Bailey called liar by angry witness

By TONY LEDWELL
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It was the most blistering exchange yet in Patricia Hearst's trial for bank robbery In a hushed courtroom, her chief defense attorney accused a publicity-shy prosecution witness of trying to fix the trial's outcome — then heard himself called a liar

F Lee Bailey angrily assailed Dr Joel Fort's qualifications to testify as an expert psychiatric witness for the government Friday and then quietly asked if Fort knew Miss Hearst's parents

"Have you ever met Randolph and Catherine Hearst?" asked Bailey Fort replied that he had

Shifting his voice to a virtual roar that startled the 22-year-old defendant, Bailey glared at Fort and yelled, "Did you go to them, Dr Fort, and try to fix this case behind my back?"

"I certainly did not," the witness shot back

Miss Hearst sharply turned her head toward her parents sitting on a front-row bench and stared with a puzzled expression at them for several seconds

Fort took the stand as the government tried to prove the newspaper heiress was a convert to terrorism after her 1974 kidnaping and took part in a bank robbery of her own free will The defense has argued she participated in the holdup in fear of her captors

"Did you go to Mr and Mrs. Hearst and try to arrange a meeting with (U.S Atty) Jim Browning to try to dispose of this case," Bailey asked

"Definitely not," replied Fort

Browning jumped to his feet to object but Fort asked to be allowed to explain the matter

Fort, who reiterated in a statement earlier this week his long-standing fight against sensational trials and his desire for anonymity as a witness, admitted he had urged the Hearst family to explore ways of avoiding a public trial

"I had a conversation with Mr Hearst about the defendant's background . I did have a conversation with him for about one or two minutes about avoiding a public trial I told Mr Hearst I thought it would be advisable not to have a public trial "

The witness said his suggestion was strictly humanitarian "I expressed concern about the defendant and the effect on her if this kind of public trial were held," Fort said

Bailey, shaking with anger, resumed his verbal assault

He asked Fort if he had encouraged the Hearsts to meet with the government, prosecutors and not tell her daughter's attorney.

"I did not," was the answer

"That's absolutely false, Mr Fort," Bailey thundered

"You're lying about it, Mr Bailey," responded Fort U S Dist Judge Oliver J Carter interrupted the stormy exchange and reprimanded both men

"Now quit calling each other liars," said Carter "That's what you are doing, and it will stop right now "

He also ordered the flamboyant defense attorney to lower his voice and cease his rapid-fire delivery of questions

Logo fight

LINCOLN, Neb (AP) — The Nebraska Educational Television network spent less than $100 to design its now-famous new logo of a stylized "N " It will receive $55,000 to get rid of it

The $55,000 will come from the National Broadcasting Co which is putting up the money as part of an out-of-court settlement announced Friday of a lawsuit over who owns the rights to the "N "

NBC spent a sum estimated at up to $750,000 for its new logo and wound up with something very similar to the NETV "N" designed several months earlier by a staff artist for the educational network

Graveside rites

RIVERTON — (N-P) — Graveside services for Mrs John (Myrtle) Roberts, 80, were held at the Riverton cemetery on Wednesday

Mrs Roberts died February 29 at a Shenandoah, Iowa, Care Center, where she and her husband lived The funeral was held at Farragut

Mr and Mrs Roberts lived in Riverton for many years before going to Shenandoah to make their home

Survivors include her husband, John, Shenandoah, a daughter, Mrs Dale (Betty) Welchans, Farragut, two grandchildren, Robert Welchans of San Antonio, Texas, and Mrs Dennis (Joy) Hackett, Tarkio, Mo, and three sisters, Mrs Callie Magaw, Mrs Dale Comstock and Mrs Glen White, all of the Riverton area

Terrible Terry

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb (AP) — Former State Sen Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff said he has discarded plans to run either as a petition candidate for the U S Senate or as director of the Nebraska Public Power District

Report on sites due

The site selection committee is scheduled to present its report on sites for a new elementary school at the Nebraska City Board of Education meeting Monday at 7 30 p.m at the superintendent's office

