

Johnson Guilty Jurors Declare After Long Debate

Auburn Youth Convicted in Harmon Hold-up Case, Will Be Sentenced Thursday — Vrooman Freed For His Tips To Officials on Recent Jail Break

After deliberating for about 12 hours, the jury which listened to evidence at the trial of Carroll Johnson, Auburn Negro youth charged with robbery in the first degree, the hold-up at the Harmon grocery store in Osborne Street last December, brought in a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment. The jurors received the case from Judge Kennard Underwood shortly after 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and returned in the verdict at 1:38 o'clock this morning. A fair sized crowd of spectators was on hand during the night hours and up to the time that the verdict was announced. There was no demonstration of any kind.

Eldrich J. Willis, defendant's attorney, asked for a poll of the jurors and reserved his right to make any motions in connection with the verdict by Thursday morning.

County Judge Underwood deferred the passing of sentence until 10 o'clock Thursday morning. March 2, and Johnson was escorted back to the County Jail.

This morning, Richard Vrooman, of Auburn, indicted by the January Grand Jury, was arraigned on an indictment found by the January Grand Jury charging him with endangering the morals of a child.

District Attorney Theodore M. Coburn withdrew the indictment found by the Grand Jury charging Vrooman with seduction, claiming that some newly discovered facts since the Grand Jury sitting warranted such action.

Vrooman pleaded guilty to the bill charging him with endangering the morals of a child. He gave his age as 21 and said he is a radio repair man by occupation. As to his ability to repair the radio, Vrooman pointed out that he got the old set in the County Jail going in one shape.

District Attorney Coburn urged the imposition of a suspended sentence for Vrooman, without any probation proviso. The prosecutor explained that while in jail Vrooman explained a recent getaway on the part of a young prisoner, told just where the escapee planned to go on the outside. The escapee was quickly caught.

As a result of information given by Vrooman the youth was nabbed riding blind baggage on a New York Central train in the Auburn yards. For this service to the officials, Mr. Coburn contended, there should be some consideration shown Vrooman and he recommended a suspended sentence.

Judge Underwood suspended sentence with an admonition that if Vrooman gets into trouble again he will be brought in and given a stiff sentence.

Disposition of the Vrooman case brought the February term of County Court to an end.

AUBURN PASTORS ATTEND RITES IN SYRACUSE

About 60 ministers from Syracuse, Elmira, Geneva, Auburn and other communities attended the funeral of Rev. Dr. George E. Haigh of 265 Dale Street, Syracuse, retired official of the Central New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Monday afternoon at the rooms of Fairchild & Meach in Syracuse.

Rev. George Y. Benton, one of the ministers who officiated, said of Dr. Haigh: "Unhesitatingly and deliberately, I acclaim him one of the greatest leaders the conference has produced in the last quarter of a century."

Mr. Benton, pastor of Erwin Church in Syracuse, cited Dr. Haigh's achievements as a man, as a minister, as a conference leader, and as president of the conference board of trustees. He termed him "a distinct personality—strong, forceful, aggressive, with the cause of Christ strong in his heart."

The Scripture was read by Rev. Dr. Corbin E. Torrance of Syracuse. After remarks by Rev. Roy L. Taylor of the Liverpool Church, representing the Syracuse Ministerial Association, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Howard I. Andrews of Newark.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Joseph Bradburn of Woodlawn Church.

Ministers attending the rites then circled the casket and sang the hymn, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," directed by Rev. Walter Tilson. Committal services were read by Mr. Benton before the body was taken to Rochester for cremation.

MRS. FRANK H. GRISWOLD DIES IN TRUMANSBURG

Mrs. Frank H. Griswold died Sunday morning in Trumansburg. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home, with interment in Grove Cemetery. The Rev. Frank Reed, formerly of Auburn, was in charge of the services.

Mrs. Griswold was the last surviving child of Herman Camp, first president of the Tompkins County National Bank. She attended Walla Walla and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Eastern Star and the Presbyterian Church.

On marrying Frank H. Griswold, Auburn clothing merchant, Mrs. Griswold moved to Auburn in 1870, returning to Trumansburg when he died in 1911.

Her father went to Trumansburg in 1893, served as an early official in the county government represented the district in the Assembly and became first sheriff of the county.

As a little girl during the Civil War, Mrs. Griswold made a practice of running up the American flag on the Trumansburg Camp home on the occasion of every Yankee victory.

