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## MURDER CHARGED AGAINST SMITH

NOBLE COUNTY GRAND JURY  
FINDS TRUE BILL AGAINST  
SLAYER OF BROTHER.

Hayes Walker, Near Wolf Lake,  
Indicted on Burglary Charge  
for Attempted Bank Robbery.

"Murder in the first degree," reads the indictment returned by the Noble county grand jury at Albion Thursday against Waite Smith for the murder of his younger brother, Clark, near Albion recently.

"I am willing to go to the pen for life, but do not want to go to the gallows," said the indicted young man.

It will be recalled that the killing resulted from a quarrel at the home of Julius Smith, father of the boys, over the best method of making bread yeast.

Waite Smith claimed that the killing was in self defense, yet he borrowed a shot gun from a neighbor, claiming he desired to go hunting, with which the deed was committed. It seems to have been a family row in which the father participated. The murderer is 24 years of age. According to testimony before the grand jury after his discharge from the army young Smith and the murdered boy were but recently paroled from the state reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio, and the younger son had been home but two weeks before the killing. At no time since his confinement in the county jail has the assassin shown any regret nor has he denied the act with which he is charged in the indictment.

Testimony was advanced tending to show that the slayer is mentally unsound and that he is not at all times responsible for his acts.

The trial of the case has not been set, but it will probably not come up at the present term of the circuit court. The mother of the Smith boy is dead. Another indictment returned by the grand jury charged Hayes Walker, of near Wolf Lake, with burglary. He attempted to rob the bank at Wolf Lake last November, and was caught in the act but escaped through a basement window and was captured later. He has been out on bond since his arrest a few days after his attempt to rob the bank. He has a wife and two children residing near Wolf Lake and his trial on a charge of burglary will probably come up at the present term of court. There are a number of other criminal and misdemeanor cases pending to be tried soon.

### Is Fine Musician.

Miss Helen Carney of Ligonier well known by all music lovers of Goshen is engaged by the Redpath Company for the summer with the Highland Lassies a party of five Scotch girls all sisters and high class musicians and Miss Helen takes the one part of an Irish lassie true to her name but a violinist of exceptional note.—Goshen News-Times.

### Takes the Gas Route.

Rev. H. A. Paul who resigned from the Lutheran church at LaPorte recently and sailed for Germany was found dead in a hotel room at Hamburg, according to a cablegram received by relatives at LaPorte. The gas jets in the room were found wide open.

### Another One Gets His.

Rufus Moran another soft drink dealer at Elkhart was fined \$500 and sent to the penal farm for six months for selling moonshine. It being his second offense his place was declared a nuisance and ordered closed. This will put him out of business.

### Want Field Hands.

Kansas is calling for 30,000 field hands to help harvest the immense wheat crop that is now turning in color ready for the binders. The wages will be about \$4.00 per day the report says.

### Gets Heavy Sentence.

Bety Whitford of South Bend was sentenced to the state reformatory for from three to five years for stealing an automobile when he pleaded guilty before Judge Funk in the circuit court.

### Will Oil Streets.

The town of Millersburg has decided to oil its streets this year and 8,000 gallons of oil have been purchased at a cost of \$600.

### Hogg to Speak.

David Hogg a young attorney of Port Wayne and a veteran of the world war will deliver the Decoration Day address at LaGrange. He is said to be a fine orator.

See the most beautiful woman ever known make love to the wisest man in history at Lyric theatre "Queen of Sheba."

## SALVATION ARMY DRIVE ON

Canvass For Funds Will Be Continued This Week for Ligonier and Perry Township

Owing to the inclement weather of last week but little could be accomplished in the Salvation Army drive and Chairman Bothwell concluded to continue the effort this week in the hope of securing the Ligonier quota of \$305 and the Perry township portion of \$100.

The following ladies are members of the soliciting committee: Mesdames W. H. Green, Dale Barnhart, Osie Nelson, H. H. Decker, L. K. Marker, William Latta, T. C. Shobe, J. O. Stutz, J. E. Culver, W. H. Wigton, E. G. Franks, Jennie Drain, M. J. Denny and Miss Jessie Decker.

