

Mistrial Declared In Wanamaker Suit On Lewis' Remarks

OKLAHOMA CITY — A mistrial for unexplained reasons was ruled a Wednesday in a \$430,000 libel suit by a Washington woman against three Oklahoma radio stations.

U.S. District Judge W. R. Wallace dismissed the jury after it had deliberated more than five hours. Jury Foreman C. O. Janson expressed disagreement.

"We were within five minutes of reaching a verdict when they stopped us," he said. "The entire panel felt the jury should have been allowed to complete its duty and return a verdict."

Attorneys for the plaintiff, Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, former Washington educator, filed a motion for a mistrial and a defense attorney agreed.

Claims Reputation Damaged
Mrs. Wanamaker had charged that the stations carried a broadcast by Fulton Lewis Jr. Jan. 6, 1956 that linked her with communism, damaging her reputation.

Lewis testified he had apologized on a subsequent broadcast over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Involved in the suit were radio stations KOZY, Oklahoma City; IGWA, Enid and KOME at Tulsa.

It was indicated by court officials the suit would be docketed for a new trial at a later date. The trial began May 12 and reached the jury after seven days of testimony and closing arguments.

Judge Wallace said he was out of the courtroom when the attorneys agreed to ask for a mistrial. He said he was summoned to his chambers, where P. J. Tonkoff, Washington attorney representing Mrs. Wanamaker, told him attorneys for both sides had agreed that a mistrial should be declared because they felt the verdict would not be a true version of the jury's feelings after such a long deliberation.

Judge Lays Down Law To Pickets Of Aluminum Co.

THE DALLAS — Union members may picket the Harvey Aluminum Co. plant here but they must not swear, Circuit Judge Malcolm Wilkinson ruled Wednesday.

The judge also ruled that the pickets cannot intimidate company employees or block entrances to the 50-million dollar plant now near completion.

Wilkinson made the ruling as he issued a temporary restraining order against several unions.

The order suspended an earlier temporary injunction he signed May 14 which halted any picketing at the plant.

The judge ruled that peaceful picketing is all right. He observed that it is not in his jurisdiction to stop anyone from carrying placards.

But he said that anything other than peaceful picketing with signs will not be tolerated.

Asks Injunction
The General Engineering Co., which has a work force at the plant, had asked for an injunction to stop all picketing.

It went to court after pickets appeared around the plant May 7. Union members said they there was no strike. It was, they said, a protest over a new contractor hiring men layed off by an earlier builder at the plant.

A union spokesman said after the judge's ruling that pickets would be put around the plant.

Third Man Seen In Triangle After Man, Wife Clash

BRIDGETON, N.J. — It's a quiet country crossroads called Harnony.

A young wife and husband met there by accident Tuesday night in a roaring, flaming rendezvous that ended in the husband's death.

And police said that at the end of the road there may have been another man, a man waiting for a date with 19-year-old Mrs. Vera Wright.

She kept him waiting. Mrs. Wright, critically injured when the car she was driving smashed broadside into her husband's auto, was still in Bridgeton Hospital today with a possible skull fracture. Her condition was listed as good.

The husband, Lester, also 19, was dead 10 minutes after being pulled from his blazing auto.

Car Owner Held
Police, meanwhile, were holding Walter Robinson, 56, of Newfield, owner of the car that Mrs. Wright was driving.

State Police Sgt. William R. Conway said his office was looking into discrepancies between statements made by Robinson and Mrs. Wright.

Conway quoted Robinson as saying he had been the woman's boyfriend for about a year and that Wright knew and apparently did not disapprove of their relationship.

He told police the Wrights had quarreled on the night of the accident because Mrs. Wright wanted Robinson's car to drive home. She had used it earlier to take a road test for a driver's license.

Ex-Convict Shot To Death In Car

PORTLAND — An ex-convict who protested he had not been the stool pigeon in a recent narcotics arrest, was found shot to death in his car in N. Commercial Ave. early Thursday.

