Wilsons Set Record For Evading Washington Noose

By LEROY HITTLE

OLYMPIA (AP)—Turman and Utah Wilson set an unenviable record last week when their date with death was postponed for the fourth time.

The previous record in Washington was held by the late Jake Bird who obtained three reprieves before he was finally hanged for the ax slaying of a Tacoma woman.

The Wilson brothers, sentenced to death Aug. 9, 1950, for the kidnap-slaying of Jo Ann Dewey at Vancouver, have dodged the hangman's noose for 24 months.

Bird, burley Negro who often argued his own case in court, was able to evade the gallows for only 19 months after he was first sentenced.

The 48-year-old Negro confessed knowing about or taking part in 44 murders during his cross-country roaming. He was hanged July 15, 1949 for the murder of Mrs. Bertha Kludt in Tacoma on Oct. 30, 1947.

His craftiness and legal know-how enabled him to carry his case through the state supreme court, the federal district court, the federal circuit court of appeals and to the United States supreme court which refused three different times to review his case.

The Wilson brothers were found guilty June 29, 1950 by a Clark County jury of the kidnap-murder of 16-year-old Jo Ann Dewey. The state said 20-year-old Utah and 24-year-old Turman grabbed the girl from a Vancouver street the night of March 19, 1950, and carried her off in an automobile.

Seven persons testified they heard her scream as she was beaten before being shoved into the car.

A week's intensive search followed before her body, nude and violated sexually, was found in the Wind river east of Vancouver. She had died of carbon monoxide poisoning, possible from car exhaust fumes.

The brothers maintained throughout the trial and since that they were in a Portland theater at the time the girl was abducted.

Through their attorneys the Wilson brothers carried their case to the state supreme court, the federal district court at Spokane and Walla Walla, the federal circuit court of appeals at San Francisco and to the United States supreme court. The latter refused on two different occasions to review the case.

Their last hope of escaping the gallows now lies with an investigation to be made by a special committee of the American Bar Association.

The study was requested by Governor Langlie to determine whether his office should take any further action on the case.

If the report is favorable to the brothers, Governor Langlie may extend their present 90-day stay of execution or commute their death sentence to life imprisonment.

If the report is not favorable, Clark County Superior Judge Eugene G. Cushing probably will be asked to set a new-and fifth-execution date for the brothers.

Louisiana Hit By GOP Battle

ALEXANDRIA, La. (AP)—Louisiana Republicans are organizing Dwight Eisenhower's state campaign for President amidst a new surge of party strife.

While party ranks formed solidly behind the GOP nominee, old factionalism flared up when the GOP State Central Committee met here Saturday.

Rival groups led by National Committeeman John Minor Wisdom, an Eisenhower leader, and John E. Jackson, veteran party ruler and supporter of Sen. Robert Taft, agreed on a campaign manager. The point of sharp conflict that revived old bitterness was Wisdom's challenge of Jackson's Old Guard majority control. Wisdom lost in his bid to place new members on the Central Committee.

Wisdom, however, was successful in winning support for his selection of Theodore Lyons of New Orleans as campaign manager.

He lost by a 27-25 vote in his effort to seat new Central Committee members from local areas that never had been represented. He contended the move was vital in expanding the Louisiana Republican party.

Demo Vetoes Tax Position

SALEM (AP) — Democratic State Chairman Howard Morgan, who has been mentioned for possible appointment to the state tax commission, said Saturday he would not accept the job.

State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson, also a Democrat, said he would oppose Morgan's appointment to the post being vacated by Robert MacLean. He added that he was not even aware that Morgan was under consideration.

"I did not know my name had been proposed and I am definitely not interested in this vacancy," Morgan said. "Furthermore, I believe the Board of Control will have trouble finding an honorable and qualified man to serve on the Tax Commission until there has been at least one more resignation and a thoroughgoing investigation of commission affairs."

Morgan said the "other resignation" reference was to Commission Chairman Ray Smith.

MacLean's resignation is to become effective Sept. 20.

Besides Morgan, those mentioned for the vacancy are Ernest Fatland, Condon, and Wallace Wharton, Salem.

Stevenson Supporters Map Plans

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Adlai Stevenson and his nine-member strategy board have sketched in broad outline these tactics for the Democratic presidential year campaign:

Major speaking tours by Stevenson, traveling by train and airplane, geared for the most part to a television time table.

A country-wide speaking barrage by a team of 100 Democratic Senators, representatives, governors and other party leaders.

The technique of the 1952 campaign, said Sen. Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, will junk "old style oratory" in favor of "short, clear presentations" of issues. Monroney is chairman of the Democratic bureau.

