

Court Battle Looms Over DA Choice

Trial Of William Langley Draws Toward Conclusion; Other Indictments Pending

PORTLAND, Ore. — The trial of embattled Portland Dist. Atty. William Langley, accused of deliberate failure to prosecute gamblers, drew toward its conclusion today.



WILLIAM R. JOHNSTONE
New Roseburg S.P. agent

William Johnstone New SP District Assistant Agent

William R. Johnstone of Seattle is being promoted to assistant district freight and passenger agent for the Roseburg Southern Pacific office.

Johnstone has served as city freight agent at Seattle since 1933. He succeeds William L. Peebles who has held the position of assistant freight and passenger agent since March 1, 1935. Peebles was promoted to general agent for the company at Spokane.

The new Roseburg resident plans on residing at 491 Sterling Drive with his wife, Elizabeth. The couple has one daughter, Jo Ann, who is a teaching assistant at Berkeley, Calif.

Johnstone joined the S.P. operating department at Portland in August of 1935 and served in various capacities until February, 1945, when he transferred to the freight department as a rate clerk. In January, 1949, he was made city freight agent at Portland and in February of 1953 the company promoted him to city freight agent for the organizations' Seattle office.

Teen-Age Rock 'n Roll Dance Ends In Stabbing

HOUSTON — A stabbing broke up a teen-age rock 'n roll party at a teen-ager's home Friday night and police took some 20 bop-happy kids to the station for questioning.

Richard A. Frank, 15, was in a serious condition with five knife wounds.

Police sought a 20-year-old party crasher known as "California Kid" in the stabbing.

Mrs. Helen Weatherford, 35, who held the birthday party for the daughter Helen, 14, was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace on complaint of a neighbor.

"We were dancing to Elvis Presley and Fats Domino records," said one girl, "when somebody started punching Richard."

Young Frank said at the hospital that "three boys jumped me. He said he did not know the name of his assailant."

In The Day's News

World in turmoil note:
Russia is warning more or less all the nations of Western Europe that if they permit their soil to be used for bases from which atomic weapons might be launched at Russia they'll be DESTROYED — pronto.

Little Denmark is the latest to be warned. The Danish government says it will not permit its territory to be used for AGGRESSION against Russia — but it will NOT BUCKLE UNDER to threats from Moscow.

Good for little Denmark. It isn't always the big ones that have the most courage.

Saudi Arabia sends a formal notice to the nations of the world that it regards the Gulf of Aqaba as an ARAB LAKE and will not permit Israeli ships to use it.

The United States has made freedom of the Aqaba gulf a point of policy. We claim it is INTERNATIONAL WATER and as such is free to the ships of the world.

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The Weather

Mostly cloudy today with rain tonight and Sunday. Showers and partial clearing Sunday afternoon.
Highest temp. last 24 hours — 60
Lowest temp. last 24 hours — 25
Highest temp. any April — 96
Lowest temp. any April — 25
Precip. last 24 hours — .02
Precip. from April 1 — .63
Precip. from Sept. 1 — 26.87
Excess from Sept. 1 — 29
Sunset tonight, 4:53 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5:33 a.m.

by the State Circuit Court Jury, the slim 41-year-old chief legal officer of Multnomah County would be removed from office and could be fined.

A verdict of innocent would be only the first step in Langley's battle to clear his name. He also is under indictment on six other charges including the felonies of perjury and conspiring to take a bribe and to obstruct justice.

The Langley case is the first to come to trial in the year-long investigation of vice and charges of corruption in Portland. Some 30 others are under indictment on some 50 charges.

Among them is Portland Mayor Terry Schruck who is accused of taking a bribe in 1955 when he was Multnomah County sheriff and of lying about it before a grand jury.

Schruck appeared in another Circuit Court yesterday to enter his plea of innocent to both charges. He said he would be ready for trial in about two months.

One of the highlights of Langley's trial yesterday occurred when Langley testified that Portland gambler Big Jim Elkins had tried to blackmail Langley's wife. The district attorney flicked away a tear as he told how Elkins had demanded \$10,000 from Mrs. Langley — who then was pregnant — in exchange for some tape recordings that Elkins said would damage her husband's career.

In another development in the seething vice cases here, Elkins and his employee, Raymond Clark, lost in their attempt to have evidence suppressed in the federal wire tapping case against them.

U.S. Dist. Judge William East ruled that the evidence — group of tape recordings — could be used in their trail which is to open here next Tuesday.

Dillard District Budget Reduced; Vote Set May 8

The Dillard District budget committee slashed \$13,720 from the 1957-58 school budget Friday night and set a date for a second election for the amount outside the 5 per cent limitation.