Detectives Norman Leitheiser and Jack Sizer said they would probe a possible underworld revenge motive.

The slain man was Howard Sylvester Jackson. A thousand dollar roll of currency was undisturbed in his pocket.

The detectives said they had unconfirmed reports that after a recent arrest, word was passed of a reward for information on who tipped off police, Jackson, they said, promptly told several people he wasn't the man and had an alibi.

But Jackson was nervous after that, his wife said. Early Thursday he got a phone call and left the house. At dawn his body, a bullet hole in the head, was found slumped over in his car which had left the street and run up onto a nearby lawn.

Police records listed Jackson as having a narcotics conviction and numerous arrests.

Youth Kills His Rival, Girl Friend
ALBION, Neb. — An honor student and the daughter of a prominent farm family died in a burst of gunfire last night from the rifle of a rival for the girl's attention.

The shots that shocked this town of 2,132 population were fired by Kermit Keeshan, 17. His father, William is a former county attorney and mayor in Albion.

Keeshan tried to kill himself with a bullet in the head after he killed Jerry Sherwood, 18, and Diane Zaruba, 17. He is expected to recover.

Mrs. Bessie Looney, 74, Of Camas Valley Dies; Funeral To Be Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Looney, 74, well-known Camas Valley resident who died at her home Wednesday, will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Methodist Church in Camas Valley.

The Rev. R. W. Knight will officiate. Burial will follow in the Noah Cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of Long & Orr Mortuary.

Mrs. Looney was born April 28, 1884, at New Castle, Va. She was married in 1908 to the late Ballard C. Looney who died here in 1947.

The couple came to Oregon shortly after their marriage, residing at Astoria until 1921 when they moved to Silver Lake, Wash. In 1923 they returned to Coos Bay, then moved to Camas Valley in 1933.

She is survived by seven children, Carl Looney, Coquille; Miss Madeline Looney, Gaiyard Looney, John Looney and Gerald Looney, all of Camas Valley; Mrs. Helen Weaver, Brookings; and Mrs. Joan Fugate of Oakland; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Trainer and Mrs. Denton Thomas, both of Troutville, Va.; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Roseburg City Budget Gets Committee Approval
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called for total expenditures of \$718,821.44.

Peterson Chairman
As soon as the committee had organized and elected Orville Peterson as chairman and Joe Boatwright as secretary, the work of the previous two sessions was adopted. This amounted to 15 pages of the 33-page budget and included trimming \$3,000 in two places.

Without further discussion, the police department request for \$1,000 for a portable radar unit was deleted. Money for planning was cut from \$6,000 to \$4,000, which is supposed to be matched with federal funds.

Page after page of the budget was rapidly OK'd until the committee reached an item for Stewart Park. This called for \$22,000 for installation of an underground irrigation system for the new nine-hole golf course.

Portland Man Defeated In Bid

HOUSTON, Texas — A Portland, Ore., man was defeated Wednesday in his bid to become president of the Southern Baptists. He was the Rev. Dr. Robert Milam, one of three men seeking the post.

The others were the Rev. Dr. Robert Taylor of Fort Worth, Texas, and Rev. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.), who already had served a term as president.

Hays, who was backed by a nominating committee, was elected to a second term. Vote totals were not disclosed.

The convention's 15,000 delegates were told that Southern Baptists have taken on a prosperous, big city look.

"Prosperity is a new experience for Baptists," Hays told the convention. He said that members last year contributed \$72 million dollars to the church.

Congregationalists Name Moderator
EUGENE — The new moderator of the Congregational Conference of Oregon is Mrs. F. L. Van Dooser of Portland.

She was elected Wednesday at the annual conference meeting here. She is the third woman in the 135-year history of the conference to hold the presidency.

Mrs. Van Dooser is past president of the Woman's Fellowship of the conference.

The Rev. Perry Avery, Corvallis, was named assistant moderator, while the Rev. Raymond B. Walker, Portland, was chosen conference preacher.