She was active in Red Cross work during the World War.

Rebekahs Invite Odd Fellows

The Aid Society of Anchor Rebekah Lodge of Moravia will serve supper Wednesday evening in the dining room at Odd Fellows' Temple. Members have been asked to bring a dish of food, sandwiches and table service. Members of Moravia Lodge, I. O. O. F., have been invited. Later in the evening there will be a regular meeting of the lodge. The aid will have a business meeting and social period.

Sermon Fellows Supper

A family covered dish supper will be served Thursday evening in the Moravia Methodist Episcopal Church. A Lenten talk by Rev. Ruwet Bell, pastor, will follow. His topic will be "What We Believe About God."

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Auburnian Had Wandered Away from Willard State Hospital — Funeral Services At Home in This City

The funeral of Frederick J. Parker, 61, of 4 Mann Street, whose body was found in Seneca Lake near the shore at Seneca Lake near Willard State Hospital, Monday afternoon, will be held Thursday morning with services at 8:30 at the family home and at 9 o'clock at Holy Family Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mr. Parker who had been a patient in Willard State Hospital had been reported missing from that institution since Saturday, according to information given state troopers at Waterloo. A news item from Willard stated that a certificate of suicide which had been issued by Coroner J. G. Gordon of Ovid.

Mr. Parker was born in this city and resided here during most of his life. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Lynch Parker; one son, J. F. Parker of this city; three daughters, Mrs. Joseph E. Thomas of St. Albans, L. I.; Mrs. E. F. Conway of Conestock, N. Y.; and Mrs. A. M. Warren of Seneca Falls; one sister, Mrs. Lena Burns of this city; several grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

MAJOR WARNER WILL PLAY WELL LIKED CONCERTO

Will Rehearse With Orchestral Society Thursday Night, Be Heard in Concert Friday Night

A special rehearsal of the Auburn Orchestral Society has been called for Thursday evening at Emerson Auditorium by Conductor Harold M. Henderson. Final preparations will be made for the concert to be held on Friday evening at 8:15.

Mr. John A. Warner, guest soloist, will be present at the rehearsal. Mr. Warner will play the first movement of the Schumann Concerto in A Minor, one of the most outstanding of all piano concertos. It was written in 1841 and consisted at that time of the first movement only and was called the "Phantasie in A Minor." In 1845 Schumann added two more movements and Clara Schumann played the complete work from manuscript at a concert in Dresden the same year.

At this performance the critics pronounced it ultra-modern and were not very kind to it. It was called "laborious and utterly extravagant." The critics patronized the "praiseworthy efforts of Madame Schumann to make her husband's curious rhapsody basis for music." It is now one of the most beloved of all piano concertos.

Orchestral numbers will consist of a melodious overture by Schubert, a selection by Victor Herbert, ballet music and a second movement of a Tchaikowsky symphony. The second movement of the Tchaikowsky symphony uses the oboe as the solo instrument and its plaintive tones carry the melody all through the movement. Russell Roney of this city is oblat with the orchestra.

Of special interest is the ballet music from "Faust," Gounod, who wrote the opera, usually receives credit for having written the ballet music. It was written in 1858 by Delibes and put into the opera when Gounod made over "Faust" into grand opera.

The orchestra, made up of Auburn musicians, has been rehearsing diligently for weeks and a finished performance is expected Friday night. Music lovers still remember the excellent program played by the orchestra a few months ago, when it presented its first program of the season.

Many season tickets have been sold for the course of three concerts, but tickets for the concert Friday night will be available at the door for a small price.

A substitute had to be found for Mayor Charles D. Osborne in the cello section, and while the concert is going on Osborne, an enthusiastic member of the orchestra, fell ill and was taken to City Hospital as a result of a broken hip suffered in a fall a few weeks ago.

SOLDIER HONORS PAID SIDNEY J. WESTFALL

Many Attend Rites for Widely Known Civil War Veteran—Infantrymen Fire Salts At Grave

Funeral rites for Sidney J. Westfall, former Cayuga County clerk and Civil War veteran, who died Saturday, February 25, were held at 2:30 this afternoon at the family home, 99 Franklin Street, with a large number of present and past public officials attending the services.

Rev. Dr. Henry H. Bamford of Union Springs, former pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church in this city, and Rev. George E. Davies, the present pastor, officiated.