The beleaguered district's second vote has been scheduled for May 8 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the district's three grade schools and the Winston city offices. Voters will decide on \$342,896 outside the limitation in a reduced operating budget of \$555,967.

The budget defeated by voters last week was for \$569,387. The amount outside the limitation was \$356,618.

The committee Friday night slashed \$10,720 from the instruction section and \$3,000 from capital outlay. Deleted in the instruction section were two traveling teachers who have been directing the amount for construction of bleachers in the grade schools. The reduction also included a cut in the allowance for substitutes, a drop in the amount allowed for a librarian and slashing of travel mileage allowed.

In the capital outlay section, the amount for construction of bleachers in the gymnasium was cut out. A public hearing on the budget has been scheduled for May 6 at 8 p.m.

Radios, TV, Newspaper Not Sponsoring Survey

Local radio and television stations denied today any sponsorship of a current listener - viewer survey in the Roseburg area. The announcement followed reports from several housewives who said they received calls from persons refusing to identify themselves or their sponsors. The caller, a woman, was reported to be asking the names and ages of all children in the family in addition to questions pertaining to listening or viewing.

The News-Review also disclaims sponsorship of any such survey. Manager Charles V. Stanton stated.

Idleyld Man Suffers Minor Cuts In Mishap

Wendell Simpson of Idleyld Park missed serious injury but the pickup he was driving was badly damaged in an accident about Idleyld Park early Friday evening.

A sheriff's deputy who investigated the accident was rounding a curve going east when it flipped off the road. The pickup was extensively damaged, but Simpson received only minor facial cuts. The one - vehicle accident occurred at about 5:15 p.m.

Myrtle Creek Youth Chosen For Naval Corps

John Paul Stoner, PO Box 303, Myrtle Creek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoner, has been selected for enrollment in the Naval Reserve program. The announcement that Stoner had been selected to participate in the program came from the Navy in Washington this morning.

Plywood Division Goes Back On Five-Day Week

Approximately 700 men in the Roseburg Lumber Co. plywood mill have gone from a four to five-day work week, according to a lumber company official.

Whether the five-day schedule is permanent depends on the lumber market, the official said.

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Syrian Regiment Enters Jordan

Israel Views With Concern Early Reports

AMMAN, Jordan — A Syrian armored regiment moved into northern Jordan Saturday.

(This dispatch came as Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir was saying in Tel Aviv that Israel would "view with concern" any foreign interference in Jordan.

She gave no indication what Israel might do if the Arab states try to carve up Jordan among themselves while Amman was in the throes of a political crisis.)

Several hundred persons earlier had demonstrated in the streets of Amman in support of the fallen government of Premier Suleiman Nabulsi and against the Eisenhower Middle East doctrine.

(In New York, a member of the Jordan mission to the United Nations said he has no information about any Syrian troop movements in his country.)

"If it is true," he added, "it certainly does not mean war or anything."

"If there is such a troop movement, my supposition would be that it is a normal replacement of Syrian troops which have been stationed in northern Jordan since the fighting started in Egypt last fall."

The demonstrators were dispersed without any incidents after one of their leaders declared:

"We tolerate no American imperialist projects such as the Eisenhower doctrine. We shall fight against these projects the same way we fought against British imperialist schemes."

Earlier, Abdul Halim Nimr, a strong Arab nationalist, gave up his efforts to form a new government and another man, the third in three days, was said to be sounding out his prospects of forming a cabinet to resolve the longest political crisis in Jordan's history.

50-50 Chance Given Mayflower

BRIXHAM, England — A shipping reporter for a London newspaper Saturday wrote that the Mayflower II has only a 50-50 chance of sailing across the Atlantic, but the skipper of the replica Pilgrim took vigorous exception to the published speculation.

"Fiddlesticks," said Commander Alan Villiers, "we'll start for Plymouth, Mass., and we will get there."

Mayflower II is a duplicate of the 120-ton wooden vessel in which the Pilgrim fathers went to America in 1620 and it will attempt to re-enact their voyage.

"There is no mystery about ships of this type," Villiers added. "Of course they are a little odd in this age. They need some special understanding, and we have it. Our forefathers sailed these little square riggers to the ends of the earth and we, in a ship which is better than any they had, can do as well."

Stanley Bonnett, shipping reporter of the London Daily Mail, wrote that Mayflower II has only an even chance of sailing across the Atlantic and reaching Plymouth safely.

Van Doren Signs With NBC As Consultant

NEW YORK — Charles Van Doren, TV quiz show winner of \$250,000, has signed a contract with the National Broadcasting Co. to serve as a consultant.

