

Friday, 14 August 1959

Yesterday - the two psychiatrists did take Mardie Linehan up to St. Mary's Hospital. They told her there had been filed a petition to have her declared insane, but Judge Georgetta had refused to commit her. They called Dr. Brown, a private psychiatrist. He examined her and then called my sect. Brown says he told Mrs. Linehan to remain there quietly for 2 or 3 days until her face gets well - and her nerves settle down a bit. All would be well. She refused to stay. As soon as she knew she was there under observation, she walked out in a huff.

This was another very busy day for the one Judge in Washoe County. This forenoon I had 21 cases to set on my own calendar alone - followed by 5 criminal arraignments.

This afternoon we had 3 more insanity hearings at the close of which I notified the doctors and the Dist. Atty. that hereafter I will sign no commitment order, unless the patient is brought personally before the Court, or a relative is present, or I will go see the patient wherever he, or she, might be. So far I have followed the custom of the other Judges in committing so-called insane persons, on the say so of these two \$15.00 a case "head shrinkers." In many cases, the patient is never told what is going on. Then suddenly a big husky Deputy Sheriff picks the person up - and off to the Mental Hospital. If the patient objects and struggles - no deal - he is insane - the Judge so decided. There will be no more of this in Dept. 3.

This afternoon we had 24 divorce cases - so all in all - this week I heard and disposed of 149 divorce cases.

At 4:00 this afternoon came a pre-trial in an accident case, Hough v Lee; Howard McKessick vs Ex-Judge Harold Taber.

By 5:30 - I was actually limp - so home I came.