's check was applied to the fine because there was no return address on the envelope and no indication as to who had purchased the check.



ENOUGH IS TOO MUCH — Mrs. Virginia Aikin, Mount Shasta housewife, is truly glad that Christmas comes only once a year. Deciding to salvage boughs from evergreens cut by her lumbering husband, she averaged constructing 100 Christmas wreaths each day during the fall. One day the champion wreath-maker put together 132 between daylight and dark. She says she isn't afraid that increasing competition will make the business unattractive — for it is unattractive without any competition at all. Her wish for Christmas Eve is to be allowed to sleep through New Year's Eve, and then she doesn't want to find a Christmas wreath hanging on her door.

Funds Grow For Widows

DALLAS (UPI) — Money deluged two widows who were caught in the aftermath of the presidential assassination.

Donations to the family of hero policeman J. D. Tippit exceeded \$302,000 and 12 sacks of mail remained unopened. Mrs. Tippit was amazed and grateful. Her husband was slain while trying to arrest the suspected assassin.

The widow and two babies of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald had been given \$9,000. It was reported the Russian-born woman wept when informed of the outpouring.

Police set up a clearing house for the Tippit fund and had received more than \$158,000. The Dallas Times-Herald collected \$44,000, which was turned over to police Wednesday. About one-half sack of mail was processed daily.

Both women were in seclusion. Mrs. Oswald was under guard by Secret Service agents. She requested protection and was reported in hiding at a local motel. Mrs. Shirley Williamson, a Fort Worth housewife who started a campaign to raise money for the poverty-stricken family, reported the \$9,000 amount.

"We get more each day than we got the day before," she said.

After an initial meeting with newsmen, Mrs. Tippit asked to be left alone to meet the problems of rearing three children without their father. Neighbors said she was the type of person who liked to do things for others.

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And men's handkerchiefs permanently imprinted with bright red lipstick kisses.

New Rifle Shoots Deadly Darts

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Defense Department is developing a rifle that shoots darts instead of bullets.

A top Pentagon research expert said today the darts are only an inch long and about the thickness of a pencil lead, but are capable of inflicting a gaping wound almost as severe as that caused by a dum-dum bullet.

He explained that the darts have little fins that keep them stabilized in flight. But when they strike flesh they lose their stability and turn end-over-end in the wound.

The early results were obtained in a project known as "special purpose individual weapon," announced by the Army last February.

"The weapon could be used as both a rifle and a shoulder-fired grenade launcher," the Army said. "Fully loaded, it is expected to weigh no more than the current M14 rifle and will significantly increase the effectiveness of the combat soldier."

The Army did not identify the nature of the ammunition. The defense expert who described

the tiny darts indicated that much of the increase in effectiveness would be due to the extreme light weight of the projectiles as compared with regular ammunition.

The expert added that the new weapon would not replace the standard rifle.



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Board Sets New Policy

PORTLAND (UPI) — The State Board of Higher Education has adopted a policy that would insure competency by community college instructors.

Dr. Miles C. Romney said the policy was necessary to guarantee that community college credits can be transferred to institutions of higher education. He is vice chancellor for academic affairs with the state system.

Under state law, the state board must approve courses in the colleges which are intended to be transferable and must also approve the hiring of instructors who will teach such courses.

The policy also stipulates that community colleges have adequate library facilities, and that they must not impair the effectiveness of instructors by asking them to teach too many different courses.

New 'Something Box' Does Nothing Except Sell Well As Christmas Gift

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — Now starts the seasonal guessing game—what is it and what is it supposed to do?

For instance, there is something called the "something box" by those who are selling it in this, the age of off-beat gifts for the person on your list who has everything else, as something that "works as well in darkness as in light."

"While it blinks," the blurb continues, "you'll discover, if you are sleepy, it will keep you awake. If you're an insomniac, it will probably put you to sleep."

"Try it on your desk. You'll find people thinking you've got a compact computer, a spy system, signals from your conflict of interests firms; maybe you're a scientist."

"Try it on the table at the board meeting and see what happens."

"Let us warn you, that unless you use an axe you can't turn it off."

"It will keep on winking its eight eyes in no recognizable pattern and for no apparent reason for nearly a year. Then it's dead as a mackerel and you can't get it fixed."

A spokesman for the New York firm marketing the "something box" said the thing—it is a rectangle weighing six

pounds—is one of its best-selling Christmas items.

"Not only are we getting orders by the thousands from the United States," said a spokesman, "but from all over the world." Asked if the box were supposed to do anything besides sit there and blink, he added, "absolutely nothing."

The box arrives at your house already operating; the only way to get rid of it—other than chopping it up with an axe—is to "turn it against the wall in an unused closet." "Or," as the store suggested, "give it to some fellow who has no sense of humor."

As usual, each Christmas shopping season produces an assortment of off-beat gifts. This year, the number seems greater than usual.

There is the dilemma dispenser—a transistorized, battery operated gadget to be turned on at will. "Dial your problem, throw away apprehension, watch the lights, and presto! Your decision is made for you," said its marketers.

For those who want to have some fun at parties or are just lonesome enough to want to hear themselves talk, there is the bird—with all the colors of a parrot or macaw. The bird is stuffed with a tape recorder controlled by a couple of buttons.

"Say what you will," its promotion reads, "this fellow will

repeat after you and when it does, its glass eyes light up in a bloodshot malevolent gleam."

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