

## 25 FACING MURDER TRIALS HELD HERE

Case of Mrs. Rosier Not Among Twenty-one Listed for Hearing Next Month

### 285 IN JAIL STILL UNTRIED

Twenty-five persons are in Moyamensing Prison awaiting trial for first-degree murder. Including Mrs. Catherine Rosier, accused of killing both Oscar, her husband, and "Jerry" Reckitts, his stenographer.

The District Attorney's office does not expect to place Mrs. Rosier on trial next month, when a judge will be assigned to hear murder cases only. It is probable her case will go over until October.

Definite arrangements for Mrs. Rosier's trial will not be made until the return from Europe of Assistant District Attorney Sneider, who is expected here August 28.

John R. K. Scott, Mrs. Rosier's counsel, said today he wants his client

to be placed on trial as soon as possible. Scott today said the District Attorney's office is holding up the case until the prosecution can get a judge of the hard-boiled variety.

Judge Melby, the youngest occupant of the Pennsylvania bench, will sit in Criminal Court No. 1, Room 433, to hear prison cases where the charges are other than murder.

It is to have Judge Charles V. Henry, of Luzerne County, preside over Criminal Court No. 2, Room 453, where the murder cases will be heard. One, and possibly two, courts will be named by the Board of Judges for bail cases on the September list.

A tentative list of twenty-one murder cases have been made up by the District Attorney's Office. The defendants do not include Mrs. Rosier, but Clara Woodward, who shot and killed a man with whom she had been keeping company at Ninth and Vine streets some months ago, is listed for early trial. Among the men accused of first-degree murder are Jacob Forbes, alias "Big Yonoff," charged with slaying Joe Hirst, a puglist.

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McCalster, Okla., Aug. 16.—The Rev. J. C. Trotter, pastor of the Methodist Church, south of Hallyville, Okla., who eloped last week with Miss Mudrey Campbell, a pretty nurse, after sending his wife and three children to Chattanooga, Tenn., was arraigned here late yesterday on a charge of embezzling approximately \$3000 from

Brooks Institute, a hospital and community house at Hartsboro. Mr. Trotter was financial secretary of the institute.

Bond was fixed at \$3000. He was sent to jail to await trial.

Mr. Trotter was arrested with Miss Campbell Monday night. She gave up her position as head nurse at the institute to elope with the minister.

Miss Campbell admitted improper relations with the minister and told the county attorney that her love for Mr. Trotter was so strong that she intended to stick with him to the end. She was released on bond.

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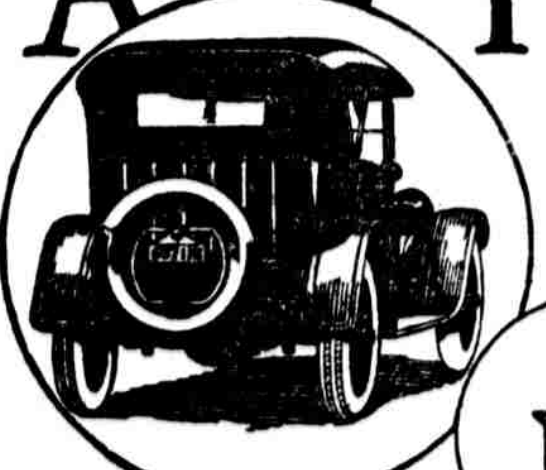
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