Plans, perhaps in greater detail than announced, were worked out in week-end conferences between Stevenson and his strategy board.

Stevenson planned to begin a brief vacation Tuesday at Minocqua, Wis.

When he returns to his desk — and indications were he will continue to occupy the governor's chair while campaigning for the presidency — Stevenson faces this rigorous schedule:

SCHEDULE

Aug. 27-28 — A series of speeches and appearances before the American Legion Convention, Legion Auxiliary meeting, New York State Democratic Convention, New York Liberal Party Convention in New York City, and a New Jersey Democratic convention.

Sept. 1 — The campaign "kick-off" speech at Detroit, coinciding with President Truman's opening campaign speech for Stevenson at Milwaukee.

A few days later his first campaign trip, to California, Oregon and Washington, and possibly including the Southwest, will begin. A plane tour of major Southern cities will be made a bit later.

Stevenson cited Saturday his own record as governor of Illinois —a record questioned by Sen. Everett R. Dirksen, Illinois Republican — as the best answer whether he can "clean up the mess in Washington" if he is elected President.

CLEAN HOUSE

The Illinois governor implied that he would use "ruthless objectivity" in cleaning house, in a letter to editor Tom Humphrey of the Oregon Journal, Portland, Ore. His letter appeared to accept as fact that there is a "mess" in the nation's capital.

A Presbyterian minister who is a personal friend of Stevenson, declared from his pulpit in Springfield Sunday that Sen. Dirksen told a "blatant lie" when Dirksen said recently that Stevenson was "the worst governor we've had since the turn of the century" in Illinois.

In his sermon, Rev. Richard Paul Graebel identified the speaker of the "lie" only as a United States senator who is also "an Elder of the Presbyterian Church." But he told reporters later he meant Dirksen. Stevenson was in church to hear the sermon.

Graebel called Dirksen "one of the most irresponsible men in the Senate and his own party."

Dirksen could not be reached for comment.

Ike Names Opening Date

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Gen. Eisenhower will open his formal campaign as the Republican presidential nominee in Philadelphia's Convention Hall on Sept. 4—three days after Labor Day.

William J. Hamilton, Republican city chairman, said Eisenhower's address will be "a top-level policy speech directed to the youth of America on the subject of peace and the future of the country."

Hamilton announced Ike's plan, he said, after conferring by telephone with Arthur E. Summerfield, GOP national chairman.

The speech will be sponsored here by the local and state Republican organization in cooperation with the Young Republicans National Federation.

He added the address will be broadcast and televised but no exact time in the evening has been arranged as yet. This depends on what radio and TV time is available.

DOCTOR Albert E. Burns, (1) on his way to service in the army, shakes hands with Dr. W. F. Dean who has assumed Dr. Burns' practice here. Burns will report to Fort Sam Houston in Texas late in September. He plans to attend the American Dental Association convention in St. Louis before reporting for Army service. Dr. Burns' wife and three children will go with him "as far as possible." Dr. Dean comes to Klamath Falls fresh from 8½ years service in the navy. He and his wife and two children plan to make Klamath their permanent home.

Military Faces Problem In Issuing Combat Money

By RUSSELL BRINES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Military experts said today it will take them a long time to determine how many Americans have been under fire in Korea.

They will soon start paying $45 to tens of thousands of veterans for every month in which they spent six days within range of enemy guns.

But, the job of sorting out and deciding claims will involve a mountain of paper work and a long time lag, experts in both Congress and the Pentagon say.

Congress approved this special combat pay shortly before adjourning in early July. The payment is retroactive to the start of the Korean campaign for those qualifying.

Pentagon officials estimate it will cost between 250 million and 300 million dollars.

The measure applies chiefly to infantryman of the Army and Marines. Sen. Moody (D-Mich), the sponsor, said the main purpose is to give hazardous duty pay to men in the foxholes, thus putting them on equal footing in this respect with fliers, submariners and paratroopers.

Critics said the bill would discriminate against many combat veterans unable to meet its requirements.

Nobody knows yet how many servicemen and ex-servicemen are eligible. To qualify, they must have spent any six days in one month under conditions subjecting them to enemy fire.

Those now serving in Korea will get their July payments as part of their August checks, Pentagon officials said. In each case, the commanding officer will have to certify that the individual was attached for the required time to a unit designated as having been within enemy range.

The problems become more involved, the experts say, when they start reviewing the long lists of men who have gone through Korean combat in the past.

They must check each claim against records showing the month-by-month location of all units, then verify whether the individual was attached to it for the combat period.

