

Thompson Takes Witness Box To Deny Hiring Wife's Slayer

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—T. Eugene Thompson today categorically denied from the witness stand that he hired an assassin to slay his heiress wife.

Thompson, the accused mas-terminator in the slaying, also denied that he had done anything at all to bring about the death of his wife, who had been insured for more than \$1 million.

His denials came as he ended seven hours of direct testimony in his own defense at his first degree murder trial.

LBJ Planning For Successor

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson plans to outline within a month the procedures for Speaker John W. McCormack to assume control of the government should the Chief Executive become disabled.

Although Congress and the Constitution have provided a line of succession for the presidency in case of death, neither makes it clear how to handle a situation where the President remains alive, but is unable to execute the powers of his office.

The Constitution states that in a case of presidential "inability," his powers shall pass to the vice president. However, it does not say who shall determine when the vice president takes over.

The slain President Kennedy and former President Dwight D. Eisenhower had issued similar statements establishing guidelines for such an incident, but these did not have legal power.

Since the vice presidency will be vacant until the 1964 election, McCormack is next in line to be chief executive.

White House Assistant Press Secretary Andrew T. Hatcher said Friday he assumed Johnson would issue a similar statement within the next month or so.

While Johnson's health is considered excellent today, he suffered a serious heart attack in July 1955 while Senate Democratic leader. Six months later, doctors declared Johnson had recovered fully.

McCormack, 72, has never been known to have been seriously ill during his 23 years in Congress.

Sutherland Assembly Draws Many Students

More than 300 students of East Elementary School were on hand for the first of four National Assembly programs to be held this year. The program, Dean Short and his Marionette Theater, was presented in the high school gymnasium.

The presentation, "Rumpelstiltskin," afforded an opportunity for the audience to witness the performance on stage and also see the way in which the marionettes and properties are handled behind the stage, according to Mrs. William Blakeley, correspondent.

The young criminal attorney now faces a fresh ordeal, undergoing cross examination from Prosecutor William Randall. Randall is expected to launch a determined effort to destroy Thompson's picture of himself as a devoted husband who strayed just once into illicit love.

Thompson denied that: —He ever asked sultry Jacqueline Olesen whether she would be his if he put \$10,000 in her bank account.

—He ever asked her to marry him or even hinted that he would leave his wife for her.

Thompson's steadfast denial came as he testified in his own defense at his trial on first degree murder charges.

Thompson, 38, is accused of insuring the life of his wife, Carol, 34, for more than \$1 million, and then hiring a vodka-swilling salesman to beat and stab her to death in her home last March 6.

The motive, the state charges, was money and Mrs. Olesen.

The trim little lawyer, in effect, charged that his mistress lied when she testified earlier of their yearlong love affair.

Mrs. Olesen, 27, a dark-haired divorcee, said that in February, 1962, Thompson came to her and begged "just give me 11

Washingtonian Visits In Drain

By JO CARLILE
Mrs. Ann Morey of Ocean Park, Wash., visited in Drain last week with her granddaughter, Mrs. Rance Hunt, and family.

Accident Claims Cousin
Mrs. Alvin Fields has received word of the death of her cousin, Mrs. Margaret Evans of Tacoma, who was killed Nov. 23 in an auto accident.

Mrs. Roy Gore accompanied her niece, Cleone Gawley of Reedsport, to Eugene recently to visit Mrs. Gore's sister, Mrs. George Wellborn, who is in a rest home there. Mrs. Wellborn is also Mrs. Gawley's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rundell accompanied by Joanne Peters of Cottage Grove spent the weekend at Klamath Falls visiting Gary Rundell, student at Oregon Technical Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rood, Harold and Gloria Jean, spent the weekend in Portland visiting Rood's sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nelson, and son, Mark, who was seriously injured several weeks ago in an auto accident. He is doing satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Rust and family of Albany are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert White and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Haney at Florence on Monday.

Gary Wilson of Ashland visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson, over the weekend.

Movie Showtime

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1963
INDIAN THEATRE—Doors open 6:30. Complete shows 7:00 and 9:05. "The Incredible Journey" at 7:35 and 9:40. STARLITE DRIVE-IN—Open Fri-Sat-Sun.

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more months"—time enough for him to raise enough money to support both her and her family.

It was also in 1962, Mrs. Olesen said, that Thompson made the \$10,000 offer and hinted of marriage.

Elkton Girls Schedule Tea

By MRS. C. W. HENDERER
All members of the Elkton Community are invited to a Christmas tea to be given at the high school gymnasium at 1:15 p.m. on Dec. 5. The high school home economics girls, directed by Emille France, are in charge of arrangements and will also present a fashion show and program.

Drive Chairman Named
Mrs. Alice Beal has been appointed chairman of the Elkton area for the annual Tuberculosis Seal drive.

The Umpqua Trinitette's Tops Club honored Loretta Doran as "Queen of the Week" at the fourth meeting of the club held Nov. 25 at the home of Ardie Jenkins. Loretta lost 9½ pounds during her first week of membership in the club. Named "Queen of the Month" was Arlene Ammons for a total loss of 15 pounds for the month of November.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Donaldson of Portland were weekend guests at the Jack Gorman home.

