

Constance Garrett Case Dismissed

Portland—UPI—Mrs. Constance Garrett, 32, was freed today after a six-month legal battle which saw her acquitted on one murder charge and then nearly stand trial a second time in connection with a fatal fire at her home last October.

Circuit Judge Herbert G. Schwab dismissed the second charge against the former Texas socialite Monday and substantiated her plea of innocent by reason of double jeopardy.

The state may appeal the decision to the State Supreme Court.

The dismissal order followed presentation of additional arguments by state and defense attorneys before Judge Schwab.

The charges stemmed from a fire at the Garrett home in October that claimed the lives of three of Mrs. Garrett's four daughters and a resident maid. She had been acquitted in January of the death of her youngest daughter, Gaye, five months, but an indictment charging her in the death of another daughter, Angela, three, was immediately brought against her.

Julian Herndon, deputy district attorney, said no similar case has been tested in the State Supreme Court.



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn W. Watkins

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Do You Know What A Dicky Bird Is?

Regardless of the meagerness of your knowledge of natural history, you have nevertheless certainly heard about the "dicky bird, the fool fish and the hop toad." The names are merely cloaks to hide partially the real identity of the unknown animal or the one that is pitifully misunderstood.

Calling them such general names would seem to indicate a lack of actual information but implying a misplaced knowledge to mislead the listener, probably causing him to be as confused as is the person using the expression.

Probably the actual difference between species of any animal is unimportant to most of us; sufficient enough to say that a bird, probably a dicky bird, was singing in an unnamed bush, or any bird in the hand is worth a couple in any other tree. But the use of the all-embracing but erroneous expression usually implies to the listener that the user of the name knows what he is talking about.

Name For All
Any feathered creature flitting through the bushes, observed on the wing, or swimming in the lake could be called a "dicky bird."

What the term actually means is that the observer does not know one bird from another, so he embraces all birds under one confusing and meaningless name. This same person, being asked to describe a "dicky bird" could merely come up with the profound information that it had feathers and two legs and a nest under the eaves of the garage.

The all-embracing name, "hop toad," probably takes in anything that jumps: toads, frogs, and tree toads regardless of species. Some become a little more lucid by describing some of the amphibians, those with the very rough exteriors, as "warty toads."

Fool Fish
In their general classification of fish in localities where several species are usually present, the same uninformed ones call the unknown species a "fool fish," or "sail-or's choice." Some even go way out on the fishy limb by contradicting themselves by telling the curious fishermen who has reeled in a stranger that he has caught a "no-name fish."

In the event the observer could not tell the difference between fish and fowl, he would refer to the creature as a "crittur," or, if he thought it would bite, sting, scratch or claw, he would call it a "varmint."

Even a hop toad, a fool fish or a dicky bird could be, and often has been called a varmint or a pest if it infested our outdoor pool, flew against our living room window or sang during a time when we were trying to take a nap.

At such a time, even the next-door neighbor may be called a "pest," or something worse, but the fool fish, the dicky bird, and the hop toad are only excuses for not knowing of which we speak.

THAT IT IS
London—UPI—A Conservative party poster in the window of a funeral parlor carries the following slogan: "The future is ours."

Home Rule Would Give Power To County, Roundtable Is Told

Mrs. Alice Rutter, chairman of the Jackson county home rule study committee, said Monday that home rule "would return to the voters of Jackson county the powers which years ago they voted away to the state."

Mrs. Rutter made her remarks during an explanation of the purposes and functions of the home rule committee at yesterday's Medford Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Klamath Youth Sought in River

Red Bluff, Calif.—UPI—Tehama county authorities searched the Sacramento river today for a Klamath Falls, Ore., youth who was listed as a possible drowning victim.

Police said that Lyle McFarland, 19, has not been seen since Saturday night when he refused help and drifted down the river after a scuffle on the river bank.

Officers said that he jumped into the river after they arrived to break up a fight involving McFarland, an unidentified youth and Robert Dean Bramwell, 20, of Klamath Falls.

McFarland was spotted holding onto a clump of brush about four feet from shore. Then he headed out into the river.

A search of the river banks was unsuccessful. The youth's father, Floyd McFarland, arrived here Monday to help in the search.

Winema Forest Personnel Named

Portland—UPI—Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone Tuesday named administrative personnel to manage the new Winema National Forest in Southern Oregon.

The forest will include former Klamath Indian Reservation lands and later parts of the Rogue River, Fremont and Deschutes National Forests.

Alexander E. Smith, Portland, will be supervisor of the new forest with headquarters in Klamath Falls. Smith has been assistant chief of the division of information and education in the regional U.S. Forestry office here.

Smith formerly worked in the Malheur, Willamette and Rogue River National forests of Oregon.

Members of his staff will include Charles B. Waldron, now with the Malheur National Forest; Norman E. Gould and William A. North, now with the Umpqua National Forest; Dan B. Abraham, with the Siskiyou National Forest, and Kjedd M. Bakke, with the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Recession Seen To Have Run Course

Portland—UPI—Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges said Tuesday the recession "has pretty well run its course" and took some of the credit for the Kennedy administration.

"The Democrats have done a very great deal for business," he told a news conference. "The thing most people want is an attitude of being on the job—more energy and decisions. In the first 100 days they've had enough of both to justify the entire term."

Hodges, 62, is the oldest member of the Kennedy cabinet and the first to visit Oregon since the inauguration. He addressed a combined luncheon of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association and the Portland Rotary Club this noon.

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The main advantage of having home rule, according to Mrs. Rutter, is that a county could adopt certain specific legislation for itself. The way it stands now, the county depends on the state legislature for all legislation.

Mrs. Rutter implied that having the legislature approve special legislation for a county is often a lengthy process, particularly so since the legislature meets only once every two years. Also, the legislature cannot pass legislation for one county in particular, but legislation approved for one must be for all.

To Help Draft Charter

The committee has called upon Orval Etter, a research attorney for the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon, to help draft the charter. Before this can be done, however, it must first be determined what powers the county should have, the committee chairman pointed out. This is the com-

mittee's current project.

bringing the matter to a vote at the next regularly scheduled election.

An example of the advantages of home rule, Mrs. Rutter said, would be in the field of air pollution. Under the existing system, the city of Medford has the power to enact controls within its boundaries, but the county does not. With home rule, she said, the county could enact its own air pollution control ordinances.

The practice of home rule was approved by the voters of the state in 1958. Following the election the Jackson county court appointed four members to study the feasibility and desirability of having home rule in Jackson county. The county's state legislature delegation then appointed another four members, and the eight members of the committee then appointed a ninth member.

Would Be An Advantage
Although the committee

does feel that home rule would be of advantage to Jackson county, Mrs. Rutter cautioned that it hasn't said for sure that a home rule charter will be presented to the voters.

If and when a charter is drafted it would be presented to the voters through a series of public hearings throughout the valley. When these hearings would be concluded the committee would then make any revisions in the charter it felt necessary, and following yet another hearing, it would be presented to the voters.

Day, who was county judge here in the 1930's, called the existing set-up between the legislature and the county "a ridiculous situation."

Several Experiences
He recalled several experiences during his tenure as county judge when the county's hands were tied because it didn't have the authority to enact legislation or make de-

or obligate itself for more than \$5,000 in one year without legislative approval. He said he hopes that the state home rule charter amendment will be amended so that counties can manage their own financial affairs.

Maurice declared: "We need home rule to help solve problems for ourselves." He called upon the Chamber of Commerce to help the committee in deciding what the proposed home rule charter should contain in the way of powers.

Maurice noted that the county "has no authority whatever" to borrow funds

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