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KLEIN FOUND GUILTY

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Verdict Returned at 10:15: Defense Attorneys in Plea for New Trial: Hearing Friday

"Guilty of murder and not less than fourteen years in the penitentiary" is the verdict of the jury in the case of the People vs. Jacob Klein for the killing of Leo Neumann, of Chicago, on Sunday night, September 25, on a lonely road south-east of Downers Grove.

This verdict was read by the clerk of the Circuit court who was handed the jury's verdict by Foreman Fred Towsley at 10:15 this morning.

Attorney for the defense immediately moved for a new trial and the hearing will be held before Judge Irwin at 10:00 o'clock next Friday morning. Attorney Gunsul is talking to Klein after the verdict said, "Don't worry, the fight has just begun."

Spectators thronged the court as the jury filed in and the two weeks suspension was brought to an end. The trial drew the attention of the surrounding country and news of the trial was eagerly sought for. Klein is a deputy sheriff and the defense made its case on the presumption that he fired the fatal shot while in the performance of his duties.

The ballots were taken as follows: On the first the entire jury found him guilty. The second and succeeding votes were on the degree of his guilt. The first ballot was equal; six for murder and six for manslaughter. The other ballots were: 2. Murder 6 Manslaughter 6 3. Murder 6 Manslaughter 6 4. Murder 8 Manslaughter 4 5. Murder 6 Manslaughter 6 6. Murder 9 Manslaughter 3 Murder, 12

An agreement was reached on the seventh ballot, all favoring the murder verdict and one more ballot was taken to set the penalty, all agreeing on the sentence on the first count.

The verdict of the jury came as the culmination of just a week's hearing of evidence and pleas of counsel for the state and the defense. The verdict was a surprise to both, and they showed it when it was read.

States Attorney Reed and special prosecutor Ruske Keeney, of Naperville, made their pleas to the jury this day afternoon. Reed especially made a hit with the spectators, by his clear logic and his interpretation of the evidence.

Former States attorney Chas. W. Hadley made the first plea for the defense at the opening of court yesterday morning. Mr. Hadley is an orator of ability and he pulled out all the emotional stops in his system in a great sob address to the jurymen. All over court people surreptitiously wiped tears from their eyes as Hadley drew a picture of Jacob Klein, the wronged, the innocent. The defendant broke down completely and at one time the court hall was forced to rap for order.

Hadley was followed by Harvey Gunsul, of Aurora, the noted criminal attorney and the legal light on which the hopes of the defense had been pinned. Gunsul, if he did not sway the jury by his arguments, certainly did the spectators. And they were there in great numbers, crowding the court room to the doors to hear the case which has set DuPage and surrounding counties aflame.

Special assistant states attorney, T. Harry Slusser, of Chicago, formerly of Downers Grove, was the final speaker. He summed up the case for the state in a manner which has seldom been equalled and never surpassed in the history of the Circuit court of the county.

His clear logic, his ringing tones, as he demanded that justice be done and "the roads made safe for the motorist" will live long in the minds of those who heard him. Mr. Slusser asked that justice be done not only the defendant but the widow and the fatherless child. The jury was made up of the following men.

Fred Towsley, Downers Grove. Stanley J. Brown, Downers Grove. T. F. Kelly, Downers Grove. Emory Brunson, Downers Grove. George Hendon, Downers Grove. Jos. P. Davenport, Wheaton. H. F. Davis, Wheaton. Herman Wagner, Bensenville. H. H. Korthauer, Bensenville. M. A. Lien, Bloomington. Chas. Hammond, Wayne. Joseph Serjes, York.

The case, which has attracted attention all around Chicago, was the shooting of Leo Neumann, of 2237 W. 20th street, Chicago, on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 25, by Jacob Klein, a DuPage county deputy sheriff, on the Plainfield road, south of East Grove.

