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LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

ROOSEVELT SHOULD BE HONORED

London, Jan. 16.—Winston Churchill believes President Roosevelt should be honored for the way he is attacking American problems.

The former chancellor of the exchequer is unable to say, however, if the American executive is headed on the right track in all his recovery moves.

"I do not say that President Roosevelt is right in all his experiments," Churchill said, but one does admire the spirit with which he grapples with difficulties, especially in contrast with the timidity, wooliness and imprecision which we see in some other places."

DEFENDANT PALES AT EVIDENCE

Criminal Courts Building, Chicago, Jan. 16.—A gruesome array of evidence—antique appearing operating table, blood stained garments, a .32 caliber pistol—caused Dr. Alice L. Wynekoop to pale and ask for medical stimulants today at her trial for murder.

The elderly defendant buried her face in her hands on the counsel table as if to shut out the sight of the reminders of the tragedy. Her hands shook visibly.

DRY MEET IN GREENSBORO

Still jubilant over the overwhelming dry victory of last November 7, the United Dry Forces of North Carolina, represented by delegates from all corners of the state, met in Greensboro in convention in the First Baptist church yesterday and compounded an organization that is designed to achieve the uttermost in making North Carolina as dry as it voted.

SNARELY NAMED FOOTBALL COACH

Chapel Hill, Jan. 16.—Carl G. Snavely, head football coach at Bucknell university for the last seven years, tonight was elected to succeed Chuck Collins as head gridiron coach at the University of North Carolina at a meeting of the athletic council that lasted little more than an hour.

SAYS ROOSEVELT OR RUIN

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Rev. Charles Coughlin, youthful, bespectacled Michigan priest, warned Congress today that unless President Roosevelt's monetary policies are enacted there will be a revolution in America which will make the French rebellion "look silly."

Pounding on the table at the House coinage committee money hearing with one hand and waving two pencils in the air with the other, the dynamic priest shouted: "It is Roosevelt or ruin."

PLAN NEW STRATOSPHERE FLIGHT

Washington, Jan. 16.—Plans for a record-breaking stratosphere flight in a balloon larger than any yet constructed were announced tonight by the United States Army Air Corps and the National Geographic Society.

The goal is a fifteen-mile ascent to grab a container full of air up there, and bring it back to earth for analysis.

FIRST SUPPLY BILL PASSES HOUSE

The first supply bill of the present session of Congress, carrying \$66,000,000 for independent offices and agencies of the federal government, was passed by the House Friday night without a record vote.

The ads. are important news. Read all of them!

Handwriting Which Figures In Childress Case

I rather give my life than your money if they kill me I want to be buried at Benham tell andrew goodby I want him to be happy I have tried to get help but I cant get anybody on the line I guess my dream has come true

if they kill me I want to be buried at Benham tell andrew good bye I want him to be happy

do you love and will forever your love may change but mine will never

MAY HELP SOLVE MYSTERY.—Above are shown a part of the "suicide note" of Leoda Childress, found dead at her home near North Wilkesboro, a sample of the handwriting of Miss Childress and a sample of the handwriting of Albert Smoot, in jail under a warrant charging him with her murder. Upper, handwriting of Smoot written from dictation of the "suicide note," lower left, the "note," and right, known handwriting of Miss Childress.

Ray Johnson and Bud Martin Are Jailed In Childress Murder Case

Notice The Tribune is now mailing subscription statements to those of its subscribers who are behind in their subscription accounts. Realizing that times have been hard, it has been over a year since statements were mailed, but with tobacco bringing a good price and other conditions generally improved, the management is of the opinion that those who are in arrears on their subscription can now afford to bring their accounts up to date. It takes a considerable outlay of money to publish a newspaper, and the money due on subscriptions is being made to make The Tribune a newspaper of real benefit to its patrons, and your cooperation in keeping your subscription up to date will be of great help, and greatly appreciated.

MRS. LUTHER TILLEY IS RELEASED TODAY AFTER QUESTIONING

Officials of Opinion Clyde Tilley Wrote Mystery Note

HEARING AT RONDA

Two Jonesville men, Ray Johnson, white, and Bud Martin, Negro, were arrested between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon in connection with the murder on December 30th, of Leoda Childress, 20, foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley of near Benham. The two men were taken to Wilkesboro and placed in jail shortly after their arrest.

Johnson and Martin were taken into custody by Chief of Elkin Police W. G. Church, Deputy Sheriff Crawford Hurt and Deputy Sheriff Dick Evridge upon orders of Solicitor John R. Jones. They were carried to North Wilkesboro by H. C. Kilby, Wilkes county deputy.

The arrest of the Jonesville men brings to a total of five persons who have been taken into custody in connection with the case within the last 30 hours. Luther and Clyde Tilley, sons of W. W. Tilley, and Mrs. Luther Tilley, were arrested Saturday night by Sheriff W. B. Somers. Mrs. Tilley, however, was released about 2:30 o'clock this afternoon after being questioned by Solicitor Jones. She was said to have established an alibi that the officers could not break down.

It is understood that Johnson is under suspicion in the case due to a statement he is alleged to have made to J. F. Pruner, of Jonesville. "Smoot should have told me he had a woman to get rid of," Pruner was said to have told Solicitor Jones that Johnson told him. Johnson, who has been working in Schoolfield, Va., and who roomed at the same boarding house there with Smoot, denied making the statement when questioned here by Solicitor Jones Thursday.

