

# Minneapolis Jury Deliberating Second Day On Thompson Trial

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — A jury resumes deliberations today in the celebrated murder trial of criminal attorney T. Eugene Thompson, accused of having his wife killed for \$1 million insurance money and the love of a mistress.

Six men and six women, with time out for a chicken dinner, deliberated for six hours Thursday before quitting for the night.

They were to begin the second day of deliberations in a windowless interior room in the old red brick Hennepin County courthouse this morning.

District Court Judge Rolf Fosseen ordered the jurors locked up for the night in the Pick-Nicoll Hotel and kept them from reading or hearing any accounts of the trial.

Thompson, 35, the short, suave lawyer who was on the rise in the Twin Cities, was locked up in jail—for only the ninth day since his arrest June 21. Fosseen refused a defense plea to let him remain free on bond as he had been throughout the seven-week trial.

Thompson is accused of arranging with Twin Cities under-

world characters to have his wife, Carol, 34, heiress to a plumbing fortune, killed in their home last March 6.

In Minnesota, complicity in murder is the same as murder itself. If Thompson is found guilty, he could be sentenced to life in prison. The state abolished the death sentence nearly a half-century ago.

Prosecutor William B. Randall told the jury not to be misled by Thompson's position as a rising criminal attorney, his background as an elder in the Presbyterian church and a prominent resident of a fashionable St. Paul neighborhood.

Randall's closing arguments pictured Thompson as "this happy honeymooner, the church elder and trustee" who carried

on a "sordid backstreet life" with Mrs. Jacqueline Olesen, 27, and promised her he would be free to marry her in 11 months.

Defense lawyer Hyam Segell said the state's case was based on questionable testimony by "five hoodlums" and with "more missing links" than facts.

He asked the jury not to send Thompson to prison simply because "you can't find a reason for somebody else killing" Mrs. Thompson.

The judge told the jury to be "uninfluenced by pity or by passion and prejudice."

Carol Thompson died four hours after being beaten and stabbed, Dick W. C. Anderson, has admitted the slaying.



**BOOK OFFERS RECEIVED** — Marguerite Oswald, mother of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, said in Fort Worth, Tex., Thursday she had received several offers to write a book on the life of her son. (UPI Telephoto)

## Oswald's Mother Claims Son Was Made Scapegoat

FORT WORTH (UPI) — Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, mother of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, said she will announce today whether she will move her son's body from a Fort Worth cemetery.

Police urged that the body be moved to protect it from ghoulies, who might break open the grave and take the corpse. Guards, costing \$3,000 a month, now watch the burial spot.

Mrs. Oswald also indicated that she will bring to light "discrepancies" in the FBI's case against her son today during an afternoon news conference, which was announced Thursday.

Mrs. Oswald, in an interview Thursday, contended that her son had been made the "scapegoat" for police and FBI negligence.

Mrs. Oswald, 56, also indicated that she had received a "number" of offers for her book on her son's life. The unemployed woman confirmed that she would write the book. She said she originally had

## Oakland Woman Hurt In Roseburg Accident

Mrs. Mary J. Cokeram of Oakland, R. 1, Box 1001, was taken to Douglas Community Hospital by ambulance Thursday about 7:30 p.m., when her car was involved in a collision with another operated by Stanley Lelloy Anderson, of 1677 NE Jacobson St., Roseburg, the sheriff's office reports.

The accident occurred at the intersection of NE Vine St. with NE Alameda Ave. Mrs. Cokeram had stopped at the stop street at Alameda, then pulled into the intersection not seeing the oncoming car, which was traveling west on Alameda. The Anderson car struck the left front of the Cokeram vehicle.

Mrs. Cokeram suffered whip-lash and other injuries.

# Board Will Consider Allocation Of Funds

SALEM (UPI) — Regulations governing allocation of basic school support funds to schools enrolling parochial students part time will be considered again by the State Board of Education here Dec. 12-13.

