

REPUBLICAN MEETING IS SCHEDULED

Former Kansas Congressman to Speak Friday at Meeting in Massena

Massena, Nov. 1.—Phillip Pitt Campbell, former congressman from Kansas, will be the speaker at a big rally to be held in the opera house on Friday night of this week, November 4, under the auspices of the Massena Republican Club.

"Phil" Campbell, by which he is best known throughout the party, is being sent to Massena from the National Republican headquarters in New York. He served in the United States Congress as representative from the third Kansas district from 1903 to 1923 and for several years was chairman of the very important rules committee, the same chairmanship as which is now being held by Congressman B. H. Snell, of Potsdam. He now resides at Arlington, Virginia.

Ralph O. Keefer, president of the Massena Republican club, stated that the meeting will be an open session to which not only Republican men and women are invited, but to which members of all parties are free to attend, and are invited.

Mr. Keefer also announced that the Republican quartette of Ogdensburg would sing and that the Massena high school band under the direction of Charles D. Robb, would play several selections. George Freeman, local radio expert, is hooking up a microphone from the stage with a loud-speaker on the street to take care of the overflow from the opera house.

Misses Forsythe Hostesses Friday

Waddington, Nov. 1.—Another delightful party was given last Friday evening, October 28, at the home of the Misses Forsythe when they entertained five tables of auction bridge. Delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cakes and coffee were served. Mrs. Louise Shaver won the prize given for high score, Miss Martha Crapsier for second score and Mrs. John Martin for the low score.

The guests present were: Mrs. John Martin, Miss Louise Murphy, Miss Mary Murphy, Mrs. George Colvin, Mrs. Louise Shaver, Miss Annie McDowell, Miss Anne Clark, Mrs. Roy Wilson, Miss Marion Rutherford, Mrs. J. E. McKee, Mrs. Gertrude Howard, Miss Jennie Rand, Miss Martha Crapsier, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Mrs. Ross Thompson, Miss Mary Locke, Mrs. William Whalen and Mrs. Harry Wilson.

Glancing Backward in Northern N. Y.

Murderer Was Publicly Hanged On Scaffold In Ogdensburg Years Ago

By HAROLD J. MURPHY

A public hanging was once held in Ogdensburg! It was the first and only execution ever conducted in this community and took place at the corner of Washington and Elizabeth Streets on February 22, 1816.

Practically the entire community, including women and children turned out to see the execution. All facts stated herein may be verified in Curtis' history of St. Lawrence county, on file at the public library.

The man hanged was Louis Conard otherwise known as Jean Baptist Gerateau. He paid the supreme penalty for murdering a woman, her child and a youth in the town of Louisville about a mile from Massena. The story is one of the wildest and most unusual in the annals of this community.

Everywhere people were shocked by the terrible nature of the crime and crowds from all parts of Northern New York journeyed to Ogdensburg to see justice meted out to the fiend.

The three persons whom Conard murdered were a woman named Mrs. Scarborough, her infant child, and a French boy named Macue, a brother-in-law of the murderer, who entered their home just before dawn to steal some money which he knew was hidden in a drawer. He found the cash but fearing those in the house might detect his presence before getting away, he slew them with an axe.

After committing the atrocious deed Conard went to the pantry, feasted on cakes and sweets and then departed nonchalantly. When the crime was discovered by neighbors, a man-hunt was started and the murderer was captured two miles from St. Regis. He had the stolen money in his possession—a sum of \$22. He offered no resistance and acknowledged the murders.

Conard was brought to Ogdensburg and placed in the local jail. A special guard was provided for him for fear the angered crowds might rise up and take the law into their own hands. Conard went to trial July 3, 1816 at the county court house here, Ogdensburg being the county seat at that time. William Van Ness presided. Nathan Ford, a judge, was also at the trial.

The grand jury was presented with three separate indictments. The murderer pleaded not guilty to all three of them. But justice was swift. He was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged in public in Ogdensburg on Friday, July 12, between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

It was further ordered that his body be delivered to the St. Lawrence County Medical Society to be made use of as they saw fit.

News of the date of the execution spread rapidly to every nook and corner of Northern New York. People from all sections made plans ahead of time to be here and when the day arrived the highways were filled with horses and rigs headed toward Ogdensburg. A great size crowd was on hand at the corner of Washington and

Elizabeth Streets when Conard was brought there for the hanging. The scene of the execution was at that time common.

The gallows which had been erected by the county authorities stood 13 feet high. The platform of the gallows was hinged at one end by an upright post and the other end of the platform was held in position by a cord. By cutting the cord the trap would be sprung.

