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JURY DISAGREE IN COUNTY FUND CASE

COURT DISCHARGES THEM

Out Twenty-One Hours Last Week; Unable to Reach Verdict; Reports as to Prospects

The jury which heard the evidence in the \$100,000 shortage case involving Roy Bracher and four others was discharged last week when the foreman reported the members could not agree on a verdict. Clark Nye, one of the defendants was surrendered by Joe Oltusky, his bondsman, but was released on \$10,000 bail when Attorney Eugene Runyard left the case as counsel and signed as his security.

The jury in the Circuit court of Judge Arthur Fisher battled all night long and through the greater portion of the following day over the fate of two former Lake county treasurers and three officials of the Barrington Oil company charged with conspiracy to embezzle \$100,000 of Lake county funds.

The Defendants

The defendants are Roy W. Bracher and Ira E. Pearsall, former treasurers of Lake county, and Clark C. Nye, Caleb R. Busick and Harold E. Martin, president, vice-president and secretary, respectively of the Barrington Oil company. Nye was formerly vice-president of the First National bank in Eureka, Kansas. Martin formerly held the office of vice-president in the Security Savings bank of Waukegan, while Busick some years ago was engaged in the real estate business in Waukegan.

Thomas Mogg of Grayslake was foreman of the jury. The other members were: Walter Forbich, Antioch; Henry O. Shaw, Zion; George Heiser, Zion; James Neave, Zion; A. L. Jenkins, Zion; Harry Stanley, Zion; Thomas Lyons, Round Lake; Robert Gillings, Roscrans; John Irving, Newport; C. F. Ladd, Libertyville; R. E. Thomas, Libertyville.

28 Ballots Taken

Foreman Mogg reported, according to the Waukegan Sun, that during the course of the jury deliberations 28 ballots were taken. He said that on an early ballot the jury stood 10 to 2 for conviction of Bracher, Pearsall, Martin, Nye and Busick on the conspiracy charge. He said that the jury on a late ballot was 9 to 3 for acquittal of Bracher, Pearsall and Martin and 9 to 3 for guilt in the cases of Nye and Busick. Mr. Mogg reports that the jury most of the time was 6 for guilt and 6 for acquittal in the cases of Bracher and Pearsall.

Counts Change

The jury foreman said that at times the count was 7 to 5, 8 to 4, and 9 to 3 for guilt in the cases of Nye, Busick and Martin. He said that the majority of the jury were of the opinion that there was a conspiracy between some of the defendants to swindle Lake county out of \$100,000 but despite strenuous arguments it was impossible to determine on whom to place the blame. Some of the jurors from the start held that each of the five defendants should be held equally responsible.

FIND STATE FAVORS COUNTY ROAD BONDS

Engineers to Go Over Plans and Report to Lake County Superintendent

Virtual approval of the proposed \$1,029,000 road bond issue, to form important connecting links through the county, was received last week from the state department of highways by the road and bridge committee and R. M. Lobdell, county superintendent of highways, in Springfield.

Engineers are to go over the plan and within a week the county will know if approval is to be granted.

The plans in general are considered good by the state but there is a possibility of conflict on some of the short and less important strips.

At the same time a plan to get short routes in Waukegan township under the \$500,000 refund due the county met with favor.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlan W. Converse of 396 Hawthorne lane, Winnetka, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Burnham, to Donald Olin Cady of Meriden, Conn., son of Mrs. H. Olin Cady of Evanston. Miss Converse is a member of the senior class at Northwestern university, and Mr. Cady was graduated in the class of 1926. The formal announcement of the engagement was made at a luncheon and bridge given on Tuesday at the home of Miss Converse.

NEW LANDING FIELD FOR GREAT LAKES

Is Formally Opened Last Week And Will Be Further Improved

With Read Admiral Henry J. Ziegemeier, commandant, and other ranking naval officers in this district taking part in the ceremonies, the new landing field at the Great Lakes naval training station was officially opened Wednesday.

The new field is located on the north portion of the naval training station grounds and when fully completed will be of proportions to accommodate all types of planes.

The Great Lakes airport is the result of the efforts of Lt.-Commander Harold W. Schofield, D.F., U. S. N. R., the former aviation aide to the commandant, Ninth Naval district at Great Lakes, Ill., who is now on duty in charge of naval reserve aviation in the Navy department, Washington, D. C. With the assistance of the chief of the bureau of aeronautics, Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, U. S. N., former commandant at Great Lakes, and the assistance of the then commandant, Captain John F. Hines, U. S. N., ways and means were provided to get the work started. The work in developing the field began in late July, 1927, and has now reached the point where flying operations will be regularly conducted.

