

Salem Attorney W. S. Lamkin Indicted on Embezzling Count

By CONRAD PRANGE Staff Writer, The Statesman
Walter S. Lamkin, 50, long-time Salem attorney was indicted Friday by a Marion County grand jury on a charge of embezzling client funds.

He was charged specifically with "converting to his own use" \$1,122 entrusted to him by Mrs. Mattie White, a 65-year-old Salem widow.

District Attorney Kenneth Brown said "investigation indi-

cates a substantial amount of money entrusted to Lamkin by various other clients over the past several years remains unaccounted for."

"A complete investigation will be accomplished prior to the disposal of this case," he added.

Salem City Detective David Houser, who has been investigating the case since early last week said Lamkin made an oral admission Friday of the embezzlement charge in the Mrs. White case.

Secret Indictment

A secret indictment came out of a special grand jury quietly called Friday morning by District Attorney Brown. Lamkin, who has resided and practiced in Salem many years, was arrested at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon.

"Information on this case first came to me from the Marion County Bar grievance committee and from officials of the State Bar who had investigated it for several months," Brown said.

"When the results were made available to me I ordered an investigation to determine the possibility of criminal action. The results of these two investigations were turned over to the grand jury."

Background Cited

Brown said background for the indictment was: In November, 1951, Mrs. White, widow of a former Salem barber, gave her attorney, Lamkin, \$1,000 to "loan out at interest." Later Mrs. White entrusted the attorney with another \$100.

Lamkin, with offices in the Oregon Building, loaned this money out to a third party and when it was paid back to him in November, 1954, "he converted it to his own use," according to the charge. It was indicated that this was only a portion of the entire amount of Mrs. White's funds ultimately involved.

\$5,000 Bail

Lamkin appeared before Circuit Judge Val Sloper Friday afternoon and through his attorney Walter Winslow posted \$5,000 bail. He requested arraignment for early next week.

Penalty on conviction of an embezzlement charge carries a possible prison term of from one to 10 years, Brown said.

When asked about reports of disciplinary action by the Oregon State Bar, state president George Rhoten of Salem said, "I am not permitted to comment at this time."

Arrest Follows Jury Action



Walter S. Lamkin, prominent Salem attorney, is pictured as he came out of Marion County Circuit Court Friday afternoon following his arrest on a charge of embezzlement. (Statesman photo)

Salem Knifer Thought Captured in Coquille

The man believed to be the assailant in a knifing fry in Salem two weeks ago was captured Friday in Coquille and identified by police as a former federal prison escapee once listed on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's list of 10 "most wanted" criminals.

The knife wielder who injured two men in an early morning altercation April 3 at The Ranch restaurant, 2360 Portland Rd., was identified by several persons through a picture as Orba Elmer Jackson, 49, of Portland, police said.

He was one of the FBI's "Top 10" in 1950 at the time of his capture near Aloha, three years after escaping from Leavenworth Penitentiary, where he was serving a 25-year sentence for armed robbery of a post office in Missouri in 1936.

Returned to Leavenworth, he was returned to Leavenworth, but has been free on a "conditional release" for the past year, under the supervision of the U. S. Probation Office in Portland.

Following the assault early this month in Salem in which John C. Younghan, 470 Fir Knoll Lane, and Leonard Lutz, Corvallis, were stabbed and slashed several times, Jackson dropped from sight and the FBI entered the case with a federal warrant.

Neither Younghan nor Lutz was injured seriously, although their wounds required hospital treatment.

A warrant has since been issued by the U. S. Board of Parole for violation of conditional release and this charge faces Jackson after prosecution here on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, officers said.

Burglar Tools
At the time of his arrest Friday, Jackson was in possession of burglar tools, according to Coquille authorities.

Sheriff Denver Young said he would return the prisoner to Salem over the weekend.

Snow Drifts In New York

WATERTOWN, N. Y. (AP) — Up to five inches of snow fell Friday in northern New York, state police reported. Temperatures were below freezing.

The five-inch fall was reported at Gouverneur, 37 miles northeast of here. Watertown had two inches.

NO TRACE OF JETS

MCHORD AIR FORCE BASE — An Air Force rescue plane combed the mountainous country around Darrington in Washington's Snohomish County Friday but reported no sign of two jet planes missing since February.

The Weather

Station	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	82	43	0.00
Portland	84	44	0.00
Baker	79	35	0.00
Medford	86	45	0.00
North Bend	58	45	0.00
Roseburg	80	45	0.00
Salt Lake	68	48	0.00
Los Angeles	73	54	0.00
Chicago	54	29	0.00
New York	51	30	0.00

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem):
Variable high cloudiness today, tonight and Sunday, with some low cloudiness early Sunday, slightly cooler, with the high today 77, low tonight 44, high Sunday 72, low tomorrow 45, high Sunday 72, low tomorrow 45.

