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## SUSPECT FACES CHICAGO TRIAL

### Man Wanted In Connection With Big Beaver Slaying May Not Be Returned

Whether Vincent Statkjewicz, 25 years old, will face a charge of robbery armed in Chicago or will be returned here to be tried on a charge of killing Anthony Wasielaski, Big Beaver farmer, after a drunken brawl in the latter's home March 25, depends upon Chicago police, prosecutor Clyde D. Underwood explained today.

Chicago police have the option of holding him for trial in connection with a recent robbery in that city or returning him, it is explained. He was arrested in connection with the former crime a week ago and identified through finger prints as a suspect in the Big Beaver murder.

## SIX SPEEDERS PAY COURT FINES

Six speeders, arraigned in Judge Malcolm Hunt's court over the week-end, paid fines totaling $47.60. All of the men were arrested by Patrolman William Green, and all but two are from Detroit.

Ed Kirkish, 12547 Woodrow Wilson avenue, was fined $8.80 for driving 35 miles an hour on Woodward avenue Saturday. He was arrested Oct. 12. Charles Fortune, 220 Chapin street, was also fined $8.80 for speeding. He was arrested Thursday and fined Friday.

Roy Chase Follett, Chicago boulevard, Detroit, was arrested and fined $10 Saturday for speeding, and William Wood, 5834 Northville avenue, Detroit, was also fined $10. He was driving 35 miles an hour, Patrolman Green said.

Anthony Koss, 5113 Dubois street, Detroit, paid a $5 fine for speeding Monday and Eugene Butts, 1310 avenue C, Flint, was also fined $5 Monday. Koss was arrested Saturday, Butts, Sunday.

## RURAL TEACHER TELLS OF WORK

Members of the Oakland County board of supervisors learned at first hand Friday afternoon the workings of the helping teacher system of education in the rural schools when they met with members of the organization built up by Commissioner E. J. Lederle.

Miss Maryann Ravell, one of the teachers explained that the helping staff visited sections of the county and assisted regular teachers with their work. A program of study has been planned and this year emphasis is being laid on health. There are four helping teachers and the results they obtain are being lauded by educators throughout the state.

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

**Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.**

### 43 YEARS AGO

The game of polo played at McBride & Johnston's roller rink last Wednesday night was won, after a hard contest, by the Pontiac club. The contest for the champion fast skater's badge was raced by Alex McPherson and D. M. Johnston and won by McPherson. The badge is a very pretty solid gold ornament, suitable to the occasion, made by M. S. Smith & Co. of Detroit, and cost $15. To be owned exclusively it must not be won in three successive races and the holder must accept any challenge while claiming it, from any regular patron of the Rink.

Mr. John Crawford, of Southfield is the happy owner of a grand flowing well from a depth of 156 feet. Mr. J. Harvey Carter was the driver and is as proud of his work as Mr. Crawford is happy.

Married, Oct. 22, at the house of Mr. Samuel McClelland in Southfield, Mr. Alexander Soults of Royal Oak to Mrs. Mary E. Beatty, by Rev. J. P. Gibson, of Bad Axe, Mich.

The regular monthly examination of the Franklin school took place last week. The following named members of the A grade were present: Misses Alice Rust, Laura Midgley, Ruthie Hall, Master Harry Grinnell. The average per cent passed by the grade was 70 per cent. The highest individual per cent was 85. The members of the B. grade passed a very creditable examination. We extend a cordial invitation for the parents and friends of the pupils to attend the next examination. Members of the school neither tardy nor absent during the month are Tootie Bowden, Anna Berger, Emma Reynolds, Grace VanEvery, Rue VanEvery, Laura Midgley. C. A. Bursh, teacher.

Master Ira Render of Southfield is now the owner of a handsome carriage.

Before another issue of this great moral engine the question as to who fires off the 4th of July pyrotechnics (left over) will have been solved, as it stands in this way: If James G. Blaine carries off the cake, you'll see Lord Whitehead mount to the top of his little post office and shoot off the remains of the 4th of July stock; but if Cleveland goes to the front, Georgiana, with his little hatchet and matches, will climb clear to the top of the flag-staff on Lord Whitehead's little post office, and he will shoot off the roman candles, pin-wheels, sky-rockets, etc. The matches are ready and both are mortal anxious to do the "touching off" act. Keep an eye out and see who carries the torch.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Fred Parks, of Troy, has succeeded in getting a flowing well for Fred Mallender of Bloomfield at a depth of 53 feet. It's a gusher and both Freds feel very proud.

