

County Recreation Leader to Attend National Meeting

Merle Cunningham, of Sussex chairman of the Wayne County Recreation Service Council, will be on the program of the National Recreation Congress at Boston, Mass., October 1-5, according to word received from the National Recreation Association.

The 33rd national gathering of recreation leaders from all parts of this country as well as from Canada and some foreign countries will discuss in detail this year more than fifty principal problems of the recreation movement in America.

Special emphasis at the Congress this year will be given to such subjects as recreation for military personnel, industrial recreation, community-wide cooperation in the planning and conducting of recreation programs, recreation in churches, problems of recreation board members, and separate sessions for executives, supervisors and club leaders.

A person married legally the second time is a digamist.

Wholesale Mutton, Lamb Prices Raised

An upward adjustment in wholesale ceiling prices of lamb and mutton has been made by the Office of Price Stabilization to meet the serious situation facing some wholesalers until a dollar-and-cents ceiling regulation is issued, says the Rochester District Office.

Wholesalers are permitted to add 50 cents per hundredweight to sales to other wholesalers and a dollar per hundredweight on sales to all other classes of buyers, the OPS says. Wholesalers whose margins for sales to retailers exceeds the authorized \$2 per hundredweight must reduce their margins to that amount.

Crime in America

By ESTES KEFAUVER

United States Senator

One of a Series

Birth of the Crime Committee

Ordinarily, Americans don't think much about the existence and influence of organized crime. They know vaguely that it is there, and they let it go at that.

The idea stayed with me when I became a member of the senate in January, 1949. More and more I was concerned with the phenomenon of politico-criminal corruption.

Early in 1950, an accumulation of events high-lighted the desperate need for learning the real facts about crime in America. The American Municipal Association, alarmed by the effects of interstate crime operations on local governments, called for federal consideration of the problem.

I felt the time had come to demonstrate that there is nothing the American people cannot overcome if they know the facts. So I took the issue to the senate floor by introducing a bill calling for a full-scale senate investigation of crime in interstate commerce.

The Mafia is the shadowy international organization that lurks behind much of America's organized crime. It is a network about which no member, on fear of death, will talk.

Our first hearing was conducted in Miami, Fla., on May 26, 1950. Between that date and the time my term as chairman ended, I traveled approximately 52,000 miles from coast to coast.

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other developments. His brother Philip Mangano, also active on the waterfront and publicly identified as prominent in the Mafia, was questioned by the committee in executive closed session.

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"In St. Louis, some months later, the committee summoned Gangster Lopiparo, alias 'Lopp,' ask him about his presence with a group of Sicilian gangsters in Tia Juana, Mexico, about the time Binaggio and Gargotta were murdered in Kansas City.

"In 1942," Follmer went on, "it was determined that one of the sources of supply for the Kansas City group was a Mafia organization in Tampa, Fla., which in turn received smuggled drugs from Marseilles, France, via Havana, Cuba.

When the committee said that Lucky Luciano, now in exile in Italy after his deportation from the United States, was operating as the international arbiter of crime, an associate of Luciano's in Italy protested that once again poor Mr. Luciano was being maligned. We do not think so.

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had asked Polakoff to be the intermediary. Polakoff, who had represented Luciano, said, "The theory behind it was that the government had the Germans pretty well spotted, but they were afraid that if any sabotage might be done it would be done through Italians, who weren't well spotted."

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