

Brame's Defense Continues To Harp On Insanity Angle

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A psychologist, a psychiatrist and a neurosurgeon testified during the afternoon session of the Felix J. Brame murder trial in Roseburg Friday that tests and examinations have revealed signs of mental unbalance in the defendant.

The testimony undoubtedly will have a strong bearing on the case, since defense attorney Robert B. Duncan is attempting to prove the 46-year-old Grants Pass man innocent of the first degree charge by reason of insanity. The charge was leveled at Brame following the July 10 slaying of his estranged wife, Marguerite, in Grants Pass.

Dr. Edward M. Scott, Portland, consulting psychologist for the Oregon State Board of Health, said results of the three tests he administered to Brame last September indicated a "shutting off of reality," an aspect of "suspiciousness," or what he termed "a paranoid element," and a "perplexity" on the part of the defendant.

He summed up his conclusions this way: "The results of these tests most likely were done by a person with a brain involvement—by a person with brain damage. But there also is the element of a very suspicious, paranoid person."

Tests Hint Insanity

Special prosecution attorney Paul Geddes asked Scott the basic question of the case: "Your tests do not indicate insanity, do they?"

"I think they do," answered Scott.

Scott qualified during the cross examination some points he had made under questioning by Duncan, but maintained throughout that the tests revealed a mental

instability on the part of Brame. Next witness called by Duncan was Dr. Harry Danielson, Medford, a physician with special training in psychiatry.

Danielson, who said he examined Brame on Aug. 25 and again on Aug. 29, termed Brame "an emotionally unstable person with very strong, paranoid tendencies," according to results of his examinations.

Duncan stated a hypothetical case, asking Danielson for his opinion on how "a 46-year-old man" would be affected by the conditions which the defense claims were experienced by Brame prior to the shooting of his wife. Duncan stipulated that the make-believe subject "shot his wife" but did not remember doing so.

Responsibility Doubt

The witness answered, in words similar to those in Duncan's question, that such a person "probably would not know the quality or nature of his act or the difference between right or wrong."

Geddes queried Danielson as to whether Brame could have been aware of what he was doing when he shot his wife and felt guilt to the extent that "nature blotted out the memory of it."

"Yes," said Danielson, "because the guilt would be unbearable."

"Does this change your diagnosis of the defendant?" continued Geddes.

"It doesn't change it," replied the witness.

The final witness of the day was Dr. James C. Luce, Medford, whom Geddes had just started to cross examine when Circuit Judge Orval J. Millard, who is presiding at the trial, adjourned the proceedings for the day. Luce is a physician and surgeon specializing

in neurological (brain and nerve) surgery.

"Brain Waves" Studied

Luce said he tested Brame with electroencephalograph equipment on Aug. 25 in Medford. He explained to the jury that the machine makes a visual record of so-called "brain waves," and often uncovers mental disorders which otherwise are hard to pin down.

Luce said the "most noteworthy" result of the test was "a marked susceptibility of the brain to a lowering of blood sugar."

He added that low blood sugar generally is caused by a "low food intake" and that its chief result would be "unpredictable" behavior patterns.

Asked by Duncan whether this "unpredictable" aspect would be reflected permanently, Luce said "No. It would be in relation to circumstances as they were at the time of the test. At those times, the subject would be unpredictable. We have evidence of this when he cried while under examination and did not know he had cried until he was asked why he was there."

Duncan then stated the same hypothetical case which he had presented to Danielson, and asked the same question.

"He (the subject of the make-believe case) history would not know the difference between right and wrong."

"Would he know what he was doing?" added Duncan.

"No," affirmed Luce.

Earlier, Gerald W. Dewey, Josephine County health officer, had termed the tranquilizer pills which the defense claims Brame used in quantity before the shooting as "a dangerous product."

Dewey said during the cross examination that the drug, known as meperbramate, "very likely" was the factor which caused Brame to be unable to distinguish right from wrong. Dewey had implied such a position before he made that reply.

Don't Drink On Job Judge Tells Jury Members

CHICAGO (AP) — "Don't drink on the job," was Judge Daniel A. Covelli's advice Friday in a criminal court assault and battery trial. But it wasn't the man on the jury who received the advice.

Five whisky bottles — four of them empty — were found in the jury's quarters.

Jail warden Jack Johnson interrupted proceedings in the trial of Atty. Joseph R. Roth to tell Judge Covelli his discovery. The judge turned an inquisitive eye on the jury of seven men and five women, but the trial continued.

After the session had recessed, Judge Covelli instructed the jurors.

"Drinking on jury duty is not permitted," he said. "You can't see what would happen, can't you?"

The jurors nodded politely, and one of them admitted there was whisky in the jury room.

Judge Covelli concluded:

"The court will arrange some entertainment over the weekend. After the case is over, then you can celebrate."

The unopened fifth bottle was impounded.

Roth, 51, is charged with conspiracy to commit assault and battery.

