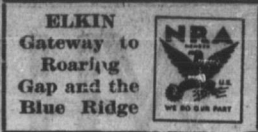


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Offer \$100 Reward In Cemetery Case Here; 34 Trees Are Cut Down

BLOODHOUND TRAILS MAN TO HIGHWAY 26 WHERE HE HAD AUTO

Trees Had Been Set Out To Beautify the Cemetery

\$135.00 DAMAGE

Of approximately 50 small American elm trees set out within the past week in Hollywood cemetery by CWA workers for the purpose of beautifying the place, 34 were found cut down early Tuesday morning.

As a result, a reward of \$100 has been offered by the town commissioners for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person guilty of the act.

A bloodhound brought here from North Wilkesboro Tuesday afternoon trailed the guilty party from the cemetery for a distance of about half a mile to the highway in the vicinity of John Hudspeth's filling station on highway 26. Here the trail ended, but officers plainly saw tracks of an automobile that had been parked in the edge of the woods some distance from the hard surface.

Whoever was guilty of cutting the trees wore overshoes, tracks at the scene disclosed. His tracks measured slightly more than 11 and one-half inches. Apparently he used a hatchet with which to chop down the small trees. The trees were left laying where they fell.

It is believed the cutting of the trees is a result of discontent on the part of some person who was opposed to planting the trees in the cemetery. Some opposition to the plan was heard a short while after it was announced that trees would be planted. Complaints were of the opinion the trees would kill the grass and blacken the monuments.

As a result of what has occurred, the town commissioners, in addition

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FORMER RESIDENT OF ELKIN PASSES

Dr. LeRoy Salmons Dies After Illness Of A Week

Dr. LeRoy Salmons, 45, widely known Winston-Salem physician and former resident of Elkin, died at his home in Winston-Salem Tuesday night at 10:05 o'clock. He had been ill for about a week but his condition was not considered serious until a short time before his death when he was seized with a heart attack.

Dr. Salmons was born near Hamptonville, Yadkin county, November 22, 1888, a son of J. M. and Fannie Sparks Salmons. He spent his early life in that section and attended school and later graduated from Elkin high school. He attended North Carolina Medical College in Charlotte from which he graduated in 1912. For two and one-half years after his graduation he practiced his profession here, going from here to Winston-Salem, where he resided until his death. During the World War he was with the 81st Division, serving in the capacity of First Lieutenant in the 321st ambulance company.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Carrie Bell of this city, four sons, LeRoy, Jr., of the 51st Coast

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Negro Dies Of Burns Received In Explosion

Boston Parks, 21 year old negro of the Ronda community was severely burned by a steam pipe explosion on January 4. Parks was admitted to the local hospital on January 8 and died early Wednesday morning as a result of the injuries. It is said that Sparks was at a distillery when the still exploded and burned his upper torso so painfully that he jumped into a nearby creek to relieve the pain and started the infection from which he died.

KIWANIS CLUB HAS INDUCTION PROGRAM HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Thomas Roth Succeeds H. F. Laffoon As President

FINE PROGRAM

Thomas Roth was formally inducted into office as the president of the Elkin Kiwanis club, succeeding H. F. Laffoon, at a banquet at Hotel Elkin Friday night. Charles M. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, lieutenant-governor of this Kiwanis district, officiated.

Mr. Roth, upon taking the reins of the club, then presented Mr. Laffoon with the past-president emblem.

The banquet, at which wives of the Kiwanians were present was well attended and the induction program was excellent in every respect.

Following a brief talk on the part of Mr. Laffoon, who was officiating for the last time, and in which he wished for his successor a large portion of success during the year to come, Walter R. Schaff, club secretary, gave a brief resume of the activities of the club during 1933.

The meeting was then turned over to Dr. R. B. Harrell, program chairman, who called upon Carl Poindexter to introduce John M. Brown, of the Winston-Salem club, as first speaker.

Taking the floor and timing himself by a calendar instead of a

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OBSTRUCTIONS ARE FOUND ON RR TRACK

Rock and Large Bolts Are Placed On Rails Friday

Police and railway detectives are still working in an effort to determine if possible the identity of the person or persons who last Friday afternoon placed several heavy bolts and a large rock on the tracks of the Southern Railway a short distance east of town.

The rock in question was crushed beneath the wheels of the afternoon train which leaves here about 3:50 each afternoon bound for Winston-Salem, and the bolts were knocked from the rails.

Several local boys, seen in the vicinity about the time the obstruction was discovered, were questioned by police in hopes that they may have seen someone in the vicinity of the railway who perhaps was guilty of the offense. All clues to date, however, have proven false.

About a week before the rock and bolts were found on the track a cross tie was found across the tracks near Little Elkin creek, west of Elkin. The engine of the down train knocked it from the right-of-way before the train could be brought to a halt.