Our oil investors, Dr. J. L. Campbell and wife, H. A. Popplestone and wife, and Messrs. T. A. Ward, Bert Peabody, Frank Hagerman, A. W. Campbell and Frank Ford, with Attorney J. H. Patterson and F. H. Carroll, of Pontiac, made a jolly party and started for Lima, Ohio, Monday evening of this week to be present at the shooting of the company's first oil well.

Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Johnston and Master Deane, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. O'Neal and Miss Lena Blakeslee spent Sunday at James Wooster's at Clarkston.

Miss Belle Corson, of Ann Arbor spent Sunday at home. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Crane, also of the University city.

John Walton is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Keyes, and incidentally will take advantage of the Mt. Clemens baths for his rheumatiz.

Miss Carrie Poppleton, Miss Jennie Castle and Mrs. F. Hagerman and daughter Gertrude were all Detroit visitors Monday.

Mrs. Ed. Russell and daughter of Pontiac, visited various friends in town one day last week.

Mrs. Frank Brooks was the guest of Mrs. Robert Fisher of Detroit one day last week.

Mrs. J. Rundell was the guest of Mrs. Ellen Peabody of Detroit one day last week.

Mrs. M. Groves has been spending a few days with relatives at Royal Oak.

The W. H. and F. missionary society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. W. D. Clizbe next Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Mrs. E. Montgomery and Master James returned last Sunday morning from their visit in New York state.

Tonight is Hallowe'en. We advise all our friends to take in their front doors and sleep with one eye open.

Mrs. Emma Blanding has just returned from a visit to her many friends in Wisconsin. The Misses Sadie and Martie Sly will soon start for Pennsylvania, Miss Martie's home, while Miss Sadie goes for her health, which we hope she will soon have as good as ever.

## THOSE WHO NEED IT DON'T DRINK, SO SCHOOL STOPS MILK SERVICE

The fat children who didn't need the milk so much, drank it; the thin ones, who did need it, did not drink it. That, in a nutshell, is the reason why the Adams School has discontinued providing milk for the children at morning recess, according to authorities of the Adams Parent-Teacher association, which last week resolved to stop the milk service.

"Children are just like grown-ups," one of the P. T. A. members said. "When general privileges are granted, the persons for whose especial benefit they were granted are often the last to take advantage of them. This has been found true in free public institutions such as libraries, museums, medical clinics and other big privileges.

"The same situation prevailed at the school. The children who needed the milk, who were thin and under-nourished looking, did not take advantage of the service, while the other normal healthy-polies did. The P. T. A. felt that the milk wasn't really of benefit to enough children to make the dispensing of it worth while. The ones who drank it would drink it at home anyway. The ones who needed didn't take it, so there you are."

Milk has been supplied to students from the kindergarten through the sixth grade at the Adams School, at cost price, for several years. Students who could not afford to buy the milk were supplied free of charge. Mothers of the various students came in every morning to serve it.

Milk will be furnished at noon for the students who do not go home for luncheon, however, Miss Magdalene Frederick, principal of the Adams School said. "This will be merely a convenience. Most children drink milk at noon, and it is a bother to carry it in their lunches. We shall have it here fresh every day at lunch time and they can have it if they choose," she said.

## HAYES NAMED TO COUNTY POST

Herbert C. Hayes, supervisor from Royal Oak and field manager for the Michigan Bell Telephone company, is a member of the Oakland County road commission today, following the election at the board of supervisors meeting Friday when he defeated Frank Hoyt of Pontiac for reelection. The vote count was 27 to 12. This was the only contest for posts in county work.

## KUNSKY SEES FUTURE IN SUBURBAN TOWNS

In a message to the committee in charge of the dedication of the new Kunsky-Redford theater, John H. Kunsky, head of the nationally famous Kunsky theater interprises, gives expression to confidence in the suburban growth of Detroit—a forecast that will interest all those living within the Detroit metropolitan area.

Mr. Kunsky points out that in constructing large, beautiful theaters in Birmingham, Redford and Royal Oak, his organization is showing its confidence in the future of suburban Detroit. He believes the suburban areas are about to experience great growth and expansion. The theaters, it is understood, are being constructed not to meet present needs but to anticipate the growth of the next five years.

The Redford theatre will open sometime in December. The Kunsky-Birmingham theater is scheduled for opening in November, while Royal Oak's new playhouse will be ready in January.

After thirty years of breeding the International Canary Breeders Association has developed a white canary.

## HOUSE PERMITS TOTAL IS HIGH

### Residences To Be Constructed Here Following Early October Issues

Two residence permits make up the largest part of the $26,820 worth of building permits issued during the first two weeks of October. One house, being built on Hawthorne road by K. E. Olson, will cost $18,000, and an $8,000 home is being built at 600 Willetts street by Mrs. Hevovidh.

