

Top Lawyer Aids Starkweather; Trial End Nears

Lincoln, Neb.—A gray-haired lawyer who used to act in stock companies undertakes the unenviable role today of persuading a jury it should not execute mass killer Charles Starkweather.

The lawyer is T. Clement Gaughan, one of the smoothest trial lawyers in the Midwest. In the three weeks of the trial, he has emerged as the dominant personality in the courtroom.

The case was expected to go to the jury of eight women and four men this evening.

Another defense lawyer and two prosecutors were to make their closing statements today, too.

Starkweather is being tried for but one of his 11 slayings—that of Robert Jensen, 17. He faces counts of first degree murder and murder with robbery.

Should the jury find him guilty of those charges, it must set a penalty either of execution or life imprisonment.

Gaughan largely has succeeded during the trial in erasing from the courtroom any of the panic and rage that swept Lincoln last January when riddled and lacerated bodies were found from the slums to the best residential sections.

Warehouse Strike Hits Stalemate; Talks Indicated

Seattle — The Federal Mediation and Conciliation service was trying again today to prod union and management representatives into a resumption of negotiations as the city's warehouse strike wound up its third week.

No negotiations were held Wednesday.

However, James MacPherson, federal conciliator, was in contact with both sides and indicated that negotiations may resume today.

Teamsters Drivers Local 174 went out on strike against the Northwest Produce association after Warehouse Drivers and Helpers Local 117 signed a three-year agreement with the association last Monday night.

As Local 117 pickets left the six grocery and 23 produce warehouses represented by the association, pickets from Local 174 moved in. Pickets also were posted at Safeway and Tradewell retail stores.

Youngster Drowns On Fishing Trip

Hillsboro — Nine-year-old Ronnie Arola drowned in Dairy creek about one mile west of Hillsboro Wednesday afternoon where he had gone fishing with a schoolmate.

The schoolmate, Tom Goodrich, 9, said Ronnie, who could not swim, slipped off a bank into water about 12 feet deep and Tom was unable to reach him.

Ronnie was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Arola of Hillsboro. Sheriff's deputies and reserves recovered the body a short distance downstream about two and one-half hours later.

The boys were classmates in the fourth grade of the Peter Boscow School at Hillsboro.

Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek Heads for U. S.

Honolulu — Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the president of Nationalist China, arrived at Hickam Air Force Base Wednesday night for a brief layover en route to a medical check-up in San Francisco.

A military spokesman for Mme. Chiang declined further information concerning the nature of her trip other than it was "informal and personal."

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