

Kluxer Freed In Murder Raid Case

PELL CITY, Ala., July 5.—(AP)—Claude Luker, 32-year-old furniture dealer, was acquitted Friday of a murder charge stemming from a night-club raid.

A circuit court jury cleared Luker, identified as Ku Klux klan member, after hearing a prosecution plea to let the people know that night riding mobs have not taken over in St. Clair county.

Luker had been accused of being a member of an unnamed mob that called Charlie Hurst, 36, from his home the night of Feb. 22 and shot him down when he resisted. What the mob wanted with Hurst has not been made known.

Earlier Charlie Carlisle, 24, a textile worker, was convicted of manslaughter in the killing and sentenced to five years. Carlisle, a Ku Klux klan member, appealed the

verdict upon Luker's acquittal and was freed under \$3,000 bond. Trials of three other men indicted in the case are expected to be heard this fall.

Luker denied from the stand that he was a member of the band that shot down Hurst. He said he was at the home of a brother at the time. Luker said he let Roy Heath use his car that night. Heath, a klan member, shot himself to death four days after the raid. He told his family he feared the Klan would try to put all of the blame for the killing on him.

TRAINS FOR RESERVES

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—Donald K. Gerretson is one of 800 students who have arrived at Fort Lewis, Wash., to begin six weeks of intensive summer training. Cadet Gerretson is an advanced ROTC student and upon graduation from college will receive a commission as a second lieutenant.

Tag Reports From Anglers Spell Pleasing Umpqua River News To Game Department

Game department biologists in the Umpqua river study were elated this week by two tag reports received from anglers.

One fisherman reported capture of a rainbow trout bearing tag number 5563. The fish was taken near Clay creek. Records show it was planted June 13, 1948 at Redman Creek, approximately 20 miles upstream. As the only Umpqua tagged specimen known to have been caught the second year following release, it indicates a much greater carry-over from hatchery plantings than heretofore known with certainty, reports Ross Newcomb, biologist.

Another report concerns a large rainbow trout bearing tag number 1029, taken at Cleveland rapids. Planting records show that this particular specimen was released experimentally by dropping a distance of 25 feet at a point approximately 20 miles upstream on the date of July 19, 1949.

Other reports Urged

More and more records of this type are coming to the attention of the Umpqua fisheries field agents of the game department. Newcomb says, some reports are extremely belated but are still valid and hoped.

"It is hoped," said Newcomb, "that anyone who has caught a tagged fish will report whatever facts are available concerning such fish, if a report has not already been furnished. A complete account of the time and location of release of each tagged fish reported will be provided those who report their capture of tagged specimens. Even if tags or tag numbers have been lost, fragmentary data can be utilized to some degree."

Reports should be furnished the Oregon Game commission, P. O. Box 451, Roseburg, or telephoned to Ross Newcomb, phone 767.

Fish Count Declines

Newcomb reports the adult chinook count to date at the Winchester counting station to stand at 1,769, as compared with 1,977 in 1949, 2,033 in 1948, 2,696 in 1947 and 1,807 in 1946.

Jack chinooks number 237 to date

Exemptions On War Duty Recall Listed By Army

Washington, — (AP) — Army and air force veterans who were discharged after the last war — and who didn't sign up for the reserves then — cannot be recalled to service on the ground that the war emergency has never ended officially.

In general, that was the reply of army and air force spokesmen to these two questions being raised by veterans:

1. In case of a presidential call up of reservists, what would be the status of former officers who did not sign up for the reserve commissions after their war service?

2. Could a discharged GI be called back to service on the grounds that the draft law which was in effect during the war obligated him to serve for the duration and six months?

The air force said any air officer who was separated from the service, without signing up for a new reserve commission, could not be recalled. In case the country should find itself in a new emergency, a spokesman said, the air force would review the rolls of former officers and offer new commissions to those it wanted. Those offered new commissions would not have to accept them, however.

The spokesman added that discharge certificates protect enlisted air veterans of the war against being recalled.

An army representative said former army officers, who were "discharged from their commission" and who did not sign up for new reserve commissions, could not be called back. However, some who were placed on inactive duty, rather than being discharged, could be.

War-time GI's who were discharged could not be called back under the wartime draft law.

