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JURY DECLARES GILBERTSON TO HAVE BEEN POISON VICTIM

Unable To Determine Who Administered the Fatal Dose of Strychnine

WIFE FACES MURDER ACCUSATION

Doctor at Hagersville Inquest Says Husband to Have Asked Her, "Have You Done It?"

HAMILTON, July 7.—That George E. Gilbertson, Hagersville, who died shortly before midnight on June 22, was a victim of strychnine poisoning administered by a person or persons unknown, was the verdict of the jury which this afternoon investigated the case at Hagersville, under Coroner Dr. A. E. Rossell, Caledonia.

Gilbertson's widow, who faces a charge of murder, was present at the hearing and appeared quite unconcerned. Whenever her counsel, R. S. Colter, Cayuga, spoke to her she scolded back, and during the cross-examination, which was quite heated at times, she took little interest. She was dressed in black and sat on the platform behind a curtain which hid her from the view of the 300 residents who filled the hall.

Neighbors declared that Mrs. Gilbertson had intimated on more than one occasion that she would like to poison her husband because he put her in an asylum, which she told the neighbors was a "dirty trick." It was brought out during the hearing that the deceased had a \$1,500 life insurance policy, and that Mrs. Gilbertson had purchased over \$1,000 worth of house furnishings and furniture from stores in Hamilton and stated that she would have money shortly.

The jury was out but a short time. The verdict, which is an open one, will not interfere with the plans of the crown, for it was announced that Mrs. Gilbertson would appear in Hagersville at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon before Magistrate Massey and will be arraigned on a charge of murdering her husband.

TELLS OF DEATH SCENE

Dr. J. F. McCracken, Hagersville, was the first witness called. He went to the Gilbertson home on June 22 at 11:30 p.m. and found Gilbertson in convulsions. Mrs. Gilbertson was on the edge of the bed fanning him.

"He asked me if he was poisoned and I said yes. He then said: 'Nell, Nell, have you done it this time?' and Mrs. Gilbertson replied that she had done nothing. I gave him morphine to counteract the poisoning and he went into another convulsion. I returned to my office to get something more and when I got back he was dead."

CASE ADJOURNED

HAGERSVILLE, July 8.—Evidence similar in almost every detail to that submitted at the inquest on Monday night into the death of George Gilbertson was given at the preliminary hearing on a charge of murder by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Gilbertson, which was held in the Hagersville police court before Magistrate J. C. Massie, of Dunnville, this afternoon. Owing to the absence of certain witnesses the case was adjourned until next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The courtroom was crowded to capacity and many stood outside the doors when Magistrate Massie took his seat. Old men and women jostled each other as they stood at the rear of the stuffy courtroom, straining their ears to catch each bit of evidence as the various witnesses testified. When Magistrate Massie read the charge against Mrs. Gilbertson she showed no emotion, and in a clear and calm voice pleaded not guilty. Harrison Arrell, of Caledonia, crown prosecutor, had no new evidence to present to the court and did not cross-examine the witnesses at any length. R. S. Colter, of Cayuga, appeared for the defense.

I. O. O. F. NOTICE

District Deputy Grand Master Procmier, of Port Rowan, will install the officers of Jarvis in the I. O. O. F. on Monday evening, July 14, at 8 o'clock sharp.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING MINISTER

After the business session of the League, on Wednesday evening last, the members and friends assembled in the school room in order to hold a social hour and make a presentation to the retiring minister, Rev. George Smitherman.

Mr. J. J. Parsons made a short address, which was followed by Mrs. A. Owen, who on behalf of the church, presented Rev. Mr. Smitherman with a beautiful mantle clock. The recipient in a few well-chosen words, expressed his appreciation of the gift.

This was followed by a social hour. After bidding the minister farewell and wishing him success in his new surroundings, the gathering dispersed. Rev. G. Smitherman intends to make his future home in Toronto.

LAWN SOCIAL IS WELL PATRONIZED

The Cavell Mission Band of Knox Church held a very successful lawn social on Friday evening, July 4th, at the home of W. J. Fallis.

