

Thompson Sentenced To Life Term Following Jury Verdict Of Guilty

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI)—Deputies, hustled criminal attorney T. Eugene Thompson off to prison Saturday to start serving a life sentence at hard labor for masterminding the slaying of his wife for more than \$1 million insurance.

Authorities apparently hoped to get the suave, 35-year-old Thompson behind bars at Stillwater State Prison before his lawyers can file an appeal, which will be Monday at the earliest.

Thus Thompson will change his high-priced suits for prison dungarees less than 24 hours after six men and six women found him guilty of conspiring to have his wife, Carol, murdered.

And in so doing the one-time farm boy's promising and already high-paying career fell into ruin for at least 17 years and four months—when he will be eligible for parole—unless the appeal should upset the verdict.

Won't Answer Questions

Thompson's brunette paramour Mrs. Jacqueline Olesen, 27, opened the door of her apartment only far enough to tell reporters they would have to see her attorney for any statement.

Thompson's four children, Jeffrey, 14, Patricia, 12, Marjorie, 10, and Amy, 7, apparently will go to live with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Besche. The Besches have a 700-acre farm near Blue Earth, Minn.

Prosecutor William B. Randall made plans to proceed with murder trials for two other persons in the case.

He said he was ready to try Norman J. Mastrian, 40, former prize fighter and one-time college classmate of Gene and Carol Thompson and in more recent days a law client of the defendant.

Salesman Faces Trial

And after that it will be Dick W. C. Anderson, 35, a decorated Korean veteran who became a sometime salesman and a continuous hard-drinker later.

The jury foreman told questions Thompson's affair with Mrs. Olesen, then a divorcee, did not have much to do with the verdict. He indicated the primary reason for the slaying was the \$1 million in insurance Thompson had purchased on his wife.

Minnesota has no death penalty.

The state contended Thompson worked through Mastrian to arrange for Anderson to kill Thompson's 34-year-old wife last March 6 in their fashionable St. Paul home.

Government Rests Case In Mail Fraud Action

FENDELTON (UPI)—The federal government rested its case Friday in the trial of seven men charged with mail fraud and conspiracy in connection with the Lake Valley land development project.

The defense will open its case Monday in federal court there.

The federal indictment issued against the Harney County Land Development Corp. charges the defendants with promoting desert land with misleading brochures and newspaper advertising.

The 6,919-acre Lake Valley tract is 22 miles south of Burns.

The defendants are Abraham L. Koolish, 70, and his son, David F. 43; both of Winnetka, Ill.; John Milton Phillips Jr., 38, Evanston, Ill.; Jack Cecil Chertko, 37, Chicago; Richard Dale Walker, 40, Los Angeles; George Edward Isaacs, 30, Glendale, Calif.; and Maurice Arthur Hall, 39, Beverly Hills, Calif.

The prosecution sought to discredit the desirability of the area with a parade of witnesses who testified on the area's agricultural potential, recreational advantages and on retirement and investment opportunities.

Elmer Kolberg, a Portland real estate appraiser, said Friday fair market value of land in the subdivision is \$10 an acre.

The corporation has been selling sites for \$395 dollars an acre—\$5 down and \$5 a month. The land was purchased by the developers for \$24 an acre from Robert Monroe of Mendocino, Calif., who testified he paid \$8 an acre for the Lake Valley land.

Shortly after the prosecution rested its case two motions by the defense, for acquittal and charging a mistrial, were presented. Both were denied by Federal Judge John F. Kilkenney.

The motion for acquittal was made on the grounds the government had failed to present evidence which proved its case. Kilkenney said he would reconsider it after the defense had presented its side.

The mistrial motion alleged misconduct in the courtroom by acting U.S. Atty. Sidney I. Lezak. Defense Attorney William H. Morrison objected to the manner in which Lezak read a letter into the record and to the jury.



ANCIENT MARKING—This grown-over blaze on a Ponderosa Pine tree is 105 years old. It was found by surveyor Con Borsting, forester for the Weyerhaeuser Company, who was running lines to locate a starting point for a timber survey south of Hayden Mountain recently. Records revealed the blaze was made Feb. 1, 1858, by a David P. Thompson. The area had been logged off 40 or 50 years ago. The old blaze will be on display at the Collier Logging Museum on U.S. Highway 97 north of Klamath Falls.