Messrs. F. H. Green and A. B. Weaver are assisting in the drive with good prospects of success.

### Many Claims Filed.

Up to April 30, \$17,892 death and disability claims had been filed with the Veterans' Bureau, according to an announcement from the bureau.

On the same date, 347,776 original awards for disability compensation had been made \$69,770 in central office and 178,006 by the district organizations. Of this number, 161,945 were receiving payment on April 30, \$1,617 from central office and \$10,323 through the district office. On the same date, a total of 259,563 disability claims had been disallowed, 181,960 in central office and 77,603 in the district office.

Awards in 54,199 death claims had been made on April 30 and 50,642 were receiving payment currently on that date. A total of 101,814 death claims had been disallowed.

### Something Fine in Prospect.

The public has something fine in a literary way to anticipate in the commencement address of Dr. James W. Linn at the M. E. church next Friday evening May 26 when he will address the graduating class of the Ligonier high school.

Dr. Linn has for years been one of the foremost educators of the country and his connection with the university of Chicago has been of great value to that institution.

The seating capacity of the church will be taxed to hold the assemblage. A musical program will be rendered. The full program will appear in Thursday's paper.

### Good Man Chosen.

W. H. Favinger, of Albion, has been honored by the Indiana Farmers Federation by being named a member of a committee of three from Indiana to transact the business of the Livestock Producers' association at the Buffalo terminal, soon to be established. The Buffalo terminal will be governed by a board of nine directors, three from Indiana, three from Michigan, two from Ohio and one from New York.

### G. A. R. Meet Tonight.

The Grand Army of the Republic members will meet at their headquarters this evening to complete the arrangement of a fine program for Decoration Day, something in which the whole public feels a deep interest.

Rev. J. F. Lutey will deliver the Memorial day address at the M. E. church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon May 28 and a large delegation is expected to attend these services. Good music is being arranged for the occasion.

### Faints In Jury Box.

Miss Grace Branstator serving on a jury at Fort Wayne during the trial of a \$25,000 damage suit against the Pennsylvania railroad fainted and the trial was halted. She was soon revived, however and was able to resume her seat. Miss Branstator is the daughter of the democratic nominee for congress from the twelfth district.

### Syracuse Paper Sold.

Preston H. Miles has sold his Syracuse Journal to H. A. Reutter of Kirksburg, Illinois, who will continue its publication. Mr. Miles was very successful in the business but was greatly overworked. The Banner wishes Editor Miles success in future undertakings as well as prosperity for the new publisher of the Journal.

### To Entertain Exalted Ruler.

W. W. Mountain, of Toledo, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, will be the guest of the Elkhart lodge on Saturday, June 3. The Elkhart lodge will entertain about five hundred visiting Elks, including members from Ligonier, Goshen, South Bend, LaPorte and Sturgis on that date.

### Mr. and Mrs. Wood Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Wood entertained a large company of friends at a most elegant six o'clock dinner at their beautiful home Thursday evening. After the most enjoyable repast was discussed cards made up the entertainment for the evening.

### With Ligonier.

George Fiedelke of Goshen sacker made his debut with the Ligonier team Sunday afternoon.

"Way Down East" at Crystal Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Don't miss it.

## S. S. CONVENTION HELD THIS WEEK

LIGONIER WILL ENTERTAIN NOBLE CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

Programs for Both Days of Exceptional Interest to Sunday School and Church Workers.

Thursday and Friday, May 25 and 26, the Noble County Sunday School Association will hold a convention in this city and an exceptionally interesting program has been arranged for the occasion.

All Sunday School officers, leaders and teachers are expected to be present and show their interest in the worthy work.

The sessions will be held in the Presbyterian church and will be open to all visitors.

Every Sunday School worker in the county is expected to attend this convention and participate in the proceedings. This will be the thirty-sixth annual convention of the association.

Following is the program: The meeting will open Thursday at nine o'clock a. m. songs devotionals and response will be followed by a talk by E. T. Albertson on "The Need and Value of Standards."

