

Wilson Brothers Win Delay of Execution

WALLA WALLA, W. — A last-minute stay of execution kept the Wilson brothers from a midnight appointment with the hangman Sunday.

Utah, 23, and Turman, 26, scheduled to hang at 12:45 a. m., Monday for the slaying of Jo Ann Dewey at Vancouver, Wash., in March, 1950, were saved from the gallows and given at least 30 more days of life by an order signed by Judge Albert Lee Stephens of the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The order issued shortly before noon Sunday gave defense attorneys Irvin Goodman and Charles R. Gary two weeks to complete an appeal.

Under Washington law the action gives Utah and Turman at least 30 more days of life. If the appeal is rejected, they will be returned to Clark County to be resentenced. The law sets 30 days as the minimum time from sentencing to execution.

Goodman carried his appeal to the Circuit Court after Gov. Lancelotti refused to commute the death sentence imposed Aug. 10, 1950.

Judge Stephens gave the attorneys 36 hours to file a petition for a certificate of probable cause for appeal of the case, and directed them to follow as soon as possible with a complete record.

The judge said he was unable to issue a certificate at this time because of the "fragmentary" way in which the matter had been presented. . . this matter, because of its seriousness, requires more thorough consideration and presentation."

Word of the stay was telephoned to Warden John H. Cranor who advised the brothers in their death cells after communicating with Langlie.

The brothers took the news calmly. Utah refused comment, but Turman told reporters:

"This gives us another chance, but we've been expecting something."

It was the second time the Wilsons had been spared from the gallows only hours before the scheduled time of execution. Nov. 30, 1951, the Circuit Court granted a stay opening the way for Wilsons' second unsuccessful appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Utah and Turman were arrested April 7, 1950, 11 days after the nude body of Jo Ann Dewey was found on a gravel bar in the Wind River, 50 miles east of Vancouver.

They were convicted by a Superior Court jury on June 28. The convictions were upheld by the Washington State Supreme Court which also refused a later request for a rehearing.

Action by Federal Judge Sam Driver set up the latest appeal. Judge Driver last Friday denied a writ of habeas corpus and rejected both a motion for a stay of execution and a notice of appeal.

However, he did grant a certificate of probable cause. This clears the way for Judge Stephens action.



NEW SHRINE LEADER—Harvey A. Beffa of Moolah Temple, St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Beffa, enjoy a piece of cake shortly after Beffa was named to the post of Imperial Potentate of the Shrine at session of the Shrine's 78th annual convention at Miami, Fla. The new national Shrine leader also celebrated his 52nd birthday—with a huge, 4,885-pound cake.

Worley's Transfer Set At Time of Pen Death

Three days before Claude Worley Jr., Klamath Falls teenager, was stabbed to death in the Oregon State Penitentiary, he had been recommended for transfer to the Woodburn boys training school, a Portland newspaper reporter today.

The boy's father, Claude Worley Sr. of Klamath Falls, confirmed that report.

However, the recommendation of prison officials did not reach Gov. Douglas McKay, the only state official who could order such a transfer, until after the boy was dead.

Young Worley was stabbed to death by Lifer George Harwood, 58, last Thursday. Harwood pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of murder and was sentenced to an extra 15 years.

The boy's father went to the prison after the stabbing and told the Herald and News he learned from prison officials that Harwood was a pervert and his attempted attentions to the youth precipitated the fatal fight.

Worley was one of six Klamath Falls boys sentenced to 10-year terms in prison last Dec. 31 for the Christmas night assault and robbery of an elderly man here.

The Oregon Journal today said that the prison classification committee had recommended that Worley be transferred to Woodburn. The committee is composed of the warden, deputy warden, prison doctor, psychiatrist and chaplains.

The boy was an inmate of the Woodburn institution but was at home on Christmas leave at the time of the crime for which he was sentenced to prison.

Funeral services for young Worley are scheduled for 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at Ward's chapel.

Klamath Girls Win Awards

A girl from Klamath Falls and one from Merrill were named state officers of Theta Rho at the first state assembly of the girls organization held over the weekend at Salem IOOF Temple.

It was the first time the state assembly was organized in Oregon. Purpose of the assembly is to bring all the Theta Rho clubs in the state together.

Forty-one clubs were represented, with 75 delegates present, 228 members and 151 guests.

Klamath Falls Theta Rho was represented by Roberta Wade, president, and Kathryn Lundgren, vice president, delegates to the convention, and 14 club members; plus Pearl Tally, advisor, Margaret Thurman, assistant advisor, and two members of the Rebekahs.

Miss Wade was appointed marshal for the 1953 assembly, and Yvonne Carter of Merrill was appointed warden. Officers elected for 1953, when the assembly will be in Portland, include:

Irene Phillips, Estacada, president; Kay Meacher, Bend, vice president; Sally Hitchman, Warrenton, recording secretary; and Judy Johnson, Boring, treasurer. Kay Waterhouse of Lakeview was appointed right support to the president.

Lakeview was given an award for obtaining the most new members in one year.

President of the 1952 assembly was LaVonne Thompson of Corvallis, member of the first Theta Rho club organized in the state. The Corvallis club was organized in December 1933. Other 1952 elective officers were Irene Phillips, Estacada, vice president; Pat Schroyer, Salem, recording secretary; Joanne Thomas, Portland, treasurer. Connie Reeves of Merrill had the honorary office of past. Roberta Wade was on the registration and press committees and Yvonne Carter on the press committee.

GN Announces Time Changes

The Great Northern Railway has announced an adjustment in west-bound time scheduling, cutting one day off schedules from the East.

The new adjustment sets up seventh morning deliveries here out of Chicago, according to GN General Agent Vic Schoonover, and sixth morning deliveries out of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul). There are corresponding adjustments for other points in the East, he said.

Lawyer Asks How

Geo. N. Taylor

The lawyer asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life. Being a lawyer, Jesus pointed him the man to the law. It said to love God with all one's heart, soul, strength and mind, and one's neighbors as one's self. Show all love to God and man all the days of your life and you earn eternal life. — Luke 10th.

Christ alone never kept that law of love and His death for our sins was but one more act. Even though you are low-down and vile or high-up and scoffing, Christ's blood cleared your page.—1st John 1:7. Set your heart on Christ's work for you and God writes in eternal life.

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