The formula was tabled in October to give superintendents an opportunity to discuss the plan with the board.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton has ruled public school districts, in making basic claims, may include the average daily

membership of nonpublic pupils attending public schools on a part time basis.

Thornton also recommended that the board adopt rules and regulations governing computation of shared time in distributing the basic money.

Also on the agenda is a partial plan for school district reorganization in Douglas County. The proposal would establish administrative school district 19, made up of school district 8-Canyonville, and school district 19-Myrtle Creek.

The controversial Polk-Yamhill reorganization plan also is before the board again. Yamhill County officials have rejected the proposed reorganization, and suggested an arbitration board be established.

Other items up for action include:

## Oaker Status In Question For Playoffs

The Oakland Oakers found themselves in the undesirable position of facing a chance for a league championship but no chance for the state playoffs today, as the Oregon School Activities Association announced the Oakers will be ineligible for state Class B tournaments, and should be rated as an A-2 school.

The ruling involves complex double classification assignments handed down by the OSAA in September, when Oakland was rated both as a Class A-2 school and placed on the Class B school committee.

The break-off point in enrollment between A-2 and B is 150 students. This is figured on the average daily membership from the previous school year. The Oakland figure for last year, which they had turned in to state officials, was 152.6 ADM.

The Oakers have been accepted by other member schools of the Bico-B basketball, baseball and track league and are therefore eligible for league honors. It appears, however, the ruling handed down by A. Oden Hawes, executive secretary of the OSAA, eliminates their chances in state B competition unless special permission to play in B playoffs is granted by the OSAA.

Page 8 of the September OSAA bulletin shows Oakland listed as a member of the B basketball, baseball and track committee. On the following page they are listed as an A-2 school.

Oakland principal William Ambrose said Friday, "Our enrollment figures have been on file in the state offices. We feel our athletes are deserving of the right to compete in state competition."

## Final Rehearsal Set For 'Messiah'

Final dress rehearsal for the "Messiah" is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 at the Fairgrounds Community Building, announces Director Robert Robins. All personnel of the singing group and the symphony orchestra are asked to be present.

The symphony division, under the direction of Mike Norrell, held a separate practice Thursday night in the high school band room.

"The Messiah" will be presented Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Community Building, and will feature as soloists Barbara Martin and Tom Heinz.

## Three Cars Damaged In Roseburg Mishap

Minor damage to three cars resulted Wednesday about 11:40 a.m. on SE Stephens St. when a stationwagon, operated by Rose Marie Powell, 24, of 2310 SW Castle St., Roseburg, was unable to stop in time when a green light turned to red.

City police said Mrs. Powell was traveling north on SE Stephens, and when the traffic light at SE Lane St. changed, she attempted to stop, pulled to the right to avoid striking the car ahead of her and struck a parked Douglas County Gas Co. pickup of Russell B. Rummel of 222 W. Hazel St. The latter car was forced ahead into a sedan, owned by Howard Flaherty of 538 NE Nash St.

Mrs. Powell was cited by police for having defective brakes.

## Fire Marshal Speaker At Vancouver Confab

Fire Marshal Leonard Stender of Roseburg was a keynote speaker this week at a conference of fire marshals at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash.

The fire prevention engineering conference drew fire marshals from Oregon, Washington, California and Montana. It started Monday and continued through today, although Stender could not be spared from his job here for the full week.

He was the speaker the first day on the subjects of fire-resistant ratings (how long it takes to burn through materials) and flame spread characteristics of building material, reports Fire Chief Leroy Seibold.

## Battered Aid Bill On Floor

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A badly battered compromise foreign aid bill that pleased almost nobody was tossed back to the House and Senate today for final action on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

The \$3,590,000,000 authorization measure—almost \$1 billion below what the late President Kennedy originally asked—was finally hammered out late Thursday by weary Senate and House conferees after three weeks of off-and-on sessions. The bill authorizes another year of economic, military and technical assistance overseas. An appropriation bill now must be passed to provide the actual funds.

