

JOHNSON GIVEN COURT DISMISSAL

Evidence Fails To Sustain Charge Of Radio Embezzlement

Charges of embezzlement against Maurice Johnson, 31 years old, former employe of the Mc Bride Hardware Company here, were dismissed Tuesday by Justice Floyd S. Bask with the consent of the prosecutor.

Johnson, who was arrested in Detroit three weeks ago, was charged by his former employer with embezzling two radios valued at about \$65 last winter.

According to evidence brought out at the examination, Johnson delivered the radios to prospective customers in Detroit, and turned over to the company two payments received on one. There was no evidence that he collected any more money.

Norman C. Orr, former Oakland County prosecutor, intimated that the complainant in the case may be sued for damages on the grounds of false arrest.

Charges of larceny which had been pending against Johnson for his failure to make full payment for a car bought on contract from the Ford Sales and Service Company here were also dismissed when the car was returned.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Today: First meeting of class to train Girl Scout Leaders at Community House, 7:30 P. M.; Girl Reserves tea at home of Mrs. William McCallum, East Maple street; annual meeting Pine Lake Country Club at the Detroit Golf Club; dinner nurses section Oakland County Public Health Association; class studying "Changing Standards in Education" meets at Baldwin Public Library at 2 P. M.

Friday, Oct. 23: Boy Scout Court of Honor at the Community House at 7:30 P. M.

Saturday, Oct. 24: Young people dance at the Community House at 9 P. M.; Closing day of book sale of A. A. U. W. held in Hanna Building on Pierce street.

Sunday, Oct. 25: Go to Church Sunday for Girl Scouts who will meet at the Community House at 10:30 A. M. to attend service at the First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Monday, Oct. 26: Dinner Birmingham Tennis Club dinner at Community House at 6:30; Lee White to address Girl Scout Council; dance show motion pictures European tour, 8 P. M.

Tuesday, Oct. 27: First day of rummage sale conducted by League of St. James Women in Parish House on West Maple avenue, to continue three days. Benefit bridge dessert at Community House at 2 P. M. given by Michigan League of Women Voters.

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MORE CLOTHING NEEDED

With the approach of cold weather, the need for clothing for the poor families of the village is becoming more urgent, according to Mrs. Hope Egan, executive secretary of the Community House where the clothing is distributed on every Wednesday.

"We're badly in need of more clothing," Mrs. Halgren said yesterday, "especially for children. Already we have been able to supply clothing for school, otherwise would have been forced to remain at home, but the demands are becoming more pressing, and the Community House urges every organization possible to send in whatever it can."

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ing I know there is an such thing," Commissioner Charles E. Lewis replied.

Referring to the fact that some of the Commissioners have their business offices in Detroit, Lowman declared "it would be a good idea if you would stay in the village 24 hours at a time like I do and see what's going on."

"I think the question is a fair one: 'Have we got too much help?' and one the manager is faced with every day," Parry entered, replying to Lowman. "But you've based your statements on unfair grounds."

Nothing Constructive

Referring to Lowman's "thumb-welding" statement," Halgren said: "It's rather a tough statement to make to the manager and treasurer without warning."

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ductions in the payroll can be made, I'd be glad to hear it," Parry agreed. "That's part of my business."

In a statement to The Eclectic yesterday, Lowman amplified his stand as follows:

"I do not wish to be misunderstood regarding my organ at the Commission meeting. Nor do I wish to retract. The general public and the taxpayers are well aware of the over-supply of personnel and the excessive salaries concerning the municipal organizations, although the village has not given attention. Prolonged investigations and delayed recommendations by department heads up to date have resulted in additional expense with no relief to the depressed taxpayer who is called on to pay all the bills."

Scores Hysterical

"Perhaps my remarks were abrupt and a bit embarrassing relative to the many employees; for their having nothing to do but twiddle their thumbs, I will modify this statement by saying that the village is furnishing six-month vacations to many employees twice a year on full pay. Our present laxity of curtailment I feel, is no praiseworthy member of the Commission knows, or should know, the condition by personal observation. Although reluctant to express it, this should be no time for officials to hesitate in promoting economy, regardless of pride for expensive government."

