

Newspaperman Accused of 'Needling' DA

LAKE CHARLES, La., Dec. 5 (AP) — District Attorney Griffin Hawkins testified today that a newspaperman — one of five on trial for allegedly defaming 16 public officials and three gamblers — "needled" him in a newspaper column for nearly a year.

Hawkins, one of the officials allegedly defamed during a law-enforcement campaign conducted by the Lake Charles American Press, said:

"I am at a total loss to understand why Mr. (Kenneth L.) Dixon would take advantage of his position as managing editor of the American Press to hurt me."

Dixon is the first of the five newsmen on trial on defamation charges, in this southwest Louisiana city of 50,000 population.

"I used to gamble but I haven't for years," the district attorney testified. "I drink when I want to but that is my personal life."

Based on Editorial
Dixon's indictment was based on an editorial he wrote entitled "Legal Double-Talk" and an editorial column he writes called "Charley Lake Says."

Hawkins said he could not understand "that for a period of a year, I have been continuously needled about my official actions."

He said his personal life was one thing but his official life was another.

Dixon's editorial and column were written about an opinion an assistant of Hawkins, Melvin Wetherill, gave the parish police jury (county governing body).

Asked Resolution
A group of ministers supporting the newspaper's campaign against wide-open gambling in this area had asked the police jury to pass a resolution calling for the strict enforcement of gambling laws.

Wetherill, a legal advisor of the police jury, said in his opinion that such a resolution would be a blanket condemnation of public officials and suggested the body go on record "favoring the enforcement of all laws."

On the stand Wetherill said there had been a lot of communist attempts to discredit public officials and he did not want the police jury "to follow the communist line of blanket accusations of all officials."

Dixon's column and editorial referred to Wetherill's advice to the police jury as "legal double-talk."

Based on the articles, a grand jury indicted the 35-year-old Dixon on charges of defaming Wetherill, Hawkins and the police jury.

W. D. Hussey, Ex-Textile Worker, Dies

William David Hussey, a former textile finisher at the Thomas Kay Woolen mills, and a resident of Salem for the past 18 years, died Wednesday at the residence, 1241 Court st. He was 75.

Although he was born in San Francisco Dec. 2, 1876, Hussey spent most of his life in and around Guilford and Oldtown, Maine, where he was educated. In 1907 he was married to Estella Rachel Wheeler, his widow who survives him, in Guilford.

Hussey came to Salem in 1933, from Long Beach, Calif., where he had lived for 11 years. He was a member of the Mt. Kineo Lodge AF & AM 109 in Guilford, Maine.

Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, Robert of Salem and James W. of Hillsboro; a sister, Mrs. Sadie McNaughtan of Oldtown, Maine; a brother, Harry Benson of Pittsburgh, Calif., and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Virgil T. Golden chapel with the Rev. John Salisbury officiating. Ritualistic services will be by Santiam lodge AF & AM 25. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

State Highway Board to Open Bids Dec. 20, 21

Bids for state highway projects aggregating a cost estimated at \$4,800,000 will be considered at a two-day meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Thursday and Friday, December 20 and 21.

There are 13 projects on the agenda. These include, in the Salem area:

Construct reinforced concrete building at Salem shops.
Grading and paving 2.3 miles of the Sheridan-Deer creek section of the Salmon river highway, east from Sheridan, in Yamhill county.

Student Enters Political Race

LA GRANDE, Dec. 5 (AP)—Eastern Oregon College of Education pre-law student and Korean veteran, Paul Mytinger, announced his candidacy for delegate-at-large to the GOP national convention next summer in Chicago.

Mytinger revealed today that he has sent the necessary papers to Secretary of State Earl Newberry for entering his name on the Oregon republican ballot in the spring primary. He is a native of Pendleton.

The young veteran favors Governor Earl Warren, of California, as republican candidate for president. He is 25 years old.

Vandals Remove Barricades on Flooded Road

Removal of barricades placed on the old Silverton road approaches to Pudding river area, apparently by deliberate act of vandalism, endangered drivers Tuesday night, it

was reported to Marion county court by Commissioners E. L. Rogers and Roy J. Rice.

The barricades, bearing warning lights, were erected to warn motorists of flood conditions in the Pudding river area where the road was covered to a depth of three feet by water.

A man was reported seen escaping before a resident of the area could identify him.

The barriers were replaced by

Oregon Payroll Total Climbs

Thirty-five of the 36 Oregon counties reported higher payrolls during the first half of 1951 as

Don Scharf, county road crewman, before accidents could occur.

compared with the previous year, the state unemployment compensation commission reported Wednesday.

The total of the first half of 1951 was \$874,720,657 as against the previous high of \$460,966,968 in early 1950.

Increased lumbering in Curry county brought the largest gain, 88.7 per cent to \$1,969,484 during the January-June period, while Gilliam and Umatilla did nearly as well with 65.3 and 58.9 per

cent respectively. Greater activity in connection with building of the McNary dam caused their upturn.

Among the larger counties, Coos, Lane and Douglas continued to set the pace with gains from 32 to 37 per cent. The latter in the midst of the Douglas fir center, jumped to third place with payrolls of \$25,003,893, while Coos challenged Marion for fourth place with \$24,545,323. Lane continued far ahead at \$49,576,330.

Ex-Gov. Pierce's Daughter-in-Law To Seek Election

LA GRANDE, Dec. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Kathryn Pierce, 55, La Grande, announced today she intended to run on the republican ticket for the state legislature next year.

of former Gov. Walter Pierce, a democrat, and a sister-in-law of Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. supreme court.

Mrs. Pierce, who operates a ranch in the Mill canyon area southeast of here, said she had not decided whether to run for a house or senate seat. She said she would confer with State Rep. David Baum, a republican, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for U. S. Rep. Lowell Stockman's seat in congress.



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