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## BOYS SENT UP FOR TRIAL.

The epidemic of thieving which has been going on in this village, and which was alluded to in our last week's issue, proved much more extensive and serious than was ever suspected. It has been known for many months that dishonesty has been rampant among the youths of this village, but there has been a tendency among our people to pass the matter over, hoping for an improvement.

But when the charity box in the Sacred Heart Church was rifled of its contents a couple of weeks ago, the authorities considered that such an act of desperation and sacrilege must not be passed over lightly, and the matter was given into the hands of Constable Briggs to investigate. Mr. Briggs arrived here last Saturday afternoon, and armed with a search warrant, he went to the premises of Mr. Gustave Schnurr, toward whose two sons Jacob and Harry suspicion seemed to point strongly. Mrs. Schnurr, who had been hearing rumors concerning her sons, had the same afternoon commenced a search of the premises, and by the time of the arrival of the constable, she had succeeded in locating a sum of money in the stable, amounting to \$93.70. A quantity of tobacco, a camera, mouthorgan, keys and knives were also found, which the constable took possession of.

With the finding of this large sum of money, came the question as to who were the rightful owners of the same. The charity box in the church contained about seven dollars, and it was apparent that their operations had not been confined to the church. The constable made enquiries among the business men of the village, and he ascertained that J. H. Schnurr's shoe store had been entered on the night of Feb. 9th, and a sum of money between ninety and one hundred dollars and a revolver were stolen. He also ascertained that Helwig Bros.' store had been entered on the night of Feb. 18, and the till change, amounting to \$3 or \$4, and a quantity of tobacco carried away.

With this information, he had a warrant issued for Jacob and Harry Schnurr and Stephen Hinsperger, whose parents gave their assurance that the boys would appear at the court on Tuesday morning.

The accused boys, together with fourteen witnesses, mostly youths, appeared in the court room on Tuesday morning, with Magistrates Tolton of Walkerton and Fischer of Mildmay presiding, and Crown Attorney Dixon conducting the trial. Mr. J. H. Schnurr was the first witness called, and he told the court that his store had been burglarized on the night of Feb. 9th, and about ninety-five dollars and a revolver taken. The burglars had in all probability entered by the front door, having a key to fit the lock, and escaped by breaking the window at the back of the store, as all the broken fragments of glass were on the outside.

Alfred Weiler then was called, and he told the story of the thefts from his grocery last July, in which the prisoners and several other lads were implicated. A considerable quantity of eggs, raisins, salmon and biscuits had been taken from his warehouse, and secreted in a loft above the warehouse to be carried off later, but Mr. Weiler located it before it was all carried away.

George Helwig informed the court that their store had been entered on the night of Feb. 18th. The burglars tried to get in through the warehouse into the cellar, but failing in that, they forced in the small cellar window and crawled in there. Leaving a trail of burnt matches, they made their way upstairs, where they rifled the till of its contents, about \$4 or \$5, carried away a quantity of Stag and Old Chum tobacco. One plug of Stag tobacco had been torn off, and a part had been left in the container, and the portion of the plug exhibited in court tallied with the fit of that part left in the container, as near as witness could remember.

Stephen Hinsperger was then called, and he gave a clear history of the robbing of the charity box in the Sacred Heart Church. It was on Sunday afternoon, and Stephen had been posted at the window to watch while Jacob and Harry Schnurr unfastened the cash box from the candle stand. Hearing a noise Stephen looked, and saw the two boys at work. After the box had been taken off, Jacob turned it upside down and the money poured out to the floor and was gathered up by Jacob. Stephen was given a part of the money to keep quiet about the matter.

A number of other witnesses were called, and their evidence did not make the prospect any better for the Schnurr boys. Harry Schnurr confessed that he had burglarized Schnurr's store, but both he and his brother denied having robbed the church or Helwig Bros.' store.

After all the evidence had been taken the magistrates summed it up and decided that the case against Jacob and Harry Schnurr was strong enough to warrant them in sending the prisoners up for trial before the Judge, and they were accordingly taken to Walkerton immediately after the trial, and lodged in the county jail to await their trial.

It was a painful experience for Mr. and Mrs. Schnurr, who were entirely in ignorance as to the actions of their sons. The parents did all in their power to help the constables to clear the matter up, and the sympathy of all their friends is extended to them in their trouble.