There was a very large attendance and an enjoyable program was given. The Jarvis Quartette contributed several selections; Miss Doris Ineson, recitation; Misses Miller, piano duet; Franklin Moore of Mitchell, also sang several solos very acceptably.

DEATHS

SARAH A. WEDRICK

There passed away at her late residence in Walpole township, near Nanticoke, on July 1st, Sarah A. Wedrick, widow of the late Joseph Wedrick, in her 72nd year.

Deceased was a daughter of Edmund DeCew and was born in 1852 near DeCewville, on the farm now occupied by her nephew, R. C. King, where she resided till her marriage in 1877, when she left for her home near Nanticoke.

She received her education in the DeCewville public and Cayuga high schools, and was the only surviving member of her father's family.

Two sons, Chester and Clarence, at home, and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Fleming and Mrs. Roger Dennis, residing near Nanticoke, are left to mourn her departure.

She was a life-long member of the Methodist Church.

The funeral took place from the family residence on July 3rd, services being conducted by the Rev. Mr. Neil.

MRS. JOHN WELLSBY

Suddenly on Monday morning, June 30th, the death summons came to Charlotte Ann Holbrook, the beloved wife of John Wellsby, in her 66th year.

Only on Thursday of the previous week she had attended the Woodward-Holbrook re-union held at Port Dover.

The late Mrs. Wellsby was born on a farm at Ballsville and has resided in the village for a number of years. She was a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church and an active member of the Women's Auxiliary.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. P. Lyon from her late residence, on Wednesday.

Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Robert Patterson, Detroit; Mrs. Will Draper, Caledonia; Mrs. Frank Truckle, of Tilsonburg, and two sons, Emerson, of Waterous, Sask., and William, at home. Also two sisters, Mrs. Martha Reynolds, Jarvis, and Mrs. Wm. Renshaw, York, and a brother, William Holbrook, of Hamilton.

PASSPORTS TO UNITED STATES ARE NOW NEEDED

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., June 26.—Besides paying the regular immigration service of \$8 head tax, an additional visa certificate, costing \$9, will be demanded of all Canadians going into the United States to reside after July 1, owing to the radical changes in the immigration laws.

Canadians making trips to the United States and Americans crossing to the Canadian side of the river, must secure identification cards. These cards are issued free of charge. Each application must be accompanied by two passport pictures; one of the pictures is pasted on the card. The identification card system is intended primarily to facilitate the passing of both American and Canadian commuters across the boundary. It will practically do away with the many questions which those who have not cards are asked at present.

Personal Notes

Mrs. A. H. Langraf left this morning for a visit to Buffalo.

O. Langraf left on Wednesday for a two weeks' visit to Maple, Ont.

The Varenzy W. I. will hold a Garden Party at the home of Bert Kin-dree on Wednesday, July 16.

Vera Gardner, of Cromarty, is spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Duncan.

Mrs. S. Sooter and granddaughter, Doris Mason, are spending the holidays with the former's sister, Mrs. A. Chambers.

John and Miss Ida Vokes, of Nanticoke, are spending the week at Nanticoke, where they are attending the summer school.

J. W. MacFarlane, inspector for the Industrial Accident Prevention Association, was in Jarvis on Tuesday in an official capacity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morley, of London, and Reeve Simon and wife, of Tilsonburg, spent the week-end at the home of the Misses Simon.

Howard Old, of the local Bank of Commerce staff, returned on Tuesday morning from his week's holiday, spent at his former home in Caledonia.

F. A. Ford, of Windsor, was a week-end visitor in Jarvis, renewing old acquaintances. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newman.

Invitations have been issued for the seventh annual reunion of the Evans and Jackson families, which is to be held at Hickory Beach Park, Nanticoke, on Wednesday, August 6.

The W. A. of St. Paul's Church will hold a Social Evening with refreshments served from 5 to 11 on July 11th, at "The Record." All welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Scott and family, Mrs. R. L. Gardner and family, of Cromarty spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Duncan. While there they also they were also called on a few friends.

Dancing at the Grand View Pavilion, 3/4 mile west of Sarnia on Lake Shore, on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Round and square dances every Friday evening. Dancing from 8:30 to 2:00 a.m. Admissions 50c, Ladies free. Good orchestra. W. W. Koop.

