

Stearn Ready to Fight Murder Charge

DEFENSE PLAN STILL VEILED IN SECRECY

Defendant Has Lost Sixty Pounds During 5-Months Sojourn in County Jail

"There Will Be a Trial," Says Attorney Unkless, Indicating No 2d Degree Proposal

After losing 60 pounds during his five months in jail awaiting trial on a charge of murder, first degree, in the alleged slaying of his brother-in-law, Clarence Storms, at their White Rock Inn on the Liverpool road, the night of June 14, Harold M. Stearn, former prominent Chicago contractor, declared yesterday that he is prepared to stage the fight for his life when the State is ready.

Stearn's trial is one of three murders, first degree, trials scheduled for the November term of county court which opens tomorrow morning, but as the death penalty is involved and special jury panels must be drawn for them, it is probable that they will not be reached during the month unless other pending cases are disposed of more expeditiously than is now anticipated.

The other defendants facing trials for their lives are Norman Baldwin, 23, and Mace Blaisdell, 25, of 405 E. Jefferson st., indicted last week for the murder of Joseph McGinn, 72-year-old bachelor, beaten to death at his home on the Warners-Memphis road the night of Sept. 15.

DEFENSE UNREVEALED.

Stearn, arrested three hours after he is claimed to have slain his brother-in-law when Deputy Sheriff's Cooper and Guilfoyle found him at the home of his stepson, William Bell, 221 Green st., was indicted within 10 days and entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney, former District Attorney Clarence Unkless. Plans to draw a special jury panel for the trial of Stearn last July were subsequently abandoned and Stearn was taken to the penitentiary.

Unkless declined to discuss the case or to disclose what the defense will be, but did declare that "there will be a trial," indicating that Stearn would not accept an offer to plead guilty to second degree murder should such a proposition be proffered by the district attorney. At the time of Stearn's arraignment, rumor had it that temporary insanity would be advanced as the defense, but if that theory is to be used, Unkless is keeping it to himself.

GUN CHALLENGE ALLEGED.

Stearn and Storms had leased the roadhouse only a few days before the quarrel that ended in the death of Storms. According to statements alleged to have been made by witnesses, including the wives of the two men, they had engaged in a dispute during which Stearn had demanded that Storms pay him what money he had invested and that they terminate the partnership.

Storms refused and after a bitter quarrel Stearn is claimed to have left the place and to have returned less than an hour later with two guns, offering one of them to Storms with the challenge that they "shoot it out."

Storms, witnesses said, spurned the offer and knocked the proffered gun from the hand of his brother-in-law, who immediately fired the shot that felled him.

Joseph Albert Clark, unfrocked Marcellus Episcopal clergyman, who is claimed to have abandoned his wife and child last February, and to have disappeared with Dorothy Bowen, attractive Warners soprano and member of his choir, is on the first day's calendar for trial on an abandonment charge.

Under-Privileged Seeking More Knowledge, Declares C. L. Hewitt

Many Foreign-Born Among Those Seeking Better Educations

This is the sixty-fifth of a series of "Informative Interviews" with interesting Syracuseans, one of which The Sunday American is publishing each week.

Knowledge! More culture! Mental exercise to take the place of physical!

That's what the underprivileged adults of Syracuse want most, next to food, clothing and shelter, in these days of depression and unemployment.

At least there are some very definite, convincing proofs of it close at hand.

They come from Clarence L. Hewitt, veteran chief of the bureau of adult education in the school system, who has under full headway for the winter season a novel educational machine that the average taxpayer knows very little about. It consists of night schools and day schools in which the pupils are grown men and women and in which the curricula differ strikingly from the standard, routine brand. More than 5,000 of them are enrolled this year in the 14 schools of the Hewitt-supervised system.

Where do they come from? Let Mr. Hewitt tell you:

"A good many of them are foreign-born men and women, ambitious for citizenship. They are interested, first, in learning to read and write. For them, the very fundamentals are a monumental task. But they tackle it with enthusiasm that shames the rest of us accustomed to take learning for granted."

COULDN'T BE DONE.

"We tried to cut down our citizenship classes to two days a week this year, because of reduced appropriations, but it simply couldn't be done. Those eager, earnest men and women just wouldn't have it. They couldn't make progress fast enough, they declared, with classes only two nights each week. So, we gave them three, and even those aren't enough for the great majority of students."

