

## TRUE BILL FOUND IN MURDER PLOT

### C. C. CODDINGTON, OF CHARLOTTE, DIED SUNDAY

#### One of South's Most Prominent Automobile Men Succumbs to Heart Attack

Charlotte, Dec. 4.—C. C. Coddington, Nationally known automobile factor and for 20 years eminent and wealthy citizen of Charlotte, died suddenly Sunday night at Harbor Island, off the Carolina Coast, a telephone message from Morehead City at 9 o'clock Monday morning being the first information to reach his relatives and business friends here.

Mr. Coddington's death resulted from a sharp heart attack, the message stated, but gave no further details. It was presumed at head offices of the Buick automobile distributing headquarters here that the end probably came while Mr. Coddington and party, were on a boat and at a distance from lines of communication. Charles S. Wallace, of Morehead City, announced the death to Lee S. Folger, associate with Mr. Coddington in the executive management of the Buick business in the Carolinas.

Mr. Folger at once dispatched a funeral coach to Morehead City to bring the body of his life-long friend and business associate to Charlotte for burial.

Mr. Coddington left Charlotte Friday on a duck hunting expedition in the eastern Carolina swamps. The body was returned to Charlotte Monday night. Funeral services were held there Wednesday afternoon, being attended by several thousand people from all sections of North Carolina.

Mr. Coddington was the developer of WBT, Charlotte's radio station, in addition to being a holder of large real estate properties, and his interest in the Buick distributing world.

### YOUNG MAN DIES OF PNEUMONIA

#### Funeral for Malcolm Robinson, Age 21, Held Tuesday at Pleasant Grove

Forest City, R.-2, Dec. 5.—Malcolm Robinson, aged 21 years, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Robinson, of the Oakland community, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove Methodist church, near Forest City, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and were in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Tabor, Jr., assisted by others. Interment was in Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his widow, a bride of six months, who before her marriage was Miss Cleo Whitener, of Spindale; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robinson, two brothers, Will and Clyde, at home; three sisters, Mrs. Baxter Biggerstaff, of Bostic; Mrs. J. Beam, of the Westminster community, and Miss Ava Robinson, at home.

Mr. Robinson's health had not been good for about two years. Sometime ago he spent several months at Sanatorium, N. C., which improved his condition to some extent. He made his home with his father, a prosperous farmer, of near Adaville church, and assisted on the farm. He was taken ill on Friday, November 23, and his illness developed into pneumonia, which resulted in death.

A large number of people were at the funeral at Pleasant Grove Tuesday, and the grave was covered with floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDaniel and son, Arthur, Jr., spent Thanksgiving holidays in Richmond, Va., and returned to Greensboro Saturday where they attended the Hanner-Bowles Wedding.

### Santa Claus Is Tempted

By Albert T. Reid



### COVA R. PRIEST, EX-SERVICE MAN, DIED MONDAY

#### Son-in-Law of Mr. B. C. Moore, of Forest City, Succumbs to Pneumonia at Hendersonville

Mr. Cova R. Priest, aged 33 years, died in Hendersonville Monday at 3 p. m. after a three days' illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at Pleasant Grove Methodist church, near Forest City, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 with Rev. M. F. Moores in charge. Interment was in Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Mr. Priest was a native of Fulford Fla., and a son of R. Priest, of that place. He was engaged in truck farming there and divided his time between his activities there and in Hendersonville. He and his family arrived in Hendersonville a short time ago for a stay of sometime, and he was stricken with pneumonia Friday and died Monday.

He is survived by his widow, who is a daughter of Mr. B. C. Moore, of Forest City. Two children, Herbert and Ella, survive, also two sisters and two brothers. Mr. Priest was an ex-service man, having served sometime with the American Expeditionary Forces.

### WAYSIDE GANG MEETS TUESDAY

#### Monthly Meeting to be Held in City Hall at 7:30 P. M.—Will Elect New Officers

The regular monthly meeting of the Wayside Gang will be held next Tuesday evening December 11th at 7:30, in the new city hall. This is the time to elect new officers for the next six months' term and it is very important that every member of the Rutherford county gang be present. Owing to the fact that it is nearing Christmas time and "cash" is shy, there will be no banquet this month. Please let every member be present on Tuesday evening, December 11th, 7:30, in the new city hall.