NBC announced yesterday that Van Doren will act as consultant on public affairs and educational programming. He will also appear "from time to time" on public affairs or educational programs.

His salary figure was given, but previous reports estimated the contract will pay about \$50,000 a year. Van Doren, 30-year-old English instructor at Columbia University, won the \$125,000 on NBC's "Twenty One" program in a marathon exhibition of knowledge on a wide range of subjects.

He plans to keep his \$4,600-a-year teaching job.

Pilot Seriously Injured As Light Plane Crashes

LEXINGTON, Ore. — Bern Green, 31-year-old flier from Hood River, was preparing to land his light plane here Friday when it went into a spin and crashed about 1,500 feet from the airport runway.

Green, the only one in the craft, was seriously injured. He is a married man and the father of three children.

The flier had taken off earlier from the same field, bound for Hood River, but witnesses reported he apparently headed back here to avoid a storm.

Roseburg Signs Agreement With Green Sanitary Dist. For Disposal Of Sewage

The Roseburg City Council and Green Sanitary District board of directors have entered an agreement under which Green can pipe its sewage to Roseburg for disposal at a cost of not less than \$3,000 per year.

The agreement was announced Friday. It becomes effective, however, only if construction of sewage facilities in Green starts within two years. A date has been set for a bond election. (See other story.)

The agreement would allow Green to pump its sewage through a line it would construct to connect with the Roseburg system at the south city limits in the vicinity of Neilsen's Market.

For the service, the Green board has agreed to pay an annual lump sum of \$2,000 per year. In addition, the district would pay \$15 per million gallons of sewage received. The yearly total of this assessment cannot be less than \$1,000. It will be paid semi-annually.

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1. Calls for Green to provide the connection with the Roseburg system and install the metering device for measuring the amount of sewage passing from Green into the Roseburg system.

2. Insists that Green impose the same regulations on its users as may be imposed in Roseburg. This means Green's system will not be allowed to carry oils, greases, solvents, chemicals, liquids, industrial waste or other substances which might be detrimental to Roseburg's sewers.

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Holdup Of Bank Taken On Film

CLEVELAND — A man and a calm, "experienced" woman didn't know it but they were performing before a movie camera when they robbed the St. Clair Savings & Loan Co. here of \$2,375 Friday.

Cleveland police, who helped set up the "production," hailed the filming as a development in law enforcement comparable to "the start of the two-way radio."

Four years of preparation went into the two-minute movie.

The 16-millimeter Army surplus gun camera had been installed just the previous day, and final tests had not been made when the man and his pretty blonde accomplice walked into the east side financial institution, each carrying pistols, and demanding money.

Elsie Rapic, 19-year-old teller, stepped on an alarm pedal to start the movie camera grinding and signal police at Central Police Station.

The pictures, slightly fuzzy because of vibration near the camera, shows the gunman, a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, pointing his pistol while the woman walks confidently around the counter to get the money from a cash drawer.

The two escaped before police arrived.

Soft Economy And Promise Of Victory Over Polio Cut Into Total Collections

A soft economy and the looming promise of victory over polio had its effect on the 1957 march of Dimes drive in Douglas County. Charles B. Kash.

According to the report, schools of the county brought in \$6,317.14. The biggest single event, however, was the Mothers' March of Polio, which grossed \$8,843.13.

Total receipts in the month-long drive were reported today by county chairman Brian Graves as \$28,645.55. Expenses of conducting the drive left the net total at \$27,664.40. Last year's county total was approximately \$29,000.

Graves reported that \$4,500 of this sum would be reserved for a vaccine program to supplement the county program of Salk vaccinations.

Roseburg's collections in the county-wide drive were \$16,737.37. Dave Weisman was chairman of the drive in the city.

Totals for other communities of the county were: Canyonville, \$509.18; chairman Beverly T. Pritchett; Drain \$677.79; L. W. Darvall; Glendale \$459.29; Alice W. Amann; Glendale \$1,882.33; Millard J. Daniels; Dixonville, \$226.96; Jean Radcliffe; Days Creek, \$207.48; Lois M. Snyder; Oakland, \$1,333.68; Fern Nees; Myrtle Creek, \$1,045.45; Robert G. Danielson; Reedsport, \$2,399.56; John A. Dyer; Riddle \$687.31; Elaine M. Strubbe; Sutherlin, \$1,592.37; Richard L. Cordeiro; Tenmile, \$223.83; Mrs. Alex Smith; Tokelau Falls, \$94.84; Marie Brucker; Umpqua, \$226.29; Myrtle Swinehart; Winston, Dillard, \$510.79; Charles B. Kash.