McClellan Claims Butchers Connived With Union Heads

WASHINGTON — Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said Thursday the A. & P. Stores reaped benefits worth millions of dollars by conniving with Butchers Union leaders in a labor contract.

This statement of his views marked the windup of public hearings by the Senate Rackets In-Deal through which 10,000 New York area A. & P. grocery clerks were blanketed into the Butchers Union in 1952 unaware that they were bound to a 45-hour work week for 35 months. Some competing stores had a 40-hour work week.

"An analysis of the testimony," McClellan said in a statement of findings, "establishes a number of improper practices which this committee must condemn."

The committee chairman continued: "The evidence seems to be quite clear that the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. (A. & P.) embarked on a course of conduct in 1952 that produced serious violations of various provisions of the National Labor Relations Act."

"We are forced to the inevitable conclusion, and the evidence before this committee supports it, that the A. & P. . . deprived more than 10,000 of its employees of their right guaranteed under the National Labor Relations Act to be represented by a collective bargaining agent of their own choice."

"It is obvious that the advantages of this arrangement were measurable in millions of dollars."

Visitor To City Taken By Death
A 58-year-old Long Beach, Calif., man who was visiting his brother in Roseburg collapsed and died Wednesday in downtown Roseburg.

The county coroner's office said the victim was Urban Harry Raymond Luepke. An autopsy was scheduled for today to determine cause of death.

He was dead on arrival at a local hospital. The coroner's office said Luepke, a double amputee, fell out of his wheelchair after emerging from a Cass Avenue barber shop.

Heart Attack Cause Of Death Of Arne Coppel

Friends of Arne V. Coppel, 63, who died last Friday in a Portland hospital, learned today he succumbed to a heart attack.

James B. Eaton, his son-in-law, said an autopsy revealed the heart ailment had taken his life. At first it was thought Coppel died of a relapse following a major operation two weeks ago.

Funeral services were held last Monday with Masonic rites in Portland. Burial was at Rose City cemetery. Coppel, whose address here was the Douglas Hotel, was maintenance engineer for the Medical Arts building. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Eaton, and five grandchildren.

Vernita Devenpeck Succumbs In Reno
Mrs. Glenn A. (Vernita) Devenpeck, 57, died May 20 in Reno, Nev., following a long illness.

She was born in Roseburg Dec. 22, 1900, attended Roseburg schools, Oregon State College and worked in the county clerk's office. She was a member of the Roseburg First Baptist Church, Roseburg Business and Professional Women's Club and Worthy Matron of the San Jose, Calif., Eastern Star. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kohlhagen, Roseburg, and had resided in Nevada the last 10 years.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn, Wellington, Nev.; two sisters, Bertha Kohlhagen, Salem; Mrs. Howard (Eliza) Zimmer, Portland; a brother, Louis S. Kohlhagen, Roseburg; and cousin, Edward G. Kohlhagen, Roseburg.

The body will lie in state at Chapel of the Roses from 9 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday for friends to call. Vault interment will follow at Civil Bend Cemetery at 3 p. m. Saturday. Dr. Eugene Gerlitz, First Baptist Church, will officiate.

German Woman Purchases Painting For Eisenhower
MILAN, Italy — A German-born woman has offered President Eisenhower the gift of a \$100,000 painting by the 16th century Italian master Correggio to inspire him in his leadership of the free world.

The painting is "Il Giorno (The Day)," once owned by King Louis XIV of France. The would-be donor is Mrs. Katharina Williams, 28-year-old owner of the big Esbjerg shipyards in Hamburg and a British subject by marriage.

Panama Declares State Of Siege After Riots

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Ernesto de la Guardia Jr. fire three guard commanders as well as Education Minister Victor Julio by midnight Wednesday.

When the deadline passed, the students called for a general strike. They said they had the support of the labor unions.

The president said he would meet all student demands dealing with school matters, but would not oust the guard officers, sources close to the chief executive asserted.

