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TWO MURDERERS SEEK NEW TRIALS

Attorneys for Cantilla and Polumbo Make Motions and Cite Reasons

Tony Polumbo and Frank Cantilla, alias the "Ace of Spades," convicted of murder in the first degree by juries in President Judge John E. Evans' Court last week, through their respective counsels have filed with the Court motions for new trials. Both of the men were charged with complicity in the murder of Louis Hoffman at his father's farm in Adams Township in July, 1928.

Attorney Ernest F. Walker, representing Cantilla, who was given the death penalty in the verdict returned by the jury, set forth the following reasons in the motion filed by him: That the verdict was contrary to the weight of the evidence; that the verdict is capricious; that the trial Court erred in refusing to grant a change of venue of the case to some convenient adjoining county, where the causes alleged in the petition for change of venue do not exist; that the trial Court erred in permitting testimony that did not directly concern the defendant in the trial of the case; that the trial Court erred in refusing to add as a part of its charge a request that the jury closely scrutinize the testimony of Catherine Tanchick, Kathryn Worthington and Elmer Hoffman, who from the testimony of the Commonwealth were admittedly co-conspirators and participants in the facts leading up to the murder; that the trial Court erred in instructing the jury that the manner in which James F. Hamilton, instructor of foreign languages at the Catholic High school delivered the sermon. An entertainment in honor of Father Farran was held in the evening in the school auditorium.

That the verdict was against the weight of the evidence; that the verdict was against the evidence; that the Court erred in admitting, over objection, the record of the defendant's prior conviction on a charge of voluntary manslaughter; that the Court erred in admitting over objection, the record of the Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, showing that the defendant had served a partial term therein under sentence on a former conviction on a charge of voluntary manslaughter; that the Court erred in admitting, over objection, evidence of the conduct of Carl Crow, Frank Cantilla, Frank Powell and others, relative to the engagement in the manufacture of liquor on the George and other premises prior to July 14, 1928, and evidence of effects to locate liquor alleged to have been manufactured thereon; that the Court erred in permitting the District Attorney, over objection, to show by the witness, Catherine Tanchick, that she had testified that the Court erred in failing to charge the jury fully and adequately on the nature and effect of the defendant's evidence of his alibi. Both motions reserve the right to file additional reasons in support thereof, following the transcribing and lodging of the notes of testimony and the charges of the Court in both cases.

D. J. HOUCK DIES AFTER OPERATION

Well-Known Hotel Proprietor of Hastings Succumbs at Clearfield Hospital

D. J. Houck, aged 71, a well-known hotel proprietor of Hastings for a number of years, died Saturday at the Clearfield Hospital, following an operation. The deceased underwent an operation more than a year ago and his health in poor health. He was removed to the hospital a week ago and pneumonia developed after the operation last Friday.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Houck, D. J. Houck was born in Barr Township and spent his entire life in that section. After the Johnstown Flood, Mr. Houck was engaged in carpenter work in that city for several months. He later returned to Hastings and was engaged in the bottling business with his brother here for a number of years later opening the East End Hotel, of which he was proprietor for many years. Mr. Houck was a member of the Hastings Borough Council at the time of his death and also had served a previous term of office in Council. The deceased also served as a school teacher in Barr Township for a number of years. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Catherine Gessler; Houck and the following children: A. J. Houck, editor of the North Cambria "News" at Hastings; Mrs. Elmer Truscott, of Cassandras; Mrs. Henry Abel, of Hastings; George Houck, of Duke Center; Miss Violet Houck, of Altoona; William Houck, of Clymer; John, Helen, Ennes and Paul Houck, all at home. He also leaves a brother, John Houck, of Connelville, who is the last surviving member of a family of 13 children. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow (Thursday), morning at 9 o'clock, a solemn high mass of requiem to be said in St. Bernard's Catholic Church at Hastings. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

VINTONDALE DWELLING RAIDED BY OFFICERS

County Detectives G. E. Whited, John M. Gross and H. W. Eganer Monday afternoon raided the dwelling house of Joseph Postich, of Vintondale, where they found a 30 gallon still, 51 gallons of alleged moonshine liquor and three barrels of mash. Information was made against Postich for violating the liquor laws before Justice of the Peace Charles G. Rowland, of Ebensburg, the defendant waiving a hearing and posting bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the September term of Criminal Court.

