

Jury Indicts Ranchhand For First Degree Murder

The county grand jury Friday returned true bills in each of the five open cases presented before it in a two-day session. Indicted were defendants in one first degree murder charge and four assault cases.

Arraignment of three defendants was held immediately after Foreman Henry Grimes reported the jury's findings to Judge David R. Vandenberg.

However two defendants are to be arraigned at 10 a.m. Monday. These are William Olen Gairson, 40-year-old Bonanza ranchhand charged with first degree murder, and Phillip Duane Jackson, 23, Bonanza, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

The grand jury indicted Gairson in the death of 11-month-old Gary Lee Bursik, youngest son of the woman Gairson was living with on a Bonanza area ranch. The child died December 17. At Gairson's preliminary hearing last Wednesday the child's mother, Mrs. Ethel Myrtle Bursik, said Gairson beat the child's head against the floor and threatened to kill it after the baby apparently had bitten his finger.

Gairson also faces trials on cruelty charges in the alleged beatings of Gary Lee and his 3-year-old half-brother, Billie Joe Breeding, a child still staying in the county juvenile home where he was taken in a badly beaten condition December 18. Those trials are scheduled for Tuesday in district court.

Jackson was indicted on charges he threatened his grandmother, Mrs. Anna May Copperfield, with a .22 caliber revolver during an involved family dispute in Mrs. Copperfield's home near Bonanza December 21.

Jackson also faces additional trials, resulting from charges filed at the same time. He is to be tried in district court February 2, on a charge of lewd cohabitation, and February 4 on a charge of assault and battery.

Arraignments were postponed because Jackson was free on bail at the time the grand jury reported, and Gairson's attorney, Warren Lesseg of Medford, was not in the city.

Frank L. Lounsbury Jr., 21-year-old tire repairman, was indicted on a charge of assault with intent to kill while armed with a dangerous weapon. He is accused of

shooting a fellow employee, Paul Clay, 37, who since was released from Klamath Valley Hospital. The incident occurred December 19 during a private party at Schulze Tire Service, Lounsbury asked for additional time through Attorney David R. Vandenberg Jr. and is to enter plea February 2.

Also to enter plea February 2 is Lawrence Walter Mose, 21, Chiloquin, indicted on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon in an alleged attack on Marcella Allen early in January. Mose also was represented by Vandenberg Jr.

The fifth true bill was returned against Leonard Thomas Powers, 25, Medford, charged with assault and robbery on William Jones of Medford. Jones said in a preliminary hearing that Powers stopped his car near the Merrill gravel pit December 28 and robbed him of about \$100 at knifepoint. Powers, through his court-appointed attorney, Richard Smith, pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for March 23.



CANDIDATES—One "declared" and two "unavowed" candidates enjoy a hearty laugh prior to the opening of the second session of the 86th Congress in Washington, D. C. They are (left to right) Sen. Hubert Humphrey (Minn.), first to toss his hat in the ring; majority leader Sen. Lyndon Johnson (Tex.) and Sen. Stuart Symington (Mo.).



DESCRIBES NEW MISSILE—Gen. Thomas D. White, USAF chief of staff, addresses a National Press Club luncheon in Washington. Gen. White said the U. S. is developing a new ballistic missile called the "Skybolt" which will give this country an "essentially invulnerable" weapon against surprise attack. The missile will be carried in patrolling bombers and will have a range of 1000 miles.

New Engine Reported By Scientists

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Scientists have run an ion engine long enough to consider it a pretty dependable way of getting space rockets up to speeds like 100,000 m.p.h.

That is a good space pace, especially considering that an ion engine has less push than the modified echo of a butterfly's sigh.

An ion is an atom that has lost or gained one or more electrons, thereby becoming positive or negative, like profit and loss. Both kinds of ions can be made to go faster than money.

Ion fans and scientists will be interested in knowing that a test engine has been run for a total of 50 hours at the Lewis Laboratory of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Scientist Howard J. Childs says this is an encouraging sign that ion engines can be depended upon.

He also says this model is 5 to 50 per cent efficient. It is hoped that later models can be 80 or 90 per cent efficient.

People who are not ion fans or scientists might think that an engine with no more kick than a passing thought, yet capable of 100,000 m.p.h. on the speedometer, would be sicker than anything Detroit can turn out.

