

Motherwell Murder Case Underway

DOWNIEVILLE, Calif. (UPI)—The prosecution began its case today in the murder trial of Larry Lord Motherwell, who is charged with the slaying of a 72-year-old Washington, D.C., widow.

The opening statement was presented to a jury of nine women and three men which was chosen Tuesday, despite defense objections that it was overloaded with women.

The jury was seated so quickly that even the prosecution was taken by surprise. The attorneys told Superior Judge Warren Steel they planned for arrival of witnesses from the East next weekend.

The judge said he would recess the trial from Thursday through Monday—but that he expected the witnesses to be available at that time.

Motherwell, 43, is charged with slaying Mrs. Pearl Putney after touring the country with the widow in 1958. Bones identified as hers were found on a mountain road near here.

Motherwell has steadfastly maintained that he is innocent. He admits that he was friendly with the widow, who was last seen alive leaving a motel with the suspect in Marysville, California.

The state has admitted that the case is based on circumstantial evidence alone. It has no witnesses to the crime—and furthermore, has no idea what caused the woman's death.



A BREAK during training brings local National Guardsmen to the kitchen of the new armory on Shasta Way where Sgt. I.C. Arnold Harper, mess steward, pours coffee. Others in the photo, from left, are S.4.C. Roger A. Wheeler, Pfc. Glen A. Catterson, and Sgt. Harold L. Hotchkiss. Prospective guardsmen are asked to contact Ray Childers at the armory.

Comic Credits Spouse For Return To TV Show

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Jack Paar credits his wife, Miriam, with his decision to return to his television show.

She was the peacemaker, he said at a hideaway at a plush inn near here Tuesday night.

He said he'll be back on the National Broadcasting Co. "Tonight" show on March 7 as agreed in a conference with network of-

officials. But he's going to take a vacation first. That also is part of the agreement.

Paar and Miriam leave today for California but declined to specify where they will vacation.

It was learned, however, they hold reservations for a flight due in Honolulu from San Francisco Wednesday night and have a room reserved at the island hotel, the Princess Kaiulani, and another flight booked Friday to Tokyo.

All Paar would say about his vacation was they would keep and over, I honestly didn't want to go back.

Paar, who walked out of his show last Thursday night because a joke had been edited out of the program, came here Monday. Network officials, including Robert Kitner and Robert Sarnoff, president and board chairman respectively of NBC, met him Tuesday.

Paar said Miriam, his attractive blonde wife of 17 years, arranged the meeting.

Explaining his decision to return to the show, Paar said "I wrestled with this thing over and over, I honestly didn't want to go back."

"After all, I'm responsible for the welfare of at least a hundred people connected with my show. I felt if I didn't go back, I'd have a lot to answer for."

Paar said Kitner and Sarnoff brought full apologies for cutting from his taped show a joke about a water closet.

The NBC executives said Paar also apologized, expressing sorrow at having caused any embarrassment.

Paar said the joke was cut by "some guy—an ex-FBI man—who

works in NBC's new department of standards and practices. It was never authorized by anybody higher up."

He said he has assurances there will be no more such censorship and that he returns to the show without any strings attached.

In New York, NBC declined comment on Paar's remark about repetition of censorship.

A spokesman said, however, the decision to cut out the joke was made by Ernest Jahncke, director of the standards and practices department, and that Jahncke's recommendation "was approved by top management." The spokes-

man added Jahncke is not an ex-FBI man.

Paar said "things have gotten rough now and then on my show, but I have a sense of responsibility, a sense of taste. I'll admit some low humor has gotten by on the show but I've got a list of those who did it and they're not coming back on the show."

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	High	Low	Pr.
Albany, cloudy	38	28	
Albuquerque, cloudy	51	24	
Anchorage, cloudy	24	20	
Atlanta, cloudy	56	43	
Bismarck, cloudy	36	5	.01
Buffalo, snow	42	32	
Chicago, cloudy	36	30	.01
Cleveland, cloudy	37	32	.02
Denver, clear	36	13	
Des Moines, clear	41	13	
Detroit, snow	42	33	.06
Fort Worth, cloudy	65	38	
Helena, cloudy	37	25	
Honolulu, clear	M	M	M
Indianapolis, cloudy	36	34	
Kansas City, clear	49	23	
Los Angeles, clear	71	50	
Louisville, cloudy	40	37	.01
Memphis, cloudy	43	36	
Miami, cloudy	74	65	
Milwaukee, cloudy	35	31	
New Orleans, cloudy	56	34	
New York, cloudy	42	36	
Oklahoma City, cloudy	38	35	
Omaha, clear	40	10	
Philadelphia, cloudy	41	27	
Phoenix, clear	66	46	
Pittsburgh, cloudy	34	30	
Portland, Me., clear	41	27	
Portland, Ore., cloudy	49	28	
Rapid City, clear	35	25	
Richmond, cloudy	43	29	
St. Louis, cloudy	52	33	
Salt Lake City, snow	38	22	.04
San Diego, clear	69	50	
San Francisco, clear	62	49	
Seattle, cloudy	45	32	
Tampa, cloudy	63	56	
Washington, cloudy	43	33	
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Home Finance Laws Hit 30-Year High

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you are appalled at the financing charges you must pay to buy a home, you have a reason.