Neumann, his wife and their thirteen year old daughter were invited by Mr. and Mrs. Gust Vorreyer to motor to Barber's Corners for a week end visit with the Ed. Schroeder family there. Mrs. Neumann is a sister of Mr. Vorreyer.

They made the trip, five of them, in a Ford roadster, leaving the farm home for a trip back to Chicago, about 7:40 Sunday night. They traveled east on the Plainfield road and as they neared the Schurn home, the second place east of the Klein farm, they saw a man walking down the road toward them. He was recognized by the occupants of the car as Klein.

As the front of the machine neared him, Klein shouted something which sounded like halt, and as the machine passed him a shot was heard. Neumann straightened out, precipitating Mrs. Vorreyer, who had been sitting on his lap, into the road. The bullet entered the back of the machine and plowed its way into Neumann.

Vorreyer drove to the W. F. Anderson. (Continued on page 8)

MOTORIST SLAIN BY DEPUTY SHERIFF.



LEO NEUMANN for whose murder Jacob Klein was found guilty.



JACOB KLEIN, DuPage County Deputy Sheriff found guilty of murder this morning. From an old photo.

FIRE CHIEF SUSPECTS INCENDIARISM

Tool House of Jim Chilvers, Carpenter Contractor, Catches Fire in Mysterious Way Last Night

Fire almost destroyed the tool shed and work room of Jim Chilvers, carpenter contractor on West Maple ave last night in one of the most mysterious blazes of the year.

Chief Henry Dieke is of the opinion that an incendiary is to blame. He bases his conclusions on the fact that the fire was all under the floor of the shed and on the ceiling with no contact on between.

The loss was not great as Mr. Chilvers' tools, the most important thing in the building, were not damaged.

CHAS. C. PARKS OPENS MENDOTA STORE FEB. 1st

Manager of Local McAllister Store Takes Six Year Lease on Large Building.

Charles C. Parks, who for the past year and a half has been the manager of the B. E. McAllister & Co. dry goods store, closed a deal last week whereby he will start a similar business of his own in Mendota. Mr. Parks has been in the dry goods line for many years, he is an aggressive merchant, a great believer in advertising, a steady traveler and should build a fine business in the new location.

He has taken a six year lease on one of the large stores in Mendota and will stock it with a complete line of dry goods and ready-to-wear apparel for women. His resignation takes effect here about the first of January and his Mendota store will be open February first.

During his stay in the village he has made many friends and has increased the business of this store many times. We are sorry to see him leave.

LEGION SERVICE DIRECTOR SPEAKS HERE ON MONDAY

A. C. Lindberg, of State Staff, Tells of Fight with Government for Compensation.

A. C. Lindberg, Illinois State Service Director, will be the speaker at the next meeting of the local Legion post to be held next Monday evening, December 12 in the Legion rooms, Belmont and Forest avenues.

Mr. Lindberg is the man on whose shoulders rests the big task of trying to get the government to recognize the claims of wounded and incapacitated ex-service men. He has been on the job for two years and what he doesn't know about how hard it is to get a valid claim through the proper bureaus and really get action, isn't worth telling. Every ex-service man in the community can get something from his talk and should make it a special point to be there.

A. C. Marriott Spoke Monday. Arthur C. Marriott chairman of the DuPage County executive committee of the Legion, was the speaker at a meeting held Monday night. Mr. Marriott expressed his conception of what the Legion should do in the life of the community; he told what the county posts are doing and urged the local members to get behind their officers here in a drive for service in 1922.

Landis Speaks Tonight. Judge K. M. Landis, one of the greatest figures which ever graced a Federal bench, will be the speaker at a get-together of the Legion posts along the Burlington at Western Springs tonight. Every Legionnaire of the community is invited and to say they will hear a great talk from Judge Landis is putting it rather mild.

Besides the speaker of the evening, there will be an entertaining number from each post represented and cats.

\$258.15 COLLECTED HERE IN ANNUAL RED X ROLL CALL

Mrs. Elisha Morgan Had Charge of the Membership Drive in the Community.