Other items on the agenda will include an offer from Seldin Development and Management to purchase the property referred to as the 21st Street property, which includes most of Blocks 15 and 16 in the Belmont addition, a discussion on selection of materials, proposal of mini-courses to be taught at the Junior High and a decision on expelling a high school student

Superintendent Jim Withee will also ask for verification of experience for teachers Larry Moore and Candy Gray and report that the Senior High School has received notification from the North Central Association of continued membership for the 1975-76 school year with no violations

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Buchanan School

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control and economy "We feel that we can do a good job of providing elementary education in rural school We try very hard to do a good job commented Mr Holland

He also noted that there are few enough people in the district that everyone's opinion is heard and considered

More individualized attention is given to students and they are given every opportunity to develop to their fullest potential, he added Mr Holland said the economic reasons are obvious

Percentage wise it has been shown in the past that rural school students have fewer problems than students in city (urban) schools said Mr Smith

Mr McPherson said although records indicate that the school was built in 1859 as suggested on the deed he said it may have been built in 1870 71 Although he has no way of proving when the school was built records at the Otoe County Superintendent s office show that in 1870 six mills on a dollar were levied for building a schoolhouse at $450 and in March of 1871 a tax was levied providing another $450 for a school

Mr McPherson said he gueses the total cost of the school was in the neighborhood of $900

He said at one time four petitions were filed at the county superintendents office through which families requested to transfer from District 30 to District 31 because a stream of water made it impractical on 40 acres of land to attend school

Interjecting other notes of interest Mr McPherson said in 1870 Jane Brown taught school 60 days at District 30 for $75 and James A Warren taught school for 66 days for $105

It is a tradition for people in the District 30 community to keep the school in operation Four generations of the Behrends family have received their elementary education there

Twelve boys and one girls attend the school in all grades except first The student sand their grades are David Schreiner, kindergarten Loyd Teten second, Mike Holland, third Scott Griepenstroh fourth David Holland and Danny Baker fifth Duane Behrends Chris Hotsenpillar and Joe Griepenstroh sixth Paula Stoll and Allen Teten seventh, and Don Behrends and Mark Hotsenpillar eighth

BOOKENDS

By JOHN QUINLAN

In "The Other" Thomas Tryon penned a fascinating ghost story set in the quiet little Connecticut river town of Pequot Landing

In "Harvest Home" he wrote an edge-of-the-seat horror story set in the peaceful New England village of Cornwall Coombe

In "Lady" Mr Tryon returns to Pequot Landing, and it's a pleasure to report he's produced another winner

Tom Tryon first gained fame as an actor Best known for his title role in "The Cardinal," this reporter also remembers him as Texas John Slaughter, the Ranger who made 'em do "what they oughter" in an early Disney TV series

Tryon was a good actor Not a great one, but a good one And he's even better as a writer He has a natural flair for storytelling and some genuinely interesting stories to tell

"Lady" is the spellbinding account of a MYSTERIOUS lady and her TERRIBLE secret The lovely lady befriends a little boy, and the story is told from his point of view against the rich nostalgia of a small New England town in the '30s and '40s

The enigmatic heroine lives in a Big House on the other side of the Green She's a widow with a MYSTERIOUS past and two equally MYSTERIOUS servants. She is kind and fair and generous — especially to young Woody — except when she hides herself in the "darkness of her memories" (at least that's what it says on the book jacket) In Tryon's reality, however, it isn't so much the lady's memories but her present circumstances and TERRIBLE secret which prompts the darkness

It's a real spellbinder with Tryon's typical — but terrific — twist ending to wrap everything up

While "Lady" lacks the fiendish horror of Tryon's creepier "Harvest Home," it's easily as enjoyable The mystery grabs you from the beginning, and the well-drawn characters keep your attention You just have to keep reading until you find out the whole truth about Lady Harleigh

And the nostalgic reminiscences of life in the '30s and '40s should provide a bonus to anyone who was around back then — particularly to everyone who grew up in a small town