"Then, we have the evening high schools three times every week, giving regular college preparatory courses. And what an amazing mixture we have in that group!"

"Men who want to prepare themselves for some professional work, such as accounting, who find they must have a high school diploma before they can attain their ambition. Girls who want to be nurses, and who need high school graduation certificates. Working men and women, who were forced to drop out of school to go to work, and who now have no work and want to utilize their leisure time to make up what they were cheated of youth. Young people who dropped out of the upper classes in high school only a few years ago, coming back to earn the diplomas. And mothers, fathers and even grandparents, coming in to gratify their ambition for more knowledge and more culture."

"It is a surprising thing, but we find that the demand for so-called cultural education—music, art, drama and academic work—far exceeds the demand for commercial and shop instruction."

"A middle-aged man came into my office the other day and said to me: 'I have worked hard since I was a kid. I had to drop out of school. Now, I'm on my own and I can't find any other work. If I don't do something, I'll go crazy. Can I get into your night school?'"

"Of course, I told him he would be welcome, and I asked what he wanted to study. I suggested a course in trade extension, but he demurred."

"No, I don't want that. If I did take it, and increased my knowledge and ability, it would do me no good. I would go back into the shop, where things ease up, and earn just exactly what I earned before. I want to do something different."

"After a lot of beating around the bush, I got him to tell me what he really wanted. He said: 'All my life I have wished I could learn something about music. I don't expect I can become a good musician, but I love music and I want to know more about it. I've never had time before, but if I could learn about good music, I wouldn't mind having time on my hands.'"

"That case isn't exceptional. We have people like that every day. We have men and women who couldn't do a problem in algebra or write an essay to save their lives, studying art, drawing. They enjoy it, too. It brightens up their lives. Very few of them will ever accomplish anything worthwhile to other people, but they are doing themselves a vast amount of good. It gives them greater satisfaction than anything else could do."

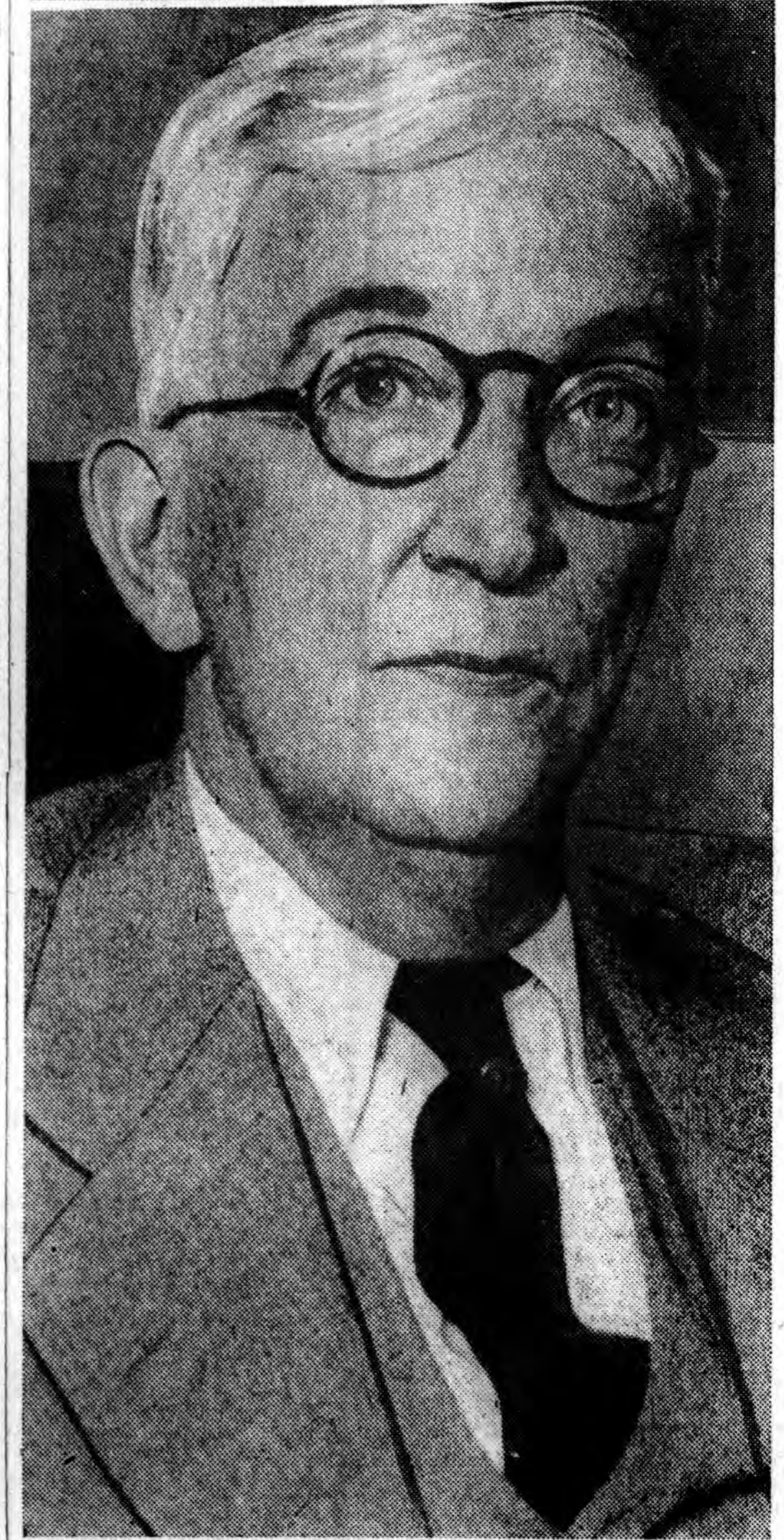
THE BRAVE PUSH ON.