Thursday afternoon Fred Hill will preside. The Rev. M. W. Franklin will lead the devotionals and E. T. Albertson will deliver an address on "Price of Leadership." The meeting Thursday evening will be addressed by S. W. Brubaker.

Arthur E. Kelley will preside Friday and Rev. S. W. Paul will lead the devotionals and at two o'clock E. T. Albertson will talk, followed by C. W. Brubaker.

### Group Conference.

1:40 Thursday afternoon, J. C. Brunk presiding over our young people's work, leader, C. W. Brubaker.

10:15 Friday morning, Orlando Marshall presiding pastors and superintendent's conference, E. T. Albertson, leader.

1:40 Friday afternoon, Mrs. Halferty presiding all primary workers, Miss Nellie C. Young, leader.

County Sunday School Officers, Clarence Bucher, Kendallville, president.

A. E. Kelley, Ligonier, vice-president.

Mrs. Glenn J. Merkling, secretary-treasurer.

Department Superintendents, Adult, J. W. Leiter, Kendallville. Teacher Training, Fred Hill, Wawaka.

Primary, Mrs. Halfrey, Avilla. Young People, J. C. Brunk, Ligonier.

Gertrude Hooverstock.

"Forty-three of the 1,551 famous women included in the last edition of 'Who's Who in America' were born in Indiana according to statistics compiled by Dr. Stephen S. Visser of the geology department and Gertrude Hooverstock, '22'.

This item in the Daily Student published at Bloomington aside from the interest of the information, calls our attention to the graduation this year of Miss Hooverstock at Indiana University.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hooverstock of Clearspring township and was well known as a teacher hereabouts before entering the university.—LaGrange Standard.

### Looks Like Outrage.

Logan Bly, farmer, residing near Avilla who was arrested several days ago on a charge filed by Glen Carter, state chemist, for selling fertilizer in containers not bearing a state chemist tag as specified by law, entered a plea of guilty before Mayor Brouse at Kendallville and was assessed a fine of \$50 and costs, amounting to \$60 which he paid. The action looks like an outrage on the part of the state. Bly was not aware that the sale of fertilizer was contrary to law.

### State Republican Convention.

Wednesday and Thursday of this week the republicans will meet in state convention at Indianapolis. Leon Wertheimer and Graham Lyon are the delegates to the convention from Perry township. Senator James E. Watson is to deliver the keynote address Wednesday.

### Sunday Memorial.

The annual memorial service in memory of the deeds of our soldier dead will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday May 28th at 2:30 P. M. Address by Rev. J. F. Lutey. Members of the G. A. R., W. R. C. Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion and their Auxiliaries, Sons of Veterans of Civil war are requested to assemble at G. A. R. hall at 2 p. m. on that day to attend this service. All other organizations of the city are invited to be present. Commander

"Don't miss 'Way Down East' this week at Crystal.

## NEW STATE OFFICERS.

Walter S. Chambers Heads State Democratic Committee With Mrs. Adelbert Flynn Vice.

Walter S. Chambers, of New Castle, was unanimously elected chairman of the democratic state committee to succeed A. C. Salle, who was not a candidate for re-election.

Other officers of the committee were elected as follows: Vice chairman, Mrs. Adelbert Flynn of Logansport; secretary, Miss Gertrude F. McHugh, of Indianapolis; treasurer, Thomas Taggart.

Mrs. James Riggs of Sullivan was elected national committeewoman for Indiana, to succeed Miss Julia Landers, of Indianapolis, who resigned some time ago. The election of officers was by unanimous vote. However, the name of Mrs. Fred Lauenstein, of Evansville, was presented for vice chairman, but withdrawn, and Mrs. Flynn was chosen by acclamation.

## DECORATION DAY

Great Preparations for Celebrating the Event in Ligonier by Patriotic Organizations

Judge H. B. Tuthill of Michigan City a fine orator will deliver the Decoration Day address in Ligonier Tuesday May 30. If the weather will permit the oration will be delivered in the open otherwise it will be in the M. E. church.

May 30 or Decoration Day is the day in the year set aside and established for doing honor to the soldiers of the Republic who gave their lives their blood and their opportunities that the Nation might live.