"Lady" is available in paperback at all local retail book outlets and at the Morton - James Public Library

COURTHOUSE NEWS

New cars licensed, titled

Jack Hotsenpillar, Chevrolet pickup, Kevin VanRenan, Chevrolet, Whitehead-Rhoden, Holmes Leasing, two Ford Elites and Ford pickup, G-J & Company, Ford chassis cab, Ralph or Marjorie Boerner, Ford pickup, Sylvester or Lois Volkmer, Ford pickup, Holmes, Walter D Scharp, Suzuki, Tri-State Cycle, Carl J or Nola A Peters, Chrysler, Gamboni

Paul Davis, GMC pickup, Minnie B Lieben, Olds, Weinman, Don Haith, Yamaha, Johnny's Yamaha, Ray Gobber, Syracuse, Chevrolet pickup, Donald Meyer, Syracuse, Chevrolet pickup, Bill Blacker, Syracuse, Chevrolet, Duane Janssen, Syracuse, Chevrolet pickup, Ronald Henry, Chevrolet pickup, Strong, Syracuse, Duane or Mary Teten, Talmage, WW trailer, W W Trailers, Madill, Okla

Englebrecht Construction, Syracuse, Ford pickup, Jesse H or Doris Sporhase, Ford, Hauschild-Janssen, Syracuse, George or Judy Ann Spires (dba Murray Lockers), Ford van, Smith, Omaha, Raymond or Beulah Beason, Chevrolet pickup, Rosen-Novak, Omaha, Jim L. or Benton Hutchinson, Syracuse, Chevrolet pickup, Copple, Louisville, Harriette Anville, Chevrolet, Davis, Franklin, LeRoy or Iona Hammers, Honda, Bluffs Cycle, Council Bluffs, Ia.

The Buck Ends Here

By Ivan D E Beaumont

Whatever happened to Terrible Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff?

Well, there are those who say he will be back in politics before the March 12 filing deadline

Sen John DeCamp is among those who agree "Terry will only quit politics when he has six feet of ground on top of him and then only reluctantly "

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And speaking of politics

The other night I was watching Police Woman, a TV story about motorcycle officers and law enforcement About the point of hostile action the TV man flips on this brightly colored sign about a special news bulletin

Well, since I had no control over the situation and there wasn't time to get another cuppa coffee or go to the bathroom, I sat there and watched and listened

When the TV announcer came on, he pulled a blooper by announcing that Sen Jackson had won the New Hampshire primary (Guess there would have been time to leave the chair after all)

He corrected himself to "Massachusetts" primary and went on with the blurb

I never did find out what happened in the moments Police Woman was cut off Doesn't really matter anyway it's one of those continued next week dumb dumbs

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Hess Dyas is going to retrace his walk through the First Congressional district in his campaign to win the Democratic nomination for the U.S Senate His opponent is Omaha Mayor Zorinsky

This time Mr Dyas will not do as much walking He will ride from town to town and walk through the communities

We haven't heard anything about Mayor Zorinsky's campaign travels However, judging by the recent news, he's probably going to jeep it

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Keep on scoopin'

Nebraska weather in true form spoiled us for a time with the 60's and that super 70 plus, but the makeup of the March weather has been something else

The oldtimers will probably cut this down but I can't recall thunder, lightning, rain, sleet and snow seemingly all at the same time

Makes no difference That's what happpened the other day and it put the dangest coat of ice on the windows of the car

Ron Clary, our janitor, came down early that morning and scooped the walks of the "ice slush" Charlie Riggs got out his snow scoop tractor at the post office at least twice during the morning trying to keep up

Oh, well there's always Arbor Day coming up

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The candidates for mayor

The other night at the Post No 8 Legion meeting we enjoyed the lunch prepared by Skelly and listened to others talking about the upcoming election

"Who's going to run?" Norbert Lechner asked "Sev Sorensen?"

"Dunno," Ray Madsen said "All he does is smile How about you?"

