

The Somerset Herald
WEDNESDAY, June 2, 1937.
Six Misses will preach in the C. B. Church at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

Coils Tightening
Around the Roddy Boys on Trial a Second Time for Their Lives.
On Year Ago Today, Since David Berkey, Wm. Roddy and Family Tortured.

ALL OF THE EVIDENCE IN CONFRONTATION ON BOTH SIDES—DEFENDANTS GET THE WORST OF IT.
VERDICT NOT EXPECTED BEFORE THURSDAY.

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The trial of James and John Roddy, charged with the murder of David Berkey, was resumed today in the first degree of murder in the first degree of murder in the first degree of murder.

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The Court has withheld the applications of Simon P. Switzer, of Somerset, and Peter C. O'Neil, of Seap Level, for whole and half blooded license.

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Edward Fredlin and Beam Sellers, clerks in Cook & Bertrics and Ferner Bros. shops, respectively, and in addition to the other witnesses, Sunday. They were from Somerset, to Johnston, a distance of 20 miles over rough roads, in two hours and three quarters.

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Miss H. M. Berkley is spending the present week at the home of her parents—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Berkley—in Meyersdale.

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him where David Berkey lived and what job his home was painted. The witness, who is only 12 years old, picked out James Roddy among a crowd of prisoners in the county jail as one of the men.

Samuel Whittaker, mail carrier from Seap Level, testified that he met the defendants on the road on the 23rd and again on the 25th of May, 1936, and identified them as the Roddys and Jackson. Louis Wick and Israel Seese had also seen the defendants on the road near the Berkey home, on May 23rd.

Jacob Wingerd said James Roddy had got a crowd of milk at his place, on the road leading from Seap Level to Berkey, about 10 o'clock on the morning of June 21. Miss Lizette Harshberger, Marie Stoutener, Anania Oris, Gillian Seese, Sarah Staller, Edward Wissinger, Lilly Hiddle, Louis Shafer, Mary Sam, George W. Waters, John W. Shafer, and John Hays, in all 20 witnesses, testified to having seen the defendants on the road between Johnston and Berkey's on either the 23rd or 25th of May.

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to deviations in the testimony of Jacob Wingerd, and George Hays, two witnesses for the Commonwealth.

The defense rested at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The evidence in rebuttal contained a number of surprises for the defendants and tends to break the evidence of Mrs. Ella Overdorf, who is the chief witness for the defendants. The evidence of James Roddy, and clears up the evidence introduced by the defense showing that two men, who were seen by George Carpenter about 11 o'clock on the night of June 21, near Seap Level and the following morning at the home of Jacob Fox, in Ogle township, had nothing to do with the robbery.

Robert Griffith, a Johnston motorist, testified that he had seen James Roddy, whom he has known for 18 years, in Dale borough about one week prior to the robbery.

John H. Meyers, a Somerset hotel keeper, testified that Mrs. Ella Overdorf registered at his hotel last Saturday, and produced the register, which was submitted in evidence for the purpose of comparison with the receipt offered by Mrs. Overdorf and signed by J. M. Williams.

Samuel J. Rugh, of Mechanistown, Indiana county, declared that he has been a resident of that borough for 21 years and has never heard of a man by the name of J. M. Williams ever residing there.

William Otto declared that Fred Nauget, who testified in regard to Jim Roddy's having wanted, but not getting, a pistol from him and as to his having destroyed a counterfeit note in his presence, had admitted in the presence of himself and several other witnesses that the Roddys made a mistake in not recognizing him as his evidence would have cleared them.

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