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72 Start Seen for Capp Trial

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP)—Al Capp, the cartoonist, is expected to stand trial on morals charges in January or February.

Judge Thomas Barland of the Eau County Court spoke of the probable time after turning over jurisdiction of the case to Circuit Court Judge Merrill Farr.

Capp's lawyers had requested the switch to circuit court and Barland said the move would allow a quicker arraignment.

On Monday, Capp waived a preliminary hearing on charges of sodomy, attempted adultery and indecent exposure.

The charges stem from a complaint filed by a 21-year-old married coed at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The offenses are alleged to have occurred April 1 in a motel suite while Capp was in Eau Claire for a lecture.

Capp, creator of Li'l Abner, has denied the charges.