

# Queer Cult on Tolstoy Estate

### They Practice Doukhobors Idealism, With a Mingled Belief in Buddhism.

## MANUAL LABOR A RELIGION

### Declared Enemies of Destruction of Property, Human or Animal Life, and Oppose Soviet Government.

Yasnaya Polyana, Russia.—Fifteen young men, two young women and an elderly matron have recently established on the Tolstoy estate what they term "an improved bolshevik community." Described as an attempt to rectify failure of communism, the members of the colony are the declared enemies of the destruction of property, human or animal life, and thus are arrayed against the soviet government.

The members of the colony make a religion of manual labor and declare its chief tenet to be embodied in the phrase "Love thy neighbor as thyself." They declare themselves, like Count Tolstoy, "searchers for the truth in all things." They arrived here in early September with a permit from Moscow to occupy a portion of the estate now classed as a national institution.

### Teacher Organizes Movement.

A teacher, whose brother is director of the colony, organized the movement. The 18 members, all of whom profess the practical idealism of the Doukhobors sect, with a mingled belief in Buddhism, were allotted quarters in a one handsome but now tumble-down one-story building of the estate built in 1780 for the serfs of Prince Volkonski, father of Tolstoy's mother.

The new arrivals have made the building habitable and have started to prepare for the cultivation of the 100 acres included in their grant. Food so far has been supplied free by the soviet government, the same as to all visitors to the Tolstoy home. The three women do the cooking.

The correspondent came first in contact with a member of the colony in a rather strange manner.

After a long journey, he had been enrolled as a pilgrim at the Tolstoy home, according to the rules of the institution. He was given a bed in the ground floor room, characterized by a brick arch, a room occupied by Tolstoy some fifteen years. Just as he was dropping off to sleep he was roused by pleasing chords on the grand piano located in the room. The playing was done by a young man who wore high boots, a belted jacket and a sheepskin cap. Seeing the correspondent, he stopped playing and apologized, saying he didn't know the room was occupied. Then he went on to explain who he was and began to ask information about the possibility of walking to In-

dia, by way of Turkestan. He wanted to study philosophy there, he said.

### Orchard Trees Whitewashed.

The 100-acre farm includes a big orchard, planted by the famous Russian author, and one of the first acts of the newcomers was to whitewash all the trees. This operation was preceded by an animated discussion as to whether it should be done. The young men carefully debated this problem. If the trees are not whitewashed the orchard will be ruined by insects, but if the whitewash is applied the insects will die of starvation and it is wrong to destroy life. As the members of the colony are vegetarians and fruit is therefore the prime article of food to them, necessity prevailed over ideals and the whitewashing was done.

A second problem was solved much after the same reasoning. For many years the manager of the Tolstoy estate has been Prince Obolinski, who occupied a building once used by the author as a peasants' school. The newcomers, declaring that the presence of an overseer might restrict their "liberty of action," have decreed that the prince must go, and the Obolinski family soon must seek food and shelter elsewhere.

## ONLY WOMAN MAYOR



Dr. Amy Kankonen, recently elected mayor of Fairport, O., is perhaps the youngest woman mayor in the United States. She was elected on a "Dry ticket" and is pledged to wage war on all bootleggers. Dr. Kankonen, who is a petite blonde, was the youngest woman to be graduated from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and during the war she was a member of the volunteer medical service corps of the United States army.

## CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Winston-Salem.—Dr. C. N. Sisk, a native of Burke county, but who has been practicing his profession in Georgia for a few years, has been elected county physician.

Reidsville.—The body of Lester Stone, of Schoolfield, Va., who was shot and killed by police officers four miles from this city, has been sent to his parents for burial.

Hickory.—An action for \$5,000 damages has been instituted in Catawba superior court by Alex Cook for injuries inflicted Sunday afternoon, November 14, 1920, when he was shot with a pistol by Deputy Sheriff Raymond Huss.

Asheville.—Congressman Zebulon Weaver will be requested to introduce a bill in congress at the earliest possible date for an appropriation of at least \$200,000 for the erection of a postoffice and federal building in Asheville.

Goldboro.—While driving through the country near Goldboro an automobile occupied by Dr. J. W. Smithwick, Leon Fields and John Rouse, was fired upon by highwaymen, in an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the occupants of the car. The weapons used were shotguns, some 200 shots striking the automobile.

Asheville.—Scott Dillingham remains in the county jail here, unable to adjust an action brought by a Greenville firm, charging larceny of an automobile, although he has made bonds aggregating \$8,800 through relatives and friends, on all criminal actions pending in this state.

Durham.—One of the regional conferences on the country church which have been arranged by the Home mission board of the Methodist church, South, will be held at Trinity college in June in connection with the summer school for preachers, which begins June 7 and ends June 18.