Burial was in Fort Hill Cemetery, where military honors were accorded the veteran who was one of the few remaining soldiers of the American Civil War. The firing squad from the local companies of the 108th Infantry, in charge of Corporal E. Bowen, consisted of Privates Riley, Wagon, O'Hara, Kaczmarek, Glowacki, Marshalski, and Sarnicola, Corporal L. Derby, bugler, sounded "Taps."

Bearers were Stanley H. Guppy, Frederick M. Hooper, Percival E. Williams, William Bryson, Philo J. Ramsey and Albert A. Austin.

Mr. Westfall had taken a prominent part in public affairs hereabouts until he retired a few years ago. He was a regular attendant at Civil War reunions and an active figure in business circles. Until within the past year or two, he never failed to attend Memorial Day rituals and other events in honor of the "Boys in Blue."

Now only two Civil War veterans remain in Cayuga County.

Former Auburnian Dies

Word has been received in Auburn of the death of Mrs. Katherine McMullen, formerly of this city, at the family home, 74 Elm-croft Road, Rochester, last Wednesday. Burial was in Cape Vincent, Saturday, Mrs. McMullen was formerly Katherine Keadley. She is survived by her husband, Fred McMullen; one son, Earl McMullen; and four grandchildren, all of Rochester.

A 123-year-old highway marker still stands on a road near Salisbury, N. C., to show the fact that Danville, Va., is 81 miles northward.

FORMER CATCHER NOW CATCHING ON IN CONGRESS

By EDDY GILMORE
Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Rookie Representative Phil L. Schwert (D.-N.Y.) admitted today he is catching on to the ways of Congress. He should, for he used to catch for the New York Yankees.

"The coaching," he observed, "is better in Congress, and furthermore, they're nicer to those who are just breaking in."

Schwert went to the Yankees from the University of Pennsylvania campus in 1914. He was third-string catcher that season and "I was in spring training 1916 when Colonel Knickerbocker bought the club," he explained, "that I made a decision which took me to Congress."

Young Schwert realized one balmy morning that baseball is a young man's game and that he was getting too young.

Frank Tinney was managing the Yankees, and Ed Sweeney and Leslie Nunamaker were doing the catching. Schwert asked to be traded where he could play regularly before retiring.

At Newark he did plenty of playing. The team was crippled the whole season, and Schwert performed at every position except pitching.

The next year he bought a general store in upstate New York and played baseball on the side. He thinks that year was the toughest of his life.

Came the World War, and Schwert enlisted in the navy. His service was uneventful. In 1914, when he thought he'd given up professional baseball forever, Buffalo's three catchers were injured and he was asked to play. Next season Buffalo persuaded him to play in their home games.

"Then," he said, "I really gave up baseball for good, except—"

Except what, Mr. Congressman?

"Well," he said, "I've been looking things over here in Washington, and I think we've got the makings of a grand team to boom this year. Walk and get at 'em, boys!"

Social Notes & Personals

The Professional Women's Club will meet Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Woman's Union. After supper a musical program, which has been arranged by Miss Gwendoline L. Reid, will be given. A social hour will follow.

Helene Paviyak of 31 Frazee Street, received the certificate in nursing at the 29th Annual University Day Convocation and Mid Year Commencement Exercises of the University of Buffalo which were held last Wednesday. She completed her training in the Nurses Training School of the Edward J. Meyer Memorial Hospital, with which the university is affiliated.

The Past Matrons Guild of Auburn Chapter, 169, O. E. S., will be entertained Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Allen, 4 Morris Street. Miss Lela Harnden will be assistant hostess.

The Past Matrons of Salem Town Chapter, 58, O. E. S., will be entertained Thursday evening by Mrs. Minnie Hodder, 5 Bristol Avenue. The assisting hostess will be Mrs. Grace Wilson.

Mrs. Frederick Yorke of Newton, Mass., is the guest of her brother, William F. Dewey, of 107 South Herman Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Sargent of 278 North Street announced today the engagement of their daughter, Philomena, to Robert W. Ferris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Ferris of Fayetteville. The wedding will take place in April.

Members of Thelma Rebekah Lodge will attend a come and get acquainted party to be held on Thursday evening in the Rebekah parlors in the I.O.O.F. Temple in State Street. There will be a program of games after which refreshments will be served by a committee composed of Mrs. Edna Churchill, Miss Elsie Clark and Miss Rita Millen.