The other two permits issued during the first half of this month are for a $220 garage at 123 Davis avenue, to be built by Mrs. G. W. Stevenson, and an addition and repairs to a place at 218 Davis avenue, which will cost $600. The Artistic Home Builders own the latter place.

## Talk Is Given On Pre-School Work

Continuing their activity along the line of pre-school education, the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women yesterday sponsored a talk by Dr. Harold Rochm, of Bloomfield Hills, on the "Mental and Physical Aspects of the Pre-School Child." The meeting was held at the Community House and was open to the public.

A similar meeting, at 2:30 p. m. next Wednesday will be held at the Community House, when Mrs. Alfred LaBelle will talk on "Books of Interest to the Pre-School Child." She will offer an exhibit of books for pre-school children. This meeting will also be open to the public.

## Meeting Is Called To Protect Crop

Discussion of the proposed eradication of the European black currant, which grows in Oakland and a number of other counties in the state, will take place at a public hearing in Lansing Nov. 22, it is announced today by Herbert E. Powell, state commissioner of agriculture. The European black currant has been found to be infected with white pine blister rust, which today threatens to destroy the white pine of Michigan and the whole country, Mr. Powell said. To preserve the pines, the state feels that the currant must be destroyed.

## MEN PAY $75 FINE FOR SHOOTING BIRDS

Two little birds cost two men $75 in Judge Floyd S. Buck's court Saturday. And the birds were dead, at that.

Charles Robst, of Royal Oak got the heaviest part of the fine, $50, when he pleaded guilty to having shot the birds. His rifle was confiscated.

Otis Kell, Berkley, who was with Robst but said he had not shot either of the birds, was fined $25 for having them in his possession. Both men were arrested Saturday morning by Deputy Robert McClure. The alternative to Robst's fine was 30 days in jail and to Kell's, 15 days.

### AUTO IS DAMAGED

Little damage was done in a collision Friday afternoon on Adams road, when a car driven by Arnold Allen, 20516 Wyoming avenue, Ferndale, hit the rear of a wagon driven by J. Smith, 259 Virginia avenue, Royal Oak. Smith was driving his wagon and team south on Adams road when Allen's car struck him from behind, according to Patrolman Edward Myers, who investigated.

## Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Low hanging gray brown tapistries and a voice singing a ballad to the grapes. Low hanging, heavy brown voice. Carl Sandberg singing his poems. The Carl Sandberg who said of Col. Edward J. Steichen in a dedication, . . . "Painter of nocturnes and faces, camera engraver of glints and moments, listener to the blue evening winds and new yellow roses, dreamer and finder, rider of great mornings in gardens, valleys, battles." Carl Sandberg who could have said many of the same things about himself.

Someone told me that Carl Sandberg is more like Abraham Lincoln than anyone since Lincoln. But that all strikes me as being a page of Sandberg's. Then we get into what is real and what is artificial again and if you can show me that posing is not natural then I want you to write to me and explain. Everything in life is a pose. I do not mean that cynically.

He stands like Lincoln stood. He is homely like Lincoln. He talks slowly and when he says "story" he makes it "stoo-ory." You have heard the superintendent of a district school painting the sounds of night. You have heard a Catholic priest singing a High Mass; a Lincoln at Gettysberg. What my friend meant was that Sandberg and Lincoln have the same soul. Sandberg sings to the future of a red haired restaurant cashier who is sought by a man somewhere in the world. "Around and around go ten thousand men hunting a red headed girl with two freckles on her chin." He tells her to let go her laughter. Lincoln sang to the future of a black haired cotton picker . . . He told him to let go his laughter.

Slowly Sandberg read from his Abraham Lincoln. He said there are more than 2,000 books on Lincoln. He said Lincoln's clothes were hung on him as if on a line to dry. Then he told about Lincoln taking hold of an enraged goat, there should be no animosity—then throwing it over a fence.

He told about the other books he wrote and about American Songbag which is soon to be out. From his collected poems he read "Cahoots" and he sang "Jazz Phantasia." Then from Rootabaga Stories, "Bozo the Button Buster." And he decorated some ballads with music from his guitar.

Ever hear a man defend his own poetry? Sandberg said some things. Arthur Guiterman, head of the American Poetry Society, expects him to answer questions of a hundred years from now. Others want him to write pretty things that rhyme. He says the form of his poetry is NOT MODERN, that it goes back as far as poetry can go; that it depends entirely upon rhythm and implication. Do you want to dispute him? Do you want to argue about what poetry is? Do you want your art defined?