The garden party held on J. C. Hare's lawn on July 4th was a splendid success. The program included Miss Jean McLean, Toronto, leading soprano, professor of vocal and instrumental; also Misses Ida and Myrtle Hare; Mr. F. E. Foley, elocutionist. The Fisherville Orchestra furnished excellent music.

A Grand Old Fashioned Strawberry Festival will be held at Christ Church, Nanticoke, on Tuesday, July 15. An excellent program has been arranged consisting of solos, choruses, recitations, etc. The Port Dover Band will provide first-class music all evening. Supper will be served on the lawn from 6 p.m. See bills for further particulars.

It has been reported to the Board of Health that several cases of whooping cough exist in Jarvis and vicinity. The Public Health Act provides that such cases should be isolated. Parents are respectfully asked to keep children having whooping cough in their own home and not allow them to mingle with other children or other children to mingle with them.

IN MEMORIAM

PHIBBS

In loving memory of Thomas Phibbs, who died on Friday, July 13, 1923.

Sweetly he sleeps while others sigh
From grief and cares oppressed;
Softly his dear head doth lie
Upon his Saviour's breast.

We watched you suffer day by day,
It caused us bitter grief
To see you slowly pine away,
And could give you no relief.

Days of sadness still come over me,
Tears in silence often flow;
For memory keeps you ever near me,
Though you died one year ago.

Inserted by his loving nephew,
Thomas Phibbs.

FREE LIGHTING SERVICE

The undersigned having secured a Phelps Lighting Plant, which he desires to use for demonstration purposes. Parties wishing for illuminating purposes for garden parties, lawn socials, etc., can secure this service free of charge. Apply to H. Peacock, Jarvis.

EDUCATIONAL

A meeting of the Haldimand School Trustees and Ratepayers' Association will be held in the High School, Cayuga, on Friday, July 11th, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Morris, Provincial Secretary, of Toronto, will deliver an address on "Some Problems Facing School Boards," also give information on questions relating to schools. There should be a good attendance from all parts of the county.

MINISTER MADE SERIOUS CHARGE

REV. D. E. FOSTER PUTS IN HIS RESIGNATION — IS ACCEPTED BY PRESBYTERY

Rev. W. A. McIlroy, St. Giles' Presbyterian Church, was elected moderator of the Hamilton presbytery for the next six months, at the Tuesday morning session, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. Rev. W. D. Blash, late moderator, presided in the absence of Rev. Mr. McIlroy, who is away on his vacation.

In the absence of Rev. R. T. Cockburn, clerk of the presbytery, Rev. A. De Rose was appointed to fill his place.

Much to the regret of the presbytery, the resignation of Rev. D. E. Foster, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Simcoe, was accepted. At the request of Rev. Mr. Foster, it will become effective on the first of September.

MADE THREATS

Rev. Mr. Foster stated: "I've been accused of preaching on contentious matters. It is not on what I have said, but on what I have not said, that they make issue with me. There are only forty members in the congregation actively opposed to me. But in the congregation there are a number of pre-millennialists, and I have been accused of preaching only part of the Bible. I have never preached against pre-millennialism, but I have preached that Christianity is not a department, but is to be taken into business and daily life. When one preaches so he is accused of preaching socialism. Last fall, when a petition was circulated for my resignation, the signers stated it was in my interest, and many members signed on that account. One man told me he signed because he valued his business position and must hold it. They went to men in business and said: 'If you don't sign we will withdraw our business.'"

"I have been accused of denying the divinity of Christ. This, however, told a person who otherwise would not have signed the petition. Yet, my convictions would meet with no disapproval if I were examined here by the older ministers, and I am ready to be examined."

RESIGNATION DISCUSSED

Following the acceptance of his resignation, the presbytery spoke in appreciation of his work, which he had carried on during his term as pastor of St. Paul's Church.

During the discussion which arose over the resignation, brief addresses were heard from members of the congregations. Those who spoke were in favor of his resigning, claiming that it would be to the best interests of pastor and church.