BIDS AWARDED FOR STONE, AND SAND SUPPLY

The Board of Cambria County commissioners in session Monday afternoon awarded the contract for the furnishing of 100 tons of No. 2 stone to H. J. Apel, Ebensburg, on his bid of \$1.84 per ton. The contract for the furnishing of 150 tons of 1/2-inch stone screenings was awarded to the John W. Walters Company, of Johnstown, on its low bid of \$1.35 per ton and the contract for furnishing 61 tons of sand was awarded to the Ebensburg Lumber Company, Ebensburg, on its low bid of \$1.93. This material will be used on county road and bridges.

Paul Long of Johnstown, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Sara Long on Friday last.

SILVER JUBILEE OF REV. J. T. FARRAN

Former St. Augustine Pastor Celebrated Anniversary Mass on Monday

The Rev. Father Joseph H. Farran, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church, in Altoona celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination on Mon. Father Farran, a native of Munster, Cambria county, was ordained July 7, 1905, at St. Vincent's archabbey by the late Rt. Rev. Bishop J. F. Regis Canevin of Pittsburgh.

Joseph H. Farran was a son of Daniel and Matilda McCloskey Farran. He is one of a family of three boys and five girls. One of his brothers is the Rev. Father Pollard W. Farran, pastor of St. Augustine's church at St. Augustine.

Following his ordination, Father Joseph Farran remained as assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist's church, Pittsburgh, for two years. He then came to Altoona as assistant to the Rev. Father Morgan M. Sheedy at St. John's church, and when the orphanages were built at Cresson he came first chaplain there. Later Father Farran went to St. Mark's Snowshoe, and then to the St. Augustine church, also taking care of St. John's mission at Frugality.

MRS. MARY MIKULA, PATTON LADY, DEAD

Mrs. Mary Mikula, aged 37, wife of Andrew Mikula of Patton, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning at the Spangler hospital, where she had been a mental patient for some time. She was born in Austria in 1893, where her mother lives. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Mikula is survived by the following children: Charles, Mary, Susan, John, George, Helen, Anna and Margaret, all at home. Funeral services were conducted at 9 o'clock this morning in the local Greek Catholic church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

LAST LINK PLACED ON MOUNTAIN ROAD

Concrete Pouring Finished on Cresson-Gallitzin Stretch; Open in Two Weeks

Concrete placing on the Cresson mountain section of the William Penn Highway was finished last week, about one year from the day the first work was done on the contract which was awarded to the Clark Brothers Construction Company, Inc., of Cherry tree, late in June last year. A period of approximately two weeks must elapse for curing before the route will be opened to traffic its complete length, but there is a convenient road around the paved sections, still closed to traffic and there will be little inconvenience to motorists.

The final paving operations last Thursday was the section of about 300 feet just east of the Muleshoe culvert, which was a part of the second contract awarded to the Clark Company late in October last year and upon which little work was done until this year. It represented the approach of a bridge, also included in the second contract. Paving on the original contract was finished on Monday of this week, when the last slab of concrete was placed at a point near the upper Muleshoe reservoir. finished, the contract is still some weeks from being completed, a large amount of berm construction remaining to be done. This is at least five feet wide on either side of the new 30-foot concrete ribbon at all points, considerably wider to accommodate parking at several other points where this is possible. While this work is under way and until a guard fence is erected, extreme caution must be exercised in traveling the route.

REUNION OF THE MORGAN FAMILIES

A reunion of the Morgan families was held on Sunday at the home of A. G. Morgan at Wibur, Stoyestown, R. D. 2, many folks from the Patton section being present. Cards, quills, music and other entertainment took up the day. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morgan and family, Mrs. Thos. J. John G., Andrew G. Jr., Wilda E., Daniel W., Wilbur E., Albert L., Alberta, L., Loraine M., Margaret, and Mrs. Morgan, Ida Mae and Betty, of Hooversville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Morgan, and son Andrew G.; Mr. and Mrs. Edw. M. Wilkie and family, George, Alice and Nellie Mae, all of Wibur. James Morgan, of Boston, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Morgan, family, Ida Mae and Betty, of Hooversville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan and family, Elizabeth, Edw. Jr., Ida Belle, and Dickie, and Mrs. John Fisher and daughter, Ruth, all of Lewisstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wilkie, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan and family, Henry J. John Jr., Sarah, Janet, Edna, James G., rdith and Dorothy; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams and family, Bert Jr., Jackie, Robert and Milton; Mr. and Mrs. David McConnell, and family, Edith, Sarah and Henry and Richard Morgan, all of Patton. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Wilkie and family, Sarah, Dale, Elizabeth, Andrew, Dorothy and Rose, all of Colver.