It is well that we halt in our activities and give thought to the wonderful accomplishments of the Nation's defenders whose light of life has gone out and only the memory of them and their achievements remain.

The whole Nation on this sacred day will pay homage to her heroes of the past.

Let no one fail in this duty. Citizens living in the vicinities of country cemeteries where soldiers lie in their lowly mounds should see to it that no soldier's grave is forgotten, that the flag for which they fought and died be placed above their mortal remains and the mounds strewn with flowers in memory of their heroic deeds and great sacrifice. Show an example to those to follow us in the years to come.

The full program for the great day will appear in Thursday's Banner. J. H. Hoffman, Com.

## BIDS ARE RECEIVED

But Not Yet Awarded for Remodeling Hotel Goldsmith During Summer

An even twelve contractors submitted bids for remodeling and adding to Hotel Goldsmith. The bids were opened Friday evening by the committee headed by W. W. Wood but no awards have yet been made for the reason that modifications may be necessary.

The estimated cost of the improvements to be made on the building is \$20,000. This sum will cover the cost of an addition to the third story of the building which will provide seven extra sleeping rooms above the original plans and two or three additional rooms with baths.

It also provides three suites which may be used en suite or separately as general bath rooms on the second and third floor and the customary linen storage closets, etc.

When completed Hotel Goldsmith will be a first-class hostelry and a credit to Ligonier.

The contracts for the repairs will be awarded in a day or two.

General Contract H. & B. Construction Co., Elkhart A. J. Lonacre, Elkhart I. W. Miller, Goshen.

Plumbing and Heating Goshen Plumbing & Htg. Co. Goshen Peoples Bros., Elkhart B. C. Fitch, Garrett John Kunkalman, Ligonier.

Painting and Decorating I. W. Miller, Goshen Willard Drudge, Elkhart H. V. Mentzer, Ligonier Wolf & Dessauer, Fort Wayne Ed Nyemeyer, Goshen.

Socialist State Ticket.

A complete state ticket was nominated by the state convention of the Socialist party which closed at Anderson Saturday. The nominees are: William H. Henry, Indianapolis for United States senator; G. C. Smith, Anderson secretary of state; Harry Carter, Elwood state auditor; S. M. Mampler Worthington state treasurer; Mrs. Mattie Hodges, Mishawak clerk of the supreme court; Mrs. Mary Vogelston, Clinton superintendent of public instruction; J. D. Tillie Evansville, supreme court judge second district, A. N. Hamilton Terre Haute, and C. E. Ward Worthington appellate court judges; J. E. Wallace Veedersburg, and George Keller Kokomo appellate court judges second district.

The South Shore Inn Lake Wawasee opens Saturday night May 27 with a dinner dance. Tables may be reserved by telephone. The Keith orchestra of Indianapolis has been engaged for the season.

## ANOTHER GREAT GAME IS PLAYED

CONN TEAM OF ELKHART DEFEATS LOCAL CLUB IN TEN INNING EVENT BY SCORE OF 9 TO 8

Big Crowd Witnesses a Close Contest and Enjoys Music by Ligonier Band

The Conn Ball Team of Elkhart defeated the Ligonier club here Sunday by the close score of 9 to 8 in a ten-inning fast event.

There was a big crowd out almost as large as the opening the week before, and ideal weather and good music by the Ligonier band added to the enjoyment.

Owing to vehicles crowding into the field Ligonier sacrificed two runs but this is a part of the fortunes of war.

Both teams gave a fine exhibition of great ball and this is what the attendants paid to see so they went away satisfied and happy.

The features of the game was the work of both second basemen who covered themselves with honors.

Many visitors from a distance witnessed the contest and when the visitors made 17 hits against 15 for the home boys it began to appear like a slugfest match which everybody enjoys.

The battery for Ligonier was Childister and Faust in the pitcher's box with Rosimer behind the bat.

The score was tied in the eighth and ninth innings 8 to 8 but the tenth the visitors won a victory by scoring.

