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YOUNG WOMAN KILLED; FATHER-IN-LAW HELD

KILLING CLIMAXES QUARREL

Wife Charges Husband With
Shooting Mrs. Esther
Leitner

Howard Leitner, 48-year old white man of this city was bound over to Superior court by a coroner's jury Monday, on a charge of first-degree murder in connection with the killing of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Esther Draper Leitner, at his home in the Hornertown residence section early Sunday morning. Leitner did not testify at the inquest, but was quoted by witnesses as acknowledging the shooting of his pretty daughter-in-law, who is the mother of a seven-year-old girl, then denying it saying he did not know who shot her.

Mrs. H. G. Leitner, wife of the accused, on the witness stand, told of a night of domestic strife in which her husband accused both she and her son's wife of being "bad women".

Mrs. Leitner testified the dead woman went to the picture show in Roanoke Rapids with her daughter, and that when she returned home Saturday night, the elder Mrs. Leitner had a nervous spell because her husband had abused her so. He was drinking, according to her testimony, and upon the return of his son's wife they had a "row" that lasted until about three o'clock Sunday morning. At that point, she ordered her husband to leave the house. He remonstrated saying he had no money to pay board any place else. Mrs. Leitner offered a check for \$11.10, which she said was given her by "the law" when her son, Paul, husband of the murdered woman, was in trouble. About daylight Sunday morning according to her testimony, her husband returned demanding to know why he had been locked out, and "what it was all about." Mrs. Leitner said she told him of the night before, and of his accusations as to she and Esther Leitner being "bad women." She called her daughter-in-law to prove this statement, and as it turned out, called the girl to her death. She asked the younger Mrs. Leitner to remain in bed with her, which she did, and apparently went to sleep.

Her husband returned to the room, she testified, "with his eyes looking so glassy they freigh

Dillinger's Girl



ST. PAUL . . . Photo shows Evelyn Frechette, half-breed Indian sweetheart of outlaw John Dillinger, as she was lead into court to face a federal indictment charging she harbored the notorious criminal. She had pleaded not guilty at an earlier arraignment.

GROWTH IS REFLECTED IN REPORT

Building and Loan Directors
Hear Optimistic
Report

At a regular monthly May meeting of the board of directors of the Roanoke Rapids Building and Loan Association, they listened to a particularly optimistic report, reflecting on better business conditions in the city.

The report was read by R. L. Manning, secretary of the local association, and further proved the benefits of the "new deal" and its influences on business in Roanoke Rapids.

The first four months of this year, just ended, and the same period in 1933 furnished a most interesting comparison. For the first four months of 1933, only four loans had been made, totaling only \$5,900, and none of these loans were for construction purposes. In the same period this year, a total of 23 loans had been made, totaling \$31,300, in money. Eight of the 23 loans were for construction, while 15

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY TRUCK

Negro Hitch Hiker Dies In
Emergency Room At
Hospital

Moses Cheek, Littleton colored man met almost instant death late Wednesday afternoon, May 16th, when he was run over by a cotton truck owned by Sam Robinson, driven by Jack Faulcon, both colored, of Littleton.

Cheek, with three Negro companions, James Clark, John Turner Kelly Moaning, who live near the H. Shearin farm in South Rosemary were attempting to "hitch hike" a ride South. The heavily laden cotton truck, with its cargo of 25 or 30 bales passed them near Roanoke Junction. It is said that Cheek hailed or "thumbed" the driver, and Faulcon the driver, asserts that he shook his head in the negative. In spite of this warning, Cheek attempted to board the truck, and in doing so, he was thrown directly under the wheels of the trailer, the wheels literally crushing his hip. Cheek suffered a broken leg, was crushed across the hip and pelvis bones, and was bleeding badly. He died a few minutes after being given treatment in the emergency room at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

At a late hour Wednesday night, Coroner "Billie" Williams said that owing to the obvious accidental nature of the death he did not deem a formal inquest necessary.

START TO WORK ON BUILDING

Rose Will Occupy New Smith
Building In The
South Ward

Actual construction work started in earnest this week on the new 50x140-ft. two story building in the "uptown" business section, which is being built by J. C. Smith. The building is located next to Smiths Filling Station.

The building which will be completed within a few weeks will have one store room on the bottom floor, and 24 rooms up-

Jess Willard Jr.



BERKELEY . . . Jess Willard Jr., 20, (above), son of the former world heavyweight champion, now a freshman at University of California junior college, photographed as he tied in the high hurdle event in a track meet here.

HEARING ON CITY ELECTION

Injunction by Traynham to
be heard at Wilson
Tuesday, 22nd.

The temporary injunction and restraining order issued by Judge Small at the demand of Dave L. Traynham and his attorneys against the Mayor and Town Board of Roanoke Rapids will be heard before the Judge at Wilson, N. C. on next Tuesday to see whether such injunction and order shall be made permanent or whether it shall be dissolved.

A request was made at the meeting of the Board this Tuesday that the whole matter be dropped because of the fact that Mr. Traynham had lost both in his own precinct and in the town at large. This request was made by Commissioner John C. Smith on the grounds that it would cost the city to carry out the orders of the court.

Commissioner Frank C. Williams stated that it was an order to appear and show the court that the Board was doing its duty

UP AND DOWN

The Avenue WITH THE EDITOR

This coming Saturday, May 19th, is the LAST DAY to register in order to vote in the coming primary elections on June 2nd. If you are not registered or have a friend who is not, be sure to register.

The graduating exercises of the Roanoke Rapids Hospital Training School will be held next Wednesday, May 23rd, at 8 P. M. at the Junior Senior High School. All friends of the nurses and hospital are cordially invited to attend.

Sunday night, May 20th, Rev. J. N. Bynum will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the Episcopal church.

A complete list of the 1934 graduating class of the Hospital training school will be carried in next weeks' issue of The Herald.

An important announcement comes from Miss Lucille Carlon, returning from her vacation this week. Typhoid vaccine will be given at Drs. Weathers and Beckwith's clinic, in the South ward, beginning Tuesday, May 22nd. The shots may be taken on Tuesday and Saturday, the hours for both days being from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening. The shots will be given for a six week period.

The typhoid clinic of Drs. Jarman and Covington, at Roanoke Mills, was opened last Saturday. The vaccine will be given there on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 6 to 7-o'clock P. M.

Coach Tom Cheek will take his "Independents" to Slagels Lake, Emporia, Sunday, for the Virginians opening baseball game. The tilt will start at 3 o'clock, and a close game is expected between these two arch rivals.

Mrs. Wade Marks left Wednesday for New York City to meet the S. S. "Manhattan," on which Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Schmid will arrive from East Africa. Mrs. Schmid is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marks.

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