The field is designed to serve a two-fold purpose. Primarily it is to be the base of all land plane operations now at the Naval Reserve Aviation Unit and will be supervised by Lieut. Paul E. Gillespie, A-V (G), U. S. N. E. commanding officer of the N. S. Naval Reserve Aviation Unit.

DR. TALYOR TO RUN FOR CORONER AGAIN

Has Been Years in This Office Ang Given Good Service; Opposition

Dr. J. L. Taylor, county coroner, will seek re-election in the spring primaries and the general elections in the fall, it was announced by that official last week.

If re-elected to the office, Dr. Taylor will be able to boast of having served for 30 consecutive years in the position. He was elected the first time in 1896, succeeding Dr. F. J. Knight, who held the office for several terms.

Two others, Edward Conrad, long a deputy coroner, and formerly in the undertaking business in Waukegan, and Dr. F. H. Martin of Libertyville, are expected to be candidates for the office in opposition to Dr. Taylor.

"I have not announced my candidacy for re-election because I did not consider it necessary," Dr. Taylor stated. "I was of the opinion that it would be generally understood that I was to be a candidate."

Dr. Taylor is in the midst of his annual report which, when made public will show that he has passed through the most active year during his term in public office.

SWAMP LAND CASE UP AGAIN IN COURT

Reversed and Remanded to Circuit Court by Supreme Tribunal

An old land case that has been on the court docket since 1914 was remanded to the Circuit court for a new hearing last week when the state Supreme court reversed the decision of the late Judge Earl Reynolds in the famous case of Rose Gerbracht against the County of Lake. The property involved consists of about 160 acres of land in the Fox Lake region, including part of the beautiful Lotus Beds.

The decision of Judge Reynolds, which was handed down in the Circuit court three years ago, was that the land belonged to Rose Gerbracht and that the county had no interest in it. The decision was appealed to the higher court by the state's attorney in the matter. Attorney E. V. Orvis is the attorney for Rose Gerbracht.

The claim of Gerbracht is based on the fact that she has lived on the land for many years and has paid taxes on it. The value of the property is considerable at this time, averaging, according to Attorney Orvis, from \$300 to \$400 an acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Scott of 175 Sheridan road, Hubbard Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Isabel, to Albert Keep. Mr. Keep is the son of the late Albert Keep, II, and of Mrs. John P. Wilson of 1516 State parkway, Chicago. He is a graduate of Princeton, where he was a member of the Quadrangle club. Miss Scott attended Dobbs Ferry. She made her debut two years ago and has been active in the younger social set since then. The wedding date has not been set.

FOX LAKE MAN IS SUICIDE AT HOME

W. J. SIMMS KILLS SELF

Shoots Himself with Rifle Late Last Week in Closet of His Home; Despondent Is Belief

Hiding himself in a small clothes closet under the belief that the sound of the discharge of the gun would be deadened, Willis J. Simms, aged 50 years, proprietor of Willis Inn at Fox Lake, sent a bullet into his brain early Friday morning. He died a few minutes later.

Financial worries coupled with illness from which he has suffered for years is believed to have prompted the act, according to the Waukegan Sun.

Simms chose an hour before members of his family had arisen. He had left his bed at about 6:30 o'clock to prepare breakfast for his son, Willis, Jr., who is employed in the Union station in Chicago.

Enters Closet

After the son had left the home Simms apparently obtained the rifle and went into the closet, closing the door after him. He placed the gun against his temple and pulled the trigger.

His wife was awakened by a sound which she believed was that of a falling body. It is thought that the sound of the shot awakened her and she actually heard the body of her husband or the gun fall to the floor of the closet.

Alarmed, Mrs. Simms arose and started a search of the home. After a few minutes of search she opened the closet door and found her husband in a dying condition.

Died in Few Minutes

Marshal Joseph Riggs was summoned to the home. Marshal Riggs carried the inert form of the dying man from the closet to a bed and then called a physician from Spring Grove. Simms died before the arrival of the physician.

Simms has suffered from occasional attacks of melancholia for several years. Just before Christmas a year ago he disappeared and was found two weeks later wandering about Chicago in a coma. He seemed to recover his full faculties, however, as weeks passed.

Worried Over Finances

Last summer was unprofitable for Simms and he had worried much of late over financial affairs.

Simms has resided in the vicinity of Fox Lake for many years and has been engaged in the resort of restaurant business for the greater part of that period.

Besides his wife seven sons and daughters survive.

An inquest was held at the home by Dr. John L. Taylor, county coroner.

LIBERTYVILLE MAN CLAIMS WOLF BOUNTY

Said to Have Shot Animal Last Week in That Region; Other "Wolves" Reported

Wolves or dogs that have been bothering farmers in Libertyville, Diamond Lake, Mundelein and Half Day, are due to come to an untimely and sudden end, it was learned last week when one wolf hunter presented claim of bounty to County Clerk Lew A. Hendee.

