Long Bout With Law Ends in Sudden Death

The somewhat short but troubled life of Fransco Fourney, 37, ended abruptly at the District Jail last night a few hours after his long-delayed trial for assaulting his sister-in-law finally had begun.

Fourney, of the 1200 block of Emerson street N.W., collapsed as he was being taken back to his cell. Cause of death was not at once determined, but Fourney had suffered from a heart, as well as a mental, condition.

The mental trouble began while he was in the armed forces, and he received 100 per cent disability allowance as a result. After spending a year in a mental hospital, he was cleared of arson charges in 1952 by reason of insanity.

Last New Year's Day, he was charged with hitting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Albert Fourney of the 2100 block of First street N.W., over the head with a champagne bottle.

There followed a long succession of events, including a postponed mental examination, another arrest for "threats," and hospitalization at District General for a heart attack. He even was released by mistake from the hospital as a free man while the charge still pended.

There were other mixups. In one hearing he was adjudged mentally competent to stand trial. Later at his request he was sent to Perry Point (Md.) hospital for psychiatric treatment. Again he was called able to stand trial, but there were at least half a dozen postponements.

Three times last week Fourney was moved to the District Court cellblock. Each time his case was not called and he was herded back to the jail.

Yesterday the case finally came up, and Fourney pleaded self-defense, testifying he had been stabbed. A psychiatrist said he was of unsound mind at the time of the attack.

After the defendant's death, his attorney, John Dwyer, criticized the new system by which prisoners are led to court each day their cases are on the calendar, whether or not their cases are called. He complained too many cases are put on the calendar for a given day.

Such procedure worked an undue hardship on his client because of his heart condition, the attorney said.

Children Wait Care Decision

The six Blackmone children, whose parents are in jail for relief fraud, probably will have to go into foster homes unless their grandparents move in to take care of them, Deputy Welfare Director Donald D. Brewer said today.

He said the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Blackmone, will have to decide today on a satisfactory arrangement for caring for their grandchildren. The elder Blackmones, who do not wish to give up their own one-room home in the 2300 block of G street N.E., said yesterday they would like to take the children to their parents' home on Minnesota avenue N.E. and take turns commuting there to care for them.

Mr. Brewer said that arrangement will not do. Nor will it be approved for the children to live in the one room with their grandparents. He said the grandparents would either have to move in with the children or find them suitable quarters together. The decision will have to be made by the grandparents today, he added.

If they agree to satisfactory arrangements for the children, aged 4 to 13, Mr. Brewer said, the grandparents would become eligible for monthly payments similar to what the mother was getting—about $200 a month.

The parents went to jail last Friday after conviction of obtaining welfare checks fraudulently by pretending the father had deserted the children.

NEWS OF MUSIC

Last of Haydn Series Spans 46 Years

By FRANK C. CAMPBELL
Contributing Critic

Werner Lywen, violin; John Martin, cello; Richard Dirksen, piano. At Phillips Gallery. Program: Trios of Franz Joseph Haydn—Capriccio in A; Trio II in F sharp minor; Trio IV in E.

In the Phillips Gallery last night, Richard Dirksen, Werner Lywen and John Martin brought to a close a series of seven concerts devoted to works of Joseph Haydn for violin, cello and piano. The two groups of concerts, which began about a year ago, have offered 30-odd of the 41 pieces Haydn wrote for the medium. And they have given hearings of well over a double-dozen superlative pieces that are rarely heard in concert, or even in private, today.

Several of the trios played this fall were revived from 18th century prints or from manuscripts not yet favored with publication. One of these, a Capriccio in A major, began the concert last night.

The Capriccio has been dated sometime around Haydn's 25th year, and its pleasant but timid mien is but further evidence of early origin. The opening Allegro keeps the piano bustling about in sprightly, if routine, pursuits; the Menuetto is a modest bit; the Allegro Finale takes on more spunky vitality. The piece is neat and carefully cut, but inclined to be harmonically static and repetitious when ideas fail to develop new turns.

