

COUNTY'S FIRST WOMAN JUROR HEARS PAY SUIT

Mrs. Orah Privett Picked for Duty in Circuit Court Here.

Marion county's first woman juror entered the jury box in Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox's court this morning for her second day in court.

Mrs. Orah Privett, 2037 North Alabama street, first of her sex to serve in a civil trial, apparently was enjoying the experience following her selection yesterday. She is hearing evidence in an action brought by Hugh Younge against the Holcomb & Hoe Manufacturing Company for \$1,500 alleged back wages.

"I didn't care to let the women down," said Mrs. Privett explaining why she did not seek to be excused.

Mrs. Privett originally was summoned for jury duty Nov. 13 as a member of the regular panel. She did not know when she was summoned that no other woman had served on a jury. She reported daily to circuit court but her services were refused by attorneys.

"I decided to uphold women's standards," Mrs. Privett insisted, declaring she was eager to discharge her civic duty.

Heretofore women have been excused from jury duty because of the lack of proper courthouse facilities.

Although Mrs. Privett is the first woman to serve on a trial jury, Mrs. Percy Gordon a few months ago won the distinction of being the first woman member of the Marion county grand jury. She served six months as foreman.

In the Younge case, the complaint charged Younge was employed by the firm in November, 1930, and discharged "without cause" in July, 1931, after having been paid only \$1,552.08 of his year's salary.

CARL CONDON NAMED CHURCH CLASS HEAD

Christian Men Builders Group Elects New Officers.

Carl D. Condon, 740 Bosart avenue, a clerk, today is the new president of the Christian Men Builders class of the Third Christian church, 1645 Broadway.

Mr. Condon defeated John Cromie, 1451 Central avenue, bookkeeper for The Indianapolis Times, at the annual election held in the church last night, at which 410 members of the class voted. He succeeds Marion F. Clarke, 1921 Prospect street.

Other new officers who will be installed in January include Harold Buck, vice-president in charge of membership; William R. Callis, vice-president in charge of publicity; Vic Kelly, vice-president in charge of social affairs; Elmer A. Wilson, vice-president in charge of social welfare; William Ramsey, vice-president in charge of employment; Russell H. Lovelace, secretary, and Otto C. Bade, treasurer.

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THE OLD GOOSE POND

Unsolved Murder Baffles Old-Timers

BY MARIE LAUCK
Times Special Writer

THE quiet, even tenor of south side life sixty-four years ago was shattered one day by the foul murder of two little girls, whose mutilated bodies were found under the bridge where Brick pond crossed Union street at Morris street. The identity of the slayer never was discovered.

Twelve-year-old Mollie Kelley, who had made her first communion the previous Sunday, called for her 4-year-old friend, Katie Gumber, June 24, 1870.

Blithely, the two began the pleasant walk to the commons, a large unclaimed plot of ground south of Morris street, to bring in the cows owned by the Kelley family.

As the hours wore by and the children had not returned, their frantic families traced the steps of their two children along the canal bank.

Mrs. Gumber particularly watched the flow of the muddy waters, steeling herself, perhaps, to see her daughter's body. Mrs. Kelley, walking beside her, monotonously repeated her faith that the girls were alive, safe and riding somewhere as a childish prank.

Both were wrong.

After twilight the bodies were found, obscured by the gloom and shadows, under the bridge. The girls apparently had been drowned. Further investigation revealed, however, that Mollie Kelly had been attacked and that Katie Gumber had been murdered before her accuser cries.

A suspect with teeth marks imbedded in his arm was arrested, but the marks did not correspond with the teeth of either murdered child. The years passed and the murder was forgotten except in the hushed cries of mothers as they forbade their children to stray far from home alone.

Then, one night, Mr. Kelly was summoned by a mysterious call to the death bed of a stranger in the country. Whether some troubled soul in a last agonizing minute wished to confess to the foul crimes never was known. The stranger died before Mr. Kelly arrived.

DESPITE this tragedy, the commons always remained a vast, delightful playground for children until the gradual construction of homes and business places hemmed it in.

Catching frogs on the Goose pond, a favorite spot, was a Friday afternoon diversion for the boys. Often these frogs, caught as in play, were sold for a tidy sum to Tom Taggart, who then owned a restaurant on the present location of the union station.