Mrs. Elisha Morgan, who this year had charge of the annual Red Cross roll call in this community, reports that \$258.15 was collected for memberships this year. The roll call was from November 11 to 24 and was extended here a few days to care for additional pledges.

The amount collected this year is far in excess of that last when \$55 was the total collected in memberships in this community.

BURGLARS BREAK INTO MC ALLISTER STORE-TAKE SAFE

Officer Edgeton Finds Rear Door Open While Making His Rounds Early This Morning

Burglars broke into the McAllister dry goods store early this morning, carried away the safe and disarranged the stock of goods on the shelves. The correct amount of the loss is not known as what was taken away in addition to the safe will not be learned until a check of the stock is made.

Night officer Wm. Edgeton says it was done between three and four, as everything was all ok when he made the rounds of the business houses at three. At four o'clock he discovered that the night light was no longer burning and an investigation revealed the fact that the back door had been broken open. The telephone wires were cut and goods piled all over the store in confusion.

Edgeton called C. C. Parks, manager of the store, who discovered the loss of the safe. Not very much cash is missing but papers and books of no value to any one but the firm were kept in the strong box.

The McAllister company has offered a reward of fifty dollars for the return of these books and papers.

It is thought that expert outside talent was responsible for the robbery, the first in the village in a long time.

MINATURE "ART INSTITUTE" IS AT GROVE ST. SCHOOL

Exceptional Exhibition of Colored Prints and Photos Open to the Public.

An exceptional exhibition of colored prints and photographs is taking place in Downers Grove under the auspices of the Kindergarten Extension Association. The great majority of the 130 pictures are hung in the Junior Elementary School, some of them at the Public Library, and one in each room of the North and South Side Schools.

The pictures have been assembled and are circulated by the American Federation of Arts of New York City. Many of the subjects are suitable for the decoration of homes and schools, and American subjects outnumber all the others combined, but excellent examples of prints in color are shown from England, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

The pictures are purchasable and range in price from \$4.00 to \$25.00. The majority sell for \$10.00 or less.

In order to give every one in the village an opportunity to enjoy a small "Art Institute" in our midst the Junior Elementary School will be open from 2:30 to 6:00 o'clock Saturday and Sunday afternoon of this week and next, December 10 and 11, 17 and 18.



CHAS. W. HADLEY Attorney for the Defense

OFFICERS FOR GROVE CHAPTER WERE ELECTED

Leon E. Stimson Exalted High Priest for ensuing year—Installation is soon.

Leon E. Stimson was elected as Exalted High Priest of Grove Chapter, No. 230, Royal Arch Masons, at the annual meeting of that organization last Thursday evening. Mr. Stimson was advanced to the highest office in the Chapter after working up through the various stations.

Installation of the new officers will be held some time this month and the members, we understand, will receive due and timely notice that they may be present.

Following is the list of officers for the year 1922:

- Leon E. Stimson.....E. H. P.
- M. A. Sullivan.....King
- A. R. Whitehorn.....Scribe
- E. H. Huntington, Jr.....Treasurer
- H. F. Legenhausen.....Secretary
- Theodore Dreuttel, Jr.....Chaplain
- D. Harry Jenkins.....C. of H.
- B. E. Balczynski.....P. S.
- C. F. Knoblauch.....R. A. C.
- I. Haebich.....M. 3 V.
- M. E. Coleman.....M. 2 V.
- Walter Rogers.....M. 1 V.
- Harry S. Case.....Steward
- N. C. Pearce.....Marshal
- W. J. Beidelman.....Sentinel

The Downers Grove Reporter believes that you are interested in the Klein case and therefore have issued this extra edition giving an account of it and the verdict reached.



STATE'S ATTORNEY, C. W. REED who won a great victory in the conviction of Jacob Klein.



G. H. BUNGE, Attorney for the Defense