The Girls Friendly Society held a surprise party for their leaders, Miss Lillian Russell and Mrs. John Taber, in St. Peter's Parish House last Friday. Fifteen members were present. After the regular business meeting, the party consisted of refreshments were made by the chairman, Miss Ann Skinner, and her associates, Miss Jane Phillips and Miss Irene Wilkins.

Stirling-Payne

Robert Leonard Stirling of 794 Oswego Street and Grace Payne of 41 Grover Street, were united in marriage at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, February 23, in the parsonage of First Methodist Church with Rev. Harold G. Stearns, pastor, officiating. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Rooker of 41 Seymour Street and Miss Payne, sister of the bride.

Townsend No. 1 to Meet

Townsend Club No. 1 will have a program in connection with its meeting Wednesday evening in its new meeting rooms in the Medical Building, Councilman James D. Quill will be the speaker. The Wiggins family will entertain with bag pipes and dancing, Miss Mildred Butler and Harold Demnick will play accordion numbers. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

Die in Lansing, Mich.

Word was received here today of the death of Mrs. Leah Harndenbrook Geddie, this morning at her home in Lansing, Mich. Mrs. Geddie is survived by her husband; three sisters, Mrs. Edna Berry and Mrs. Stella Leane of Auburn and Mrs. Lucie Donahue of Rochester, and by one brother, Richard Harndenbrook of Rochester. The funeral will be held Friday.

Assembly Passes Relief Bill

The Assembly Monday night passed the bill of Assemblyman Denton D. Lake of Gouvernville, providing relief for persons eligible for home relief, or projects recommended by special committees appointed by chairmen of boards of supervisors or mayors. The wages, according to the measure, are to be the same as the rate prevailing in the community, and the state shall reimburse the city or county for 40 per cent of the wages paid.

Credit Group Meets

The regular weekly meeting of the Central Credit Merchants Association was held at 10 o'clock this morning at the Chamber of Commerce with 17 firms represented. Miss Marion Murphy of the Dowd-Lee Company, delegate from the local organization at the conference of District 5, held February 20-21 at Hotel Samson in Rochester, read a report on credits and business outlook.

Drill Team to Rehearse

A supper at 6:30 and a rehearsal for the drill team will precede the meeting of Central Rebekah Lodge, Wednesday evening, in Odd Fellows Temple. Mrs. Margaret Flammarick, Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges, and Mrs. Ethel Hoyt will be in charge of entertainment.

To Preach at Seminary

The guest speaker this week at Auburn Theological Seminary will be Rev. Herbert S. Melrose, who is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady. The service will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30 in Willard Memorial Chapel. Dr. Galus Glenn Atkins will conduct the morning periods of devotion during the

Many Have Roles in Narrative Drama at Second Presbyterian

The front of the church auditorium is being transformed on three different levels to be used for the presentation of the elaborate Narrative Drama "At the Well of Bethlehem" at the Second Presbyterian Church next Sunday, March 5, at a service which will begin at 7:30.

The drama opens with a narrative by three women with their water pots who relate events leading to the familiar Bible story of Ruth and Naomi. Then there follows the scene in which Ruth is represented as insisting upon returning with her mother-in-law to her own country. The story of the romance of Ruth and Boaz is then told. The next scene narrated by the women at the well is that of David, the shepherd and Samuel the prophet who has been sent to anoint the new King of Israel. One by one, Jesse's sons are brought to Samuel but it is not until the youngest, David, appears that Samuel knows that he has found the new king. Several striking scenes follow.

A large number of people are taking part in this narrative drama under the direction of Mrs. Donald H. MacKenzie. Prof. Walter K. Long of the Museum is assisting in directing the staging effects and costumes.

Auburnian Gets World's Fair Call to Bench

County Judge Kennard Underwood of this city has accepted an invitation from Judge Colden of New York to preside at a term of court in Queen's County, Greater New York, for two weeks, beginning March 20.

Heavy trial calendars in the New York courts have resulted in a plan whereby sessions will be held throughout the summer, with upstate jurists presiding. The Cayuga County Judge and the Queen's County jurist are personal friends.

Former Doctor to Preach

Rev. Condit N. Eddy, rector of St. Paul's Church, Watertown, will be the visiting preacher at the Lenten services at 7:30 Friday evening in St. John's Episcopal Church. Father Eddy was formerly rector of St. John's Church in this city. He is secretary of the Standing Committee of the diocese of Central New York and a frequent visitor to preparatory schools and colleges for preaching engagements and personal conferences with students.

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