ODELL HOLCOMB IS CLEARED OF CHARGE

Grand Jury Fails To Return Bill Of Indictment

The Forsyth county grand jury Tuesday failed to return an indictment against Odell Holcomb, of Jonesville, who was charged with manslaughter in the death of 11-year-old Ray Leander Shields, Old Town school boy who was killed several weeks ago when he ran into the highway into the path of Mr. Holcomb's car.

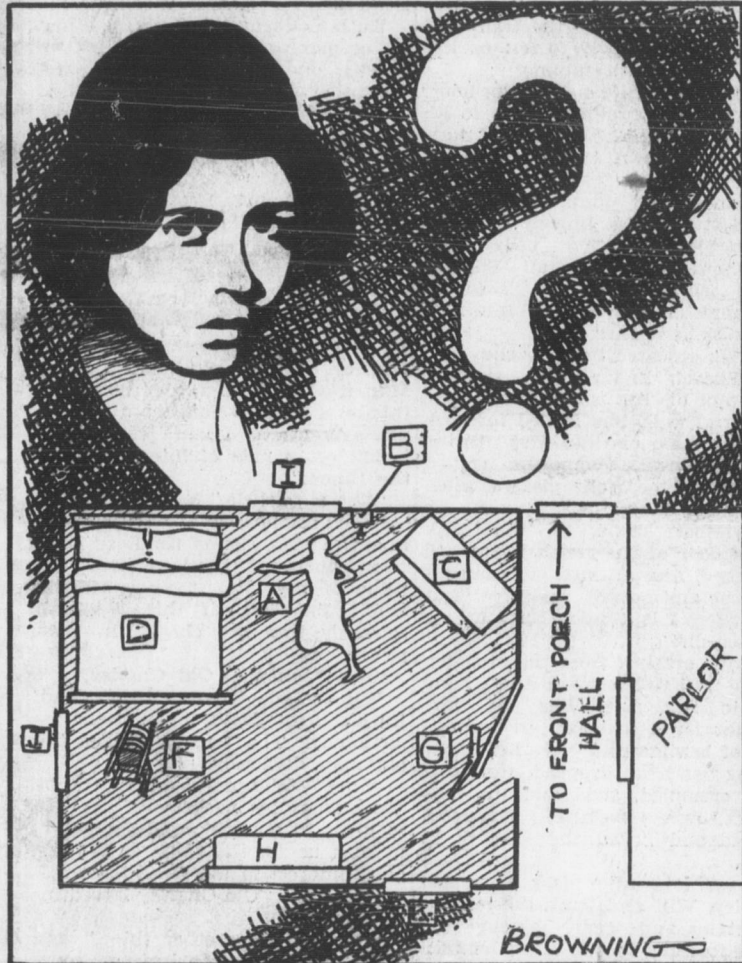
Arrested on the scene of the accident, Mr. Holcomb was placed under \$1,000 bond to await preliminary hearing on a charge of manslaughter. At the hearing a few days later, probable cause was found and he was bound over to Forsyth Superior court.

The investigation by the grand jury disclosed that the accident was unavoidable and that Holcomb was driving his car at a rate of speed not in excess of the speed limit when the tragedy occurred. The Shields lad was said to have rushed directly into the path of Holcomb's car while running from a playmate.

Accident statistics show that July 4 is by far the most dangerous day in the year.

Coroner's Jury Maintains Belief Wilkes Girl's Death Was Murder; Autopsy Shows Little of Value

Murder or Suicide?



The death of Leoda Mae Childress, pictured upper left, continues a mystery following the autopsy performed upon her body Wednesday morning. The lower sketch shows the room in the Tilley home in which her slain body was found. A is the approximate position in which the body was found; B is the telephone; C is the chest of drawers from which the money was at first thought to have been taken; D is the bed; F is the overturned chair found near the window (J) in which two panes of glass had been broken; G shows where the rifle was found against the door leading into the room from the hall; H is the fireplace; K is the door leading into the dining room, which had also been ransacked, and I is the front window of the room looking out upon the front porch.

If You've Lost A Cash Register See Chief W. G. Church

Please, has someone lost a cash register?

If so, will they kindly communicate with Chief of Police W. G. Church here and identify the register he is holding.

The cash register in question was found by Chief Church in an old store house in Jonesville the other day with other loot composed of a cheese, a clock, cigarettes, etc., which were stolen Friday night from the store of C. G. Mathis in Jonesville.

The register is a National and the serial number is 2762594.

HOLD FUNERAL FOR MRS LORA HOLBROOK

Dies Friday In Local Hospital From Infection On Face

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Jonesville for Mrs. Lora Mahaffey Holbrook, 52, who died Friday in the local hospital from an infection which resulted from a small pimple on her face, and spread into her mouth and throat.

