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New Developments In Childress Murder Case Guarded With Secrecy

JONES IS OF HOPE MYSTERY WILL BE CLEARED UP SOON

Talks Wednesday, Says He Is On Red Hot Clue

TABLET IS FOUND

(By ALAN BROWNING, JR.)
Elkin, January 17.—(Special)—Although admitting there are new developments in the Childress murder case, Solicitor John R. Jones, who is making every effort to lift the mystery, stated here Wednesday noon that he deems it unwise to divulge the nature at the present time.

The solicitor said, however, that he is of the belief that he and his staff of investigators are on the right

SMOOT ONCE JAILED FOR DRUNKENNESS HERE

Andrew Smoot, central figure in the Leoda Childress murder mystery, was once jailed here for 11 days on a charge of drunkenness and transporting. He was arrested with three others on the highway near Eddleman's store by Sheriff Moxley, on December 26, 1928 and warrants were issued by Magistrate S. L. Russell, who ordered them to give \$300 bond each. Smoot's bond was furnished by the late Ward Swaim of Jonesville, on January 6, 1929.

Smoot and his companions were found, all drunk and with a quantity of liquor in the car, together with some pistols lying in the car. They were brought before Judge Harwood at the February 1929 term of Yadkin court and Andrew and Albert Smoot fined \$25.00 each. P. C. and H. M. Wray were fined \$30.00 each and all required to appear at the February 1930 term of court and show they had not partaken of whiskey or driven an automobile. No record is shown of their return at the next term.

track and that the murder will be solved and the guilty person brought to justice.

With the exception of an opinion handed down by W. A. Shulenberg, handwriting expert of Charlotte, that the mysterious note was written by Leoda Childress, and not by Andrew Smoot, who is being held in jail at Wilkesboro, few other developments have been available during the past week.

Not since the body of the slain girl was found upon the floor of the W. W. Tilley home, a bullet through her heart, has the investigation in the case lagged. And in connection with the mysterious note which was found in the girl's apron pocket on Monday, January 1, two days after her death, evidence has been uncovered which would tend to prove that the note was not written somewhere else and brought to the home and placed in the pocket as has been suspected, but that it was written in the Tilley home and probably in the room in which the killing took place.

It has been learned from a reliable source that Nathan Sharpe, one of the men who were first upon the scene, noticed a writing tablet laying on the bed in the room in which the body of the girl was found. This information was imparted to investigating officers, who called for the tablet.

At first the tablet was not forthcoming, but upon demands that it must be found, it was located among a bundle of papers on the floor. A microscopic examination of the paper disclosed that it was identically the same paper as that upon which the mystery note was written. In the tablet was also found several verses of poetry said to have been written by Miss Childress.

One development during the past week which has proven favorable to Smoot's plea of innocence was the

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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 commenced 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

