

Two Convicted Of Intent to Rob Woman, 77

Two men were convicted yesterday on a charge of assault with intent to rob a 77-year-old FWCA housekeeper last February in Washington's Farragut Park.

The two are Robert L. Catlin, 27, of the 200 block of Eighth street N.E., and Glenn H. Y. Wisecarver, 33, of the 800 block of C street N.E.

The victim, Mrs. Annie R. Potbury, was shoved or knocked to the ground during the purse-snatching and suffered fracture of the pelvis and elbows.

Jury Out an Hour

The District Court jury deliberated for an hour in reaching its verdict.

Judge Matthew F. McGuire did not set a date for sentencing. The maximum sentence for assault with intent to rob is five to 15 years. The two men were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Arthur J. McLaughlin.

Catlin did not take the stand to testify. Wisecarver testified he and Catlin had left in an automobile, occupied by two others, to get some cigarettes. He said Catlin had left him and gone into the park. When he returned, he testified, he saw Catlin and Mrs. Potbury and saw her on the ground. He said he did not know whether Catlin had shoved her.

Earlier in the trial, Mrs. Potbury said she had been attacked by two men who were behind her, one of whom struck her in the back. She testified she did not see them.

Automobile Traced

The automobile occupied by the two defendants and two other men was traced through its license number which was given to police by an attorney who passed the scene. All four men were arrested at Wisecarver's house late on the night of the attack.

The other two occupants of the automobile were exonerated when a grand jury ignored a charge against them. They are Leonard L. Layman, 36, of the 800 block of C street N.E., and Huston H. Tickle, 32, of the 200 block of A street S.E., who was the driver of the automobile. Both testified as Government witnesses.

Mr. Layman testified he heard Catlin say to Wisecarver as the two defendants got into the car: "... I missed it."

The prosecution contended the defendant was referring to Mrs. Potbury's handbag.

Mrs. Hunter Cited for Work In Recreation

Washington citizens paid tribute last night to Mrs. Alice Hunter for her "faithful and productive work in the field of human relations on the Board of Recreation since 1942."

Mrs. Hunter, the board's secretary, is leaving Washington to join her husband, Jehu Hunter, a District school teacher on leave to work with the Foreign Operations Administration in Indonesia.

About 500 persons attended a testimonial dinner for Mrs. Hunter, including District officials, co-workers and diplomatic representatives of Indonesia.

Commissioner Robert E. McLaughlin presented her a certificate of meritorious service for her work on the board.

Speakers included Henry Gichner, chairman of the Recreation Board; Milo F. Christiansen, Recreation Department superintendent; George O. Butler, president of the Federation of Civic Associations; Dr. Leonard P. Aries, executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and William E. Leahy, president of the Citizens Advisory Council.

The dinner was held in the Willard Hotel.

Crippled Plane Lands 13 Safely

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 14 (AP).—Gov. Raymond Gary and a delegation of State officials arrived in Oklahoma City yesterday in a crippled airplane after one engine burst into flames about 25 miles south of here.

The Governor's party was returning from the world premiere of the film "Oklahoma!" in New York.

Their twin-engine C-47 craft came in on an engine that had coughed and sputtered less than an hour before when the group stopped at Durant, in Southern Oklahoma, where the Governor's brother, Joe Gary, alighted.

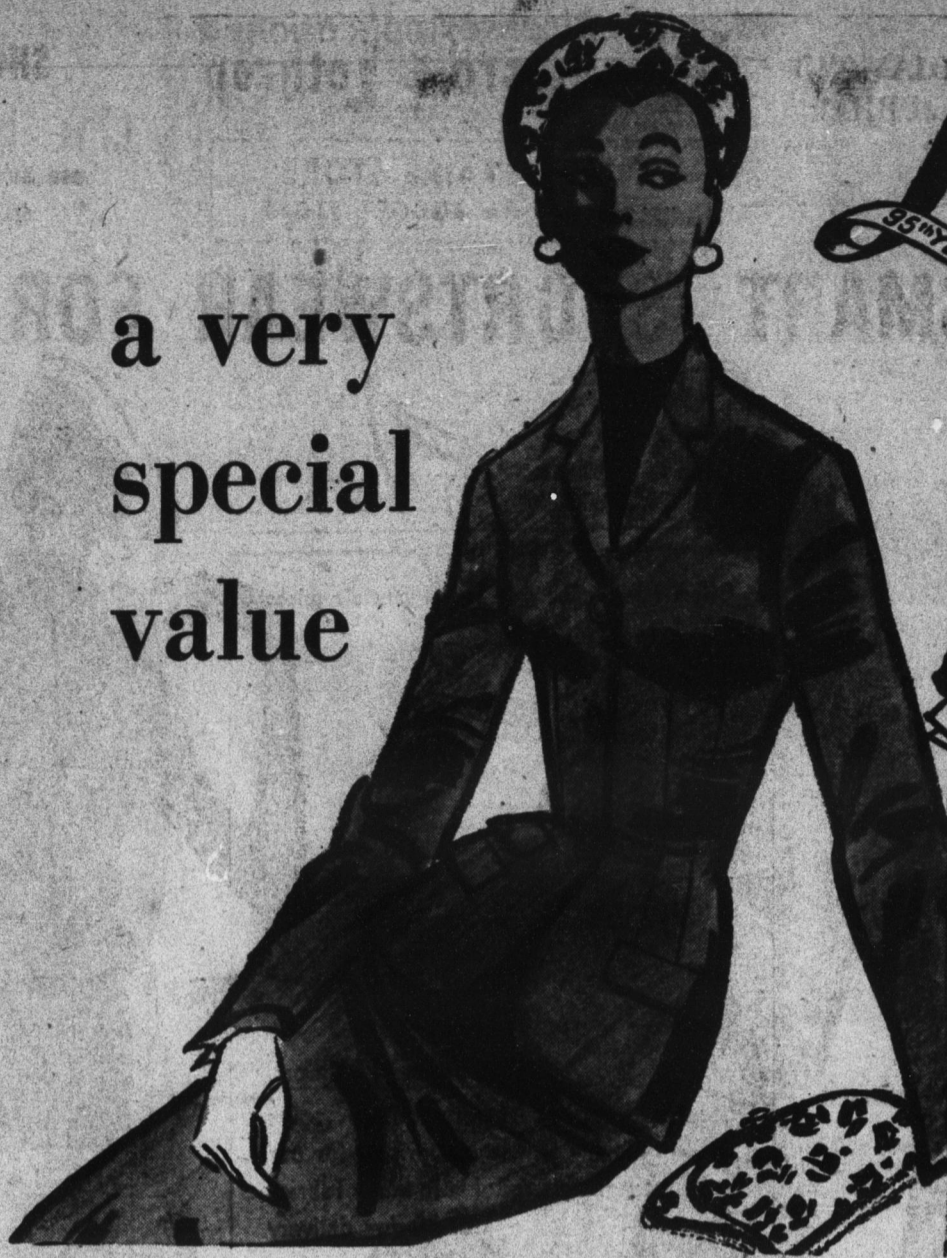
The Governor paced the plane nervously when the right engine went out. He glanced repeatedly at the other "temperamental" motor.

"If this one starts missing, I'm going to start shaking hands," he told the 12 members of his party.

The plane was piloted by Brig. Gen. Maurice Marrs, commander of the Oklahoma Air National Guard. However, Maj. George Tolbert, co-pilot, was at the controls when the engine went out.

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