The music itself is graphic evidence of the 46 years that separate composition of the Capriccio and the Trio in F sharp minor, which followed it last night. Structure has been so thoroughly mastered that it no longer concerns the creator or the listener. The technique is perfect, and by its perfection made the vehicle for an expression at once classic and profoundly personal. Especially affecting is the Adagio, a song at once wistful and grave. The Finale, a gently puckish Tempo di Menuetto, is a model of polished architecture, adorned with delicate embellishment.

The Trio in E major brought the concert to a close with one of the masterworks of the series. The E major Trio is not a brilliant piece in the virtuoso sense, nor are the merits of its music of obvious cast. Its deep beauty is found in Haydn's miraculous development of o deceptively simple pizzicato theme in the first movement, in a page of widely spaced, two-part counterpoint which introduces and forms the basis of the powerful second movement, and in the warmly ingratiating Finale, which closes the work in a mood of ineffable well-being.

From the beginning of their cycle, the playing of Messrs. Lymen, Martin and Dirksen has been first-rate. As the concerts progressed the trio grew clearly in ensemble excellence until, at the present time, their playing is distinguished by the high polish of its detail, a feeling for style and the mellow integration that is the goal of any chamber group.

Plot Indictment Is Withdrawn

PRETORIA, South Africa, Oct. 13 (AP).—The South African government yesterday withdrew an indictment charging 91 men and women, mostly nonwhites, with treasonably conspiring to overthrow the government.

Chief prosecutor Oswald Pirow withdrew the indictment in the name of the attorney general after his application to make new amendments to the lengthy indictment caused more legal arguments before the special three-judge court.

The defense claimed the indictment was faulty.

The move means that legal action, which started against the accused nearly two years ago with a series of dawn raids throughout the country, goes back to the attorney general for disposition.

Mr. Pirow earlier had told the court he would make the withdrawal and a new indictment would be prepared if arguments over the present one continued to delay the trial.

The government charges the defendants have been trying to convert South Africa into a Communist people's republic while the defendants claim they were only seeking an end to the strict government policy of apartheid—white supremacy and strict segregation. The accused are mostly nonwhites.

The trial has been held up for more than two months by argument on a defense contention that the present indictment was defective. No evidence has been taken yet and the defendants have not even pleaded to the indictment, although the trial started August 1.

Court Clears Way For Holden Movie

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 14 (AP).—A Federal court has cleared the way for William Holden to make a movie—and $1.5 million.

Paramount Pictures Corp. had sought an injunction to prevent Mr. Holden from making the picture for Mirisch Co., an independent. The injunction, Mr. Holden's attorney said, might cost the film star as much as $1.5 million.

The court refused yesterday to issue the injunction.

S. L. Hechinger Leaves $450,000 In Net Estate

A net estate of about $450,000 was left by Sidney L. Hechinger, founder of the Hechinger Co., papers filed here yesterday in District Court showed.

The petition for probate of the will of the lumber and hardware company executive revealed Mr. Hechinger, who died July 11, had assets of about $800,000. However, loans and debts cut down on this amount, the papers indicated.

Mr. Hechinger's widow, Mrs. Sylvia F. Hechinger of the Westchester apartments, and the couple's two children, John W. Hechinger of 2838 Chain Bridge road and Mrs. Lois E. England of 2832 Chain Bridge road, were left the bulk of the estate through a trust fund set up in the will.

The document explained Mr. Hechinger made no provision for long-time employes because of the previous establishment of a profit-sharing plan at the company.

Area to Receive New Street Lights

The Arkansas Avenue Community Association was told last night that it will soon receive new mercury vapor lights on three of its major streets.

Samuel Harrison, District deputy director of highways, told the group that the new lights will be erected on Thirteenth street N.W. from Spring road to Missouri avenue next spring, and on Georgia avenue when the streetcar tracks have been removed. No date for the track removal has been set yet. Arkansas avenue will get the lights in 1961 if a District appropriation request is approved.

Clifford Newell, counsel for the association, said today that the community group would like to see as many of the new lights as possible installed in the neighborhood.

