

Oscar Schnobb Given Six Month Term After Serious Charge is Reduced Twice

Is Convicted on Charge of Indecent Assault on a Female. Original Charge of Rape Reduced at Start of Hearing. Girl Only Twelve Years Old. One Charge Withdrawn.

Oscar Schnobb, sixty-four-year-old Timmins man, was given a term of six months in jail at this week's police court on a charge of indecent assault on a female. The defendant originally faced two charges of rape but during the course of the hearing the charges were reduced to charges of carnal knowledge of a girl under fourteen years of age, and then, just before sentence was passed, the magistrate further reduced the charges to indecent assault on a female. After the conviction was registered on the first charge the crown attorney consented to withdraw the second charge.

A brilliant defence argument by Defence Counsel Dean Kester, K.C., was the direct cause for the reducing of the charges. He showed no mercy as he cross-examined the evidence of the twelve-year-old girl on whom the attempt was alleged to have been made. Several times after the evidence of the young girl was given he flayed the police department for the method of obtaining statements from prisoners. He told the court that the statements were not voluntary as they were represented to be but were only made after rigid questioning by the officers.

The case was heard in camera after the regular court with only the police officers and parents of the girls who were implicated, the attorneys in the cases, and the reporters being allowed to remain. The hearing lasted for more than an hour as the counsel on both sides argued to have certain evidence admitted.

At the start of the hearing the accused, through his counsel, asked for a summary hearing before the magistrate and pleaded not guilty to both charges. Crown Attorney S. A. Caldwell chose to proceed with the case implicating a twelve-year-old girl first and left the case with a younger girl as the complainant till afterwards. Witnesses were excluded from the hearing with one of them not being called.

The twelve-year-old girl was the first witness to be called and she told the court about meeting Schnobb last summer and then seeing him several times on the street after that time. Last month she had met the man on the street on a Sunday afternoon and he had asked her to go to his hotel room with him but she had refused saying that she was going skating. However after the man had pleaded with her she promised to go to his room the next afternoon.

The next day the girl went to his room after dinner before going to school and talked to the man and then went to school and then returned after school. She testified that the man had attempted to indecently assault her at that time and then had given her six dollars. The girl told the court that she had again returned to the man's room some weeks later but that she only asked him for some money. She denied that she had ever committed the act before going to the man's room the first time or that she had ever done so afterwards. The girl said that she had told no person about her visit to the room.

Counsel for the defence subjected the girl to a very rigid cross-examination, and before he was through with her, her story did not appear nearly as damaging to the accused.

In his evidence Detective Ernie Gagnon told of sending a constable to arrest Schnobb and said that he had waited at the station to question the accused. During the questioning he had asked Schnobb if he wanted to make a statement and Schnobb said that he did. The detective then made out a statement on the information that Schnobb had supplied and read and explained the statement to Schnobb before asking him to sign it.

At this point Defence Counsel Dean Kester, K.C., rose to his feet to object to the entering of the statement as

evidence. He claimed that the statement wasn't made voluntarily but had only been signed by Schnobb after he had been subjected to severe questioning by the police. The Crown Attorney argued that the statement had been signed by the accused and should be entered as evidence because it tied him up with the case. He had not been forced to make the statement and it should be entered, he said. Finally Magistrate Atkinson ruled that the statement would be entered.

The statement signed by the accused contained some information regarding the girl's visit to his room. He admitted that he had kissed and embraced her as well as "playing" with her but he denied that he had ever assaulted her.

Again the defence counsel protested against entering the statement as evidence. He asked why all the questions were not entered in the statement as well and why the actual words used by the accused had not been used in the statement. He ventured the opinion that the police had the statement already prepared and needed only Schnobb's signature.

A lengthy argument then ensued between the crown attorney and the defence counsel before they settled down to their summing up of the evidence. As the crown attorney started to sum up, he asked that the charge be reduced to one of indecent assault because there was hardly enough evidence to convict on the more serious charge. Magistrate Atkinson and Crown Attorney Caldwell conferred for some time on different aspects of the case and finally it was agreed to reduce the charge.

In his summing up the defence counsel pointed out that the evidence of the young girl was not conclusive and that she had contradicted herself on numerous occasions. He said that although he would not say the girl was lying on the stand he would go so far as to say that she wasn't the innocent girl she professed to be. He pointed to several parts of the girl's evidence that he felt bore out his fact. In conclusion he stated that the man could be sentenced to life imprisonment on the charge of carnal knowledge and he didn't think the magistrate should convict his client on the uncorroborated evidence of the girl.

Magistrate Atkinson then discussed several aspects of the case and finally reduced the charge to one of indecent assault and made a conviction. The crown then offered the information that the accused had been convicted of a similar charge in 1940 and had received three months at that time. Magistrate Atkinson then said that the maximum on the charge was six months and sentenced the man to that term, telling him to stay away from young girls when he came out.

The second charge was withdrawn at the request of the crown after a short verbal repartee between the two counsels.

Ladies' Auxiliary Holds General Meet

Two Valued Members of Auxiliary are Leaving for South and Will be Feted This (Thursday) Evening.

