Dope Market Heads In Ala. Under Arrest

Operators Of Small Birmingham Store Accused By Federals

BIRMINGHAM, (AP) — A federal narcotics agent Saturday announced the arrest of two men the agent charged "just about controlled the dope market in Alabama."

They were identified as Peter Dichiara, Sr., 44, and his son, Peter Dichiara, Jr., 20, operators of a small candy and tobacco store near Birmingham's downtown shopping district.

Leroy T. Sutherland, federal agent in charge of the Alabama district, said the father and son were arrested Friday night after selling morphine to an undercover agent who was posing as a dope peddler.

Both waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the grand jury.

U. S. Commissioner Louise O. Charlton fixed bond for the elder Dichiara at $10,000. The son's bond was set at $2,500.

"If it should come to my attention that you have been selling some of this stuff to high school kids, as has been done, your bond will go up to $50,000," Commissioner Charlton told the younger Dichiara at the arraignment.

An attorney for the two answered, "Judge, there is no such charge against them."

"This is an awfully 'smelly case,'" the commissioner commented.

Agent Sutherland told newsmen that he had heard reports of dope sales to high school students but that "no concrete evidence" has been found.

The federal agents said the suspects delivered the dope in tubes wrapped in chewing gum papers.

Payments always were collected in advance.

Sutherland said the arrests climaxed an eight-month investigation by narcotic agents and Birmingham detectives.

He said the undercover agent, whose name was not disclosed made four purchases of morphine from the two men during that time. The last was made Friday night, and the arrests followed, Sutherland said.

The agent said the investigators found that four Birmingham business men bought morphine at the rate of $1,000 a purchase from the men. Their names also were withheld.

BREATHES DANGER FROM ATOMIC WORKERS

MINNEAPOLIS, (AP)—A breath of air so slight you could hardly detect it even by holding up a wet finger wafts radioactive dust particles away from workers in atomic-energy laboratories.

The controlled air movement over the special desks of such workers must be "marvelously precise," explained James S. Locke of Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. "It must be strong enough to draw off fumes and dust, but not strong enough to draw into the exhaust mechanism any of the material being tested." An electronic instrument achieves this balance through super-sensitive thermostats that control dampers in the ventilating system. The thermostats create and control a breeze that is about as strong as the upward curling of smoke from a cigarette in an ash tray.

LAND CLEARERS GET "ON THE BALL"—Giant 4½-ton steel balls, eight feet in diameter, are trucked to the 25,000-acre site of the Hungry Horse, Mont., reservoir for use in a novel scheme of land-clearing. Big diesel dozers, hooked together with logging chains, will drag the heavy balls down steep hillsides to scrape off small trees and brush.

"AVIATION'S FIVE-CENT CIGAR"—At Manhattan Beach, Calif., the American Helicopter Company's experimental pulse-jet-powered 'copter makes a test flight. The craft, called the "Top Sergeant," is the first of its type designed for pulse-jet engines located on the tips of the rotors. Its designer refers to the model as "aviation's The U. S. Air Force sponsored its development. five-cent cigar."

Dramatized Educational Meat Program Scheduled For Kilby School Thursday

The National Live Stock and Meat board will send a meat specialist to Florence to disseminate practical and authoritative information about a product for which the average family spends approximately one-fourth of its food budget.

Scheduled for Thursday, March 23, this lecture and demonstration will prove to be of value to both customer and the retailer who deals in meat. The program will be held in Kilby Training school auditorium starting at 8 o'clock.

The meat program is designed to impart, in a fascinating manner, pertinent facts that will help the men and women of today and those of tomorrow do a more intelligent job of cutting and using this important food product around which most of their daily meals are built.

As a rule this program is not presented in cities under 50,000 population, but it is being brought here through the Meat board membership of Florence Packing company, and by the cooperation of the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

L. J. Klug, meat specialist, will conduct the program in Florence. He has been especially trained in this type of work and is not only a capable speaker but also a past-master at fashioning new and attractive meat cuts. Through years of experience in this field he has accumulated a wealth of information on meat which has a practical everyday significance.

Appearing in schools and before clubs from coast to coast, the meat specialists have learned the type program which appeals most to these groups. They have the happy faculty of presenting their material in a colorful, spontaneous and highly entertaining manner.

There is no charge for this program. The meat supplies and the services of the specialists are furnished with the compliments of the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

Plan now to attend this valuable demonstration and lecture at Kilby Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

States Politics Out Highway Dept. Must Be Taken—

"We cannot build a sound road program in Alabama on a political foundation," declared Reuben Newton, candidate for governor, at Tuscumbia, Saturday in concluding a whirl-wind campaign which included addresses at Elkmont, Sheffield, Florence, Coxes Ferry, Keller and other points in North Alabama.

"Good roads in this state are too essential to our agricultural and industrial welfare to permit their construction and improvement to be interfered with by any political consideration and every dollar allocated to road building and development must be spent for that purpose alone. Waste and extravagance must be eliminated."

Mr. Newton also stressed public health and education and declared that a broader program to improve the health of the people of Alabama must include training people to do the job, a plan for the care of the indigent sick, the building of more hospitals and the development of county health units.

"Socialized medicine is foreign to our system of free enterprise and cannot be countenanced," said Mr. Newton.

Cherokee Negro Hi P-TA Progressive

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Cherokee Negro high school met in regular session Wednesday. Main purpose of the meeting was to select members to represent the parents at the state meeting to be held at Tuskegee Institute around April 20, Rebecca Rutland, reporter, said Friday.

