Jurors Chosen For Brame Trial During Night Session

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The jury for the first degree murder trial of Felix J. Brame was completed at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday after a night session was called by Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard for the purpose of selecting two alternate jurors.

After 35 prospective jurors had been examined, defense and prosecution attorneys concurred on a regular jury of seven men and five women at 4:45 p.m. Then the 7:30 night session was held during which the alternates were chosen.

The jury is as follows:

Elmer Scrape, 1678 SE Eddy St., railroad clerk; Philip H. Johnson, Drain, mill foreman; Rupert Coffman, Rt. 4, Box 245, store owner; Mrs. Leroy M. Lucas, Sutherlin, housewife; Mrs. Wanda Street, Winchester, housewife; Clarence Clayton, Glendale, rancher; Mrs. Etta Powell, Drain, housewife; Glen F. Good, Tenmile, sawmill worker; Mrs. La Verne West, Glide, housewife; Arthur Olsen, Reedsport, millhand; Robert Terho, 2071 NE Stephens St., cook; and Mrs. M. L. Schmeltzer, 910 SE Washington Ave., housewife and co-operator of radio shop.

Alternates Named

The alternates are Ralph W. Weiss Sr., 869 NE Willow St., apprentice electrician, and John J. Babb, Myrtle Creek, lineman.

Of the 35 examined in the course of selection of the regular jury, 10 were excused for cause and 13 on peremptory challenges.

Five of those excused for cause were dismissed on grounds they had formed opinions regarding disposition of the trial. Four were excused after telling state or defense counsels that they disagreed with legal statutes concerning capital punishment and one was dropped for cause because he said he and the state differed on the question of insanity as a defense.

The defense had used nine of its 12 allotted peremptory challenges and the prosecution four of its six at the time the regular jury was approved. No more peremptories were used in selection of the alternates.

One more prospective juror was excused during the night session, making a total of 24 dismissals after examination. The night dismissal came when a prospective juror said, at the close of examination by the defense, that she would be hard-put to devote full time to jury duty because her two minor children would be uncared for in the meantime.

Two New Panels Drawn

Two jury panels, each consisting of 30 names, were called after the original panel of 40 names. The difficulty arose mainly because nearly one-half of the persons listed on the panels no longer resided at the listed addresses or could not be reached for other reasons.

As the trial opened, a meeting was held in Millard's chambers during which Millard denied a motion by defense attorney Robert B. Duncan that the judge grant another change of venue. Duncan based the motion on the contention that erroneous information in The News - Review Saturday might cause prospective jurors to have biased opinions. The information was obtained by The News-Review from the Grants Pass Daily Courier.

Millard later pointed out privately that reports to the effect that Brame has pleaded guilty and has signed a statement admitting he fired the shots which resulted in his estranged wife's death were based on misinformation. He said Brame has pleaded innocent and court records show Brame has signed no confession.

Venue Change Denied

Duncan had requested a change of venue from Grants Pass to Medford, his home city, during the December proceedings which resulted in a mistrial in the Josephine County city. Millard granted a change of venue after a juror had been found to have discussed the case, but he set the trial for Roseburg instead of Medford.

The focal point of the local proceedings, Brame himself, has remained outwardly calm and expressionless, revealing no nervousness or emotion.

The tall powerfully-built ex-Army officer consistently was among the first to rise upon the entrance of Millard at the beginning of each session. Wearing a light blue suit and a tie trimmed in bright red, he sometimes gazed directly at the prospective juror currently under examination. At other times, he penciled notes or doodled on a large tablet.

Undoubtedly the most deeply concerned spectators at the trial are Brame's brother and sister, Roy Brame, from Kentucky, and Lois Brame, from Texas but temporarily residing in Medford. Both were allowed to confer quietly with the defendant during recess periods.

An interesting sidelight in the jury selection process was the fact that Mrs. Avery Thompson, wife of the Douglas County district attorney, was seated for some time as a prospective juror. Thompson and Paul Geddes, who is special prosecution attorney in the case, were on opposing sides in the recent political hassle over Gov. Holmes' appointment of Thompson as D.A.

Mrs. Thompson was excused from the jury Tuesday afternoon on a peremptory challenge by the prosecution.

Methodist Lenten Service Tonight

Rev. C. Ellery Echlin, minister of the Methodist Church at Drain, will be guest preacher at the Wednesday evening Lenten devotional service of the Methodist Church.

The meetings are for the purpose of giving spiritual enrichment preparation for Easter. Mr. Echlin's topic will be on compassion.

Mrs. Esther Dillon will play solos on the violin, and Mrs. Esther Geddes will accompany her on the organ. Everyone is invited to attend these services which are held in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

SUTHERLIN MEETING

There will be a meeting tonight at the Sutherlin Community Building at 8 p.m. for all parents interested in the organization of a Camp Fire group in Sutherlin. Executive director of Camp Fire Girls will be guest speaker, introduced by Mrs. Arthur Webber. The speaker will discuss fundamentals of the Camp Fire Girls.

Baptist Fellowship Convention Here

The American Baptist State Fellowship Guild convention convened here Friday with 178 girls registered.

Theme for the convention was, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings." The major goal of the guild program is the development of Christian womanhood through personality development, the Christian home, skills and vocations and missionary world outreach.