Postal Cutback Expected To Be Short-lived

WASHINGTON — There were no regular mail deliveries today and most post offices were closed for the weekend. But it looked as though service would be returned to normal soon.

Postmaster General Summerfield said late Friday he has "no choice" but to go ahead with service cutbacks even though the House Appropriations Committee has recommended an extra \$1 million dollars to maintain normal postal operations through June.

He said the reductions "must go into effect as scheduled so that the department legally operates within the funds actually appropriated."

Under the first stage of Summerfield's order, Saturday mail delivery has been halted throughout the country. The only items being delivered are those bearing special delivery stamps. Also, service windows in most of the nation's 38,000 post offices remained closed. The only ones open were rural areas, fourth class post offices, staffed generally by storekeepers. Newspapers are included in the ban on mail delivery.

Other service curtailments are scheduled to take effect later.

Panel Discussion On Textbooks Set At Dillard School

A panel discussion concerning textbook adoptions will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in Dillard Elementary School, according to C. A. Dysinger, moderator.

Theme for the discussion is "The Hows and Whys of New Textbook Schools in Oregon." The panel will include Walter Shold of Salem who is on the State Dept. of Education staff as an elementary supervisor. He will discuss the legal aspects and reasons for new textbook adoptions.

Miss Nellie Wikkoff, first grade instructor at Dillard Elementary School, will talk on the teachers' attitude toward the subject of new adoptions. Mrs. Daisy Fox, PTA member, will represent the PTA and the community in head-uptake on questions about things which have been bothering parents about textbook adoptions.

Mrs. Retta Otto, teacher from Eugene and member of the state textbook selection committee, will also be on the panel.

The panel discussion Monday night is being sponsored by the Dillard Elementary School PTA. "The subject is important at this time because of budget elections," Dysinger, elementary school principal, said. Parents will be able to have questions answered such as why new textbooks are adopted and why the books are included in the budget, he added.

U.S. Blind Pay

SALEM — The Senate approved and sent to the governor Friday a bill to increase from \$500 to \$750 the annual amount that is given to each blind student attending an institution of higher learning.

Soft Economy Sets Annual Meet April 19

The annual meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayers League and a public hearing on a supplemental budget for road purposes by the county will be packed into one afternoon April 19.

The league has scheduled its meeting at 10 a.m. in the county court auditorium in the courthouse. It will elect officers and directors for the coming year.

Immediately after the election, the county court will open its public hearing on the supplemental budget. County Judge V. T. Jackson said the hearing will be staged to explain the "whys and wherefores" of the supplemental budget need.

Time To See Attorney Granted Woman Here

Following an appearance in district court Friday on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, Pauline Barton, 32, was granted time to consult a lawyer.

Judge Warren A. Woodruff continued the arraignment until Monday and set bail at \$1,000. She was arrested by Roseburg police upon a complaint signed by Edna V. West.

She is accused of establishing credit at Diana Craig's, Inc., under the name of Mrs. Wayne Higginbotham and obtaining a large assortment of clothing.

Trial Slated On Charge Of Using Abusive Talk

Appearing in district court Friday on charges of using abusive and obscene language upon a public highway, George Dwayne Jameson, Myrtle Creek, had his trial date set for April 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Jameson is represented by William Jones, Roseburg attorney. In addition to the district court, he faces an indecent exposure count filed by Roseburg police.

Republicans Promise Suit To Determine Legality Of Action In Naming Democrat

By LLOYD ROGERS
Staff Writer, News-Review

Douglas County Republicans are shaking the cobwebs off an ancient English law and preparing to do battle over the appointment of Avery Thompson as district attorney.

Democrat Gov. Robert Holmes' naming of Democrat Thompson to the post being vacated by a Republican has set the scene for the struggle. Friday, the governor announced that he had checked with his legal advisor, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, and had named his choice.

Leading the irate Republicans to the legal lists is James Richmond, county central committee chairman. The Roseburg attorney, even before the appointment was officially announced, was busy sharpening his legal weapons.

He is preparing a writ of quo warranto which he plans to file as soon as Thompson is sworn into office. "I have been researching it," Richmond said as he emerged from his law library to learn the appointment had been made.

The Republican leader, frankly fired by the governor's action, said that the proceeding freely translated means "by what right do you claim office."

A trip to Black's Law Dictionary reveals that quo warranto is: "In old English practice. A writ."

Governor's Choice For DA Has Practiced Law Here 11 Years

Avery Thompson, named to take over as Douglas County district attorney, is 49 years of age and has practiced law in Roseburg for 11 years.

He is a Democrat and served as Douglas County chairman in Gov. Robert Holmes' campaign last fall.