Mrs. W. A. Devine, president, was in the chair at the general monthly meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion held on Monday evening in the Legion Hall, with a good attendance of members.

Plans were made to make a wrap-around quilt for the Bombed Victims in the near future. Mrs. J. McGarry was elected as treasurer to replace Mrs. J. Wilson, who resigned the post because of illness. Mrs. A. W. Leach was elected as Standard Bearer in the place of Mrs. K. Stevens, who will leave shortly to take up residence in Southern Ontario. Two new auditors were chosen to replace Mrs. J. McGarry and Mrs. A. W. Leach. They were Mrs. W. T. Menear and Mrs. E. Wheeler.

Mrs. Tilley, wool convener, gave a report of all knitting done during this year of 1942, and Mrs. T. Gay, com-

fort fund convener, read a list of names of men on service who had written to thank the Auxiliary for parcels and comforts received. There were many men from this district who expressed their appreciation for the work of the Comfort Fund.

Plans were made to hold the regular weekly knitting bee this (Thursday) evening, and to make this meeting a farewell party for Mrs. L. Mason and Mrs. K. Stevens, popular members who are both leaving to take up residence in Southern Ontario.

Mrs. J. McGarry won the raffle, and a box of chocolates for which tickets had been sold previously, was won by Mr. Bert Richards.

Shack on T. & N. O. Property Gutted by Fire Saturday

Shack Was Used to Store Charcoal at the Time. Damage Amounted to \$50.

A fire that broke out in a shack on the T. & N. O. property last Saturday morning caused damage amounting to about fifty dollars. The fire started in the floor of the building that was being used to store charcoal and before firemen were able to extinguish the blaze the shack was pretty badly gutted. The alarm was sent in by one of the railroad employees from a fire alarm box.

Three chimney fires on Friday, Monday and Tuesday were attended to by the firemen before any damage was done. On Wednesday morning the firemen were called to 19 Bannerman avenue, to the home of Mr. Lehome, where a fire was reported to be in progress but when they arrived the fire was under control. A small quantity of gasoline was in the house near the stove and it caught fire. The occupant, however, put the bottle outside and covered it with a pall by the time the firemen arrived. No damage was done.

The Inquiring Reporter

THE QUESTION: How do you compare "How Green Was My Valley" With Other Films You Have Seen?

J. Waterman
Optometrist

"How Green Was My Valley"—"Everything about this film is surrounded with natural beauty—seeing it was a joy—I would compare it with the greatest of all pictures."

A. Bellamy
Sampler, Hollinger Mine

"How Green Was My Valley"—"This film has a terrific story that we to-day can understand and appreciate. I would recommend that everyone young and old see this picture."

Miss B. Dodge
Book Shop Proprietress

The script of "How Green Was My Valley" is in itself a rare piece of literature, reading almost as beautifully as does the original novel. In fact it is claimed that 330 out of 356 sequences are quoted verbatim from the book. I enjoyed "How Green Was My Valley" as much as any film I can remember."

C. V. Kearns
Men's Wear Manager

"How Green Was My Valley"—"The great portrayals of Walter Pidgeon as Mr. Gruffydd the minister, Maureen O'Hara as Angharad the lovely Morgan daughter and Donald Crisp as Gwelym Morgan the father are perfect! I will always remember this fine film."

Miss E. Ellies
Ladies' Wear Manageress

"How Green Was My Valley"—"The picture that won a total of six Academy awards, an honour which I believe no other production has earned, takes my vote for an honest-to-goodness portrayal of an everyday family."

What the Critics Say

HOW GREAT IS THE PRAISE!

"A cinemaster-piece...How Great Was My Valley!"
—Walter Winchell

"Terrific and terrific is what I mean!"
—Louella O. Parsons

"I loved every minute of it and I know you will, too!"
—Kate Smith

"One of the year's most beautiful and stirring films!"
—Life Magazine

Company Orders D. Co. Algonquin Regt. C. A. (R.)

"D" Company Orders, week ending April 14, 1942, by G. G. Countryman, Captain, O.C. "D" Coy, Alg. Regt. C.A. (R.)

Company Parades—Monday, March 30, and Thursday, April 2, at 1930 hours.

Syllabus

Monday, March 30—Company Drill, S.A.T. Rifle.

Thursday, April 2—Company Drill, S.A.T. Rifle.

Dress

Battle Dress and Belts.

Note: Men unable to attend regular Company Parades must attend the morning parade at 1000 hours or notify the Company Orderly Room before 1700 hours.

All ranks must notify Company Orderly Room immediately on any change of address or telephone number.

Schumacher Red Cross Shipment for Month of February

Total of 427 Articles, but Some Quotas Not Completed and This Month's Shipment Will be Much Larger.

The following is the shipment for February of the Schumacher Branch of the Red Cross:

British Civilian

- 6 large quilts
- 2 small quilts
- 40 babies' nightgowns
- 5 women's nightgowns, size 38
- 7 pairs boys' pyjamas, 8 years
- Unit No. 14—21 women's skirts; 42 women's blouses, size 26.