It is hoped that the fate of these two boys will act as a strong lesson to all the other village boys. The authorities are determined to keep a close tab on all the members of the "Gang" and it will not be well for them if they fall into evil ways. Parents will do well to pay a little more attention to the upbringing of their children after this.

## Public School Report.

February.

Sr. V—Rita Weiler 75; Minerva Miller 72; Priscilla Schneider 70; Ismay Miller 68; Edith Miller 67; Magdalen Brohman 48.

Jr. V—Gertrude Duffy 63; Marie Heisz 63; Lloyd Doering 60; Henry Hauck 58; Verena Hergott 55; Winnifred Schuett 52; Arthur Keelan 46; Esther Gutzke 40; Clara Weiler 35; Olive Hergott 30.

Sr. IV—Beeta Hunstein 66; Clayton Fink 61; Tena Remus 58; Gladys McNamara 65; Ernie Miller 48; Clayton Becker 31.

Jr. IV—Hilda Schneider 56; Herb Miller 55; Buelah Lambert 52; Louis Privat 51; Edward Schneider 48; Bert Harper 46; George Culliton 42; Hazel Duffy 30; Gloria Reuber 20; Walter Schnurr 18.

J. T. Kidd, teacher.

ROOM II

Jr. III—Honours—Laugreta Hamel. Pass—Ruth Vollick, Cathryne Miller, Harold Lewis, Joseph Lewis. Below Pass—Katie Lewis, Hilda Pross, Wesley Filsinger, Oliver Harrison.

Class II—Honours—Zelda Finger, Lila Sieling. Pass—Irene Weber, Wilfred Brown, Gladys Duffy, Matilda Miller. Below Pass—Edna Sieling, Harvey Vollick, George Weber, Olive McNamara, Norman Weber.

Class I—Honours—Dora Siegner, Malcolm Bridges, Orville Kalbfleisch. Primer Class "A"—Elma Lewis.

Class "B"—Rudolph Siegner, Gordon Sieling, Walter Weber, Garfield Culliton, Milton Filsinger, Marion Finger, Dorothy Vollick, Irvine Harrison, Leslie Gowdy, Gilbert Lewis.

Class "C"—Wilbur Kalbfleisch, Melinda Heimbecker.

Katherine Schwalm, teacher.

## NEUSTADT

Mrs. August Sanders left last Friday for Waterloo to tend to her daughter Mrs. Wahl who is under the doctor's care.

The carnival which was supposed to be held in the open air rink here had to be postponed on account of soft weather.

Mr. Otto Wepler made a pleasure trip to Toronto last Saturday.

Mr. H. A. Higgins, our buttermaker, here left on Saturday for Guelph where he has secured a position until the Creamery starts here.

The Misses Lizzie Schultz, Cornelia Binkle, and Eugenia Lang left last Monday for Elmira where they have secured a position in the Colonial Knitting Co.

Messrs Fred Ruhl, Jack Moore, and Alex Weinert attended the Moltke-Mildmay hockey match in Mildmay last Friday.

Misses Anna Huether, Hilda Gebhardt of Stratford Normal, spent Sunday at their homes here.

Mrs. Jno. Kaster of Parkhead Jct. was a visitor in town over Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Lang was laid up with the grippe for a few days.

We are glad to report that Jack Wepler is recovering from his attack of pleurisy.

Mr. C. Steeb of Elmira was in town on business, Monday.

Miss Charlotte Gaiser is down in Kitchener at present relieving her aunt Mrs. Retkopf who is under the doctor's care.

## Grain Market.

Wheat \$1.75; Oats 65c.; Peas \$2 to \$2.10; Barley 90c.

## CARLSRUHE.

Owing to the shortage of water the rain on Monday was a welcome change for it saved the farmers drawing water for their cattle.

Mr. John Fisher who has spent the winter with his father and mother here, left for his home in Elbow, Sask. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hundt of Mildmay spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hundt who have spent the winter here were given a farewell on Sunday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hundt and all the other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hundt left for their home in Tompkins, Sask., this week.

Mrs. John A. Hundt who has been visiting relatives in Waterloo County returned to her home here on Friday.

The Westerners are complaining about the severely cold weather over here. Next time they come East they will prefer coming in June.

Mr. John Wand delivered a bunch of cattle to Neustadt last Saturday for which he received \$100 per lb.