Joseph York was the county sheriff. D. C. Judson was the deputy and W. Lytle was sergeant of the military guard which had been called out for the occasion.

The sheriff was the executioner, his task being to cut the cord which would send the murderer to his doom.

With everything ready, the crowd stood tense. Conard mounted the gallows, blind-folded. Quickly the noose was slipped over his head. A great hush fell over the crowd. Women who had gathered to see the death sentence meted out covered their eyes with their hands.

Sheriff York mounted his horse. In his hand was a sword with which to cut the cord. But he had become extremely nervous and the horse was shy. He swung at the cord with his sword several times but missed it. Women in the crowd began to faint.

The sheriff became so excited, he dismounted from the horse, tossed his sword on the ground and picked up an axe. With an unsteady swing he hacked at the rope.

The haggled cord giving away slowly, releasing Conard's body instead of causing instant death, the man began to strangle.

The sheriff, knowing not what to do cried out: "For God's sake, cannot someone put this man out of misery?"

A young doctor from Lisbon suddenly dashed out from the crowd and succeeded in putting an end to the man's sufferings. The execution required 13 minutes.

The execution left the residents in a depressed state of mind for weeks. One woman actually lost her mind and committed suicide.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED

The special services conducted by the Tebo evangelistic party Sunday at the Methodist Episcopal church were largely attended.

Rev. Mrs. Merle Tebo, who delivered two stirring messages and her sermons were well received. Rev. Clarence Tebo sang several special numbers and conducted the singing of a large chorus choir. Special musical numbers using the musical saw, miramba and accordion were presented by members of the party with Miss Eleanor Osterlander as piano accompanist.

Services will be held every night throughout the week beginning tonight, Wednesday night the official board of the church will attend in a body. Thursday night several societies of the church will be represented and Friday will be observed as Young People's night when members of the Epworth League and Queen Esther's Societies will attend.

Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock there will be special children's meetings and all are invited to attend.

CARS OF LOCAL MEN DAMAGED IN CRASH NEAR CITY

Cars driven by Clifford Woodley of 62 Linden Street and Henry Frick of 1061 Ford Avenue were badly damaged in an accident on the Black Lake road Monday night. No one was injured.

Woodley was going South and Frick North when their cars came together. In reports at police headquarters, each claimed that the car of the other sideswiped their own machine.

A fender and running board of a machine driven by Thomas E. McRoberts of 414 Morris Street were damaged Monday night when a car suddenly turned out from the curb ran into him as he was driving west on Ford Street.

George E. Amo Weds Miss Ames

Chipman, Nov. 1.—George E. Amo and Miss Gladys E. Ames, both of Lisbon, were married at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the manse of Rev. George R. Harland, who had married Mr. Amo's parents more than 23 years ago.

The couple were attended by a brother and sister of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Amo will make their home in Lisbon.

Deposits made on or before November third in the St. Lawrence Savings Bank, State Street, Ogdensburg, New York, will bear interest from November the first.

THREE JURORS SELECTED FOR MURDER TRIAL

Two Remaining Jurors Expected To Be Drawn at Session This Afternoon

Canton, Nov. 1.—(Special)—Three more jurors were selected this morning by the defense and prosecuting attorneys in the Witherell case. Edgar Ryan, laborer of Massena and Harold Briggs, machinist of Gouverneur were added to the jury list making a total of 10 satisfactory to both sides.

Two more jurors are expected to be chosen at the session this afternoon which reconvened shortly before 1 o'clock. The defense has three more preemptory charges remaining in the selection of the two jurors.

POWELL PLAYS WITH FRANCIS IN BIG FILM

One of the strangest and most fascinating romances ever told is the theme of "One Way Passage," the Warner Bros. production co-starring William Powell and Kay Francis, which opens today at the Strand Theatre for two days run.

Most of the action is laid on the Pacific liner sailing from Hong Kong, where the two ill-fated lovers meet for the first time, to San Francisco, where the final farewells are said. William Powell has one of the most impressive roles of his career as Dan Hardesty, the debonair criminal who is finally tripped up by the police. Kay Francis is considered by metropolitan critics to have the finest opportunity of her career in the role of Joan Arden, who is a girl who has been for a month of perfect happiness while the steamer pursues its course across the Pacific.

The show was arranged as a part of the program of Mayor Ralph Morrisette in Ogdensburg to help in relief work, and due to conflicts in dates, has been postponed in the city until December. In the meantime the play is being given in various sections of the county.

Holiday-Harper Wedding Announced

Miss Frances Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harper of East South Street and Ray Holiday, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holiday of Hamilton Street were married Saturday night at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. Arthur E. Kelly, pastor of the church.