Some experts say that a number of veterans who have seen bitter action might be ineligible. They say it is possible some infantry units might have been pulled from the line, badly chewed up, without serving the required six days during a hot month's campaign.

Ike Plans Southern Campaign

DENVER (AP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, planning a private foray into the traditionally Democratic south, reportedly is convinced he can swing some Southern states to the Republican column in the November presidential election.

The GOP nominee, it was learned, is arranging for a swift tour by plane which will take him into perhaps a dozen major cities in at least seven Southern states.

The Dixie campaign tour—unprecedented for a Republican presidential candidate — is scheduled tentatively to start Sept. 2, the day after Labor Day.

Eisenhower is planning to fly south from New York and spend two or two and a half days in a whirlwind invasion of Democratic strongholds.

The decision to campaign in the South was made after the general conferred here a week ago with an eight-state delegation of Dixie supporters.

They reportedly convinced him the Republicans have a chance to crack the Solid South for the first time since 1928, when Herbert Hoover did it without personally campaigning there.

Eisenhower's projected Southern swing by plane will be a departure from the traditional whistle-stop campaigning by train. However, he will turn later to that type of travel.

Eisenhower aides planning the Dixie trip say privately it is likely the general will speak in:

Richmond, Va.; Atlanta, Ga.; Birmingham, Ala.; Miami and Jacksonville, Fla.; New Orleans, La.; Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston, Tex.; and Memphis, Tenn.

The Birmingham speech will take him into the home state of the Democratic vice presidential nominee, Sen. John J. Sparkman.

And the tentative plans for visiting three Texas cities underscore the Eisenhower camp's optimism about carrying his native state.

Plans for the southern tour came to light after an announcement over the week-end that Eisenhower will make a major campaign address on world peace in Philadelphia Sept. 4. It will be carried nationally on television and radio.

On Wednesday Eisenhower will fly to Boise, Idaho, for a campaign conference with the republican governors of 10 western states. From the state capitol steps after that meeting he will make what aides have labeled his first frankly political speech since winning the nomination.

Bill Engeln, new umpire in the National League, was signed by the Pacific Coast League off California sandlots in 1936.

Automakers Predict Output Will Be Higher Next Year

By DAVID J. WILKIE

DETROIT (AP)—The auto makers aren't sure how many cars they will build this year but already they are talking about a much higher 1953 production.

Estimates of this year's output are narrowing down. Most industry chroniclers say the total will be not more than 4,100,000 cars and 1,100,000 trucks. That's a sharp drop from earlier estimates that ranged as high as 4¾ million passenger cars and 1,350,000 trucks.

Any plans for lifting production controls probably have been upset by the steel strike. But the auto makers right now are talking about increased materials allocations for all of next year.

Talk of production quotas for 1953 immediately raises questions about how many cars the industry may sell next year. If you take the word of the general sales executives, five million cars will fall short of next year's probable demand.

The sales chiefs, of course, have had long range analyses of the market prepared and they can present figures to support their contention that demand will require five million units next year. They claim, for example, that this year's indicated output will scarcely take care of replacement needs.

However, we know estimates of production and sales potentials in the auto industry are subject to sudden revision. It is true that the car makers set their production schedules primarily upon demand as far as they can foresee it.

But it is also true that the new car market is extremely sensitive to anything affecting the general economy. Some industry experts say the recent steel strike brought on a car shortage; there are just as many who assert that it also dried up a lot of buying power.

BLOOD DONATION BROADCAST

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Disc Jockey Marc Williams of Radio Station WTTS has upped Bloomington blood donations by his own contribution. He took along a microphone and broadcast the whole process step-by-step, including doctors' and nurses' comments.

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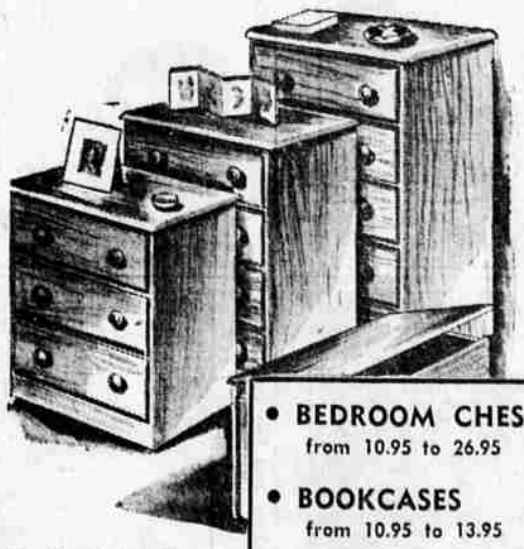

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