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SEAL SALE DAYS

The sale of the tuberculosis Christmas seals will be sponsored here by the ladies of The Womans' Club. Friday and Saturday has been set apart as special sale day, and members of the Womans' Club will be stationed at the following places Friday and Saturday: Farmers Bank, Sinkoe's Store; Padgett and King, Hall-Rudisill Drug Co., and Peoples' Drug Store. The people of Forest City are urged to assist this worthy cause and purchase Christmas seals from those ladies.

### COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN MONDAY

#### H. H. Tucker Chairman of Board of Commissioners—C. O. Ridings County Attorney

Rutherfordton, Dec. 4.—Rutherford county's new officers were administered the oath of office and were sworn in Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Clerk of Court J. Y. Yelton administered the oath to the following officers: register of deeds W. O. Geer; coroner, W. C. Hightower; sheriff, W. C. Hardin; county treasurer, Mrs. Minnie F. Blanton; county commissioners, H. H. Tucker, J. P. Jones and A. B. Price.

At a meeting of the new county commissioners Mr. H. H. Tucker was elected chairman of the board. Attorney C. O. Ridings was selected as county attorney replacing attorney N. C. Harris, who has been attorney during the past four years.

Recorder W. J. Mode and solicitor of the Recorder's court, R. R. Blanton, will take oath of office Monday, January 5. The county board of education will assume their duties of office in April.

All of the officers sworn in Monday were re-elected in the general election to succeed themselves, with the exception of the board of commissioners. The present board replaces Messrs. W. G. Harris, G. W. Rollins and G. E. Morgan.

### BANKERS OF FOUR COUNTIES HOLD JOINT MEETING

#### Rutherford County Bankers' Association Host to Cleveland, Gaston and Mecklenburg Bankers

The Rutherford County Bankers Association held a very interesting and enjoyable meeting at Blanton's Dining Hall, in Forest City, on Tuesday evening, December 4th. Bankers from Cleveland, Gaston and Mecklenburg counties were guests of the local association and every bank in Rutherford and Cleveland counties had representatives at the meeting.

After enjoying a delightful supper the bankers were entertained with instructive talks by W. R. Cuthbertson, Chairman of Group Nine, North Carolina Bankers Association, E. E. Jones, Former President North Carolina Bankers Association, and A. H. Sims, Jr., Secretary of Group Nine, North Carolina Bankers Association. Those attending the meeting were Charles C. Blanton, George Blanton, William Lineberger, J. J. Lattimore, S. C. Gettys, E. N. Washburn, E. E. Harrill, W. L. Hicks, J. B. Watkins, J. C. Hames, G. B. Harrill, J. H. Thomas, M. W. Harris, J. A. Dennis, W. M. Giles, P. B. Price, Bush Doggett, J. W. Morgan, R. L. Arial, W. B. Walker, J. M. Killian, J. L. Taylor, W. W. Nanney, N. C. Harris, B. H. Long and L. C. Cobb.

### METHODIST W. M. S. HAS INTERESTING MEETING

Circles No. 1 and 2 of the Methodist Womans' Missionary Society, held a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Ted Cashion Tuesday afternoon.

A short business session was held after which Mrs. Dennis led the devotional exercises.

"Catching Step with the Youth of Today," was the topic for discussion and was interestingly discussed by Mrs. G. P. Reid. Mrs. Bert Moore sang, "Speak To Me Now My Savior."

The Social Service report for Circle No. 2 was twelve trays, seventy visits, flowers sent three times, and clothing given valued at \$6.00.

At the conclusion of the program a delicious salad, sandwiches and coffee was served by the hostess.

### William Joyce, of New Jersey, to Be Tried in February For Using Mails to Incite Murder

#### RED CROSS ROLL CALL OPENS HERE THURSDAY

Since the chairman of the Red Cross of Forest City has been out of town and so many people have been sick, the Red Cross roll call has been postponed, until Thursday, December 6th. The following named girls, Eleanor Meares, Oneida Welch, Kathryn Moore, Dorothy Rudisill and Dorothy Hamrick, will give the people in Forest City an opportunity Thursday to join the Red Cross.

It is hoped that Forest City will go over the top in this splendid work as has been her custom in the past.

#### Forest City Men Play Prominent Part in Federal Case. Story Still Remains A Mystery

(Special Wire to The Courier)

The complete story of how Chief Price, of this city, aided postal authorities in capturing this man will be found on the first page of section three.