One of the speakers said that many of the members wanted to see a pure democracy, and that an accent be placed upon the humble Christian living. W. G. Jackson claimed that the pastor's preaching had been so convincing to some members of the congregation, and that his sermons ridiculed some of the older members of the church. He accused him of preaching too much modernism and not placing enough emphasis upon the Bible.

Mr. Innes, one of the elders of the church, said: "The pastor during his time has been responsible for great progress being made by the various organizations," but claimed he thought it would be in the interests of both parties if the presbytery would accept Mr. Foster's resignation.

ENTERED PROTEST

Much discussion arose over the fact that W. G. Jackson was allowed to address the presbytery. Mr. Jackson was not appointed by the congregation to represent it at the meeting. During the address of Mr. Foster, he stated that he thought it unfair that Mr. Jackson should have been allowed to address the gathering when not appointed by the church. Many sided with him in this respect.

Prof. C. Crow, and Mr. Brandhill and Mr. Ryerson, representing both factions in St. Paul's Church, also spoke.

The fact that business pressure was being brought to bear in the pastor's resignation was largely responsible for the quick action of the presbytery in its acceptance.

HOPE TO HEAL BREACH

It was thought by the gathering that a new pastor might possibly heal up the wound which had been created by the splitting up of the church. Two distinct factions existed, and only such a step as accepting the resignation of the pastor could bring them together. One of the representatives, a personal friend of the pastor, stated that the action of the presbytery in accepting the resignation was in the best interest of the pastor and church. It was a case of the pastor's leaving if harmony was to be again restored.

While accepting Mr. Foster's resignation with regret, the Presbytery went on record as expressing their entire confidence in Mr. Foster and in his preaching. Rev. W. T. Brown was appointed interim moderator of the vacancy.

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School Reports

ROCKFORD SCHOOL

The following are the June promotions. The names appear in order of merit.

TO JR. IV — Margaret Angus, Vera Onfrichuk, Helen Smith, Lilie Edwards, Minnie Edwards, Alex Angus.

TO SR. III — Hazel Wride, Minnie Smith, Eleanor Jones, Florence Smith, Ethel Burch, Beatrice Petheram, Flora Caswell, Laura Saswell.

TO JR. III — Evelyn Wride, Robert McLaren, Nick Onfrichuk, Mary Onfrichuk, Helen Anderson.

TO SR. II — Wray Jones.

TO JR. II — Mary Angus, Lillian Kenah, Margaret McLaren, Clayton Caswell, Edith Buck, Lloyd Anderson, Norman Smith.

TO I — John Honey, Ray Heron, George Smith.

PE — Grace Smith, Norma Golding, Katie Onfrichuk, Ray Kenny Alex Thompson, Marion Heron, George Anderson, Eileen Buck.

Spelling Honor Roll — Rhea Jones, Margaret Angus, Hazel Wride, Robert McLaren, Margaret McLaren, Margaret McLaren, Mary Angus, John Honey.

A GLORIA SWANSON PICTURE

Gloria Swanson will be seen at the Regal Theatre, Hagersville, on next Tuesday and Wednesday in her new Paramount starring vehicle, "Bluebeard's 8th Wife." This is a splendid Sam Wood production, and the scenes of which are laid in France. There are many thrilling moments. Huntley Gordon heads the supporting cast.

SANDUSK

Mrs. Wm. Mattice is spending a few days this week with relatives in Toronto and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoebel and children, of Jarvis, spent the week-end with Mrs. H. Deal.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb and daughter were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. H. Deal.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson and son, Wesley, and J. C. Bush spent Sunday with relatives in Hamilton.

The Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Werner on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Bush and daughter, Vera, spent last week with relatives in Toronto.

ROCKFORD

Miss Mary Wride, of Kingsville, has returned home after spending a month holidaying at the home of her uncle, Henry Wride.

Misses Violet and Pearl Edwards spent Sunday with their sisters, Mrs. Allan and David Phillips.

Miss Grace Wride, of Fruitland, spent over Sunday at her home here. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Howard, Gordon Howard and Mr. Howard, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Fearman, at Hagersville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Mason, of Hagersville, spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

Miss Mary Hamby and Jas. Hewitt, of Hagersville, and Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Mitchell, of Renton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hamby.

