

Former Mental Patient Captured After Battle

Mobile, Ala. (AP)—A former mental patient barricaded himself in his home Wednesday and staged a gun duel with police, critically wounding one officer before being routed by tear gas and captured.

Police identified the gunman as Champion Lee, 34, an ex-seaman who is reported to have been twice a mental patient.

The wounded man, H. C. Hall, 53, was shot in the head during the fracas at Lee's home in a low-rent, public housing development. Hall, a Mobile county conveyance officer and former chief deputy, was reported in critical condition at Mobile General hospital.

A city policeman, Vincent Richardson, was treated for slight injuries he received during the 40-minute gun battle with Lee.

Three other persons were injured, one seriously, in two separate traffic accidents which occurred as police rushed to the scene in answer to an all-points call for assistance.

Police fired four tear gas bombs into Lee's residence, forcing him into the yard where he was wrestled to the ground, handcuffed and taken to the county jail.

Bids Opened for County Awnings

The Jackson county court yesterday accepted bids on 480 lineal feet of slanted aluminum awnings for the courthouse annex and moved to study them further before awarding a contract.

Three bids were submitted. Smith-Dyng Lumber company, Medford, offered three alternatives, one with a three-foot drop at \$8.15 per lineal foot, less 10 per cent, a four-foot drop at \$10.85 per lineal foot, less 10 per cent, and one with a five-foot drop at \$13.10 per lineal foot, less 10 per cent.

The lumber company's alternatives included a three-foot end enclosure (one only) at \$8.15 each, less 10 per cent, a four-foot end enclosure (one only) at \$10.85 each, less 10 per cent, and a five-foot end enclosure (one only) at \$13.10 each, less 10 per cent.

Burks Canvas company, Medford, offered \$1.20 per square foot at awning deck length. Valley Shade company, Medford, offered 480 feet with three, four, and five-foot drops at \$2.48, \$3.28, and \$4.08, respectively. Ends cost an additional \$15.30 each, according to the company bid.

Local Woman Hurt When Hit by Auto

Miss Ethel Marie Thompson, 62, of 520 South Central ave., was reported in fair condition at Sacred Heart hospital yesterday following an accident about 8:27 p.m. Tuesday.

According to city police, Miss Thompson was hit by a car operated by Mrs. Marvel Louise Fowler, Crescent City, Calif., on South Central ave. between 12th and 13th sts.

A brother of the injured woman, William Robert Thompson, 520 South Central ave., told city police Miss Thompson went to a grocery store, to purchase candy for his children. She was hit as she walked back to the residence.

Mrs. Fowler told police she was driving south on Central ave. about 20 miles per hour when the woman suddenly appeared in front of her car. Marks on the vehicle show that Miss Thompson was hit and thrown over the vehicle, hitting the trunk of the small sports car.

According to police reports Miss Thompson was apparently in the middle of the right lane of traffic when she was struck. She was reported to be suffering from multiple fractures of both legs and a hip injury.

She was taken to the hospital by Medford Ambulance Service.

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