"Oh no you don t Norbert answered I gotta work on a porch .er build a race car for I-29 er work on a lawn mower "

"Irv?"

"To heck with you," Irvin Berthold said "I'm too busy in that greenhouse .er I gotta go duck hunting "

"Let George do it "

"I'm an old Army infantryman," George Golden, Jr , said "I could never get along on a job like that Besides I'm out of the city limits "

"We'll annex you," I suggested

"Go to blazes maybe Art will do it "

"Don't look at me fellow," Art Sackles said, "I'm busy at the car wash How about Foy?

"Okay I'll do it," Foy Thayer said as he got up to leave

"Where are you going, Foy?" we asked

"Meeting is about to start .gotta present the colors Work on Harold "

"Go fly a kite," Harold Gress said "I'm too busy rebuilding that airplane "

Well Ivan Art said what do you think?

Dunno all I know is what I read in the paper

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Haircuts are $3

"It was just a matter of time," Tom Cullen said the other day as he was doing a trim job

"You mean the $3 haircuts?" I asked

"Yup," he answered "We gotta keep up with things too "

"Yeah, I guess so Our soft water and rag and rug supplier at the paper increased their rates too We pay 10 cents a pound for cotton rags but don't get enough "

"Whatya use them for?"

"Mostly in the pressroom You can t wring out a rag soaked with ink "

"Say, Tom did you check with the JS-WPA on your haircut prices?"

"Huh?"

"The Jack Swalley Wage and Price Administration!"

"So long, Ivan "

"So long, Tom Thanks for the clip "

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The NC Power station

Eby Construction company is making plans for resuming earth moving operations at the NC Power station southeast of Nebraska City

Bob Taylor, OPPD site representative, suggested that motorists using roads in the area use a little caution in driving during the operation

The project is a coal burning power plant The coal will be shipped here from Wyoming Perhaps you've noticed some of the railroad track work being done west of Nebraska City

An expansion at the $288 million power station is in the offing Robert Corn, a member of the board of OPPD said an announcement may be made in late spring or early summer on plans to build a second power plant at the Nebraska City site

The actual project may be some years in planning, but then it doesn't seem that long ago that OPPD bought the first tract of land (eight or 10 years ago) for the present power project

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Frank Batillon of the rescue squad and Mrs John Furlong of the hospital staff will attend a special school beginning Monday at University hospital in Omaha

Classes in Emergency Medical Technician run from 8 a.m to 9 p.m , throughout the week Teachers will include doctors on the hospital staff

They will use their certification to teach other EMT squadsmen in five counties Nebraska City EMT squadsmen took 81 hours of classes including 10 hours in the emergency room at St Joseph's

Nebraska City has 27 squadsmen and 22 have completed the classes and two others are in classes now The new "refresher" course will be for 21 hours

Mrs Furlong is a registered nurse graduating in 1969 from the Mercy School of Nursing at Fort Scott, Kansas She worked with ESU4 and has worked at St Mary's

Among the topics she will cover in the one-two teacher assignment will be emergency childbirth and blood pressure readings

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The Midland View

By M. M. VAN KIRK
Nebraska Farm Bureau

Conservation Individual effort

Good soil and water conservation has been taking a beating in the last three years as the steam and urgency have gone out of the program all the way from the Department of Agriculture down to the individual farmer

The combination of inflation, the cost-price squeeze and short memories have caused many farm and ranch operators to take some chances in their farming practices that they shouldn't have taken The Soil Conservation Service's first report of the 1975-76 wind erosion season showed more than one million acres damaged in the Great Plains compared to only 411,950 acres for the same period a year ago

Going into the critical late winter - early spring traditional wind period, more than 10 million acres of western cropland were listed in critical blowing condition Extreme and prolonged drouth in the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma, Southwestern Kansas and Eastern Colorado has produced erosion conditions reminiscent of the Dust Bowl days of the 1930's

Conditions improve farther north and winter wheat conditions in Southwest and Western Nebraska are described in much more favorable terms so far, but timely spring moisture is a must if the state is to have a near normal wheat harvest A dry fall and skimpy growth of the crop going into the winter got the 1976 crop off to a poor start throughout most of the wheat producing region

