

Lucas confession tape played

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SAN ANGELO—Henry Lee was told a sheriff he had committed 360 murders, including "killed" like fish, a taped confession played Tuesday at the confessed mass killer's capital murder trial revealed.

On a portion of the tape, which will not be played for the jury, Lucas told Williamson County Sheriff Jim Boutwell, "I killed them every way I can except one. We haven't named any that I know of," Lucas said, adding he and traveling companion Otis Toole had shot and strangled victims "filleted them like a fish," Lucas said. He also stated that another victim died on a crucifix.

Lucas is on trial for the slaying of a hitchhiker, whose body was found along Interstate 35 near Georgetown in central Texas Oct. 31, 1979.

The jury was to be given its instructions Wednesday afternoon. A guilty verdict would mean that Lucas would be sentenced to life in

prison or given the death penalty.

The uncensored tape was played because attorneys disagreed about wording on an edited version. On it Lucas said he and Toole killed more than 60 people in Texas.

"Some were Ottis, some were mine," Lucas said. "I've been trying now since way back in the 70s to stop doing them... There's no way I can stop doing them," Lucas said of the slayings.

Asked why he decided to confess to the killings, Lucas said, "It's what I promised God I was going to do."

Part of the tape that the jury will be permitted to hear includes Lucas saying how he and Toole paid off supervisors of a Jacksonville, Fla., construction company to list them on time sheets when the two men were not working.

Judge John Carter also allowed jurors to hear former roofing supervisor Mack Caulder testify he was convicted in Alabama for forgery in 1969 and convicted and sentenced to federal prison for forgery in 1970.

On the stand, Caulder reaffirmed earlier testimony he had never been offered money from Lucas to falsify pay records.

Prosecutors also called Kenneth Emery of Jacksonville, Fla., who said Lucas was absent for up to three days at a time during the roofing job. Emery was a co-worker of Lucas.

Earlier Tuesday, two psychiatrists disputed testimony that Lucas was schizophrenic, adding they believed the confessed mass killer legally sane.

"It is my opinion that he was sane at the time of the offense," Dr. Richard Coons of Austin said. Both he and Dr. Clay Griffith of Dallas said Lucas has personality disorders, including desires to have sex with corpses and animals.

Expert witnesses for the defense Monday said Lucas is a schizophrenic acting out his impulses.

"He might hear a voice from time to time, but if he steals cars, that's a legal problem — not a medical problem," Coons said of Lucas.

The 47-year-old drifter's attorneys argue that confessions about the Georgetown slaying were false.

"There is certainly a startling

lack of psychosis in these confessions," Coons said. Griffith agreed with Coons.

Defense attorney Don Higginbotham contended that Lucas confessed while under the influence of Thorazine, which he called an "anti-psychotic" drug.

Griffith said Thorazine was used for various problems and given to Texas prison inmates to control behavior problems.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, Lucas would be above the top, above 10, in terms of dangerousness," Griffith said. Griffith said he specializes in criminals.

Prosecutor Ed Walsh was expected to call other rebuttal witnesses.

The defense rested its case Monday without calling Lucas to the stand.

Higginbotham said Lucas falsely confessed to the Georgetown slaying as "legal suicide" because he was so remorseful for having killed his 15-year-old common-law wife.

Lucas was sentenced to life in prison for murdering Frieda "Becky" Powell of Jacksonville, Fla. He also received a 75-year sentence for killing an elderly Ringgold woman.

Money to be raised for local Red Cross

By SUZY FISK
Reporter

A Swim-A-Cross will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Downs Natatorium to raise money for the Brazos County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Anyone can swim in the event, but the target groups are beginners, intermediates, advanced swimmers, lifesaving students, condition swimmers, and water safety instructor candidates. These groups are made up of students enrolled in the aquatic classes here. Outside swimmers will be placed in their own group.

Each swimmer will be given 30 minutes to swim as

many laps as he can. The number of laps will be multiplied by the amount of money sponsored. This money will be donated to the Red Cross fund. The Red Cross has been involved with water safety for many years.

The money raised and donated is given to the Red Cross in appreciation for the help it has given to the certification classes of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and water safety instruction. There is no registration fee. Generally a fee is collected to obtain the certificate, but Red Cross does not charge for the CPR and water safety instruction classes, Aquatics Director Martha Nix says.

This semester the money raised during the Swim-A-Thon will buy two CPR mannequins. The cost for both of them will be \$1,500. There are a limited number of mannequins in the CPR classes and the additional two will help open up more classes. Money left over from that purchase will be donated to the Disaster Relief Program. The program aids the community and single family disasters.

Sponsor sheets for the Swim-A-Cross can be picked up through today in the Memorial Student Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and at the Commons between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Library awards Kent Caperton

By THERESA CORNELL
Reporter

State senator Kent Caperton recognized Tuesday night Friends of the Bryan Library for their help in the revision of the Library Systems Act.

City librarian Clara Mounce said the Library Systems Act will group the ten systems in Texas under which public libraries operate. She says the Bryan library is one of the best in the state.

They (Austin libraries) divide the funds to us," Mounce said. "They also approve of our range plans. We are part of the 31 county system."

Caperton, author of the revision of the Library Systems Act, was awarded with a plaque at the annual meeting of the group during National Library Week (April 8-14). Caperton accepted his award by saying that his contribution to the library was a repayment of a debt and an investment for the future.

cause, as the father of a 20-month-old little girl, I hope she will jump at the opportunity to spend many hours here at the library."

Caperton's contribution to the revision of the Library Systems Act improved library procedures, Mounce said.

"The Library Systems Act basically spells out what we have to do to keep our membership up to date," Mounce said. "We also have to meet certain standards and they spell out the standards."

Friends of the Bryan Library also received a check from the Chamber of Commerce during the meeting for \$800 to use for the business reference section of the library.

In other business, the group announced the continuation of their used book drive for the library book sale October 11-13. Last year, the sale brought in \$4,600 at 25 cents and 50 cents a book. The profits were used to buy a \$6,000 Minolta copier for the library. Mounce says the copier has already made a profit of \$290. Money from the copier has been used to buy book stands, plaques and wheeled carts.

I remember with great fondness the wonderful summer afternoons I spent at the library as a child," Caperton said. "So I consider it in one way a repayment of a debt. It is also an investment be-

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