According to Chief Church, W. W. Tilley told him that he suspected Bud Martin due to the fact that Martin came to his home approximately two months before the Childress girl was killed, and "nosed" about the place. It was said that Martin inquired as to the amount of tobacco the Tilley's were curing, and as to their marketing plans.

It was also learned from an official source that both Johnson and Martin were in the neighborhood of the Tilley home on the day of the killing. Johnson was said to have gone to a house in that section and attempted to buy whisky. He was said to have been drinking. However, so far as is known neither man was seen in the immediate vicinity of the Tilley home.

Clyde Tilley, about 17 years of age, was required to make several copies of the death note Friday morning and his handwriting was said to have matched almost perfectly the handwriting of the note. Other evidence against the youth

Murdered Girl



LEODA MAE CHILDRESS

Mystery of Man Found In Lake Is Revived

Inasmuch as Solicitor John R. Jones has stated that he is holding Luther Tilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, for investigation in a murder which occurred some years ago, the opinion has been expressed here that the murder in question revolves around the mysterious disappearance on May 24, 1927, of Andrew Eldridge, of State Road, and the finding of his body floating in Klondike lake two weeks later.

For the information of Tribune readers, the account of the finding of the man's body, as it appeared in the Thursday, June 16, 1927 issue of The Tribune, is being reprinted in full.

A fruitless search for more than two weeks for information concerning the whereabouts of Andrew Eldridge, who disappeared from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff E. Eldridge, near State Road on Tuesday, May 24th, reached a climax Monday morning when a trio of Winston-Salem boys, who had spent the week-end at Klondike Lodge discovered the ghastly outline of a dead body, which proved to be that of young Eldridge, floating in the Klondike Lake close by the dam.

It was about ten o'clock in the day that the boys were rowing around the lake, casting their hooks for fish, that the discovery of the man's body was made and reported. People of the community, recalling the anxious search by the Eldridge family for their missing son whose continued absence was clothed in mystery, the supposition prevailed, generally, that the body of the drowned man might be that of Andrew Eldridge.

Decomposition had progressed to the extent that identification depended upon the clothing worn by the dead man, and certain marks about his body, which upon close inspection, left no doubt in the mind of his father who hurried to the scene. In the pocket of the blue shirt which the young man had worn when he started from his home on the ill-fated journey, was a pair of spectacles which he had been accustomed to wear, daily.

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Held As Killer



ANDREW SMOOT

McDANIEL'S STORE BEING REMODELED

When Completed Will Be One of Town's Most Modern Stores

Extensive alterations are being made in the interior of McDaniel's Department store here with a view toward more floor space and a more modern and up-to-date store. Work of remodeling was begun Tuesday morning. E. W. McDaniel, general manager of the store, stated Tuesday that the past year was one of the best in his career here as a merchant and he expressed high hopes for the present year. In addition to the construction of a mezzanine floor upon which will be installed an exclusive men's department, remodeling plans also call for a basement store, which will be known as McDaniel's Economy Basement.

Bates Head of Office For CWA Registration

All Surry county unemployed who registered for jobs under the CWA prior to January 1, 1934, must again register to be eligible for employment. Robey Bates has been appointed head of the registration office here and may be seen at his office in the Castevens Hardware company building.

ESCAPED CONVICT SLAIN BY SOMERS

Wilkes Sheriff Shoots In Defense Of Own Life

Ed Atwood, 57, an escaped convict from state's prison at Raleigh, and an all around bad man, was shot and killed about 9:30 o'clock Sunday night by Sheriff W. B. Somers, of Wilkes county, who shot in self defense as Atwood was in the act of drawing a gun on him.

A coroner's jury, assembled a short while afterward, exonerated Sheriff Somers of all blame. Their verdict was that the officer did not use unnecessary force and that he shot in defense of his own life.

The killing took place near the home of Mrs. Cletus Byers, one and one-half miles north of the Wade Harris bridge on the Boone Trail highway.

Atwood was a man of bad reputation and is said to have committed numerous robberies in the county since his escape from state prison where he was serving a sentence of from three to five years for house-breaking and larceny.

Sheriff Somers received a report Sunday afternoon that Atwood was in the neighborhood, and, in company with Deputy Sheriff H. C. Kilby and J. H. Alexander, went in search of him.

They surrounded the Byers home, where they understood he was hiding. Atwood ran from the building almost into the arms of Deputy Kilby, who commanded him to halt. Deputy Kilby fired into the air without attempting to hit the fleeing man but Atwood did not stop. Atwood ran across a branch bridge and turned quickly with his shotgun to fire at Sheriff Somers, who had followed his flight by the aid of a powerful flashlight. Only quick action on the part of the Sheriff saved his life, the load from his gun taking effect in Atwood's chest. He died almost instantly.

At the coroner's inquest, testimony revealed that Atwood had vowed he would die rather than be taken alive. At the time he was killed he was carrying his shotgun, a razor and two long knives. He was said to have carried a pistol most of the time.

Loses Eye

Fletcher Carr, Jonesville negro, working on a CWA project, lost his left eye on Monday when he was hit with a piece of flying rock. The man, together with a group of workers, was engaged in breaking stones for a sidewalk when a piece hit his eye and injured it. He was carried to Hugh Chatham hospital where his eye was removed.

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