A graduate of the Salem High School and the University of Oregon Law School, he practiced in Salem from 1922 until 1941 when he entered the navy, serving as a commander. He started law practice in Roseburg in 1946.

Judge Tosses Out Fair Trades Law Suit By Sunbeam

Circuit Judge A. T. Goodwin of Eugene this week threw out of court an injunction suit against a partnership, which includes Roseburg Sunbeam Sales store here.

The suit was brought in July 1956 by Sunbeam Corp. against the Roseburg store, Eugene Sunbeam Sales and Klamath Falls Army Store.

The corporation charged that the firms sold Sunbeam appliances below prices agreed upon between the manufacturer and wholesale distributors through fair trade contracts.

Sunbeam asked that the defendants be enjoined from selling any of its items below the fair trade price. It asked \$150,000 damages.

Judge Goodwin dismissed the suit this week after three weeks of trial. He said the plaintiff corporation had failed to prove the essential allegations in the complaint.

The dismissal gives the three stores the right to sell Sunbeam products at any price they desire.

Umpqua Savings, Loan Building Bids Slated

Bids for the reconstruction of a building for Umpqua Savings and Loan Assn. are expected to be called for in two to four weeks, a spokesman in the office of architect Lyle F. Glenn said.

The plans for the building have been revised from a previous design. Bids were called for approximately one month ago, but they were all high, the spokesman said.

The building will consist of one story and a mezzanine. Contractors will be invited to bid on the building.

Vic Lewis New President Of Insurance Agents

Vic Lewis, agent with the Umpqua Insurance Agency, was elected president of the Douglas County Assn. of Insurance Agents at a noon luncheon of the organization Friday.

Others elected to office were Bill Reinhardt, vice president, and Dick DeBernardi, secretary-treasurer. Lewis lives at 478 NE Housley Ave. with his wife, Carol, and five children. Paul H. Roger 16, Kathy 7, John 4, and Tim 1. The new president has lived in Roseburg nine years and has been with the Umpqua Insurance Agency for five.

The members discussed bills, pertaining to the insurance business, which are before the legislature.

Horse Reported Wounded By .22 Caliber Bullet

Wounding of a horse by a .22 caliber bullet was reported Friday to the sheriff's office by Lorain O'Neal of Oakland.

in the nature of a writ of right for the king, against him who claimed or usurped any office, franchise or liberty, to inquire by what authority he supported his claim, in order to determine the right."

When such a writ is filed, an interesting legal scrimmage is promised. In the front ranks of the spectators will be the county's attorneys, both Republicans and Democrats. Most of the city's attorneys expressed surprise at Holmes' appointment but revealed intense interest at the possibilities of legal action.

Richmond was outspoken in his criticism of the governor's appointment. "I think it another example of the present administration's policy of grabbing all powers and positions that it can without regard to the wishes of the people," he declared.

Continuing, he said, "He appointed a Democrat on the basis of 175 Democrats who voted for Stultz (in the May primary). To do it on that basis is a clear and outrageous violation of the intent of the election law. He may be right technically, but ethically and morally he is wrong."

Basis for Richmond's contention is the wording of the law under which Holmes made the appointment to the office which becomes vacant April 30. The statute says that appointees shall be "affiliated, as determined by the appropriate entry on his official election card, with the same political party as that by which the elected predecessor of such office was designated in the election ballot."

Because Stultz, who was unopposed in either the primary or general election, received the nominations of both parties, he was carried on the November ballot as a "Republican-Democrat."

The basis for the attorney general's ruling that Holmes

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Spitzbart Quits State Fair Job

SALEM — Leo Spitzbart, manager of the Oregon State Fair for 22 years, has quit.

The newly appointed state Fair Commission refused Friday night to accept Spitzbart's demand for a contract covering the 1957 and 1958 fairs.

When the commission told Spitzbart it would offer him only a contract to manage the 1957 fair, Spitzbart told John Thors, Hood River, to "get another boy for the job."

Travis said the commission would meet next Tuesday to interview applicants for the position.

The new manager will have his hands full because planning for the 1957 fair should be well advanced by now.

Travis told Spitzbart that the commission's plan was to hire Spitzbart to manage the 1957 fair, and provide him with an assistant, who presumably would take over the manager's job after the next fair.

"I refuse to consider the position," Spitzbart said, "under any conditions other than a two-year contract."

"I have waited for the commission's answer for 18 days and now they call me at 10:30 p.m. to come down to the hotel to discuss the matter with them. I had told them what I could do."

"An assistant at the fair is just wasted money, I'm through. I don't believe I could work with that kind of a commission."

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