There is one peculiar thing about night school experience. When work is plenty and pay good, enrollment in the so-called "shop courses" picks up. When work is scarce and wages are low, it falls off.

As Mr. Hewitt explains it: "Only the brave push on, keep trying, when the outlook is dark. The faint-hearted quit when times are bad and conclude that things will never be any better. When business is booming, ambition is fired again. But it has to be a good, strong fire to stay alight during a depression."

It has not been easy to keep the night school system running in these days of curtailed educational activity and of reduced school appropriations. Mr. Hewitt has done it, but he disclaims credit for it, personally.

Here's what he says: "When we found out they were going to cut our funds in two, I



Opposition to "frills" in education is vastly unfair, in the opinion of Clarence L. Hewitt, veteran head of the bureau of adult education, who finds that "people are hungry for more culture—not less." Photo by American Staff Photographer.

DESERTED, WIFE ASKS DIVORCE

called in all my teachers and told them what had happened. I explained that we would either have to cut down our work or cut down their pay. And every last one of them voted to take a cut of 25 to 30 per cent, and keep service up to the old standard. That's how we're doing."

Over in the "typewriter room" at Vocational High, 50 machines were clicking merrily, while outside the classroom more than 100 girls and boys waited their turn. There are three classes of 50 every night. And where do they come from?

"Most of them are stenographers out of work. They come to these classes to keep their speed, so they can get another job when it turns up."

Perhaps, before the taxpayers go any further with their demand for reduction of appropriations, it might be enlightening to look into this matter of adult education.

MAJ. YEAGER RETURNS TO MADISON BARRACKS

Company 264, Civilian Conservation Corps, stationed in Camp F-14, Chilowie, Va., is mourning the loss of its commanding officer, Major Tmer Yeager, who has been ordered back to his post with the Eighth Field Artillery at Madison Barracks. Major Yeager, who is well known in Northern New York, was honored by the members of his company before his departure to resume his old command.

Invite All Fraternal Clubs To Joys of Gemuthelekeit

Invitations have been extended to all fraternal and singing clubs of the city to attend the Gemuthelekeit celebration at Turn hall during the week of Nov. 27.

Besides the local clubs being invited, delegations have also been extended to the Turn Verein clubs at Utica, Rochester and Buffalo.

One night will be set aside for each club, William A. Winter, general chairman, announced last night in discussing plans for the revival of the famed Gemuthelekeit celebration, which was dropped 11 years ago.

Throughout the week, which incidentally is Thanksgiving week, there will be merry-making at the N. Salina street clubhouse. Booths will be erected and in Turn Hall theater there will be exhibitions by the various gymnasium classes and interpretative dances by the younger members.

