

# Vanderburg Freed By Jury; To Be Banqueted

### State Tried To Prove Youth Hacked Family To Pieces Then Burned Bodies.

Gastonia, May 1.—Jacob Vanderburg, charged with the murder of five members of his family, was acquitted by a jury in Gaston county superior court at 8:50 o'clock tonight. The jury was out two hours and 17 minutes.

The 17-year-old farm boy was free of police custody tonight for the first time since December 28 when the bodies of his parents, his two sisters and a younger brother were found in the ruins of their burned home on the outskirts of this city.

Judge A. M. Stack, presiding, completed his charge to the jury at 8:33 o'clock this afternoon and the jury retired with the privilege of returning a verdict of first degree murder as asked by the state, second degree murder, manslaughter or acquittal.

During the trial, which started eight days ago, the state attempted to prove that Jacob had hacked his sleeping kinspeople to death with a

hatchet, dragged their bodies into the kitchen of the home and set fire to the house. Alleged blood spots, police said they found on Jacob's clothes at the time of his arrest, a blood-stained handaxe and incriminating statements attributed to him by state witnesses, were evidence.

Jacob was arrested on the night of the death and the fire after neighbors had discovered him sitting beneath a tree, shot gun in hand watching the flames.

Police said he told them of fleeing the burning house after making his way through the smoke to his mother's room, feeling her head and finding it wet with blood.

The defense centered its fight up on refutation of state's evidence. The youth took the stand to deny statements attributed to him. Physicians testified the import of the blood stains on his clothing and a neighbor testified he had used the hand-axe to kill a chicken since the night of the fire.

The victims of the quintuple tragedy were J. W. Vanderburg, Mrs. Vanderburg, Pauline, 20, Louise 18, and Robert, 12. Jacob is the lone survivor of the family.

Immediately after he was acquitted of the murder count, the arson case against him, which also involved the death penalty for conviction, was not pressed with leave by Solicitor John G. Carpenter, upon request of defense counsel.

Warned against making a demonstration by Judge A. M. Stack the crowd of several hundred persons that had gathered in the court room to hear the verdict greeted it quietly, but as soon as court adjourned a few minutes later, a wild rush towards the defendant was made by scores eager to shake the hand of the youth whose face was wreathed with smiles.

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millling mass, Jake had a brief conference with his attorneys and then left for Charlotte to spend the night with Marvin Ritchie, one of his lawyers.

He will return here tomorrow and at night will be the honor guest at a dinner to be given by his attorneys. Friday night he will be featured at the Gastonia high school banquet.

"I am very happy," was all the boy would mumble when pressed for a statement. He said he had no plans for the immediate future settlement of his family estate.

Solicitor Carpenter took the floor at 2:45 o'clock to make the final argument of the trial. Turning to the jurors, the solicitor said:

"I have brought an unanswerable array of facts and circumstances before you that should warrant a conviction. If you be swayed by the oratory of the five defense counsel, I should not be responsible for that part of this trial."

Branding the young giant as a "fiend and devil," he launched into a bitter tirade against the boy, scathingly denouncing him in a voice full of emotion.

Jake sat, apparently unmoved as he heard the solicitor call him "a boy who killed his father, mother, two sisters and a brother because they would not let him use the family automobile." He centered his attention on the speaker and closely followed every word.

# Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM

**DEAF PEOPLE AND THEIR CONVERSATION BY THE SIGN** language have always interested us. And that goes for the church services conducted by the Rev. Andrew Miller in Shelby, the "cussing" by deaf linotype operators in the printshops of large dailies where we have sojourning printers must always "cuss" now and then, be it by hand or mouth, and the deaf boys chatting with each other in barbershop entrances here on Saturday.

That interest, no doubt, develops from a curiosity as to their philosophy or outlook upon life in that they have so much more time to devote to thinking and observing than we who spend about 40 percent of our time babbling and mouthing about inconsequential things. Fact is, more than 40 percent of the talking we "hearing people" (that's what the deaf term us) do is more than likely useless and the world could get along as well, and likely better, without it.

Think how much of the routine babbling of the day is not supported by thought and is entirely useless. In the morning we meet a friend: "Fine morning, isn't it?" we query. Up to that time we perhaps had not noticed the weather and did not care a rap about it. Neither does he. The friend answers: "Yes, it is. If it doesn't rain, it will be a fine day." A child getting first acquaintance with the kindergarten could have done all the thinking required for that answer. Of course it will be a fine day if it doesn't rain, or snow, or hail, or if the wind doesn't blow. And it's that way the day through. Thoughtless comment, routine palaver about things that matter not a whit in the scheme of things for the day nor in the weaving of the pattern of life.

But without it, there is the probability that most of us would go goofy and be placed where we might rave the long day through with the walls of the padded cells as uninterested listeners. As for that and the good it does the majority of our talking would be just as worthwhile as it is. Nevertheless, mouthing means so much to the most of us that we couldn't do without it. We include ourself with other "hearing people" because there is no desire to be considered cynical and of the type of Mencken, who terms the south the moronic Bible Belt, and of Sinclair Lewis, who is of the opinion that the average United States senator is ample proof that Darwin was right. It is just so, and it shouldn't be considered cynical to say that things are as they are, even though it is so considered.

But that gets away from the original topic, the non-hearing people, to use their own descriptive terms. Take the average talking and hearing person, man or woman, although there are those who say nothing but the mechanical radio can outtalk a woman, and force him or her not to say anything at all for an entire day unless it is of importance, brings to pass some aim or ambition, or conveys a thought. By the end of the day that talking person, forced to silence, would be as melancholy and as pessimistic as the man who bought Distillery Copper on the market at 106 and watched it drop to 6. Just because talk was restrained for one day.

But the non-hearing, so handicapped by nature that they may never talk, are not melancholy, not generally speaking. On the other hand they are happy, full of mirth, and seem to get more out of life than the hearing people. Anyway, it seems so. Think over the deaf people of your acquaintance, by deaf we mean those who neither talk nor hear, and you will recall that they get smiles out of life at frequent intervals. Perhaps they get many a laugh out of watching the antics of the hearing people, and by thinking of the utter use-

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lessness of all the tongue-wagging they observe as they attempt to read the lips of those who talk and talk with nothing to say.

Robert C. Miller, former instructor of the deaf school at Morganton, spends a considerable portion of the day sitting in one of the chairs at Ebeltoft's obscuring life with much of the same complacency and studious interest of the bookstore sage himself. Apparently he enjoys it as much as Ebeltoft, and that, to our way of thinking, is getting quite a kick out of life. He gets a big grin, as he watches those who come and go, as often as does Ebeltoft find material for a chuckle and the subdued "ho-ho," which must have come down to him from some Norwegian ancestor. And that reminds, to break the thread, if there be a thread to this, that Ebeltoft says that as a small boy he resented being termed a Norwegian because in those days he considered a Norwegian and an Eskimo as one and the same. We suppose he didn't like the idea of his ancestors preferring whale blubber to Eskimo pie.

Recently Prof. Miller was seated in Ebeltoft's and carrying on a conversation, by pencil and paper, with a hearing person.

"I've often wondered," wrote the hearing person, "how deaf couples court at night, when it is so dark that they cannot see the sign language movements?"

"A number of people have asked me that," Prof. Miller wrote on the slip of paper. "Deaf people court in the dark just as do hearing people—with their hands. And how!"

Once, Prof. Miller relates, he met

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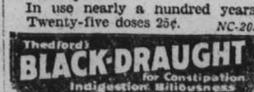
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"I am glad to hear you," the deaf instructor answered.

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