Clara Olds, a retired missionary and instructor at the Chemawa Indian School, Salem, spoke Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Saturday morning, Mrs. Erwin Boehr from the White Temple Church in Portland told of the work of her daughter, missionary Dr. Marian Boehr in South India. She showed pictures of the hospital, city and the people with whom Dr. Boehr works. The work there is heavy as Dr. Boehr has performed 566 operations in one year. She will be coming home May 28 for a 15 month vacation.

The highlight of Saturday evening was the conferring of three guild degrees, Rose, Color and Light. Mrs. Albert Shulte, state fellowship guild counselor, with the help of state officers, gave the degrees to girls from all parts of the state. Twenty-six girls took the Rose degree, 11 the Color degree and six the highest degree, Light. To earn these honors the girls had to work on various projects.

The convention was brought to a close Sunday morning with an 8:30 worship service conducted by the local pastor, Dr. Eugene Gerlitz. Mrs. Eugene Gerlitz is counselor for the Senior Guild and Mrs. Leonard Webb is counselor for the Junior Guild in Roseburg. Mrs. Jack West was general chairman of the convention; Mrs. Paul Beaver, housing chairman, and Mrs. Myrtle Kennedy and committee planned and prepared meals.

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital
Admitted

Medical: Rose Hearn, Roseburg; Mrs. Pete Sabala, Mrs. James Ragsdale, Sutherlin.

Surgery: Mrs. Carlos Hamlin, Mrs. Clyde Chitwood, Joan Burr, Mrs. LeRoy Inman, Roseburg; Mrs. Mervin Bilderback, Oakland; Mrs. Vernon Foree, Eugene.

Discharged

Mrs. Loy Linaman and baby, Michael Dean, Roseburg; Katherine Harms, Winston; Mrs. Warren Good, Sutherlin.

Mercy Hospital
Admitted

Medical: Mrs. Isaac Peterman, Winston; Olen McNeily, Olympia, Wash.

Surgery: Mrs. Meryland Foss, Roseburg; Dick Naas, Myrtle Creek; Clement Spurlock, Camas Valley.

Discharged

Harold Matthewman, Roseburg; Dan Smith, Camas Valley; Mrs. S. A. Dunn and baby, Donald Alvin, Winston; Mrs. Morris Mullins, Sutherlin.

SP Will Grant Right-Of-Way For City Street

The Southern Pacific Co. has agreed to grant the city of Glendale a 15-foot right-of-way for the extension of Montgomery Avenue, which fronts the railroad.

Meeting Monday night, the City Council learned that the SP grant will allow the city to continue extension of the street for about a quarter of a mile.

Still to be settled is a right-of-way agreement with one property owner, Frank Woodley, according to correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox.

There has been no starting date set for the street work.

The city has started a project to drain a low spot on Sether Avenue. Water from a hillside now stands in the street near the G. B. Stuart greenhouse. The city has started a ditch on Superior Mill property just outside the city limits. The ditch is expected to make drainage along the street more efficient.

Ullman Requests Boost In Oregon River Funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Ullman (D-Ore) said Wednesday he has asked President Eisenhower to recommend increased appropriations for three Oregon projects "in the light of the current economic situation."

He said he had written the President particularly concerning an increase from the two million dollars asked for the John Day dam to the 10 million dollars which Army Engineers have said they could spend economically on the project.

Any appropriation below six million dollars, he said, will delay John Day's completion a full year.

Ullman also asked a "more adequate" appropriation for the ship channel from Vancouver, Wash., to The Dalles, Ore., and suggested that an increase to 2½ million dollars from the one million asked "would be more in keeping with the time schedule estimated for the Crooked River dam project."

ARRIVES IN MANILLA

MANILA (AP) — Adm. Felix B. Stump, U. S. commander in chief in the Pacific, arrived in Manilla Wednesday for the annual conference of SEATO military advisers.

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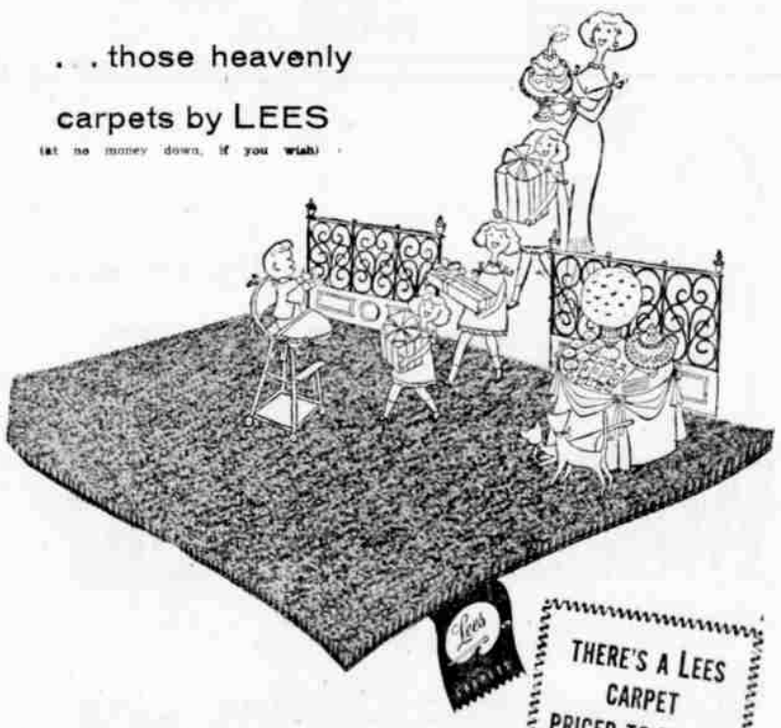

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