Manager D. J. Lowe hopes to play next Sunday's game with the South Bend Specials on the new grounds at Freed Park. He is bending every effort in this direction.

It is not certain whether the game Tuesday May 30th will be with a Fort Wayne team or with North Manchester's crack organization. He is hoping it will be with the latter as North Manchester has been cleaning up on about all comers and Captain Herman Sack is anxious to take the conceit out of the Wabash county lads. The Ligonier team is being greatly strengthened as the boys grow better acquainted.

Childister and Faust Ligonier pitchers were both handicapped Sunday with sore fingers.

Next Sunday's game will be a crack-jack one and should draw big.

## Refused Citizenship.

E. A. Kessler 66 of Auburn was refused citizenship by Judge Link Saturday when he said that he could not conscientiously take the oath of allegiance to the government of the United States. He has been in this country since he was 14 years old. He objects to war.

## Store Is Held Up.

Nicholas Budnik, proprietor of a grocery store at South Bend was compelled to turn over \$70 to two hold-up men Friday night. The men walked into the store and thrust a revolver in Budnik's face.

## To Operate "Wawasee Ship."

Allden Strieby of Syracuse will operate "Wawasee Ship" a boat livery and launch rep air service station at the back of Conklin bay where marlin barges of the Sandusky Portland company formerly docked.

## Infantile Paralysis Death.

Violet Bernice Budnik 12 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wesley Miller of five miles east of Goshen died at her home Saturday morning of infantile paralysis.

## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Otis Baker spent Saturday in Goshen visiting friends. William Wade is nursing a robust carbunkle on his neck.

The city council will meet in regular session Thursday evening.

Mrs. George Ecker has had a relapse and her condition is again serious.

Mrs. Harry Holderness is spending the week with relatives in Angola. Dr. Gants now spends most of his time during the day out of doors. The agles will initiate candidates and hold a social session tomorrow evening.

Booth Tarkington has been awarded the Pulitzer prize of \$1,000 for the best novel of the year.

Mrs. Aaron Ulrich and daughter Evelyn spent Saturday with friends in South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller of near Cromwell are the proud parents of a new babe.

Attorneys Wigton and Vanderford were in Albion today on legal business. The Ligonier Chamber of Commerce will meet in regular session Wednesday noon.

Mrs. George Sisterhen has so far recovered from her illness as to be able to walk out.

"Ten Nights in a Barroom" is the greatest heart interest drama the world has ever known. See it at Crystal next week Tuesday and Wednesday.

## SCHOOL HOUSE CROWDED

Many Patrons Enjoy Class Day Exercises and View Exhibits Friday Afternoon and Evening.

Many patrons of the Ligonier schools enjoyed the annual class day exercises at the high school building Friday afternoon and viewed exhibits of the school work by pupils in the afternoon and evening. In the evening the attendance was very large and general admiration was expressed by the visitors over the excellent work of the pupils in the departments. The exhibits reflect great credit upon Supt. Craig and his able corps of teachers. The evening was enlivened by a literary program.

Thursday afternoon many people visited the North Side schools and enjoyed the fine exhibits there. Ligonier schools rank high.

## Political Catechism.

(Huntington Press) Six hundred and thirty-seven automobiles are used in the state highway department. This is according to the latest state report.

Are the cars needed? Yes; they are needed.

Who needs them? The bureaucracy of Indiana.

Why does the bureaucracy need them? To keep itself in power.

How does it try to keep itself in power with 637 automobiles? By sending "loyal" men up and down the highways preaching the gospel of bureaucracy.

Do the people like the gospel of bureaucracy? They do not talk that way.

What will the people do about the men who sail about in the 637 automobiles at the expense of the public? That remains to be seen.

When will it be seen? At election day, November 7.

## They Swap Spouses.

New wives for old or why trade your wife? found its sequel Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Green of North Indianapolis joyously started their second honeymoon after a double divorce followed by marriages in which the most complicated swap since David Harum's last "hoss" trade was effected.

For eight years Bert and Beatrice Sanders had danced and attended parties with Leroy and Maude Green their friends and neighbors. Up to five weeks before last Christmas it was just a neighborly affair. Then something began to change it all.