Riversdale Extension Unit Hears Talk On Pakistan

Riversdale Home Extension Unit met at the home of Mrs. Lawrence West, with Odessa Barr and Aline West project leaders for the demonstration on sandwiches.

Clara Rockwell gave a talk on Pakistan and will continue the subject at the next meeting.

A ballot was taken on subjects to be presented next year. The nominating committee was elected and will bring its report to the next meeting. A social time was held after the business was conducted.



RECEIVING THE FIRST TREE in Blitz-Weinhard's Oregon "bandwagon" program is Mayor Arlo Jacklin. Presenting the Douglas fir seedling and getting the "bandwagon" rolling is J.M. Rothchild, president of the firm. Goal of Blitz program is more tourists, industry and attention for Oregon and nation-wide notice for Oregon's Centennial next year. The tree is part of an Oregon "do-it-yourself kit" which this pioneer firm will mail on request to anyone in the U.S. as long as the person lives outside of Oregon.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Motorist Greg Morton, en route home in heavy Freeway traffic Friday, swerved to miss a wild driver. His car landed on a middle dividing strip.

With thousands of cars whizzing by in solid ranks on either side, Morton found himself as lonely and helpless as if he was on an uninhabited island in the Pacific Ocean.

He signalled for help for an hour and 15 minutes. He said he tried to flag down 14 motorcycle policemen. No. 8 stopped, he said, but when he asked, "How do I get off of here," the officer said, "just start your engine and drive away," then the cop rode away.

Finally, a civilian motorcyclist paused long enough to size up the situation and promised to telephone for aid. At long last, another motor cop appeared, made the traffic pause for a moment and Morton was able to get back onto the freeway.

"I'd have given 20 bucks for a telephone out there," said Morton, 34, a management consultant.

CAMP FIRE OFFICERS

The O Hanpi Camp Fire group met at the home of its leader, Mrs. Shelton, recently, and elected officers. Elected were Marjorie LeBlue, president; Debbie Coon, vice president; Donna Shelton, secretary; Billie McKesson, treasurer; Ann Collins, scribe, and Rexi Nicholson, sergeant of arms. The group meets each Thursday.

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Building Permits Down 56 Per Cent

Roseburg building permits issued last year were down 56 per cent, but were about average with other Oregon cities.

During 1957 permits were issued for a total of \$1,066,131. In 1956, Roseburg building permits totaled \$2,438,831.

Dwelling permits last year total-

ed \$144,520, or 76 per cent under 1956.

Building permits issued last year by 64 major Pacific Northwest cities was above the average for the last nine years for which similar comparative data is available, according to the association's statistical department.

Other Oregon cities which showed a 50 per cent or more change in total construction volume last year were Astoria, Corvallis, Grants Pass, Lebanon, Oregon City and the Dalles.

Secret Weapons Left Out In Open, GAO Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The General Accounting Office says the Air Force, in closing down a supply depot in Morocco, left secret equipment like radar sets and bomb-

sights out in the open "accessible to prospective bidders."

The GAO report, criticizing close out operations at the depot, also said:

1. Some equipment was left deteriorating in the open.

2. The depot had perhaps twice as much stock as the 144 million dollars worth the Air Force thought it had in beginning close-down operations.

The GAO, which acts as a watchdog for Congress on federal spending, said that prompt action by Air Force headquarters after getting the GAO findings should prevent substantial waste.

Runaway Train Engine Lands In Lake Michigan

TWO RIVERS, Wis. (AP) — North Western Railway officials today made plans for a big fishing expedition — to raise a diesel locomotive resting on the muddy bottom of Lake Michigan. They still are not sure how it got there.

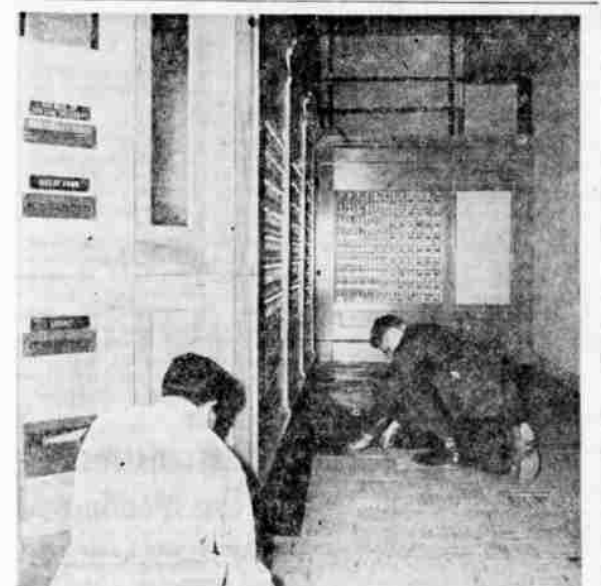
The switch engine, valued at \$200,000, plowed into the lake early Friday after a seven-mile dash through the port cities of Manitowoc and Two Rivers. One box car followed it in. Another car balanced on the bank toppled in when workmen attempted to haul it onto solid ground.