"I respect Mr. Parry's sincerity of opinion in all cases, but his conception of economy is just different from mine, which I hope is no reflection. Some time ago I presented the curtailment of the allowance to private cars of employees, which amounted to an \$100 per month which seemed to me a matter of conveyance from their residences to the village offices. After deep study and investigation, conclusion was reached after four weeks, and it was reported advisable to reduce the total about \$12. So I take it for granted that my opinion was out of order."

From my personal viewpoint, a reduction of all departments, except police and fire, should be made. This would effect a saving of approximately \$1,600 per month, possible through reduction of personnel and reduction in salaries. Living costs have been reduced to a total of at least 25 per cent, therefore, I feel that no one is being imposed upon by such a program of economy, and should welcome it for the good of the community at large."

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husband was about to die, kept the audience in good humor throughout. Then though the piece ended tragically for the actors when the good husband's recovery forced the putting off by an expectant widow of the mourning veil which had been so becoming.

Drama of Darkness

The two comedies were divided by a third play in tragic vein, entitled "The Short Cut" by Percival Wilde, and dealing with the story of two engineers trapped in an abandoned mine for three days.

All but the last few seconds of the drama, transposed to total darkness, which gives an effect of indelible impressiveness to the piece, if the lines are read with such dramatic conviction as they were Friday evening by Carlton Scott.

Two hilarious skits by the Players' own W. A. F. John, one a farce of the lovers' apartment both of which packed superb endings with a flourish.

Truly, if the Players continue the pace set by their excellent performance, 1931-32 should be a banner histrionic season in Birmingham.

C. C. Ryan, president of the organization, announced between plays that the next production would be that of R. C. Sheriff's famous war play and Pulitzer prize winner, "Fourier's March," to be given at public performances on Nov. 13 and 14.

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Hoover's new billion dollar credit plan to relieve banks throughout the country also came in for the Governor's commendation as being "one way out" of our present difficulties.

Governor Brucker's address was followed by an inspiring talk from Dr. P. H. J. Lerrigo, home secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

150 Register

Approximately 150 delegates had registered for the convention up to last night, it was announced at registration headquarters. The conclave will close today with morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

The morning program will open at 7:30 with a series of breakfast conferences, followed by a devotional service at which Rev. E. C. Montague, pastor of the Baptist Church of Rives Junction, will preside.

Committee reports and addresses by Rev. Miles W. Smith, director of the intermediate department of the American Baptist Publication Society, and Rev. A. C. Archibald of Columbus, O., will complete the morning session.

Hudson Speaks Today

An address on "Prohibition and Our Responsibility," by Grant M. Hudson, prohibition education representative of the American Baptist Publication Society and former congressman from the sixth Michigan district, will feature this afternoon. Further committee reports and a sight-seeing tour of Cranbrook Foundation, together with a Carillon recital from Christ Church, will round out the session.

The closing meeting tonight will be featured by an address by Mr. Archibald and a devotional service led by Rev. E. K. Keller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Benton Harbor.

Honorary Officers

Officers of the convention were selected as recommended by the nominating committee in its report, submitted yesterday morning. Dr. A. H. Hartley of Saginaw was selected president to head the state. Other officers were named as follows:

W. T. Roberts, Alma, first vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Dorrance, Detroit, second vice-president; A. D. Werton, Eaton Rapids, third vice-president; Gietart B. Crandall, Battle Creek, fourth vice-president; Lemuel F. Smith, Kalamazoo, fifth vice-president; Roy E. Williamson, Detroit, sixth vice-president; W. H. Hamilton, Battle Creek, seventh vice-president; George H. Waid, Marshall, recording secretary; Bruce E. Anderson, Lansing, treasurer.

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Birmingham's librarian, Mrs. Nancy E. Thomas, who guides the affairs of our beautiful Baldwin Public Library, was elected president of the Michigan Library Association recently. It is the first time in the history of the state that a president has been selected from a community as small as Birmingham. Just remember that Mrs. Thomas suc-

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