Mr. Green told Mrs. Sanders (according to Mr. Sanders' version) that she was the "most beautiful woman in North Indianapolis."

Mr. Sanders however declined to reveal just what he told Mrs. Green but he confessed his remarks "covered more territory than North Indianapolis."

## Indiana Farmers Market Own Stock.

With the advent of the Producers Commission Associations into their live stock commission business at the Indianapolis stock yards on Monday May 15th Indiana farmers took over the selling of their own cattle hogs and sheep. That it was done successfully is attested by the high sales which were made and the fact that the market was topped almost every day in every department. The Producers handled 35 cars of live stock in the first five days besides a large volume of stock that was hauled in by truck. Based on the car lot business handled the farmers company ranked in fourth place as compared with the other 18 firms in business on the Indianapolis market. This was accomplished even though the Producers company is a new one at Indianapolis and all of the "old line" firms have been established in business many years.

## Resorts Open Sunday.

C. E. Johnson will open his Buttermill Point, Wawasee resort next Sunday with the usual interesting program.

Waco is to open Saturday night. Mr. Franklin has made many improvements. The orchestra will hereafter operate from the first floor and a tea room has been added along with refreshment tables.

## Spectacular Blaze.

A spectacular blaze resulted in Elkhart Thursday night when gasoline being pumped into a taxicab tank, ignited supposedly from a match or cigaret. Within a short time the flames had licked up all the free "gas" and subsided to a six-inch blaze at the opening of the tank. The fire was finally subdued with the aid of a chemical extinguisher.

## Finds Valuable Jewel.

Fred Overmyer an employee of the Fort Wayne Corrugated Paper company while at Hartford City found a diamond ring, declared by jewelers to be worth \$200 while traveling through a consignment of old trash sent to the mill for making paper.

## Another Youthful Victim.

Leo Haney 5 years old was killed at South Bend Saturday when he was struck by an automobile while crossing a road.

Miss Venus Lover and Fletcher Green both of Kendallville were married at Albion Saturday.

## BANK ROBBERS MAKE NO DEFENSE

RECEIVE SENTENCES OF FROM TWO TO FOURTEEN YEARS IN INDIANA STATE PRISON.

Compton and Gage to Be Tried This Week in Court at Warsaw for Same Offense.

After a trial lasting several days in which no defense was made three of the robbers of the Hamlin store at Etna Green were sentenced in the Kosciusko circuit court late Thursday to serve from two to fourteen years in the state prison after a jury had found them guilty. The prisoners are William Evans, alias Schulze, of Berrien Springs, Mich., George McCormack, of Aurora, Ill., and South Bend, Ind., and James Ellison, alias William Johnson.

The trials of O. K. Compton Elkhart and Charles Gage, Ligonier, will come up this week, charged with the same offense.

A younger brother of Compton testified at the trial of the trio for the state. He said the men aside from Gage made the Compton farm north of Elkhart their headquarters and that many robberies were committed and the loot disposed of at Chicago. One South Bend raid he said yielded several thousand dollars in cash.

It has developed since the trial that the three convicted men have a previous prison record. That of Gage, alias Ellison, follows: Served time in Chicago as William Hayes from July 2, 1915, paroled for one year burglary; arrested in 1916 in Chicago on a charge of robbery under the name of William Hayes; arrested again in Chicago, December 20, 1916, on a charge of robbery, tried and acquitted; arrested January 17, 1918, in Chicago for burglary and sent to the house of correction for six months. George McCormack operated under the name of James Conroy in 1915 and was arrested in Gary, Ind., October 27 of that year for larceny and was sentenced to the Indiana reformatory for one to eight years. He was paroled in 1918. As Conroy he was sentenced August 12, 1918, to Iona, Mich., reformatory for a term of two to five years for larceny in Allegan county, Mich. He was paroled August 15, 1920. He was arrested again September 30, 1921, on a charge of robbery, was tried and acquitted.

William Evans, alias Schulze, was arrested January 13, 1914, as William Evans and was convicted of burglary but was paroled August 12, 1915. He was arrested again on a