In the navy, reserve officers' commissions are for an indefinite period. Most naval reserve officers were placed on inactive duty after the war. They are still in the reserve and subject to being recalled to duty. A few have been discharged or have resigned, however.

Former navy enlisted men, if they did not enlist again following discharge during mobilization, have the same status as any other civilians.

Soviet Rule Extended In Last Ten Years

NEW YORK, — Russia has brought 40 percent of the earth's 2,000,000,000 people under her control in the last 10 years.

With propaganda and with the threat of her massed armed might always in the background, the Soviet union now has more than 10,000,000 square miles of land under her sway.

The figures do not include millions of Communists in numerous countries throughout the world whose nations have not fallen prey to Communism.

In 1939 Russia had a population of 170,467,000 and covered 8,173,550 square miles.

By January, 1950, a total of 830,428,000 people lived under Red rule and the borders of Communism had moved out, north and south east and west.

ROBBERY CHARGED

Sheriff O. T. Carter reported the arrest of Seab Junion Vinson, 21 of Winston, on a charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon.

Waino Johnson, 24, Drain, pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery June 30, and paid a \$50 fine, reported Justice of the Peace A. J. Geddes.

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Re-Curb Ordinance Cited To Property Owners

City Inspector Charles Bonioli reminds property owners of a new city ordinance requiring them to re-curb driveways not now in use.

City ordinance 1171, passed by the council June 20, stipulates that all public and private driveways not now being used and which do not open to a doorway or entrance way must be re-curbed within 90 days after June 20. Cost of the re-curb is to be borne by the property owner.

The ordinance also requires that all driveways which do not have curb cuts must be changed over within the same time limit.

According to the ordinance, the building department will regulate widths which may apply to alleys widths which may apply to all types of driveways. Fees set up by the ordinance are \$1.25 for each ten-foot width or fraction thereof. Curb cut applications are now being accepted, Bonioli said.

Fishing Gear Ban By Voters Upheld In Supreme Court

SALEM, July 5.—(AP)—A voter-approved ban on use of fishing gear in the Columbia river or its tributaries was declared valid Friday by the state supreme court.

The measure had been approved by the voters in the November 1948 election, but two suits had been brought to block enforcement of the measure.

The suits, filed by fixed gear and drag net operators, asserted the law was discriminatory in that it exempted Indian fishermen.

Justice Arthur Hay, in writing the ruling, stated that the Indians were operating under an early treaty with the federal government over which the state courts have no jurisdiction.

The opinion reversed an earlier decision by Marion County Circuit Court Judge George R. Duncan.

Employment, Idleness Both Rise During June

WASHINGTON, —(AP)—Employment soared 1,751,000 in June to a 61,482,000 total—within 133,000 of 1948's all-time high.

Reporting the figure, the Census bureau noted that month-by-month gains through the 1950 have increased the number of job opportunities by 4,535,000 since January.

Despite the June jump in the number of those at work, there was an increase of 327,000 in the

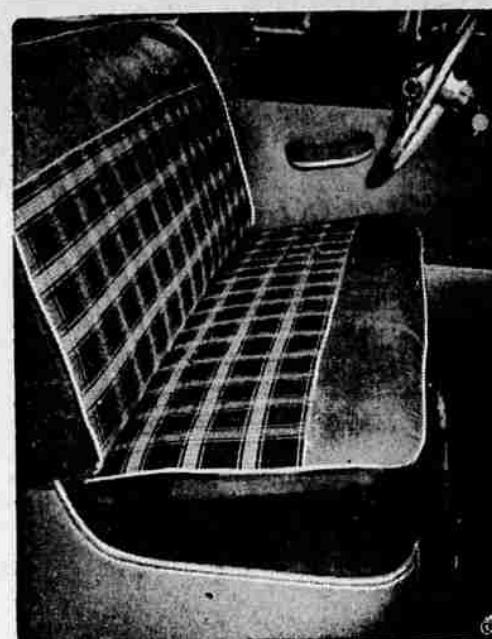
unemployed — those without jobs and looking for work. The bureau said the unemployment increase was "considerably smaller than the expected season change" and was due entirely to a flood of school age youngsters entering the job market.

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