But the hot-rodders may as well relax and go back to their internal combustion engines. Ion engines have their drawbacks.

For one thing, the current model uses liquid cesium — at \$600 to \$1,000 a pound—in a chemical reaction with tungsten to produce a stream of ions. It is the jet stream of ions that propels the vehicle.

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CG, Uncle Sam Aid Solons To Open Alaska Meeting

ANNETTE ISLAND, Alaska (AP)—The State Legislature is going to get going on schedule in Juneau Monday, but it is only because Uncle Sam and his Coast Guard lent a hand.

There was a question as to whether the Legislature was going to open on time. Fog, thick, swirling, impenetrable fog, wrapped itself around Juneau, the state capital, Monday, then stubbornly refused to steal away.

Travel in and out of Juneau, except for a couple of wave-skipping seaplanes, has been stopped cold. There have been no large commercial airliner takeoffs or landings at Juneau since Monday. There is no passenger boat service to Juneau. Juneau cannot be reached by road without ferrying.

Some of the legislators have flown as much as 5,000 miles since Monday aboard planes which have probed the Juneau fog bank, trying unsuccessfully to find a clear path to the capital city's airfield.

They've been to Anchorage, to Fairbanks, to Seattle and to Whitehorse, Y.T., and back — back to Annette Island and the one-story, dormitory-like building that has become a second home.

Twenty-seven legislators have been stuck here, along with 93 other airline passengers, including legislative employees. At first they found the experience amusing.

Then, pinocle, poker, chess, checkers, reading, story-spinning and snoozing began to wear thin. The lawmakers appealed to Gov. William A. Egan for help. Egan looked at the forecast Thursday night — at least four more days of fog for the capital — and asked the Coast Guard for aid.

Most of the legislators left here for Juneau Thursday night aboard the Coast Guard cutter Balsam. The rest of the lawmakers will try to get to Juneau via seaplane. The others stranded here will just have to wait out the fog.

The whole experience has been deeply satisfying to State Rep. Earl Hillstrand of Anchorage. Hillstrand is chairman of the

Anchorage Capitol Site Steering Committee, a group seeking to move the capitol from Juneau to the Anchorage area, with one of the main arguments being that Juneau is too inaccessible to most of the state.

"I don't think I have to emphasize the issue," Hillstrand said. "Everyone appears to be doing a good job of talking it up right now."

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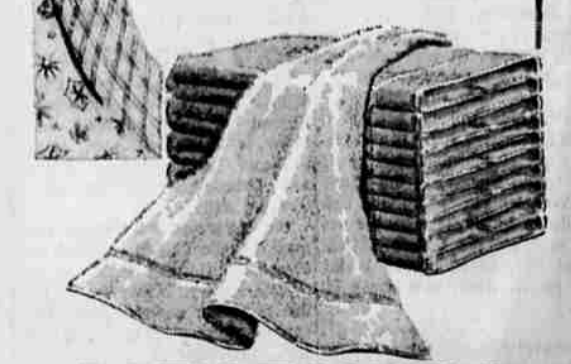


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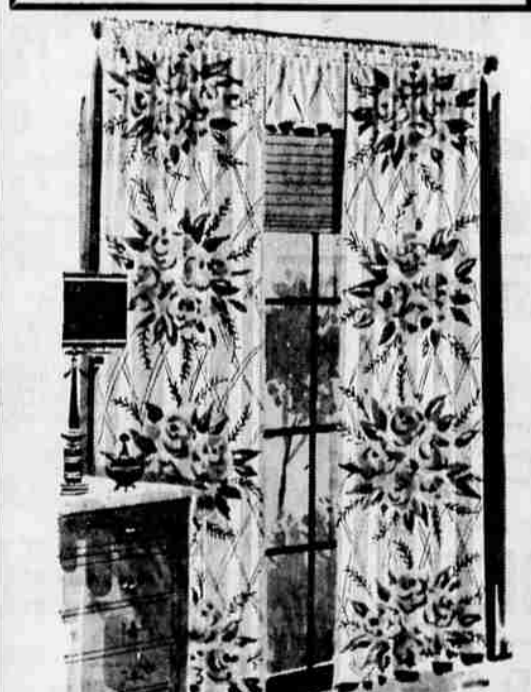
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