SALEM PRECIPITATION
Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1
This Year Last Year Normal
23.41 28.37 33.19

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Hitchcock Campaigns Through Mid-Valley



MONMOUTH—Shirt-sleeved campaigner Phil Hitchcock passes on a Monmouth street Friday to shake hands with William Lofting, who with his father Fred Lofting (center) were pointing a service pole in this Polk city. Hitchcock visited Monmouth in a swing through Marion and Polk Counties to "meet as many voters as humanly possible." Stops during the day included Dallas, Independence, Salem, Woodburn, Mt. Angel, Silverton, Stayton and Mill City.

Hitchcock, McKay Face Each Other at Session

MILL CITY—Oregon's two top Republican candidates for the U. S. Senate nomination face each other across the campaign stump here Friday night for the first time, but neither Douglas McKay or Philip Hitchcock used the occasion to take issue with the other.

The meeting ground was a candidates' session sponsored by the Marion County Council of American Legion at which 23 state and county candidates were represented.

Hitchcock took the occasion to belate reports that, he is a World Federalist. While endorsing the United Nations, Hitchcock said he was not for world government. "Sovereignty of individual nations should be maintained," he said.

McKay, at the end of a week's long swing through Central and Eastern Oregon, made his remarks brief.

He said he did not have to defend the Eisenhower administration—the record speaks for itself. The remark followed Hitchcock's talk in which Hitchcock said he was "not the one on the defensive."

All the candidates were guests of the county council at a dinner following the meeting, which was held in Mill City School.

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Tea Drinking May Reduce Tooth Decay

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) — A Philadelphia scientist Friday recommended more tea drinking—beginning on a small scale at as early age as one—as a possible aid in preventing tooth decay.

But it should be unweetened—and children should be sure to drink just as much milk as ever, he said.

Declaring tea has a relatively high content of fluorine, the tooth decay-delaying chemical, Dr. J. F. McClelland said new experiments with rats on a tea-containing diet have shown a significant protective effect.

He said the rat tests indicate tea-drinking might be of "some help" in humans as an auxiliary source of fluorine. But he stressed that the tea to be of any help this score should be drunk "like the Chinese drink it—unsweetened—because sugar is definitely decay-producing."

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The expanse of knobby knees was too much for school officials, and the boys had their long pants back on again before the day was out.

A spokesman for the superintendent of schools said there was no ruling covering the knees, but it would be up to the individual schools.

Sends State Police To View Portland 'Criminal Action'

Newsman Make Effort to Stop Investigation by Multnomah DA

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Temperatures Hit New Highs

Northwest temperatures climbed to new 1956 heights Friday. Salem registered 82, Portland 84, Medford 86 and Roseburg 90.

Some cooling is expected today and Sunday. McNary Field weatherman predict a high today of 77, and 72 for Sunday. Northern Oregon beaches will be cooler, and cloudy, they warned.

Some low cloudiness is predicted for Salem Sunday morning.

BASEBALL

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE
At Hollywood 7, Portland 6
At San Diego 8, Seattle 3
At San Francisco 8, Los Angeles 3
AMERICAN LEAGUE
At Cleveland 3, Detroit 1
At New York 1, Boston 1
At Kansas City 3, Chicago 2
At Baltimore 3, Washington 2
NATIONAL LEAGUE
At Pittsburgh 6, Brooklyn 5
At Philadelphia 2, New York 1
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At St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 2



WILBERT
"What you're never able to see when you're going with my hat on, Son!"

State Studies Interchange Near Brooks

Surveys are underway for a possible new traffic interchange on the Salem-Portland Expressway north of Salem, the State Highway Department reported Friday.

The new interchange, if approved by the State Highway Commission, would be due west of Brooks. At present there is no traffic interchange on the Expressway between Hayesville and the Woodburn area.

Deputy Highway Engineer W. C. Williams said the survey was undertaken following request of Salem Chamber of Commerce for a new traffic interchange north of Salem.

Williams said the commission probably would decide on the interchange at its April 27 meeting. He said no new road was contemplated between Brooks and the expressway.

Drafting of Sales Tax Bill to Start

Work of drafting an Oregon sales tax bill for presentation to the 1957 legislature which meets early in January will get under way at the capitol today, the 1955 legislative interim committee on taxation announced Friday.

State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm, Portland, interim committee chairman, said the committee probably would use the 1955 sales tax bill as a base for the new bill but indicated there would be some changes in it.

The 1955 measure, which provided a 3 percent levy, received approval in the house but was defeated in the senate after a spirited debate. If the bill had been approved in both houses and signed by the governor it would have reduced income taxes.

Income taxes were increased approximately 60 percent, including the 45 percent surtax.

Approval of a sales tax was announced by the interim committee last month.

A large part of Friday's session was devoted to a study of Oregon's tax structure with those of other states. Saturday's meeting of the full interim committee will get under way at 9 a. m., with indications that adjournment will be taken early in the afternoon.

Corvallis Lad Dies in Crash

CORVALLIS (AP) — A nine-year-old boy, bicycling to school with a bunch of cherry blossoms in his hand, was killed Friday when a truck ran into him.

He was Leo Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cochran Sr., who live outside Corvallis, a few blocks from the accident scene.

Sheriff's deputies said the truck driver, Leonard H. Wilson, 23, Corvallis, told them that the boy swerved his bicycle into the path of the truck.

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