PRIVATE NOVENA BY CARMELITE SISTERS

A private novena in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel opened at the new Carmelite Monastery, Loretto, Tuesday evening and will continue for nine days ending on the feast day, Wednesday of next week. Until the exterior chapel of Carmel is finished the novenas will continue to be held privately by the sisters.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mission Meetings, Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock Communion services. (conducted in Swedish). Monday evening, 7:30 o'clock services conducted entirely in English. Everybody cordially invited. J. J. Youngren, Pastor.

JOINS THE NAVY

The Altoona Navy Recruiting Station announces that John Stranko was accepted for enlistment at Pittsburgh, on July 2nd. His home address is Mine 31, Patton.

LOST—Scotch Collie Jap, with white markings. Reward Offered. W. J. Karlheim, Chest Springs, Postoffice Dyart.

Pinchot & Pledged Support of Cambria Republican Nominees

W. Blaine Goughnour Unanimously Chosen as Republican County Chairman at Session of Nominees on Last Monday.

W. Blaine Goughnour, of East Conemaugh, was unanimously elected Republican County Chairman at a meeting of the Republican candidates on Monday.

Mr. Goughnour, a former Burgess of East Conemaugh, was Cambria County Chairman of the Pinchot organization in the recent primaries.

The Republican candidates, Congressman Paul Cuffie and Charles H. DeFrehn, of Johnstown, and Thomas C. Evans, I. B. Williams and John R. Musser, the last five candidates for the Assembly, met at the Courthouse early Monday afternoon and in a brief session selected Mr. Goughnour.

The new Chairman will appoint a Vice Chairman, who must be a woman, and other officers for the November campaign.

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PETITION FOR CUT IN FREIGHT RATES

Point to Unfair Eastbound Charges in Plea to Commission

The Central Pennsylvania Coal Producers' association has filed a petition with the public service commission of Pennsylvania, complaining of the unreasonable of the present rates on bituminous coal from the base origin districts to all eastern destinations in the state of Pennsylvania.

The geographical territory embraced in this rate structure extends east from Johnstown, Lock Haven and Lewis-ton, to the New York-New Jersey-Delaware state line.

This complaint is a companion to the one recently filed by the association with the interstate commerce commission, involving the entire east-bound adjustment on bituminous coal which has been set for hearing in Washington, D. C., Sept. 8. It is probable that these complaints will be heard simultaneously.

Claim Coal Rates Excessive. This vast rate structure on which millions of tons of coal move annually has never been reviewed by the public service commission of Pennsylvania. A few isolated coal rates have been reviewed by the commission. Only recently they reduced the rate to Warren, Pa., from Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh. Ry. rates from \$2.24 to \$1.30 per net ton. The unreasonably high level of the present eastbound freight rates on bituminous coal is shown through the following comparison: The interstate commerce commission recently prescribed a mileage rate on bituminous coal from New England coastal points to interior New England of \$1.74 for 157 miles. The present rate for the same short line haul from the coal fields to Harrisburg is \$2.33, thus indicating that the present eastbound coal rates are 59 cents too high.

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22 CONVICTS GRANTED PARDONS BY GOVERNOR

Appeals of Harry Simmons, Local Man Refused

Twenty-two convicts spent their Fourth of July holiday outside penitentiary and prison walls through pardons granted by Gov. Fisher.

PATTON SPORTSMEN TO HAVE AN ACTIVE DAY

On July 15th the Patton Sportsmen's Association will hold a special meeting for the purpose of making arrangements to build small dams on the Killbuck that the trout may survive in the time of warm weather and low water. This is a needed work and it is hoped the Sportsmen will respond in large numbers. The later of the day will be spent in recreation, and refreshments will be furnished by the club.



"Do Ya Know You'll Drown in There?" "That's What I'm Here For."