New Bern.—When Sam Elliott, a prosperous James City negro, returned to his home from church, he found a note left by a member of the burglar gang bearing this message: "Your wife is too heavy for two men to carry. We will come back for it later." His home had been visited while he was at the church. Neighbors had seen two white men visit the place during that time, but thought nothing of it.

Asheville.—Plans for the transportation of the site of the United States women's training corps camp, attended by over 500 women from all sections of the country last summer and commanded by Susanna Corcor, into a recreational park and automobile camping ground by the city, which owns the site, are being prepared by the chamber of commerce here, and approval of the plan for the abandonment of the women's camp will officially come before the board.

Charlotte.—Two white convicts, Fred Torrence, up for car breaking, and Elbert Lewis, alias Elliott Armond, serving time for breaking into a Dilworth drug store and the Sha Fixery, who escaped from McLaughlin camp, in the northern part of the county, are reported to be still at large.

Wilson.—Henry B. Thompson, of Stantonburg, near here, lays claim to having one of the choicest bottles of moonshine liquor in the world. Mr. Thompson is the proud possessor of one quart of apple brandy distilled in Edgecomb county, N. C., in the summer of 1770. The whiskey has been in the Thompson and Snuggs families for more than 150 years. Mr. Thompson having had the brandy more than 52 years.

Kinston.—Though two policemen saw Claude Rivenbark fall dead on Queen street here, a bullet hole in his head and another heard the report and saw the flash, the police department was completely baffled after an all day search for a clue to the murderer or a motive for the crime.

Hickory.—Nearly 90,000 packages are handled by the local express office in a year and over one million dollars, in business is done by the Southern and Carolina and North Western railroads, while postal receipts last year amounted to \$36,931.28, an increase of \$4,799.88 over the previous year or 15 per cent. Hickory's population, without enlarging the boundaries, increased 22 per cent in the two-year period covered by the last census, and last year totals the city limits a total of 144 white children were born.

Winston-Salem.—When Deputy Sheriff I. K. Anderson and J. W. Wake were sent to follow the trail of a hoodlum still in the city community of Caldwell county, Deputy Anderson's wife, who is a nurse, was called to the hospital to attend a patient because a security guard had been shot.

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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale  
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### THE NEW CAVE

There were three of them and they were the best of friends. Their names were Bobby and Billy and Jack. In the winter time after school was out they always played together. They always went together to look for chestnuts in the fall and they always made their Jack o' Lanterns as nearly alike as possible and all went together when it was time for the Jack o' Lanterns to go a-calling. In fact if anyone saw them alone the question would always be asked, "Where are the other two?"

It was very early in the spring on a Saturday afternoon that Bobby and Billy and Jack started forth on a walk. They were very fond of walking and loved to start out on a cross-country walk. They would aim to go in a certain direction and they would go in that direction, no matter how many fences they had to cross nor how many brooks. In fact they enjoyed crossing brooks. There were always a great many adventures to be had on a cross-country walk. They saw so many sights and they explored and found so much that was interesting.

But on this spring afternoon they went in the direction of a cave—an old, old friend of theirs. How many times they had visited this cave. It was high on the side of a hill. An echo from it could be always heard if one stood at the foot of the hill and shouted up.

It was always an adventure to climb a mountain side which was just outside the village and then go over the top of the mountain, through the dense woods, and try to strike the cave from above. It was so hard to hit it exactly right. Sometimes they came out a little to the right of it and sometimes a little to the left. But this day they came down over the side of the mountain and they could not find the cave at all. "The woods must have changed their looks during the winter," Billy said.

"Or we have lost our bumps of locality," said Bobby. Bobby had always said that the best thing in the world to have was a bump of locality. He meant by that it was so fine a thing to be able to find one's way about, by instinct, as it were.

"I see some rocks," said Jack. "This looks as though we were some here near the cave."

"But they aren't the same rocks," said Billy.

"It's so," said Bobby. "In fact, I've never seen these rocks before. See! There's a long ridge of them



They Had to Crawl.

there. Why, I do believe we've discovered a new part around here we've never struck before." They wandered about when suddenly they stopped walking. There, right before them, in the woods beyond the ridge of rocks, was a cave they had never seen before—and they thought they knew every bit of the land about.

"A new cave!" they all shouted at once. And then they bent their thoughts upon what they might discover. To be sure it was a new cave—and not so far from the old familiar one. It had been raised because they had never thought of looking near the old cave for still another one.

They had to crawl into this on their hands and knees and then when they got inside a little distance they could sit up quite straight. "Do you suppose," Jack said, "that we have really discovered this cave?"

"Oh, it can't be," said Billy. "Somehow we've just happened never to have heard of it."

"Wouldn't it be great if we had discovered it?" Bobby exclaimed. And when they found arrow heads they felt almost sure that they had discovered the cave and yet they dared not hope for so much.