Widow Is Convicted Of Killing Daughter, 9

MACON, Ga., Oct. 14 (AP).—Plump, blond Anjette Donovan Lyles, convicted and sentenced to die for poisoning her daughter, awaited word from her attorneys today on chances for a new trial.

A jury convicted the 33-year-old widow of murder last night. Her attorneys immediately filed notice of appeal, and this automatically stayed the date of execution, which had been set for December 5.

Mrs. Lyles also is accused by the State of poisoning two husbands and a mother-in-law with arsenic. She was tried only in the death of her 9-year-old daughter, Marcia Elaine Lyles.

Accepts Verdict Calmly

The former restaurant owner accepted the death verdict calmly. The only visible reaction was when she reddened and bit her lip.

Judge Oscar Long set a precedent when he told Mrs. Lyles she might remain seated while sentence was pronounced.

The courtroom was jammed as it had been every day of the trial, which lasted seven days.

Judge Long set a hearing on the motion for a new trial for December 12.

If Mrs. Lyles loses her appeal, she will be the first white woman to die in Georgia's electric chair. Only one woman, a Negro, has been electrocuted in this State.

The case was given to the jury at 8:27 p.m. The verdict was announced at 10:08 p.m.—an hour and 41 minutes after the jury began its deliberations.

Blanket Denial

In an unsworn statement under Georgia law, Mrs. Lyles made a blanket denial of all the State's charges and in the specific case of Marcia, she maintained there was no motive.

She said she received only $1,750 from insurance while her expenses, including hospital bills, special nurses and burial, amounted to $5,000.

"I did not give my child any poison—I did not kill my child, Mrs. Lyles declared.

The State charged she murdered for hate and greed.

Mrs. Lyles acknowledged an abnormal interest in "root doctors, spiritual advisers and fortune tellers."

She said she burned seven-day candles—green for luck and money, white for peace, and red for love, and once burned a black candle in attempting to break up a romance between her boy friend, airline pilot Bob Franks, and another girl.

Missiles to Go To Italy Soon

By the Associated Press

Supersonic Nike-Ajax anti-aircraft missiles will begin flowing to Italy in January as part of the American military aid program.

Responsible authorities who reported this yesterday said delivery will begin about the time some 860 Italian officers and enlisted men graduate from the United States Antiaircraft and Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss, Tex.

These Italian specialists would be capable of manning eight batteries of Nike-Ajax weapons. Each battery contains 12 launchers and is operated by about 100 officers and men.

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Need of Federal Diplomacy School Denied by Allen

There is no need for a federally sponsored school of diplomacy or foreign service, George V. Allen, head of the United States Information Agency, said last night.

Mr. Allen made his remarks before the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.

"I think there might even be danger of creating such an establishment," he said.

He pointed out that men and women in the foreign service today "are a broad cross section of America. They come from schools and colleges of every State of the Union."

"If all of them, or even a large percentage of them, came out of the same four-year institution, they would reflect the training and perhaps the views of a single faculty," he said.

He advised young men entering the foreign service field to "get a few years of experience in some other field of activity" after graduating from college.

World Farm Unit Headed by Patton

BRUSSELS, Oct. 14 (AP).—The International Federation of Agricultural Producers has elected James J. Patton of Denver as its president.

Mr. Patton is president of the American National Farmers' Union.

The IFAP chose him at its 10th general conference, which ended a 10-day session here yesterday. Mr. Patton succeeds John Andrew of New Zealand after having several years as vice president and a member of the Executive Committee.

The conference decided to admit Ghana and the Irish Republic to membership and to hold its next meeting in New Delhi in December, 1959.