Carl Sandberg looked at the hundred people Friday night in the rooms of Alvin C. Hamer, Incorporated, on east Kirby avenue, Detroit, and he swayed a little, probably from seeing all the faces. He probably that was the part of the natural pose. His hair is grey and dry and brushed down with vigor. On the left of the part it comes down to his eye and it covers quite a distance of forehead. When he reads he wears brass rimmed spectacles and he holds the book with his arms crooked away from him like a man dramatically regarding his handcuffs. . . like a supervisor of a suburban Nebraska township reading a Fourth of July proclamation that has difficult words in it. His eyes have a terrible kind of poetry but aside from that he looks like one of those drab, distressing former Shakespearian troupers whom you find well in their cups reeling off some very fancy lines for some very drunken friends. I'll tell you one thing about Sandberg, you would never mistake him for the Mayor of Gary.

You can not think of Sandberg's looks when you think of his poetry, but you can think of his voice. The tone of his voice is like the images of his words. It can be like the fog creeping on little cats feet or like the philosophy of the "grifter" in "Cahoots" saying, "Go fifty-fifty. If they nail you call in a mouthpiece . . . . there aint no law we got to wear mittens . . . ."

Women were in the front seats and they saw a deep ocean blue when he sang. That's a funny thing about women. Ann Marie was among them. She is just a kid, about 20. She writes the loviest lines I have seen from one who is not well known. She works in a drug store sometimes. Her hair is very black and called and cut short. She looked bored during his long outline of what he was going to give. I hope what Sandberg had to say about poetry was new to other people than it was to her. Young and old of various races and occupations were there. Paul Honoree Sandberg to be most interested in the ballads. The book on which he collaborated will be published about the same time as the Songbag. Most of the women went up to ask questions of the speaker after he was through. They shook the hand that wrote the words. That's something, I tell you. Someone brought him a glass of milk. Milk for the man who wrote "Chicago."

All these words I have written about the poet are in poor order. I suppose I should take the scissors and paste and make over the whole thing. But, you see, then I should not be writing about Sandberg. I should be photographing him. And one can't photograph his voice.

## WOMEN HEAR FRANKLIN TALK

### Detroit Rabbi Schedules Lectures In Hills On The Bible

Mrs. Frank L. Klingensmith, of Square Lake road, and Mrs. Matthew B. Whittlesey, of Bloomfield Hills Village, have been active in gathering together some 150 Bloomfield Hills women for a course of lectures on Old Testament history, by Rabbi Leo Franklin, of Detroit, the second of which was to have been at 10 a. m. today at the Bloomfield Hills Country club. The lectures opened last week to an enthusiastic crowd.

The list of women enrolled for the lectures includes Mrs. A. R. Glancy, of Lone Pine road; Mrs. Frederick J. Robinson, of Lone Pine road; Mrs. S. S. Marquis, of Cranbrook; Mrs. Ewin F. George of Square Lake road; Dr. Harriet Hawkins, of Redding road; Mrs. Walter Morley, of Quarton road; Mrs. Bert Morley, of Lone Pine road; Mrs. George P. Raynale, of Tooting Lane; Mrs. H. A. O'Dell, of Stinchfield Acres; Mrs. Manly Davis, of Oak Knob; Mrs. Thomas Taliaferro and Miss Mary Taliaferro, of Decon Cross road; Mrs. John B. Williams, of Yorkshire road; Mrs. Albert J. Stahelin, of Long Lake road; Mrs. John T. Shaw, of "Whysall;" Mrs. C. W. Matthewson and Miss Margaret of "Sterling Croft;" Mrs. Earl B. Newton; Mrs. William H. Traub, of Bloomfield Highlands; Mrs. A. C. Born, of Trowbridge Farm; Mrs. Stanton Clarke, of Aspen road; Mrs. J. H. Hunter, of Brae Burn; Mrs. C. A. Newcomb, Jr., of "Junipers;" Miss Jennie Tipson; Mrs. William G. Harry, of Lone Pine road; Mrs. James Craig, of Oak Knob; Mrs. W. G. Lernhen, of Long Lake road; Mrs. A. G. Osterman, of Oak Knob; Mrs. J. H. Muzzy; Mrs. Frank F. Tillotson; and Mrs. Thomas S. Parker, of Aspen road.

## POOR RELIEF REPORT MADE

Approximately $200,000 was spent by Oakland County during the past year for poor relief, according to a report made to the county board of supervisors Friday by members of the poor commission.

Bloomfield Township contributed six of the 295 persons maintained in the home during the year. Ages of the persons in the home range from one day to 96 years, the report declared.

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