The couple were attended by Mrs. Grace Martin, sister of the bridegroom and Arthur Julius, both of this city. The bride wore a blue dress with matching accessories. They will reside in this city and a reception will be given the newlyweds some night this week at the home of the bridegroom.

Waddington Girl Is Entertained

Mrs. Ralph A. Sears gave a surprise birthday party Saturday afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Marjory Sweet of Waddington. Games were played and dancing was enjoyed during the afternoon. Miss Sweet received many pretty gifts.

Those present were the Misses Rita Marceau, Geraldine Fisher, Helen Kotz, Dorothea Fisher and Mary Nobschok of Watertown.

Boys Shot, Taken to Watertown Hospital

Two boys were taken to hospitals here today, one of them critically wounded, as a result of a Halloween prank. William Burr, 51, a farm hand on the farm of Wesley Burnett, near Dexter, was held today pending completion of an investigation into the shooting.

The most seriously wounded was Garnett Elliott, 16, of Dexter R. D. 2, who received a charge of a shotgun in his left side, part of the shot piercing his intestines. Robert Ehiphen, 17, of Watertown R. D. 5, was wounded in the left arm below the elbow and in the hand. More than forty of the lead pellets hit his arm, fracturing the bone.

Deputy Sheriff August Roggenkamp, who took Burr into custody early today, quoted the man as saying he "was protecting the property." At the time of the shooting ten young persons were moving an old automobile which was parked near the Burnett barn.

Farmers Market Wednesday from 7 Until Noon

The Farmers Open market in this city will be held as usual Wednesday morning at MacNaughton Market, Isabella street. The mid-week markets provide ample opportunity for housewives to secure fresh vegetables and other farm produce direct from the rural residents of the county and also make it possible for the farmers and their families to secure funds with which to shop in the city, a happy combination of the local merchants and farmers agree.

Each Wednesday morning and each Saturday morning these markets are being held in Ogdensburg. It is expected that as in the past they will attract many shoppers.

THE WEATHER

WESTERN NEW YORK: Generally fair and colder tonight, preceded by rain in northeast portion; light to heavy frost probably tonight, Wednesday fair with slowly rising temperature.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Rev. A. E. Kelly, local Kiwanian, was the guest speaker at the Majors Kiwanis meeting this noon.

Mrs. Arthur McKee left Sunday for Malone where she will visit her son, Edward McKee.

Leo Quirk and Mrs. James Quirk, Sr., of Saranac Lake spent the weekend in the city with relatives.

Edward John of Park street returned home Sunday from a hunting trip with a 150 pound buck from the Degrasse region.

Harry Lavier has returned to Syracuse after spending the past several days in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lavier.

Mrs. Harlow Edwards, who recently underwent an operation at Hepburn hospital, is slowly recovering at her home, 1101 Pickering Street.

Three large deer were brought home from the private preserve of the Columbus Fish and Game Club at Nominique, Que., by T. C. Murphy of this city, a member of the club, and Thomas Williams of Hermon, who was his guest.

Mrs. Felix Hulser is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Leonhard in Passaic, N. J. She will also be the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hulser Jr., in Mystic, Conn., before returning home.

Miss Pauline Smith of Watertown spent the weekend in the city with Miss Cora Rummels and Miss Gladys Roberts. Miss Kathryn Krickmire of Watertown is the house guest of Miss Doris Gardner for a few days.

Mrs. William Dinneen entertained at luncheon Monday at Rose Manor, complimenting Mrs. John Boyd Thatcher, wife of the Mayor of Albany, who spoke here last night. Luncheon covers were laid were 12 guests.

STOLEN CAR IS FOUND.

Police received a call at 3:30 Monday night from Wilbert Pollock of Morristown reporting that his car had been stolen from his yard. An hour later he reported it had been found. Police believe Halloween celebrants had borrowed it.

Halloween Prank Almost Tragic To Elderly Woman

The rock which was hurled through one of the Green Street side windows of the Little Tea House by Halloween thrill seekers, narrowly missed committing a serious injury to an elderly lady who resides with Miss Vilas, proprietor of the Tea House and Gift Shop.

Had the accident occurred after 8 o'clock, the lady who is accustomed to retire at that hour, would have received the full force of the rock, as her bed is located near the window and in the direct path of the missile.

Apparently the merry makers intended the rock for the Hoover picture which was hanging in the window. Breaking the window pane, the rock went straight through and landed on the floor on the inside.

The police were called immediately but upon their arrival, the culprit had made an escape.