A woman spokesman at a rally Thursday night declared the president either will fire the National Guard officers or the people will oust him. The meeting drew thousands of citizens.

There were scattered incidents of violence shortly after midnight and then things quieted down until daybreak. That was when students began taking over in the downtown area.

The government has warned it will enforce a state of siege if violence gets out of hand. But the absence of troop reinforcements showed no move was made immediately to challenge the students.

Carson & Barnes Circus Slated Here On May 31
The Carson & Barnes Wild Animal Circus will stage two performances Saturday, May 31, at a site across from the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Funeral Services Set For Thurman Arant, 49

Funeral services for Thurman Edmund Arant, 49, killed in an auto crash near Pendleton Monday, will be Saturday at 10 a. m. at the Chapel of Roses. The Rev. Newell Morgan of the First Christian Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Melrose Cemetery.

Arant, a former Roseburg resident, died in a Pendleton hospital of injuries suffered when a car struck the rear of a truck. Another man riding in the car died in the wreck.

HOLMES ON COMMITTEE
SALEM — Gov. Robert D. Holmes has been elected to the nine-member executive committee of the National Governors' Conference, meeting in Miami, Fla., the governor's office announced Thursday.

Gov. and Mrs. Holmes will return from the conference Monday. Until then, Senate President Boyd R. Overchuk, Madras, is acting governor.

SUFFERS BROKEN WRIST
Dennis Sutton, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Sutton, 245 NE Bogard St., was taken to Douglas Community Hospital Wednesday for surgery on his left wrist which he fractured in a fall at home. He is expected to be released from the hospital this evening or Friday morning.

VANDALS RUIN TIRES

David H. Tomlinson, 3259 N. Stephens St., reported to Roseburg police Wednesday that vandals had slashed and ruined one of the tires on his automobile Tuesday night.

He said the slashing occurred between 7:30 and 9:30 p. m. as his car was parked at the Assembly of God Church, 518 NE Nash St.

LIVING COST JUMPS
LONDON — The Ministry of Labor said Thursday the British cost of living index jumped 2 points — to 110 — between mid-March and mid-April. The jump was attributed mainly to rising food prices.

INJURIES FATAL
PORTLAND — A woman struck by a car Monday night as she walked across N. Going St. near her home, died Wednesday. She was Mrs. George J. Gibson, 38, wife of a Union Pacific waiter.

Burning Plywood Truck Halts Highway Traffic

CORVALLIS — Tracing fire and explosions from a truck closed Highway 99W, south of here early Wednesday afternoon.

Traffic was routed to a road two miles west when efforts to halt the blaze on the empty flat-bed veneer hauling truck became prolonged.

The fire started near the cab from an undetermined cause, and raged for more than two hours, fed by propane gas.

The driver, William Darland, 39, Corvallis, suffered burns to his arms, neck and head, but was in satisfactory condition in a hospital here.

The truck, owned by Corvallis Plywood Co., had been converted to use of propane gas as its fuel. City Manager John Porter sent firemen to the scene although it was outside the city.

Whooping Crane Expected To Lay Another Egg
NEW ORLEANS — The first whooping crane to reproduce in captivity is expected to lay another egg tomorrow.

Josephine laid her third egg this spring at Audubon Park Zoo here yesterday, and Park Supt. George Douglas said he thought the second of her "clutch" was due tomorrow.

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Earlier this year Jo laid two other eggs. One hatched April 30 and the bird is growing. The second failed to hatch.

Last year and in 1956 Jo and her mate, Crip produced four eggs. All hatched, but only two birds survived.

If the latest pair survive, they will bring the world's known total to 33. There are now only six whoopies in captivity, five in New Orleans' zoo and one in a San Antonio zoo.

VELADE POSTPONED
BELGRADE — President Tito's visit to Poland this month has been postponed, well informed circles said Thursday. The tension between the Soviet Bloc and Yugoslavia is believed to be the reason.

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