

WIFE BE GONE LONG

Wife Says Mate To Be Good Juror

By HUGH AYNESWORTH

The wife of the first juror picked for the Jack Ruby murder case said Thursday she didn't want him to serve on the jury but felt he would be "a fair, good juror."

Mrs. Rosemary Causey, 37, was watching television with a long-time friend, Mrs. Frances Locklear, when the news flashed over the wire that her husband, Max, an engineering planning specialist with Ling-Temco-Vought, had been chosen.

"I just know he'll be gone a long time," she said as reporters and well-wishers began to telephone her. "I don't want him to be gone, but we realize it's his duty to serve."

On second thought, the petite one-time physical education teacher, added: "I think I'll send Mr. Belli (defense attorney Melvin Belli) a note telling him to send Max home . . . because I need him."

Both the Causeys have masters degrees, he in education and she in physical education. They both went to East Texas State College at Commerce.

Causey, 35, grew up at Caddo Mills and attended high school at Josephine. Rosemary went to Commerce High and later taught at Greenville High, where she was employed when they were wed in June, 1953.

Rosemary was thrilled to learn that she could exchange notes with Max. She was told, also, that these notes would be read by a bailiff before they were delivered—both ways.

"Oh well," she smiled with a twinkle in her eye, "I'm sure that ~~Max~~ has been in love."

The Causeys have two sons, Keith, 8, and Kevin, 5.

Keith, missing a couple of front teeth, explained that he loved football and that he didn't particularly like his daddy being gone for what is expected to be a lengthy period.

He said he guessed his school-mates would want to talk with him about his father's role, but added, "I don't care about that . . . I just don't want him gone very long."

Causey, who studiously answered many pointed questions to pass the rigid test of an "impartial and fair" juror, didn't want to be away from home much, either.

"I am not interested in serving on this jury," he told defense attorneys.

He sat solidly in the witness chair throughout the gruelling questioning.

He wore a black suit, a red tie and had a neat white handkerchief with his initials on it showing slightly from his left suit pocket. He appeared unmoved by all the bickering between state and prosecution attorneys, which took about a third of the time he was on the stand.

Only near the end—as defense attorneys gathered in a tightly knit conference in front of Ruby—did he seem to be nervous. He began to adjust and finger his tie.

His wife said they had discussed his being called for jury duty. She said he told her, "I'll bet it's for this Ruby thing."

"We discussed it a good bit," said Mrs. Causey, "and he said he thought he could be a good juror, if chosen."

And, apparently, the defense attorneys thought so, too. Belli, chief defense lawyer, said, "He's

the kind we're looking for . . . intelligent, unemotional."

Belli's aide, Joe Tonahill, offered to let Causey go home for the night, but Judge Joe B. Brown cut that short with the demand that the juror be sent to the dormitory upstairs from the courtroom—where he will remain.

Mrs. Causey said Max's parents, Corvie and Fannie Causey of Caddo Mills, "are sure going to be surprised. They don't have a television set. I'll bet they get one now."

He has a sister, too, Mrs. Jo Heath of Dallas.

The Causeys live at 710 Peach-



Max E. Causey . . . first Ruby trial juror.

tree Lane in Garland, close to the Garland LTV plant where Max has worked for eight years.

"We're usually homebods," said Mrs. Causey. "I guess we'll really be now."



—Dallas News Staff Photo by John Flynn.

Mrs. Max Causey, her son Keith Causey, 8, and another son, Kevin, 5 (not shown), are going to be without "Daddy" for a while. Mr. Causey was chosen Thursday as the first juror in the Jack Ruby murder trial.