The measure was far from what the administration wanted and varied a good deal from each of the widely differing versions passed by the two houses. But neither the House nor the Senate can change the compromise version and must accept or reject it as is.

## Youths Sought After Fleeing From Officers

One juvenile from Corvallis is in custody and two others are being sought by local city and county authorities in connection with thefts here and a possible stolen automobile out of Corvallis.

City police were called to the Leroy J. Crafton home at 1334 SW Mill St. to investigate a break and entry, where a person or persons had partaken of a meal and departed with about \$6 in change.

Police then investigated a report from South Stephens Market that one of three youths had tried to cash a \$20 worthless check.

Seeing the youths nearby, the officer attempted to question them in regards to the check. They started to run, but the officer grabbed one of them while the others took off.

The boy, age 16, said they were from Corvallis. A check with police there revealed a 1963 automobile was missing and, on questioning the boy in custody, he admitted the three had taken the car and burglarized the house.

The sheriff's office later came into the picture when two women, Mrs. Delores Price, of 1512 NE Vine St. and Mrs. Melanie Meeks of 291 NE Ward St. reported their purses had been taken while they were in the Econ-O-Wash at 521 NE Garden Valley Blvd. Two youths, fitting the description of those sought, had been in the laundry about that time, they said.

The boys were traced to a local motel, but when an officer knocked on the front door, they escaped out a rear window. They are still being sought, and probably had a "pretty cold night of it," an officer surmised.



**BRIEFING GIVEN** — Robert Stevens, planning coordinator for the state Division of Mental Health, right, describes to Douglas County Court members Ray Doerner, Elmer Metzger and Judge V. T. Jackson efforts to establish planning for mental health needs in the county. Thursday, he also met with Roseburg Mayor Thomas Garrison, the Douglas County Inter-Agency Council, Roseburg Lions and made a television appearance. (News-Review photo)

# Mental Health Problems Hit Many Homes, Speaker Notes

Don't get the idea mental health problems are only for the other fellow; that they can't strike you or your family.

That was the advice of Robert Stevens in a talk before the Roseburg Lions Club Thursday night in the Umpqua Hotel. Stevens, who heads a \$50,000

planning program for mental health in Oregon, was in Roseburg all day Thursday meeting with various groups to organize a local mental health planning group.

To bear out his statement, Stevens said statistics show one out of 10 persons and one out of four families are hit by mental health difficulties at some time in their lives. He emphasized that while rapid strides are being made toward correction, the problem probably always will be with us.

**Prevention Needed**

The place to start, however, Stevens pointed out, is not in the institutions, but rather in the homes. Preventive measures are far more important than cures.

A person with an organic disorder goes to a physician for help. He doesn't run to a state institution, said Stevens. The cost of treating the mentally ill in the home is minute compared to that in a state hospital. He quoted some statistics showing in one state the cost to the state of keeping a person in a mental institution is \$3.30 and only 33 cents per day at home. Another state lists it at \$5.50 per day as against 57 cents in the home.

Stevens reviewed briefly the history of mental health, recalling the deplorable conditions in insane asylums of the early days, where a person once committed had little chance of finding cure for release.

**Therapy Found**

It wasn't until 1933 that electro-convulsive therapy (shock treatment) was found to be effective with some patients, but it didn't help others.

The advent of tranquilizer drugs in 1954 was the first real step toward solving the mental health program, and after ex-

perimental use in New York, two years later the number of inmates in institutions began to decline, whereas prior to that period the state couldn't build hospitals fast enough.

Today the average stay in a mental institution is about six months, except for rare cases, but the problem is still with us. He said psychiatrists still don't know what causes insanity—what makes a child unable to adjust, a college student to commit suicide, or a successful businessman to suddenly break at the peak of his career.

The general public, he said, can help "keep people out" of institutions by giving their time when called upon to help in the mental health program. Membership in the association is \$3 a year, of which part is for a news bulletin on mental health information, and the remainder is for research. The public can also help by giving support to legislation in the mental health goal.

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