Chief Charles R. Price, of this city, assisted by postal inspectors, has succeeded in arresting and charging William Joyce, alias Walter E. Morris, of New Jersey, with violation of the postal statutes covering inciting and plotting to commit murder.

The story opened last January when Mr. Joe P. Waters, of this city, received a letter from Morris, stating that he had been recommended to him as a 'thug,' and requested prices for a job he wanted done. The letter was turned over to Chief Price, who through a lengthy correspondence with Morris, using Waters' name to the letters, secured much valuable evidence which was turned over to the postal authorities. This resulted in the arrest of Morris in July, of this year.

Chief Price and Mr. Waters left Forest City last Saturday for Camden, N. J., where they were summoned as witnesses to appear in Federal court there. A special wire, received yesterday from Chief Price, gave the following developments of this interesting case:

Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 4, 1928. Forest City Courier, Forest City, N. C.

A grand jury in a District Federal court, in Camden, New Jersey, today found a true bill against William Joyce, alias Walter E. Morris, for violating postal statutes covering inciting and plotting to commit murder. Case will be tried in a Federal District court in Trenton, New Jersey, in February, 1929. Joyce fighting case. Whom Joyce wanted killed still remains a mystery. Joyce and wife re separated. Joyce's wife thinks he was planning to kill her, so he could marry a woman with whom he was intimate in Charlotte some time ago.

Joyce's wife says that he still carries on correspondence with the Charlotte woman. W. S. Brown, postal inspector, and Federal detectives were not able to find any connection between J. P. Waters and Joyce. Waters says that he never saw Joyce before.

Joyce refuses to discuss case. Citizens of Woodbury, N. J., think that Joyce was planning to kill Woodbury Postmaster, where he was formerly a postal clerk, but was discharged. Gather from talking with Woodbury and Paulsboro citizens today that it is also a mystery to them just whom Joyce was designing to kill. Joyce lived with his mother in Woodbury, N. J., and is a man of forty years of age; has two children and at present time is employed with a local ice plant in Woodbury. Witnesses who testified before Grand Jury are as follows: Chas. R. Price, chief of police, Forest City, N. C., J. P. Waters, same place; Mrs. Myers, postal clerk, Paulsboro, N. J.; Frank L. Pote, Postmaster, Paulsboro, N. J.; Brown, Postoffice Inspector, Bridgeton, N. J. Waters and myself will leave Philadelphia tomorrow morning at 7:20 for home in Forest City, N. C.

CHAS. R. PRICE, Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, Penn.

#### K. OF P. LODGE TO ELECT OFFICERS

Officers for the coming year will be elected by the local Knights of Pythias lodge next Monday evening. All members are urged to be present.

### COUNTY-WIDE EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING FRIDAY

#### Epworth Leaguers of County To Gather At Pleasant Grove and Re-Organize County Association

A county wide meeting of the Epworth Leagues will be held at Pleasant Grove church, West End Forest City, Friday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. H. F. Duncan pastor of Duncan Memorial Methodist Church, and president of the Epworth League Conference board, of Charlotte, will be present and deliver the principal address. Rev. W. A. Barber, pastor of the Spindale Methodist Church, and former president of the Epworth League conference board, will also be present and make a short talk.

Following this a business session will be held at which time the Rutherford County Epworth League Association will be re-organized, and officers elected and other business given attention.

One of the features of the program will be special music, which is being especially arranged for the occasion.

A social hour will be observed at the close of the session.

Officers and members of every Epworth League in the county are urged to be present.

### KIWANIS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

#### Mr. R. M. Schiele Talks on Boy Scout Work—Host to Football Team Monday

At a meeting of the local Kiwanis Club Monday evening new officers were elected for the year. Those elected were: president, Charles Z. Flack; vice-president, H. H. Doggett; second vice-president, C. C. Erwin; district trustee, J. W. Dalton. Directors are Messrs. F. I. Barber, R. R. Howes, G. R. Gillespie, W. M. Giles, Terry Moore, D. H. Sutton and J. T. Harris. The retiring president, Mr. R. L. Reinhardt, is also a member of the board of directors.

R. M. Schiele, of Gastonia, scout executive of the Piedmont Scout council, was present at the meeting and gave a talk on the necessity of support of the local Boy Scout troops by the Kiwanis Club.

The Kiwanis Club will be host to the football team of the Cool Springs High School next Monday night.