Century-Old Blaze Found Near Keno By Foresters

A scar or blaze made by Surveyor David P. Thompson with a scribe iron, more than a century ago, was found recently by Con Borsting, and other foresters who were seeking some marking that would determine a corner or a variant from which a survey could start.

In the process, they discovered a memento of earlier days, a grown-over blaze with two letters, TB, still well preserved on a bit of pitchy wood, long grown over with tree rings of later years.

The letters were reversed and raised above the surface of the original wood, due to the original BT acting as a mold for the growth of new wood.

The area south of Hayden Mountain, 10 miles west of Keno, had been logged off probably 23 to 40 years ago and had been purchased by the Weyerhaeuser Company for a tree farm.

The foresters, in arriving at a place where they believed a corner should be, discovered the old survey stake to be gone. In looking around at stumps on the logged-off land, they found one that still showed a scar on the tree stump. Tree bark, woodsman say, never loses the scar of an ax. Bark was still on the rotten stump. When this was removed, the old blaze was found.

The survey made by Thompson was the original government town survey made for Township 40 - South, Range 7 East, Willamette Meridian, which was completed Sept. 7, 1858.

G. M. Upington, assistant curator at the Collier State Park Logging Museum, who counted 31 rings on the specimen, said the scar probably healed over 70 years ago. The blaze will be on display at the museum.

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The Court Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Dec. 4
Charles Hess, drunk, \$15 or five or 10 days.
Jack Bee Egan, drunk, \$15 or five or 10 days.
Richard J. Crume, warrant from Wood River, continued.
Forest Cunningham, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.
James Mitchell, drunk, \$25 or five or 10 days.

TRAFFIC CASES
Dec. 3
Dorothy Irene Sawyer, violation basic rule 123 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Eva Jean Williams, violation basic rule 127 in 251, \$25 fine.
Richard Glenn Beals, violation basic rule 149 in 251, \$50 or 10 days.
Edwin Earl Slison, violation basic rule 128 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Fred Herman Massey, violation basic rule 135 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Leyvina Mae Stratton, violation basic rule 123 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Eric C. Eskelund, violation basic rule 127 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Bernie Eugene Erickson, violation basic rule 129 in 251, \$25 forfeit.
Jesse Allen Walters, violation basic rule 135 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Ray Shummers, violation basic rule 135 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Carl Edward Siger, violation basic rule 128 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Lester DeBertoli, violation basic rule 135 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Reo DeBertoli, violation basic rule 135 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Ray Hodgson Shelburn, violation basic rule 128 in 251, \$10 forfeit.
Lester Eugene Alley, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10 forfeit.
Harvey Beckwith, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10 forfeit.
Thomas Bradley Anderson, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10 forfeit.
Paul Egan, drunk, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10 forfeit.
David Gorin, McGreggor, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10 forfeit.
Wallace Howard Killian, improper left turn, \$7.50 forfeit.
Armed William Ketchell, 1 m p r p r r right turn, \$7.50 forfeit.
Arthur Reid Neace, driving wrong way on one-way street, \$7.50 forfeit.
Andrew Earl Slison, backing across traffic, \$10 forfeit.
Basil Marvin Boyd, no operator's license, \$7.50 forfeit.
Huey Wayne Hicks, no operator's license, \$7.50 or 11 days.

LAKE COUNTY JUSTICE COURT
Ariel M. Anderson, no vehicle license, \$5.
Reyes Juarez Borison, no operator's license, \$5.
Richard S. Emery, running stop sign, \$15.
Terry John Chikay, information of a felony, trial date set.
James P. Harvey, failure to support minor children, warrant issued.
Lee Gates, drunk in public place, bail forfeited to assist on fine, \$10.00.
William C. Wenzel, drawing check without funds, \$79.50 fine and 30 days in county jail. With payment of fine and restitution for checks, balance of sentence to be suspended.
Robby Dale Kinsinger, obtaining money under false pretenses, complaint filed and warrant issued.
Lance Threlk, stealing from public.

highway, cited to appear.