Mrs. Holbrook was a member of the Baptist church. She is survived by her husband, Hargus Monroe Holbrook; one daughter by a former marriage, Mrs. Talmadge Byrd, and the following step-children: Miss Pattie Holbrook, Mrs. Claude Mason, Noah and Baltus Holbrook, of Jonesville; Mrs. Ed Harris of Mt. Airy; Mrs. E. G. Jordan, Mrs. Hugh Lyons, Mrs. James Mitchell, Monroe and Everett Holbrook, of Elkin; also the following brothers and sisters: Frank and Daniel Mahaffey and Mrs. Leonard Riddle, of Wilkes county; Mrs. T. E. Johnson of Jonesville and Charlie Mahaffey.

SPANN IN JAIL FOR ASSAULT ON BARKER

Pulled His Glasses Off And Struck Former Judge Twice

Hillary Spann, of Elkin and Jonesville, who appears to have a mania for getting into trouble, is in jail at Dobson awaiting trial for an assault upon Harry H. Barker, former judge of Elkin recorder's court.

Spann was placed in jail following a preliminary hearing Saturday in which release bond was set at \$500. He could not make bond.

According to evidence, Spann went to Mr. Barker's office sometime ago stating that he wished to see him. Going no further than the door, he was said to have told Mr. Barker to come to the door a moment after the former, who was busy at the time, had told him he had no time to see him.

Upon Mr. Barker coming to the door, Spann was said to have reached up and removed Mr. Barker's glasses and then to have struck him twice in the face, remarking at the same time that "you remember what you did to me up there in the courtroom."

Spann had frequently been sentenced by Mr. Barker when he was judge of recorder's court, for various and sundry offenses.

To Organize Woman's Auxiliary Here Today

The women of Elkin and the surrounding community are cordially invited to attend the meeting to be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30 in the school auditorium for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary to Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital. The organization will be non-secretarian and all women interested in the hospital are urged to become members.

CUTS DOWN DEFICIT
Decline of postal business for the third successive year and a postal deficit of \$119,374,892 were reported to the President Sunday by Postmaster-General Farley.

SECOND HEARING IS HELD AT HOME OF TILLEYS WEDNESDAY

Note Was Not In Girl's Apron Pocket When First Examined

EXPERT TESTIFIES

An autopsy performed Wednesday morning upon the body of Leoda Mae Childress, 20, whose lifeless form was found on the floor of a front room of the home of W. W. Tilley, near Benham, shortly after noon on December 30, disclosed that the girl was not an expectant mother as had been thought possible, and that the bullet which pierced her heart was of .22 calibre.

A subsequent meeting of the coroner's jury, held at the Tilley home Wednesday afternoon disclosed official testimony that the note found in a pocket of the slain girl's apron was, in the opinion of a Mr. Fletcher, who is said to be an expert on handwriting, written by Andrew Smoot, the dead girl's lover who is being held in jail at Wilkesboro charged with her death.

An opinion expressed by W. A. Shulenberg, Jr., of Charlotte, who described himself as an examiner of questioned documents, and who had examined specimens of both Smoot's and the dead girl's handwriting, was to the effect that the mysterious note was not written by Smoot.

Mr. Shulenberg, however, did not officially testify as to his opinion, but made his statement outside the hearing.

It was brought out at the hearing at which Wilkes County Coroner C. A. Rash, of Miller's Creek, and his jury were present, and which was conducted by Solicitor J. R. Jones, that the apron the girl was wearing at the time of her death had been thoroughly examined on the day of

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SEVERAL SITES ARE BEING CONSIDERED

Airport Committee Will Favor Lowest Priced Tract

Five sites, any of which would make a good location for an airport, are under consideration by the committee appointed here recently to acquire a tract suitable for airplane landing purposes, in case the town is successful in obtaining funds from the CWA for its construction.

The committee stated Wednesday that they will consider the site which may be obtained the cheapest, and intimated that it is possible that a tract may be donated without charge inasmuch as the location of an airport here would materially increase the value of land and property nearby.

NOTICE!

Effective now all copies of The Elkin Tribune obtained at The Tribune office will be charged for at five cents per copy, unless the person desiring the paper is a subscriber.

It has been the policy of The Tribune to make no charge for extra copies when they are desired by subscribers, but this policy has been badly abused by non-subscribers, many of whom make regular appearances each week for a paper.

The Tribune is glad to furnish its subscribers with extra papers when for some reason they do not receive it, through the postoffice or when an extra copy is wanted, at no charge. But those non-subscribers, who during the past have made it a regular habit to stop by and get the paper—and sometimes without even showing the courtesy of asking for it—will from this date on be charged five cents for each and every paper.