On warm days, the boys would play hooky from school and wander over to White river for a cooling swim.

Stories gathered from the south side's earliest settlers reveal that Indianapolis was chosen as the state capital because its streams were supposed to be navigable. It was in those early days, no uncommon sight to see wild and tame geese floating over the many ponds that infested the swampy land between Arizona and Palmer streets.

Many of the first settlers were afflicted with illness from the over damp atmosphere of the straggling town. The section which included the Goose pond and the commons was then far out of the town proper, and was practically an island.

Well seasons made Indianapolis impassable from without, and there were hundreds of ravines throughout the city where the water remained long after damp spells forming numerous ponds.

The "west ravine" crossed Tennessee street (now Capitol avenue) behind the home of David Culley, land office registrar in

1838, and one day during the wet season the dampness of this ravine caused his cellar wall to cave in.

Mr. Culley's daughter, who had gone into the cellar for some peaches stored there, was buried to the neck.

As the damp earth piled around her, Miss Culley is reputed to have cried: "Send some one to dig me out. I've saved the peaches."

Learning his lesson, Mr. Culley built the first stone-walled cellar in Indianapolis.

pond, a bayou of the Graveyard pond. The boys who frequented Duck pond often sneaked into Green Lawn cemetery to pick flowers.

The cemetery's Negro sexton devised a gruesome punishment for all the pilferers he apprehended.

It was his custom to lock the boys into vaults. An old story which has grown into a fantastic legend is that the muttering sexton would leave boys in the vaults to die and then snatch the bodies away for a weird moonlight burial in some secluded spot.

At the saloon located at the present site of the Rose Tire Company, a group of toper once entered into a heated argument concerning ghosts. One brave soul scoffed at the evil spirits and said that he would walk across the Green Lawn cemetery at midnight.

To prove he had been there, he said, he would leave his cane thrust in the ground.

One winter night when the snow was piled deep over the graves, the daredevil entered the cemetery. His figure, bounded closely in a long frock coat, was seen by the saloon frequenters to fade into the soft blackness of night. Although frightened and apprehensive, the friends returned to the cemetery in the morning.

There lay the dauntless fool, frozen to death. Examination of the body showed that he had been frothing at the mouth.

The daredevil had thrust the cane into the ground through the long coat, pinning him to the ground. Apparently, the man had been frightened into unconsciousness when he found that he could not move from the spot.

The friends were satisfied. There was an evil justice which took care of scoffers.

U. S. MAYORS MEET FOR ANNUAL SESSION

Dominant Subjects to Be Finances, Crime.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Mayors and representatives of more than 100 of the country's largest cities met today in their annual conference, with municipal finances and law enforcement dominant on a three-day program.

Mayor F. H. La Guardia of New York was temporary chairman for the opening session while the conference president, Mayor T. Semmes Walmsley of New Orleans, delivered a keynote address defending American municipalities against charges that they are the weakest link in the governmental scheme.

Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator, will address the mayors tomorrow afternoon at a program devoted to a study of co-operation between the federal and municipal governments in unemployment relief and public works.

Baltimore Critic Dies

BALTIMORE, M. D., Nov. 22.—Kenneth Redd, 37, literary critic of the Baltimore Sun and nationally known authority on Poe, died here yesterday.

THIEVES BREAK INTO RIPPLE HIGH SCHOOL

Climb Fire Escape and Get Eight Typewriters, Police Told.

Edward Barker, janitor of Broad Ripple high school, reported to police that thieves entered the building last night by climbing a fire escape and, forcing a window, carried away eight typewriters.

Burglars jimmied the door of a grocery at 729 North West street last night and took \$25 in cash and tobacco and groceries of undetermined value. The theft was reported by Benjamin Siegel, proprietor.

MILITARY DANCE IS SET

Annual Benefit Ball to Be Staged Saturday.

The annual military benefit ball of the 113th Observation Squadron, Indiana national guard, will be held at 9 Saturday night in the hangar at Stout Field, Mars Hill, Sergeant Dixie Folsom, Stout field committee chairman, announced today.

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