Sharon Weatherly, student at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, spent last weekend at her home in Elkton.

Mrs. Gladys Stewart was called to Vancouver, Wash., last weekend to attend the funeral services of Frank Stewart.

Portland Trip Made
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Compton and Mrs. John Levenhagen spent Friday in Portland where Compton attended a business meeting and Mrs. Compton and Mrs. Levenhagen visited Peggy Levenhagen and spent the afternoon shopping.

Sue Beckley, student at South Oregon College in Ashland came home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

David Compton and Merrieth Randall, students at Oregon State University in Corvallis were weekend guests at the Norman Compton home.

HIGH COST
WASHINGTON (UPI)—It cost the nation's radio and television networks an estimated \$32 million to broadcast the events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

Broadcasting Magazine said that during the four days of broadcasting more than 2,100 network employees in this country and abroad were involved at one time or another in working on the story.

The magazine said that, based on the best available estimates, the costs included the \$18.8 million lost through elimination of television commercials; \$6.8 million lost in radio commercials; \$3.3 million in commissions to advertising agencies and salesmen; and \$3.1 million for television and radio coverage of the story.

Western Douglas Schools Plan Natural Resources Program

By DAWN PESEAU
Plans moving toward a natural resource study and practice program for Western Douglas County public schools were discussed in Reedsport at the second meeting of an informal committee recently.

Objectives of the program being advocated by the group include the creation of interest in conservation and nature; more educational opportunities for more students, with special concern for those less talented academically; furthering educational cooperation between Western Douglas County school districts; providing opportunities to acquaint students with occupations related to natural resources; to provide meaningful educational experience, not meaningless manual labor for students; and to improve the natural resources of the area.

Under consideration is a plan

NO WORRY WART
SOUTHEND, England (UPI)—Kevin Perry, 14, walked a mile, rode a train two miles, caught a bus and walked into a hospital to announce, "Excuse me, I'm sorry to worry you, but I have been shot."

"Kevin just does not like to worry people," his father said after doctors removed an air-gun pellet from the boy's eye.

for the loan of a tract of diversified land for use as a management area. The program under consideration would not involve additional teaching personnel, according to Dawn Pesseau, correspondent.

Taking part in the planning meeting were Jim Ingram, Reedsport High School science department; Jim Unterwiesing, vice principal Reedsport elementary schools; Merlin Cannell, elementary teacher; J. M. Holst, Reedsport High School teacher; Charles Foster, International Paper Co. Woodlands executive; and Carl Juhl, Smith River District Ranger, U. S. Forest Service.

Others Take Part

Others participating are Bill Gleason, forester and logging executive, U. S. Plywood Corporation; Everett Hunt and George Shore, state Board of Forestry, Theron Farris, Crown-Zellerbach Corp. forester; Ron McDivott, state Game Department biologist; and John Evans, U. S. Bureau of Land Management.

The group is currently drafting a list of specific activities to be considered in the course. Another meeting is slated for Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Reedsport Pioneer School.

Calendar Of Events

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Buckaroo Square Dance Lessons, 8-10 p.m. at the Barn, Curley Reynolds instructor, for information call 672-2822 or 673-3124.

Roseburg Duplicate Bridge Club, Umpqua Hotel, 7:15 p.m., open club, all bridge players welcome. Anyone desiring a partner call 673-4566.

Roseburg Kiwanis Club, Umpqua Hotel Civic Room, noon.

Sutherlin Methodist Church, choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Glide Kiwanis Club, 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, 424 NE Winchester, 8 p.m. for information call 673-6629.

Associated Volunteers card party. Veterans Hospital recreation building music room, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Army Reserve, 1614 W. Harvard, 8-10 p.m.

Little River Home Extension Club, 7:30 p.m. home of Mrs. Carl Varner at Glide. Program: "Alaska."

Roseburg Woman's Club, 1:30 p.m. at clubhouse. Program: "Merry Christmas—Create One."

Bloodmobile, 4 to 8 p.m. at Elks hall.

Azalea Town and Country Club luncheon 12:30 p.m. at Grange hall.

Oakland City Council, 8 p.m.

Rainbow Garden Club, business meeting and potluck.

Myrtle Creek City Council, City Hall, 8 p.m.

Melrose Grange, Grange Hall, 8 p.m.

Umpqua Post 16, American Legion Post and Auxiliary, Moose Hall, 8 p.m.

Joe's Daughters, Bethel 8, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

South Umpqua Archers shoot. Riddle warehouse, 7 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brian Pargeter returned to their home in Corvallis, Thursday evening after spending the day visiting his father, the T. H. Pargeters; her mother, Mrs. Charles Ostrander, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Hennebeck and sons, Larry and Tommy, and the former's father, E. J. Hennebeck, spent the holiday and Friday in Medford, with the latter's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Hennebeck.

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