A feature of the week will be a program by the Syracuse Liederkreis chorus. Just what night this will be given on Mr. Winter was unable to say, as the schedule for the week has not been fully completed as yet.

The rathskeller and dining room will be gaily decorated for the event and booths will be erected where wares will be sold.

DYERS BOOST PRICE 100 P.C.

After several years of disastrous price cutting wars cleaning and dyeing establishments of Syracuse and Central New York have adopted a new minimum price schedule under the terms of a code and will put it into effect Monday.

The new rates make a horizontal raise in the price of services. The cleaning and pressing of men's suits is boosted from 50 cents to \$1; dry cleaning of women's dresses and men's coats \$1; plain cotton, wool and silk dresses, pressing, 50 cents; plain velvet dress, cleaning and pressing, \$1.50, and dry cleaning hats 75 cents.

The schedule has been approved by the Central New York Dry Cleaners Council, of which Arthur Boff, of Syracuse, is chairman. Other members of the council include Howard Heckethorn, Oswego; Harry L. A. Cook and Don Hoffman of Syracuse, representing the retailers; Leon Aramansky, James Garafalo and Jesse Friedman, of Syracuse, representing the wholesalers; and Nathan Nadler, Harry Miller and Isadore Brodski, representing the tailors.

The new schedules while representing a 100 per cent jump over the established 50 cent rate for cleaning and pressing of suits, is actually more than 30 per cent in excess over the rates being charged by some shops, where the service in some cases had been rendered as low as 30 cents and in some instances lower. About the same condition prevailed in the prices for cleaning and pressing of dresses.

MISSION AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH TO END TODAY

The men's mission at St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina st., which has been taking place during the last week, will close with special services today. Men of the parish will receive holy communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass, following which they will attend a breakfast prepared by the women of the parish. A short instruction, renewal of the baptismal vows, papal blessing and benediction will close the mission in the evening.

A requiem high mass will be sung at 8 o'clock Monday morning for the deceased members of the parish and deceased relatives of members of the congregation.

VOYAGER TO LECTURE ON LAND OF MIDNIGHT SUN

Helen E. Rutledge will lecture on "A Cruise to the Land of the Midnight Sun" in the Lutheran Church on Sunday, Nov. 19. She will illustrate her talk by motion pictures taken on a recent cruise on the S. S. Calgaric.

HEARD on the CAMPUS

Juniors in the College of Liberal Arts, who are eligible for initiation in Phi Beta Kappa, honorary



scholarship fraternity, if they keep up their scholastic grades during the year, will be selected at a reception in Hendricks Chapel, Wednesday night. Op-eds who have received the coveted invitations include Mrs. Elaine W. Anderson, Dorothy M. Applin, Katherine Britton, Barbara Brown, Edith De Wolfe, Doris E. Dick, Rose Mary Dudley, Mildred R. Greenblatt, Grace E. Haggerty, Marjorie B. Hand, Doris L. Haweell, Ellen Healy, Ellen O. Newton, Martha L. Odell, Ellen O. Odell, Phyllis Phillips, Ann Severance and Margaret Short.

House to house canvass of Hill living centers to secure funds for the student emergency loan fund will begin Monday. Representatives of the Women's Student Senate, who will aid in the drive include Louise Ulrich, Audrey Ware, Charry Woodard, Edna Askwith, Barbara Brown, Dorothy Gordon, Josephine Lamb, Barbara Leonard, Elizabeth Mains, Annabel Nichols, Martha Odell, Phyllis Phillips, Ann Severance and Margaret Short.

Members of the Hill Geology Club will stage their annual dance Friday, Nov. 24, at the Delta Delta Delta house. Arrangements are being made by Jane Kessler, Winthrop Long, Elwood Gray, Joseph Van Riper and Jeannette Camp.

Dean Karl C. Leebick of the College of Liberal Arts will address a combined church forum meeting in Binghamton tonight. He will discuss "Developing an International Outlook."

Proposal for a co-operative bookstore on the campus has been received, this time by the Student Socialist Club. An investigating committee is now studying the problem and hopes to have a system functioning by the beginning of the next semester.

Sims Hall freshmen are now rounding out their social program for the year. They are planning a series of monthly public addresses and are making plans for a dance, Tuesday evening, Nov. 28.

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