

16—signed a written confession, he killed Mrs. Mary R. Pett, 52, because she nagged him and wanted him to go to church.

Pett and a companion, Reginald Frost, 18, were picked up by patrolman Robert Clark Chief. Sheets said Frost had no knowledge of Pett's crime until the boys reached Dunedin.

The police chief said Pett, who has waived extradition, told this story:

Monday afternoon he took eight sleeping pills in an attempt to kill himself. During the night he awoke, got a .22 caliber rifle and went to his foster mother's bedroom.

When he aimed the rifle at her and pulled the trigger, the gun only "snapped" he put a bullet in it and shot. He beat her with a hickory stick he said he had kept for that purpose. Then he stabbed her with a butcher knife.

Pett told officers he had been thinking of killing himself or his mother for two years.

(Robert, adopted in infancy, was described by the Pett's housekeeper—who discovered the body as a "friendly boy who was good about helping around the house," United Press reported.)

Small Sardine Delivery Expected For Cannery Row

Only 241 tons of sardines was reported on the way here today from a catch in the Avila vicinity.

Although more fish might arrive later, the low figure is an indication of the meagre sardine run, since 78 tons were accounted for by live purse seiners.

Five tons of horse mackerel were caught in the Santa Cruz area for delivery here.

Meantime, the Associated Press reported the San Pedro sardine catch today was estimated in the neighborhood of 2,500 tons. A total of 2,057 tons was landed yesterday from 77 boats.

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must have gained non-conforming use and would be hard to battle, and second that by granting the permit the city would gain control over the operation.

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Chapman's letter was filed, but City Attorney Reginald Foster said that it could not be considered a formal appeal (When the case—

thing-and-you-and your group felt we were not")

Thompson added, "Judge J. A. Jeffrey made the decision (in the court suit) He is a man of high qualifications and decided it was not in violation of the then existing ordinance."

Chapman called it "no test case."

Changes Made in P.G. Curb, Gutter Project

Changes in a Pacific Grove sidewalk, curb and gutter district agreed upon two weeks ago were made official by the city council last night with adoption of two resolutions.

Designed to meet serious opposition, the changes cut total cost of the project from \$116,610 to about \$42,062.

James T. Morton, consultant on the program, drew up the resolutions which were passed and will:

1—Take out all sidewalk specifications

2—Take out curbs and gutters also on Wood and Short streets, and on Locust between Pine and Spruce

City Manager Alfred Coons announced that the M and M Construction Co., which had won a bid on a price of \$14918 a running foot for curb and gutter and 30

cents a foot for valley gutter had agreed to stick by the price even without the sidewalks

OTHER ACTION

The council also:

1—Reduced to a flat .10 per cent the payments on gross income to be made by Leon Eisner for the Municipal Beach food concession. Formerly, 20 per cent was to be paid on a gross of over \$20,000

2—Tossed in the lap of the planning commission a proposal to close Foam street between Esplanade and Companion Way.

3—Passed to print an ordinance authorizing purchase of property at S'nex to open 19th street at a dead end

4—Laid over a request by city employees that half-price fees be allowed them at the Municipal Golf Links

Per Capita Government Cost Low in P. G., Manager Reports

Pacific Grove City Manager Alfred Coons presented a report on the cost of city government to the City Council last night, showing that the total property and indirect taxes in the city amounted to \$28.60 per capita.

Coons pointed out that of eight cities of comparable population, per capita totals ranged from \$24.70 for San Anselmo to \$57.30 for Piedmont, and the average for all cities is \$35.80.

Coons' report also showed that the city's per capita Assessed valuation is \$920 compared to an average \$1,360

Total government receipts are \$39 compared with an average \$49.70

General property taxes are \$18.50 compared with an average \$21.10

Indirect taxes are \$8.10 compared to an average \$14.70

Born in Canada, Mrs. Freda MacMurray Macrae of Carmel: a daughter, Mrs. Florence Vandegrift of Los Angeles, and three granddaughters. He also leaves a sister, Miss Constance Macrae of Harriman, N. Y.

Graveside services will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at El Carmelo cemetery, with the Rev. Bernard N. Lovgren officiating. The Paul Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Former OGPU Agent Succumbs at 51

MOSCOW (AP)—The Moscow press today reported the death of Maj. Gen. Liliarius Gagus, 51, former official in Russia's security police, after a long illness.

The obituary said Gagus had held posts since 1921 in the Cheka, OGPU (secret police) and the Ministry of State Security (MVD). He also served as administration commandant in the Kremlin.

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Death and Funeral Notices

JENKINS—Harley Webster Jenkins Sr., October 18, 1951. A resident of Monterey Peninsula 10 years. A native of Tacoma, Georgia. Age 47 years. Beloved husband of Betty Martha Jenkins of Seaside. Father of Harley Webster Jenkins Jr. of Monterey and brother of Mrs. Clio McDaniels of Greenview, South Carolina. Mrs. J. R. Reed of Greenville, South Carolina and Mrs. Lee Sykes of Norfolk, Virginia. Grandfather of Richard Jenkins of Monterey. Graveside funeral services will be held Saturday, October 20th at the Monterey Catholic Cemetery, the Rev. Paul Patrick Doherty officiating. Friends may call at the Mission Mortuary until 2 p.m. Saturday. Mission Mortuary funeral service.

BETTERMAN—Lydia A. Betterman, 86 years of age. Died October 18th. Native of Altoona, Pennsylvania. Resident of Pacific Grove for the past 18 years. Wife of the late Henry Betterman, mother of Mrs. Vera Vernon Pacific Grove. Sister of Mrs. L. M. Waller of Libertyville, Illinois. Three grandchildren, four great grandchildren. Services will be held Saturday, October 20th, 1951, at 2 p.m. at the Little Chapel by the Sea Crematorium with the Rev. D. Howard Dow officiating. Paul Mortuary in charge of funeral arrangements.

CRABTREE—Corporal Porter O. Crabtree. Died in Korea May 1, 1951. Born August 31, 1929 in Hillsboro, Illinois. Survived by his mother, Mrs. Andrew Cardinell of Monterey and father, Preston Crabtree of Seaside. Also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Jessie N. O'Brien of Sunnyvale, Mrs. Marie Barrett of Fresno and Mrs. Opal Culp of Pacific Grove. Grandmother, Mrs. Lily Osborn of Monterey. Funeral services will be held October 20th at 2 p.m. at the Dorney and Farlinger Chapel with Reverend Ralph Mulholland officiating. Interment Monterey City Cemetery. Dorney and Farlinger Chapel in charge of funeral arrangements.

JONES—Margaret Jones, October 11, 1951. Born November 5, 1892. A resident of Monterey since 1928. A native of Pennsylvania. Survived by her husband, Marion N. Jones who is currently serving with the Army in Korea. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 20th at 10 a.m. in the Dorney and Farlinger Funeral Home.

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