They are at about the highest point in 30 years, and have bumped into the usury laws of some states.

Some mortgages, it is suspected in Washington, may actually have violated usury statutes, although it would take a court action to find out for sure.

For that reason, the government's Federal National Mortgage Assn. recently refused to buy a dozen or so mortgages offered for sale by Tennessee lenders, until their legality was attested.

That was a rather remarkable incident. In effect, one federal agency declined to accept obligations insured by another agency—the Federal Housing Administration—for fear the paper would be found illegal and void.

Among the 11 states whose usury laws forbid interest charges higher than 6 per cent, some have considered raising the ceiling so as not to choke off housing credit.

Builders and organized real estate dealers recently have attacked what they called excessive discounts demanded by lenders.

When the builder of a new house finds a buyer, he usually sells the mortgage to a bank or loan company, which will collect the monthly payments. When money is tight, the builder has to take a discount on the mortgage; in other words, he accepts less for it than its face value.

Lawyers generally agree that a discount cannot be construed as part of the interest charge, even though the home buyer may pay for it ultimately. The builder who knows he will have to take a discount may simply jack up the price of the house to cover it.

Builders recently have reported lenders in some areas asking discounts of up to 10 or 12 per cent.

The federal housing agencies are showing some nervousness over the situation, because the FHA permits a 5 1/4 per cent interest rate on loans which it insures—just under the usury level of several states.

On top of that is added 1/2 of one per cent as an insurance premium, bringing the total charge to 6 1/4 per cent in the first year of the mortgage. If the insurance charge were held to be interest, the usury limit would be exceeded in Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

However a Tennessee court has held in a test case that the insurance premium is not interest.

Maryland's attorney general has ruled to the same effect.

But on certain low-cost homes involving mortgages of less than \$8,000, the FHA permits the lender to add still another 1/2 of one per cent as a "service charge."

This is intended to compensate the lender for the higher cost of handling a small mortgage.

That was the type of mortgage which FNMA questioned and sent back, pending formal assurance of its legality.

This was FNMA's concern: If a home owner could obtain a court ruling that the mortgage was usurious, FNMA would be holding a worthless piece of paper.

That is because Tennessee, like New York, is a state in which both principal and interest of a debt are voided if the terms of the loan violate the usury laws. In North Carolina, Virginia and some other states the interest alone is forfeited.

Would it help the buyers of low-cost houses if FHA abolished the service charge? Not a bit. Lenders simply wouldn't take that type of mortgage loan. Few are making them now.

Spud Growers Name Prexy

James Ottoman of Malin was named president of Klamath Potato Growers Association at a meeting held Monday evening at the Klamath County Fairgrounds.

Duane Blackman was named director for the Poe Valley area and elected vice president. Paul Fairclough was named director for the Henley district. Holdover directors are Joe Steele, Klamath Falls; Joe Forthingham, Merrill; and L. L. Porterfield, Bonanza.

Growers renamed Ed Petrasek of Malin as handler-member of the Marketing Order Committee and renamed W. W. Thompson of Henley as alternate.

Shippers renamed Wes McKaig as handler-member and Karl Dehlinger as alternate.

Continued operation of the Malin Labor Camp was favored and the Camp Committee was requested to submit estimates of cost of improvements required to permit opening this fall.

Expansion of sales promotion into the Los Angeles area was discussed. A limited quantity of point of sale material has been distributed there this season.

A budget meeting of the commission's Advertising Committee is scheduled the afternoon of March 8 at the Winema Hotel. The quarterly meeting of the Oregon Potato Commission will be held at the Winema Hotel March 9.

A. E. Mercker, executive director of the National Potato Council will attend the commission's March meeting. Mercker will speak at a meeting of Basin potato growers scheduled for 1:30 p.m., March 10, at Tulelake.

ANTI-INFLATIONARY!

ROMFORD, England (UPI) — Balloon seller Daniel Gribben was fined \$11.20 Tuesday for blocking a footpath with a three-foot balloon.

FIRST HAWK, THEN IAN

RUISLIP, England (UPI) — It seems that everywhere his dog goes, 2-year-old Ian Fuller is sure to follow.

Mrs. Marie Fuller reported Ian missing Monday but later said she found him when she whistled for the dog, Hawk. The dog, followed by Ian, came crawling through a hole it had dug under a fence surrounding the Fullers' backyard.

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