Farming techniques which employ strip cropping, stubble mulching, no-till or minimum tillage have done wonders to lessen the ravages of soil erosion But when a Western Kansas wheat farmer comments that he has had some of his cropland in continuous wheat for seven years one knows he is over estimating what modern practices can do

Higher wheat and feed grain prices and the call for all-out production caused many farmers to plow up marginal grassland that should never be under the plow The same thing happened during World War II when vast areas which had bee returned to grass at great expense and energy to halt the Dust owl conditions were again plowed under, and it again took a major conservation effort to put them back into grass

Everybody suffers when a few abandon good conservation practices it's a chain reaction The farmer who lets his topsoil fill the fencelines and roadside ditches is a menace to his neighbors who are following proper farming practices The Dust Bowl conditions of 40 years ago adversely affected weather and crop conditions all across the nation And a poor production year is reflected in reduced national and world food supplies, higher prices for consumers and low farm income

The USDA has projected a $10 8 billion budget for 1976-77 which is $3 4 billion less than the $13 5 billion of the current year More than half goes to domestic food programs The reduced budget for next year proposes a reduction in soil and water conservation program funds The Great Plains Conservation Program which assists farmers in 10 Western States including Nebraska in such vital areas as cropland and rangeland seeding, tree planting terracing, watershed dams and strip cropping has been cut from $20 million to $5 million The department has said that no new Great Plains contracts will be signed next year

At today s costs, even $20 million is a drop in the bucket to the conservation job that needs to be done Now is the time for farmers and ranchers to display the skills and ingenuity which has marked their conservation efforts in the past to hold their soil and water on the land where it will do them the most good Government does have an obligation to assist, but in the end conservation boils down to the individual farmer and rancher and what he does about it

COURTHOUSE NEWS

District court

State vs Gary L Montgomery breaking and entering automobile (two counts) Sentencing continued to March 19

State vs Allen Benson Arrowood, possession of marijuana Sentenced to 12 months probation and fined $500

State vs James Lyman Shields possession of marijuana Sentenced to 12 months probation and fined $500

State vs George Asimakis, Jr , feloniously entering a building Defendant pleaded not guilty Bond continued and matter set for hearing on March 19

State vs Jerry Floyd Williamson feloniously entering a building Defendant pleaded not guilty and matter to be set for trial on the next docket call on March 19

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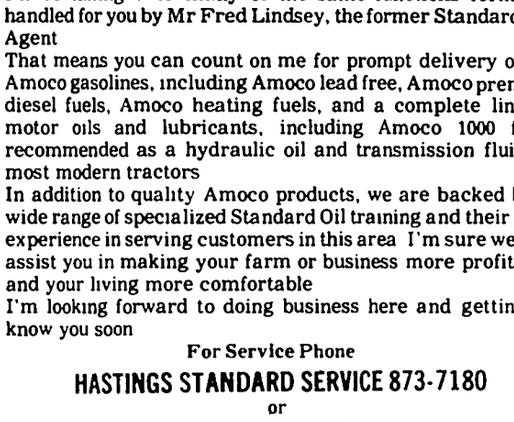
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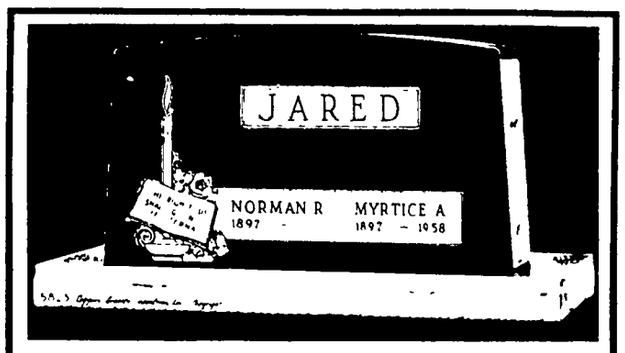
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