This man, E. G. Frye, of Libertyville, is to receive \$20 as his reward as soon as he exhibits the scalp of the beast to Supervisor Charles Wilcox, of Libertyville, who will, in turn certify the record of the killing to Hendee.

Frye, and two other men, got this wolf after an all day chase. They were spurred on through the fact that a wolf had killed 13 sheep in that vicinity.

The law that provides for the bounty was passed by the board of supervisors in 1903.

Frye stated that the "wolves" had overrun that section of the county and that a posse was to be formed to run down the animals.

A group of Winnetka and North Shore women and girls assisted at the debut early this week of Miss Myra Colburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick S. Colburn of Evanston. Receiving with Mr. and Mrs. Colburn at the reception, which was given at the Fortnightly, were Mrs. Whenton Augur, Mrs. Morris Wilson, Mrs. Oliver Wilson, Mrs. Fletcher Marsh, Mrs. Philip W. Moore, Mrs. Marcus Richards, Mrs. Edgar Rowe, Mrs. Charles Conrad, and Mrs. Robert Pettit. Miss Louise Lackner of Winnetka received with Miss Colburn. Following the tea, Mr. and Mrs. Colburn gave a dinner at the Lake Shore hotel and a theater party for the assistants.

LATE PROCEEDINGS IN PROBATE COURT

Recent Matters in Estates Under Settlement Taken up From Court Docket

Probate Judge Martin C. Decker Wednesday approved reports of a final nature in the estates of Hannah J. Gallagher, North Chicago, and Chas. Allen Walsh, Waukegan, and both estates were closed.

The executrix in the estate of Ambrose Cramer, Lake Forest, was authorized to sell certain assets. Hearing on the petition for partial distribution was continued to December 22nd.

S. Florence Morley, Waukegan—Executors authorized to make partial distribution.

William A. Mahen, spendthrift, Highland Park—Hearing on petition for appointment of conservator. Jury trial. Bond of conservator fixed at \$4,000.

James M. Hart, Highland Park—Hearing on final report continued to Jan. 12.

Herman Knox, spendthrift, Lake Forest—Hearing on petition for appointment of conservator. Jury trial. Letters of conservatorship issued to State Bank of Lake Forest.

A simple, afternoon wedding took place in Kenilworth yesterday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Olson of 736 Rogers avenue, when their daughter, Miss Dorothy Marguerite, became the bride of Rollin S. Thompson of La Grange, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson of Amboy, Ill. The Rev. Leland Hobart Danforth read the service at 4 o'clock. After the wedding supper, which was served at the close of the ceremony, Mr. Thompson and his bride left on a honeymoon trip to St. Augustine, Fla. Upon their return they will live in La Grange.

Mr. Thompson and Miss Olson had only two attendants, Mrs. Omar Dahm of Kenilworth and Leonard Hurried of Highland Park. Miss Olson and her matron of honor have been friends since childhood and have gone through grammar school, high school and college together. They graduated from Northwestern university in the class of 1923. The bride is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, and her fiance of Acacia fraternity. Mr. Thompson, too, was

graduated from Northwestern in the class of 1923.

Mrs. Dahm entertained sixteen guests at a dinner and miscellaneous shower at her home in Kenilworth Saturday evening, December 17.

The engagement of Miss Lida Raymond, daughter of Mrs. Lillian E. Raymond of Winnetka, to Harry Mayhew of Waukegan, son of Mrs. A. E. Mayhew of Los Angeles, was announced at a bridge party given by Mrs. Raymond at her home, 874 Willow road, Dec. 10. The wedding date is indefinite.

Miss Raymond is a graduate of Northwestern university in the class of 1925, and is a member of Alpha Phi sorority. Mr. Mayhew graduated from the University of Illinois, and is a Sigma Chi.

Mrs. Donald W. Mercer of 37 Indian Hill road, is a sister of Miss Raymond, who with her family, moved to Winnetka from Evanston

last autumn. Mr. Mayhew's family lived in Evanston some years ago and at present he has relatives residing there.

The engagement of Miss Catherine Seymour Hinman to Perry B. Buchanan is announced by Miss Hinman's mother, Mrs. George Wheeler Hinman of 576 Oak street, Winnetka. Mr. Buchanan is the son of Louis L. Buchanan of 591 Cherry street. The wedding is to be in June.

Miss Hinman attended the National Cathedral school at Washington, D. C., and is a graduate of New Trier high school. Mr. Buchanan is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and a member of Sigma Phi fraternity.

Mrs. Lorenzo Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ayres Boal of 701 Sheridan road will open their home to their friends Christmas afternoon after 5 o'clock.

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