Mr. and Mrs. John Webb and family, of Oneida, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Morsefeller and daughter, of Rainham, spent over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson.

Geo. Nimchuck's wife and son have arrived here from Russia to join George, who came over to this country 12 years ago.

We are sorry to report two serious accidents in our community last week. Ralph Golding had the misfortune to break his leg and Orval Petheram to break his arm.

(Too late for last issue)

Miss Jessie Wilson, of Welland, and James Screen, of Brantford, (Continued on Last Page)

MORE POSITIONS FOR R. B. C. GRADUATES

Since the last items were published the following positions of Waterford graduates have been filled: Miss Grace V. Wride, Jarvis, bookkeeper and stenographer for F. M. DeWitt's Garage, Fruitland; John E. Hollman, Simcoe, stenographer with Kennedy & Kennedy, Toronto; Miss Maude Sena, of Hagersville, stenographer for a private firm (name not given); and Charles A. Smith, bookkeeper and typist for Manager L. E. Reynolds of the Waterford Co-operative Growers.

Mr. O. U. Robinson, the Principal, has also placed Mr. E. A. Long as Commercial teacher with the Park Business College of Hamilton at \$1800 per annum.

Fall term opens Tuesday, Sept. 2. All those desiring our new Colleg. Journal should write at once to the Principal.

A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN PARTY

LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE AND ALL ARTISTS WERE WELL RECEIVED

The garden party and old-fashioned strawberry festival held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, on the church lawn on Tuesday was largely attended and proved most successful. The proceeds amounted to about \$245.

Supper was served from 6 o'clock, and until the beginning of the program the tables were continually occupied. Judging by the general remarks heard, everybody had his fill of the appetizing spread.

Rev. H. Brand, the new minister, acted as chairman and after a brief address, introduced the various artists on the program.

The Fisherville orchestra opened the evening's entertainment and after several well rendered selections, the audience was treated to several vocal selections by Mrs. Bates, who needs no introduction, and as ever won the hearts of the assembled crowd with her sweet and pleasing voice.

This was followed by several selections by Miss Pearl Newton, of Toronto, in which she easily displayed her ability as an elocutionist and humorous entertainer. She was accorded a general applause whenever she made her appearance.

The audience was also favored with several vocal selections by F. Moore, of Mitchell, visitor in our midst. His numbers were well received and an expression of appreciation was tendered him for his voluntary contributions, both by the chairman and by the applause of the audience.

A short intermission followed, to give those who occupied the "soft" seats, a chance to promenade and patronize the refreshment booth, which did a flourishing business. During this interval the Fisherville orchestra kept things humming with their lively and pleasing selections.

The second part of the program, which proved equally entertaining, soon brought the time close on to midnight, when the chairman in closing his remarks, thanked all those who had assisted to make the party a success, concluded by voicing a vote of thanks to H. Peacock, who on behalf of the Phelps Lighting Plant Co., of Hamilton, furnished the excellent illumination for the occasion. This was seconded by a hearty applause from the gathering. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by singing the national anthem.

WEDDINGS

MASON—SKILLING

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place on July 2, at Eaton's Memorial Church, Toronto, when Miss Mac Skilling, of Toronto, was united in marriage to Waddington Mason, son of Richard Mason, of Jarvis.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the brides parents. The young couple left immediately for an extended motor trip through the States. On their return they intend to make their future home in Toronto.

Among those who attended the wedding from Jarvis were Miss Gladys Mason, Mrs. S. Sooter and granddaughter, Doris.

DAVIS—SNOWDEN

A very pretty June wedding took place at Nanticoke on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., when William James Davis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, of Princeton, was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ethel Irene Snowden, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Snowden, of Nanticoke.

The ceremony was performed in the Anglican Church by the Rev. Mr. Maunsell. The church was very beautifully decorated with orange blossoms and roses. The bride was given away by her father.

The bride was gowned in French blue crepe roman, embroidered in blue and silver, with hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of premier roses and snapdragons, with streamers of fern and lily of the valley.

After the ceremony the happy party left on a motor trip to points east. On their return they will reside at Princeton.

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