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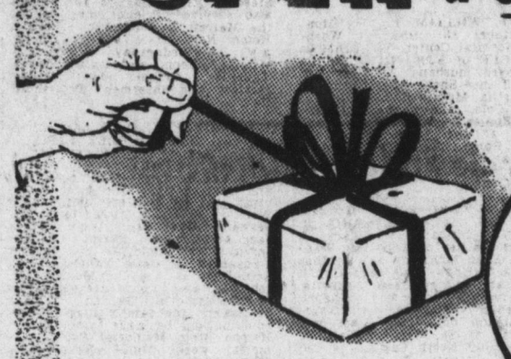
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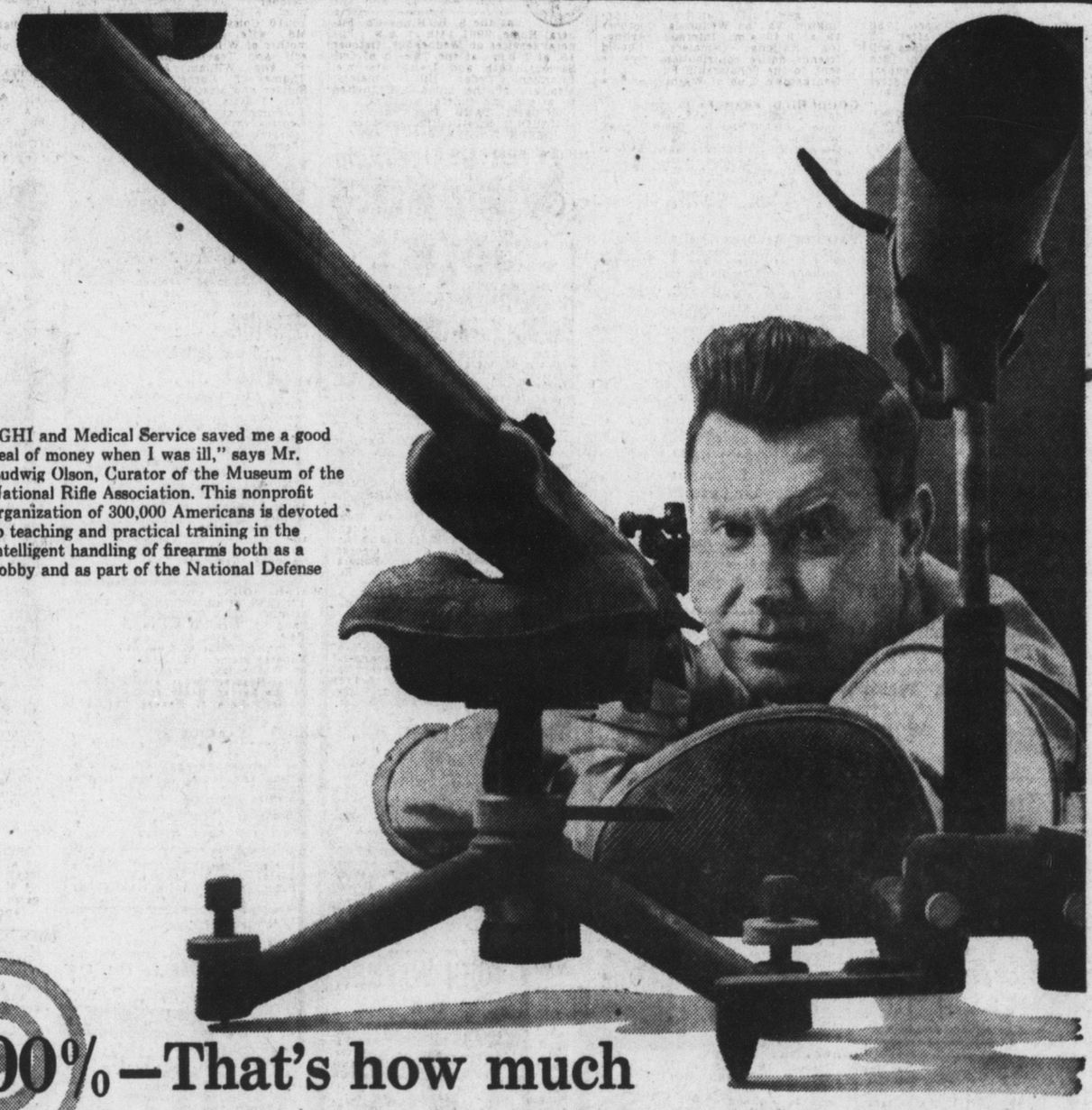
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