

## HANGING JURY SOUGHT TO TRY 'PERFECT MATE'

Death Penalty to Be Asked  
in Bathtub Slaying at  
Stanford U.

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SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 23.—Prosecutors of David Lamson, 31-year-old sales manager of the Stanford University Press, accused of first-degree murder in the "bathtub slaying" of his wife Allen, sought a "hanging jury" as they questioned prospective veniremen today.

A majority of talesmen who declared they opposed the death penalty were men. Women prospects more often than not smilingly announced they would vote to hang a man on circumstantial evidence if strong enough.

Defense Attorney Edwin Rea concentrated on removing women from the jury box. A majority of those removed on state challenges were men.

### Defendant Is Glim

When the second day of the trial ended, the prosecution had used seven of its twenty challenges. The defense also had used seven. The tentative jury lineup, still subject to many removals, was six women and six men.

Lamson, the young playwright, poet and amateur actor who had been known to neighbors as the "perfect husband," and who is accused of bludgeoning his 28-year-old wife to death as she stood nude in her bathroom, was glum when veniremen declared they would not hesitate to hang him on strong evidence. Surprisingly cheerful Tuesday, he sat silent for the most part today, tensely following the verbal duel of attorneys.

### Motive Theories Changed

Pre-trial activities of Sheriff William Emig had indicated that Prosecutor Allan Lindsay will attempt to portray Lamson as a man given to violent tempers, and as one whose advances to his wife were repulsed through a subterfuge on the part of Mrs. Lamson the night before she was found dead in her bathtub, her head crushed by four blows. Lindsay's failure to question jurors along that line indicated a possible change in prosecution theories regarding a motive.

The state was expected to call Clara Malvitz, former maid in the Lamson home, to testify she left the position in fear because of Lamson's alleged storms of temper.

An iron pipe, found in a bonfire in the Lamson's back yard, will be one of the principal pieces of evidence to be introduced by the state. The prosecutor has indicated, however, that he hopes to prove Lamson's guilt through the building up of theories concerning the domestic life of the couple.

The state contends that Lamson was a victim of jealousy, and that Mrs. Lamson's efforts to avoid him led to little deceptions, who so enraged him that he killed her.

### PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR NRA BROADCAST

Junior Chamber of Commerce Series  
Ends Saturday Night.

Program for the remainder of the twice daily broadcasts sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in support of NRA activities was announced today.

The series will end Saturday night, with Louis J. Borinstein, president of the Chamber of Commerce, speaking at 7:15 over WFBM. Other daily programs during the week over WFBM are:

Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan at 6 Thursday night; Francis Wells, NRA director, at 7:45 Friday.

The morning schedule over WKBF at 9:10 daily is:

A playlet directed by Kenneth Ellington, Thursday; an address by Elmer Williams, junior chamber president, Friday, and Postmaster Leslie D. Clancy, Saturday.

### Fire Damage Is \$300

Flames of Undetermined Origin  
Baffling as to Cause.

Fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at \$300 to a one-story frame building at 634 Roena street today. Neither firemen nor the owner, Dan Sammako, were able to determine cause of the blaze.

## FIREBUG DIES WITH LIE ON LIPS

Strange Pact of Three Friends Bared by Arson Blaze



Lighting a match, he had exploded the jar of gasoline accidentally."

to find the bookkeeper and bring him to the factory.

He lived in New York City, at a midtown hotel, his employer said.

He had been a trusted employee for eleven years, and always was the first at work in the morning, opening the plant for the other employees.

He was in his room when detectives arrived. They refused to explain why they wanted him, but he accompanied them readily.

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