DIVORCE ACTIONS
DENT — Joseph W. from Geraldine M., divorce granted.
BANKLIS — Helen M. from Claude J., suit filed.
EVANS — Carol from Givoli, suit filed.
CULKIN — Joanne Rose from John Virgil, suit filed.

CIRCUIT COURT
Richard Verie Cook, 21, waived grand jury and entered plea of guilty on information of the district attorney to crime of contributing to the delinquency of a minor in circuit court Wednesday morning and was sentenced by Judge Charles Foster to three years in the Oregon State Correctional Institution. The case involved running off with a 16-year-old girl.

LAKE COUNTY BIRTHS
BARRY — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jara Barry at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 12 a boy weighing 8 lbs., 10 ozs.
GOODENOUGH — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Goodenough at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 13 a girl weighing 4 lbs., 10 1/2 ozs.
TITMAN — Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Titman of Paisley at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 14 a girl weighing 4 lbs., 14 1/2 ozs.
FONG — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Shuck Fong at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 14 a boy weighing 7 lbs., 4 1/2 ozs.
DANIEL EGAN ERICKSON, violation basic rule 129 in 251, \$25 forfeit.
WILLIAMS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 20 a girl weighing 8 lbs., 4 1/2 ozs.
ROUSH — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Roush at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 20 a boy weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs.
PERRY — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Perry at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 20 a girl weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs.
BRYANT — Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant of Big at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 22 a girl weighing 4 lbs., 4 ozs.
WALLIS — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallis at the Lakeview Hospital Nov. 24 a boy weighing 7 lbs., 14 1/2 ozs.

WILLIAMS TO TOUR
DAR-ES-SALAAM, Tanganyika UPI—G. Mennen Williams, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, was due here Saturday for private talks with President Julius K. Nyerere.

Ex-Playgirl Scrubs Jail Floor

LONDON (UPI)—Playgirl Christine Keeler was awakened at 6:30 a.m. today to begin scrubbing floors in Holloway Prison.

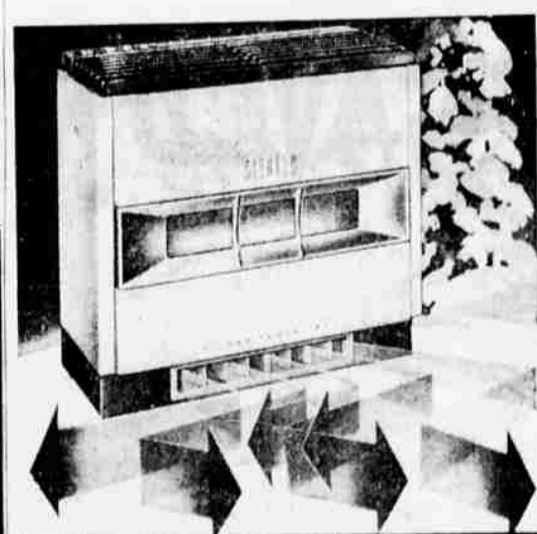
Friday the red-haired party girl was sentenced to nine months in jail for attempting to frame one of her discarded Negro lovers, Aloysius (Lucky) Gordon.

Together with her former roommate, Paula Hamilton-Marshall, 23, and their housekeeper, Mrs. Olive Brooker, 56, Miss Keeler pleaded guilty to charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct the course of justice. Miss Hamilton-Marshall was sentenced to six months in jail and the housekeeper was given a conditional discharge.

A fourth defendant, Jamaican chauffeur Rudolph Fenton, maintained his innocence. His trial will continue on Monday.

Miss Keeler, 21, and Miss Hamilton-Marshall could be released after serving two-thirds of their sentences providing their behavior is good. Gordon had been sentenced to three years in jail on charges he beat up Miss Keeler, but he was freed when a tape recording made by the playgirl turned up.

On it, she allegedly admitted that she committed perjury during Gordon's trial in order to get rid of him. The others were arrested on charges they helped to hide the fact Miss Keeler had been beaten up before Gordon got to her apartment.



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