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Life Convict Fires Prison Chapel When Parole Is Denied Him

Angered by his failure to obtain a parole, a 60-year-old life convict, Lyman Hall, today set fire to the chapel of the state prison at Joliet.

The flames were subdued by Joliet and volunteer firemen after they had menaced one cell block and the dining hall.

Warden Henry C. Hill announced Hall had confessed to starting the blaze.

"Yes, Warden," Hill was quoted as saying, "I did it—I've been here too long and I've seen thousands of men, some of them murderers, come and go. But I remain."

Hall was sentenced 35 years ago to serve a life term for murdering a Joliet constable. His body has become bent, and his hair turned gray, from the long years in prison.

Hall was classed as a model prisoner until the parole board refused his plea two months ago. The warden ordered that he be given a mental examination.

Discover New Planet Nearer Earth, But It Is Small Dimension

Discovery of a new planet, nearer to the earth than any other ever located was announced last week by Dr. A. C. D. Crommelin, a former president of the Royal astronomical society, London, England.

The new body is in the Bootes Constellation, above the star Arcturus. It is only 3 miles in diameter.

The planet is nearer to the earth than Eros, which, passing the earth at 14 million miles, held the previous solar system record for proximity to the earth.

The new body was first noted as a comet by Prof. Delporte, of the Belgian royal observatory.

The significance of the discovery was described by Dr. Crommelin as follows:

"The planet will enable researchers to determine the scale of the entire universe with greater accuracy than has hitherto been obtained. It also will give a new value for the sun as a mass compared to the earth.

"The planet at present is ten million miles from the earth, it is the nearest of any celestial body that approaches the earth except the moon and certain comets."

Libertyville Man Is Sentenced by Court in Milwaukee, Report

Floyd M. Wetzel, 47, Libertyville used car dealer who confessed complicity in the dealings of an auto theft ring operating in Chicago and Milwaukee, was sentenced last Thursday to a term of one to three years in the Milwaukee house of correction by Municipal Judge George Shaughnessy.

Sentence was imposed this morning by Judge Shaughnessy after Wetzel's case had been continued in the Milwaukee municipal court three times. The Libertyville man started serving his term immediately.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

Happenings About This Part of the North Shore; County Seat Doings

Edward D. Coudrey, 74, for many years a prominent farmer in the Mundelein region prior to his retirement in 1909, died last week after an illness of several years duration.

William Tonigan, highway commissioner, running strong through all precincts, last week was re-elected highway commissioner of Waukegan township.

Mrs. Mary Krapf, 60, a prominent resident of North Chicago for the several years, died suddenly at the family home, 2301 Kristan avenue, last week. Death was due to a complication of ailments.

Mrs. Margaret L. Corkill Bailiger of Lake Villa, life long resident of Lake county, passed away at her farm home on Monday.

Fred Holstein, 78, of Half Day, died at the Condell Memorial hospital in Libertyville last week as the result of a heart attack.

Warren township last week turned out a vote of 810, exceedingly large for that district, and returned E. J. Cunningham as road commissioner over Harry Thomas. Cunningham received 537 and Thomas 273. Harry Voss was elected school trustee.

Requisition papers for the return of Attorney Earle H. Gray (colored) from New York to Waukegan last week were issued in Springfield by Governor Louis L. Emmerson to Sheriff Lester T. Tiffany. Embezzlement is charged.

James Morenson, alias Morrison, arrested in Antigo, Wis., for Sheriff Lester T. Tiffany for issuing worthless checks to Charles Ludlow, of the Ludlow motors, Waukegan, was held to the grand jury in bonds of \$3,500 by Justice Harry Hoyt, of Waukegan.

Burglars, ignoring a sign on the door of the Teter Auto Sales company, Waukegan, stating that the place had been closed, broke into the garage via a rear window last night and escaped with a Nash sedan loaded down with tools valued at about \$300.

Submission of the daylight saving proposition to a popular vote of the Waukegan residents at the general municipal election of April 19 was ordered by the city council last week following the introduction of a petition by voters requesting that the special poll be called.

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