They went home late that afternoon and each promised the other not to feel disappointed if their discovery turned out to be merely a rediscovery of what someone else had discovered.

But when they told about finding the new cave people laughed and said they were making up adventure stories until the next afternoon a great many went in quest of the new cave.

Yes, Billy and Bobby and Jack had made a discovery and in a part of the country where everyone thought there was nothing new to discover. The cave was named the Cave of the Three Thumbs. But even now, whenever they do look there they have seen the fact that they were without a doubt in the white people in the cave that old Indian hunter.

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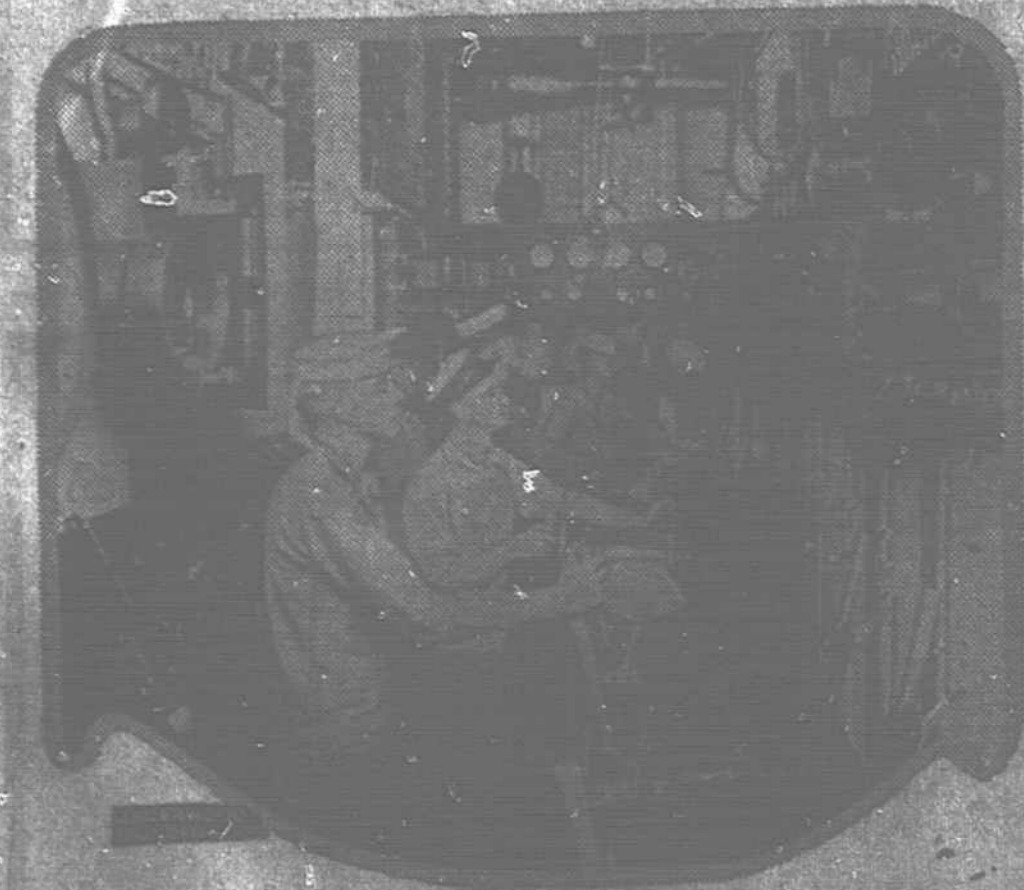
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## Control Room of the Tennessee



The photograph shows the small room in which a few electricians control every movement of the U. S. S. Tennessee.

## WOMAN FORCIBLY FED IN RUSSIA

### Russian Red Goes on Hunger Strike in Prison.

Maria Spiridonova, Who Attacked Bolsheviks, Escaped Prison and Was Recaptured, Nearly Dies From Lack of Food.

Moscow.—Maria Spiridonova, noted revolutionary leader, who broke with the Bolsheviks over the Brest-Litovsk treaty, was hospitalized in the Cheka hospital on the 15th and was brought there and through forced feeding.

Spiridonova is the acknowledged leader of the "White" movement in the Ukraine. She was arrested in the Ukraine and taken to the Cheka hospital in Moscow.

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tense of peasants against the oppressions of government officials and landlords. She is now about thirty-five years old.

## Must Take Frank's Word, But Miracle Age Is Past

Syracuse, N. Y.—Syracuse could not take over the "confession" of Frank Culver, Toledo, O., captain-elect of the 1922 Syracuse university football team, who admits he has carried a girl to his home in three years at the university.

He has had only one date and that when he was a freshman and forced to attend because a security guard had been shot.

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