"VARIETY," HOME TALENT SHOW AT MADRID FRIDAY

Madrid, Nov. 1.—"Variety," the home talent production to be presented here Friday night is expected to draw a capacity house. This play was given in Hammond last week with remarkable success and fine reports have been received from that village.

The cast is composed of Ogdensburg people directed by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ireton of that city. Mr. Ireton directs the cast of characters and Mrs. Ireton has charge of the dancers, both having been prominent in the theatrical world for years.

The show was arranged as a part of the program of Mayor Ralph Morrisette in Ogdensburg to help in relief work, and due to conflicts in dates, has been postponed in the city until December. In the meantime the play is being given in various sections of the county.

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

The regular diphtheria prevention clinic will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the City Nurses' office, City Hall.

OPENS MACHINE SHOP.

C. A. Marks has opened a machine shop at 511 Ford Avenue for the repair and servicing of vacuum cleaners, washing machines, small motors and other mechanical or electrical machinery. His shop also is equipped for special machines of all kinds.

Morley

Mrs. GEORGE E. KARN, CO. Morley—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding of Ogdensburg, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Spaulding and Miss Mollie.

Mrs. Samuel Coons entered Hepburn hospital Tuesday evening and underwent an operation Wednesday morning. She is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Alton Walker and Mrs. George Marshall called on their sister, Mrs. Samuel Coons at Hepburn hospital, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Witherbee of Canton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witherbee.

Wallace Burwell lost a horse Tuesday.

Mrs. Wallie Cook, has returned from a visit with her daughter of Chidwood.

Mrs. Jennie Belding was the guest of Mrs. Fred Place on Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Townsend has returned from a visit with Mrs. Christina Kench.

MAN LOOKS FOR FIGHT BUT ONLY FINDS POLICEMAN

Charles Logan, who says his home is in Pueblo, Col., was arrested late Monday in the vicinity of the ferry dock where police claim he was making a fruitless search for someone to play Dempsey-Firpo with him.

Booked on a charge of vagrancy, Logan, who wears a scraggly Van Dyke beard, was arraigned today before City Judge Wells. His case was adjourned until Tuesday morning at the request of Chief Herbert S. Myers.

Chief Myers requested the adjournment as a result of a conversation with Logan in the courtroom while waiting to arraign him. It seems Logan told the Chief that he recently gained freedom after spending 21 months in a State hospital in Colorado. Logan is to be examined by psychiatrists at the local institution.

A Syracuse youth, patient at the State Hospital, escaped from that institution some time Monday, according to information obtained by local police.

When last seen he was wearing a red sweater and gray trousers. He is 26 years old, weighs about 165 pounds and has blue eyes and brown hair.

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TWO YOUNG MEN CHARGED WITH THEFT OF COAL

Ton of Coal Stolen From Freight Yards—William LaFirst and Arthur Woods Get Suspended Terms

Two local young men, both married and fathers of small children, were given suspended sentences of 30 days in Canton jail when they pleaded guilty in City Court to charges of stealing coal from New York Central cars in the local yards.

They were William LaFirst, 27, of 902 Ogden Street and Arthur Woods, 24, of 711 Grove Street. Both recently have been employed on Work Relief projects for the city.

The young men were first taken in custody two weeks ago after a report was received that nearly a ton of coal had been stolen from a freight car. Police received a tip that LaFirst and Woods were involved with a result that their homes were searched. The coal was found there, police said. They were released until today so that Detective Peters of the New York Central police could appear in the case.

Both young men claimed they did not have steady work and could not buy coal to heat their homes. Judge Wells after pronouncing sentence, told them to keep away from the railroad yards and if they needed coal to see Welfare Superintendent Charles Hubbard. "If he won't give you any, see me and I'll see what I can do," the Judge told them.

Rev. Frank Cornish Leaves Hospital

Rev. Frank Cornish who has been confined to the A. Barton Hepburn hospital for the past six weeks, suffering from a fracture of the left leg, was discharged from the hospital on Sunday and has returned to his home in North Bangor.

Father Cornish, who is pastor of St. Augustine's Church in North Bangor, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cornish, former residents of this city, who now reside with their son in North Bangor.

Advertisement for 'One Way Passage' featuring William Powell and Kay Francis. Includes showtimes (Matinee 2 and 3:30, Evening 7 and 9) and location (Madison Square Garden). Also mentions 'Merrie Melody' and 'Magic Carpet'.

Large advertisement titled 'The Sport of window-shopping . . . at home'. Promotes window-shopping as a delightful pastime and lists various products available for purchase, including furniture, appliances, and clothing. Encourages readers to visit the newspaper's advertising pages.