Hospital Supplies

- 12 dressing gowns
- 9 pairs pyjamas
- 3 pairs extra trousers
- 3 pneumonia jackets

Women's Auxiliary

- 5 pullovers with sleeves
- 3 sweaters sleeveless
- 2 pairs gloves
- 7 pairs socks

This makes a total of 427 articles, which is below the average total for a month. The reason for the smaller shipment is that sewing had not been completed on some of the quotas and these articles were consequently left

over to the following month. This will mean that the coming monthly shipment will be much larger than the last one.

In a note appended to the report of the shipment, the Schumacher Branch of the Red Cross says:—

"Making a total of 427 articles. While this shipment is smaller than usual, sewing has been going on in some quotas which are not finished, but the total of next month's shipment will be much larger as the result."

"We need the help of every person in Red Cross work—as the needs of the British Civilians grow greater each day, and the forces of the Allied Nations must be kept equipped. Your voluntary effort is necessary."

Film, "Buy Me That Town" is Hailed as Both Fast and Funny

Hailed by preview critics as one of the year's funniest films, and by all odds the giddiest ganster yarn to ever hit the silver screen, Paramount's uproarious romantic comedy "Buy Me That Town" will be at the Carleton theatre on Friday and Saturday, March 27th and 28th, with the added hit, Bing Crosby in "Birth of the Blues."

Smooth Lloyd Nolan and luscious Constance Moore have the heart interest roles ably aided by five tough cupids, Albert Dekker, Sheldon Leonard, Ed. Brothly, Warren Hymer and Horace MacMahon. Barbara Jo Allen, the zany Vera Vague of radio fame contributes to the side-splitting comedy by portraying a small town spinster who reads too many detective stories. The picture was produced by Sol. C. Siegel and directed by Eugene Forde.

The story of "Buy Me That Town" begins when Chink Moran, an oily gang leader, gets drafted into the army. His henchmen switch their allegiance to Ricky Dean played by Nolan, and, with the old style gang business washed up, they seek new fields to conquer. How they settle in a small New England town and turn the place absolutely upside down, how Chink Moran tries to "muscle in" and how the goofy gunmen finally decide to go straight, is told in this roaring comedy.

Exchange—Many of the modern girls are two-faced, says a critic. Well, the one they wear usually looks mighty good.

Address on Value of Dental Care to the Armed Forces

Dr. S. L. Honey to be Special Speaker at Legion Next Monday.

At the monthly meeting of the Canadian Legion to be held next Monday, March 30th, in the Legion hall, members will have their opportunity of reviewing the beautiful new surroundings. The large upstairs hall has taken on a homelike atmosphere. Large new settees, renovated chesterfields, and leather covered chairs along with the lovely green paste shade of the walls and highly polished hardwood floor, all combine to make this room one of the

most attractive in the district.

The meeting will be featured by an address of much interest. Dr. Lee Honey, who has made a special study of his subject, will show by word and lantern slides how the care of teeth is essential to the armed forces of to-day. The address will be of a brief nature and the slides to be shown are said to be highly educational. Dr. Lee Honey, has just returned from attending special lectures upon his subject and members are assured of a very interesting talk by the special speaker for the meeting.

Reports of committees, always an invaluable give members attending a review of the work being done in the interests of veterans and active service men.

Other important matters of interest to the members will also be on the agenda. A very large attendance is anticipated—Monday, March 30th—in the Legion hall (Palais de Vets) at 8.00 p.m. sharp.

Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway
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BARGAIN COACH EXCURSION
FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, 1942

TO
Pembroke Jct., Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec via North Bay and Canadian National Railways

Excursion travel will be handled on Train No. 46, connecting at North Bay with C.N.R. No. 2

On the RETURN journey, tickets will be valid for travel on C.N.R. Train No. 1 from Montreal 8.20 p.m., Monday, April 13th, 1942

BARGAIN COACH EXCURSION
THURSDAY, APRIL 9th, 1942

TO
Points in the Maritimes via North Bay and Canadian National Railways

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March 24th, 1942

Emmett Stark, Esq.,
Manager, Palace Theatre,
Timmins, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Stark:

It was a pleasure to accept your invitation to be present Monday afternoon at the first matinee showing of "How Green Was My Valley."

"How Green Was My Valley"—it is a great picture. You are carried into it. The people are real to you—you live with them, suffer and laugh with them—their sorrows and joys are of importance to you. It is a story that skillfully portrays the unity and oneness of family life in the coal fields of Wales where the father is head of the house, a symbol that is fast passing from our modern homes.

There is greatness in the simple faith of the Welsh miners. It is expressed in the beauty of their music and their love of singing. You see it in their acceptance of what life has to offer them and their undaunted courage in the face of odds.

In my opinion, any citizen of Timmins who sees this picture will be profoundly stirred. I feel that it would be well for all our citizens, adults and children alike, to have the experience of seeing "How Green Was My Valley."

Thanking you for the opportunity you are giving the people of Timmins to see this picture, I remain,

Yours very truly,
J. E. BRUNETTE,
Mayor.

"HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY" Will be at the Palace Theatre for the balance of this week