Chosen to represent the association at the meeting were Savannah Thompson and wife of C. H. Meade, who has worked very hard for many years to make this association a success.

The staff of teachers at this school, under the guidance of E. J. Matthew, have shown much added interest in the organization and the work which it is doing.

The supervisor of schools in Colbert county has given her hearty cooperation to projects in progress at the school. One project in particular is a water system that the school has been able to obtain since a campaign was begun in 1949 for city water to be made available for the school. This project is all but completed now.

The county board of education has given its hand of assistance in securing this water system for the school along with other things that will make this school a more efficient institution in the county.

The parents and teachers of the Cherokee community have further shown their high degree of cooperation by soliciting funds toward sending the two delegates to Tuskegee.

The Parent-Teachers Association has not completed its soliciting for the delegates. Plans are now being made for another drive.

The association extends its thanks and best wishes to all who contributed to this fund and also to those who have given their ideas in the form of constructive thoughts for a better association.

Four Stills Raided On LaGrange Mountain

Records at the office of Lee McCorkle, Colbert county sheriff, show that four stills were destroyed along Friday on LaGrange Mountain.

Two of the stills were 800-gallon wood and copper affairs. Another was a 1,000-gallon wood and copper outfit and the other was a 500-gallon wood and copper still.

No arrests were made.

The raid was made by J. H. Riner, Colbert county deputy, and C. H. Persall, of the ABC board.

Ala. Conference Of Social Work To Meet

MONTGOMERY, (AP) — The Alabama conference of social work will meet here May 23-27 to seek ways to improve public welfare activities in the state.

Mrs. Edward Gresham of Montgomery, conference president, said more than 500 persons interested in social work are expected to attend.

While the program has not been completed, Mrs. Gresham said national leaders in the field will appear as speakers.

PLAN RADIO PRODUCTION

The Radio Workshop of the Tri-Cities Community Theatre announces as its next production a radio adaptation of the play, Pillars of Society, by the famous Norwegian playwright, Henrik Ibsen. Miss Bertha Klenova will direct the play, which will be heard over Station WMFT on Thursday evening, March 23. The time and cast of players will be announced early in the week.

LIONS MEET MONDAY

The Florence Lions club will have its weekly dinner meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Reeder hotel. A quartet composed of Coffee high school students under the direction of Floyd C. McClure will present the program. All members are urged to be present for the meeting.

The National Geographic Society says summers on Hainan Island, off the China coast, are oppressive because of calm rather than heat.

Trading Post Damaged By Fire Early Saturday

A fire resulting in approximately $200 in damages broke out in the Florence Trading Post building early Saturday morning, according to Donald White, Florence fire chief. The damage was covered by insurance.

The fire, which started in the feed room containing a large quantity of hay, is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion, Chief White stated. The department answered the alarm at 5 a.m. Saturday.

At 10 a.m. Saturday the Florence department answered a call to 5011 Campbell street where a grass fire was extinguished.

CLOUSE GRADUATES

James B. Clouse, Sheffield, was among the 896 persons in the winter graduating class that received diplomas from Ohio State University Friday, reports from there stated. He received his degree in master of arts.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines has investigated mineral deposits in every state and Alaska in the past 10 years.

MOST POWERFUL FIGHTER—The new Avro Canada CF-100, first of a new line of jet fighters, makes a demonstration flight over Ottawa, Canada. The all-weather, long-range craft is called "the most powerful offensive plane in the world."

NEIGHBORS LEND A HAND—Neighbors of S. J. Linn, a farmer near Nowata, Okla., make short work of Linn's oat planting. When they heard that Linn was seriously ill with cancer and that Mrs. Linn was worried about their land, 18 farmers with 15 tractors, discs and drills turned out to do the job. Here, all but two of the tractors are seen in action.

William Baker Speaks On Hoover Report To Florence Kiwanians

At the weekly meeting of the Florence Kiwanis club held Friday noon at Basil's cafe, William F. Baker, Florence attorney, made an interesting talk on the Hoover Commission report. He outlined the necessity of the report and told of its effect on the various government agencies.

All plans were completed for the "F" day football game which the club will sponsor in Coffee stadium March 29. It will be an intra-squad contest staged as the climax of spring training of Florence State Teachers college gridsters. Phil Kingsley reported that ticket sales for this contest have exceeded the expected amount.

Floyd Cunningham was the guest of Tom Chambers, Mrs. Doris Kelso, head of the F. S. T. C. news bureau, was a guest of the club. Ewell Pollard of the Sheffield Kiwanis club was a visitor.

Snaring is the preferred way to obtain cocodiles for leather since it does not damage the hide.

Hens lays about 20 per cent less eggs in their second year of life than they did as pullets.

BUMPS FOR COMMENCEMENT—A parachute rigger, making graduation jump at Naval Parachute Riggers School, Lakehurst, N. J., gets an unexpected ride on landing.

MEMO TO ADVERTISERS

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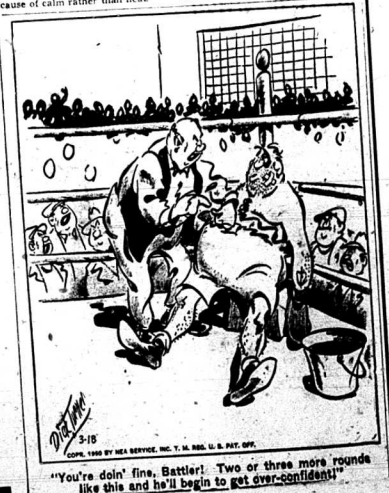

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