The engine and nine cars departed Manitowoc while the train crew was having breakfast at 1:50 a.m.

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REMODELED — Glendale IOOF members help remodel the city's post office. The post office has been housed on the first floor of the Glendale IOOF building since 1926. Now the office is getting new floor tile, light fixtures and dividing partitions.

Glendale Post Office Gets New Lighting, Tile Floor

New light fixtures and a tile floor are a few of the changes taking place in the Glendale Post Office while it is being remodeled.

The establishment is also being rewired. Post office boxes which have been in use since 1928 are being replaced. The Glendale Post Office is located on the first floor

of the IOOF building. It has been in the same location since 1926.

Another improvement in postal service to the city is the number of star route boxes. The numbering project is still in the planning stage, according to Mrs. Gerald Fox, News-Review correspondent.

Postal receipts for stamps, permit mail, envelopes and box rental amounts from \$13,000 to \$14,000 a year, according to the Glendale postmaster.

Marshal Dana Receives Award For Conservation

PORTLAND (AP) — The Interior Department presented its Conservation Award Friday to Marshall Dana.

Dana, former editor of the Oregon Journal's editorial page, is assistant to the president of the United States National Bank here.

The department said the award is the highest presented to non-members of the federal agency.

It was made for Dana's activity as chairman of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee's recreation subcommittee.

In making the award, Dr. William Pearl, Bonneville Power Administration chief, said Dana's "leadership not only pointed out the serious lag in the development of adequate Northwest recreation programs but resulted in a comprehensive plan for a balanced, long-range program."

Hospital News

Douglas Community Hospital Admitted

Medical: Mrs. John McGarity, Mrs. Howard Newport, Roseburg; Lynn Ross, Dillard; Mrs. James Brewster, Sutherlin.

Discharged

Mrs. John Shaw, Mrs. Charles Wells, Mrs. Gene Wilson, Roseburg; Franklin Jones, Glide; Mrs. Marvin Steinbach, Sutherlin; Mrs. John O'Sullivan, Riddle.

Negro Pastor Elected Presbyterian Moderator

NEW YORK (AP) — A Negro pastor has been elected as moderator of the presbytery of New York, the first of his race to hold the position. He will serve for one year.

The Rev. Edler G. Hawkins of Saint Augustine Presbyterian Church in the Bronx was elected at the regular monthly meeting of the presbytery. It is the governing body for the 63 Presbyterian churches in Manhattan, the Bronx and Staten Island, with a total membership of 29,000.

TWO SHIPS FINED

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Two foreign ships, detained in Indonesia's crackdown on barter trading by her outer islands, have been heavily fined in connection with copra smuggling, the attorney general's office announced Tuesday. It identified the ships as the 3,327-ton British freighter Troon Breeze and the Lulu, reported by the office to be of Panamanian registry.

Windgate May Sue Churchill

NEW YORK (AP) — Television interviewer John Windgate says he is considering legal action against Randolph Churchill, son of Sir Winston, for remarks Churchill made in reference to Windgate's father during a television program Thursday night. Windgate said his assistant also is considering a suit.

Churchill, who had been in this country on a lecture tour, was interviewed by Windgate on the WABD "Night Beat" program.

Churchill's verbal explosion came when Windgate indirectly brought up Randolph's sister, actress Sarah Churchill, who was fined in California last Jan. 16 for public drunkenness.

Without mentioning the charge against her, Windgate asked:

"Do you think the American press took unfair advantage of the Churchill name in obviously an unfortunate situation?"

Churchill blew up. Among other things he said was "I never discuss matters affecting members of my family with total strangers" and "you sent a hired hack to me to discuss the topics you wished to discuss; this was not one of those he raised."

Churchill also told Windgate: "I wouldn't think of asking you about your sisters... or what your mother has done or who your father was. I don't know if you even had a father, or if you know who your father was."

Windgate said Ray Weiss, his assistant, also is considering legal action in connection with Churchill's calling him a "hired hack."

Hatfield Says Candidates Must Use Care On Funds

MONMOUTH (AP) — Secretary of State Mark Hatfield said this week that candidates have to be careful to "refuse campaign contributions which would entangle them with unsavory alliances."

Hatfield, Republican candidate for governor, added that television and advertising techniques give the public a "superficial view of the candidate's qualifications for office."

He made his statement at an assembly of Oregon College of Education students.

Former Justice Advises Retirement At Age 70

PORTLAND (AP) — A former justice maintains a mandatory retirement age of 70 should be established for members of the Oregon Supreme Court.

J. O. Bailey, who retired from the court seven years ago, said the compulsory retirement would mean an increased number of decisions from the court.

The 77-year-old Bailey said some justices turn out as many as 30 opinions during an election year, but afterward drop to as few as 15.

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