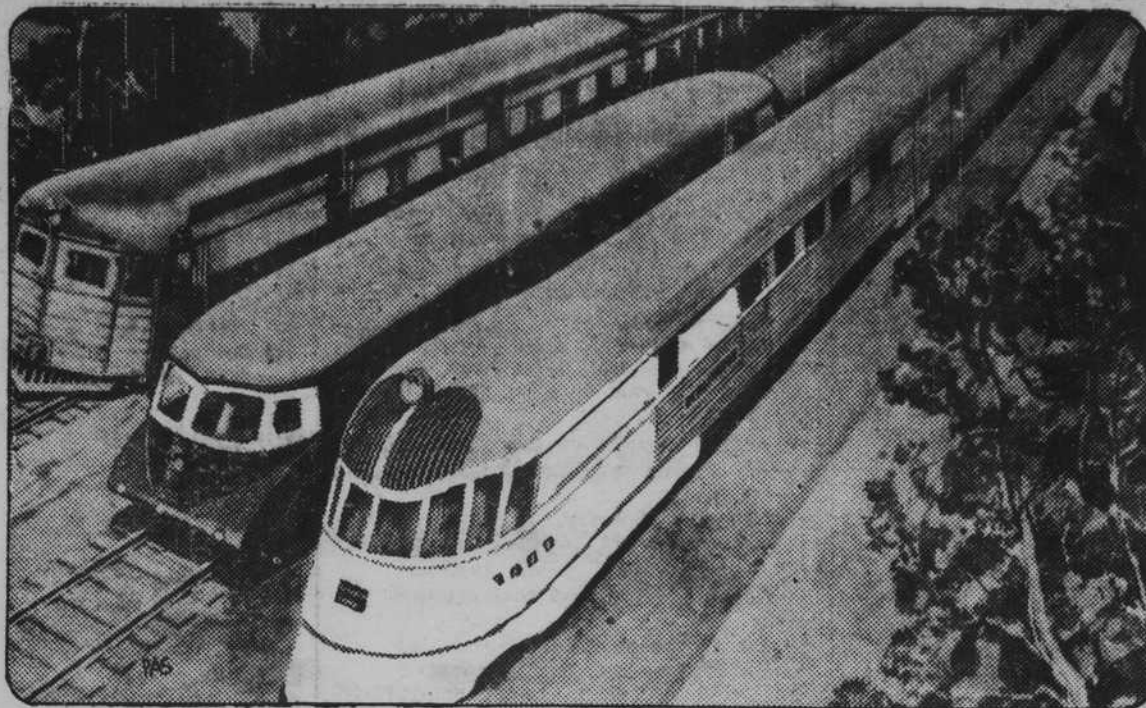
Washington, Jan. 16.—Plans for a record-breaking stratosphere flight in a balloon larger than any yet constructed were announced tonight by the United States Army Air Corps and the National Geographic Society.

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.

Railroads Turning to Motorized Streamlined Trains



The above three trains represent the last word in streamlining as applied by the railroads. In the foreground is a new Burlington three car train which can operate at 40 per cent of the expense of a steam locomotive. Center, is the train introduced by the Great Western and which can travel at 60 miles an hour. Upper left is the Texas and Pacific train now running daily in Texas. It can attain a speed of 78 MPH.

K. M. THOMPSON DIES TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Funeral Services to be Held This Afternoon At 2 P. M.

Kimrough Marion Thompson, 75, prominent Jonesville citizen, passed away Tuesday afternoon at a High Point hospital, where he had been a patient for about a week. Mr. Thompson had been ill for the past two months suffering from a complication of diseases. The deceased was a native of the Mitchell's River section of Surry county and was former county surveyor. For the past thirty-five years he has been a resident of Jonesville and the greater part of that time has served as a magistrate. He was former mayor of Jonesville and a Democratic leader in the county.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Jonesville Baptist church and interment will follow in the Jonesville cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Bryan Thompson, two daughters, Mrs. W. A. Finney, of Elkin and Mrs. R. C. Minniss of Jonesville and two sons, Alonzo and Grover Thompson, both of Jonesville, and ten grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. M. J. Mickle of Galax, Virginia and one brother, B. H. Thompson, of Mountain Park, also survive.

Mrs. Harris Dies At East Bend Home

Mrs. Alice Harris, 69, passed away at her home at East Bend, early Tuesday morning, following an illness of three years.

Mrs. Harris was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murphy and had spent her life in the East Bend section. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mozelle Hutchens, of East Bend, Route 2; one son, W. G. Harris of Winston-Salem; two brothers, J. B. and B. T. Murphy of Winston-Salem.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock at Enon Baptist church, where the deceased had been a member for many years. Rev. R. E. Adams and Rev. E. T. Sims conducted the services.

9 Take Examination For Postmaster

Nine people of Yadkinville took the civil service examination for the position of postmaster at Yadkinville, which was held Saturday at Winston-Salem.

Those taking the examination were: Messrs. E. H. Barnard, J. W. Hudspeth, Joe Williams, F. D. B. Harding, O. V. Hutchens, Jasper Long and Dwight D. Martin, and Mrs. Blanche Dunnagan and Margaret Hinshaw.

Death of Church Baby

Dorothy Lola Mae Church, 10-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Church, of Yadkinville, died Saturday following a short illness. Burial followed Sunday in the graveyard at Harmony Grove church after services were conducted in the church by Rev. R. L. Speer.

MAD DOG BITES 2 CHILDREN SUNDAY

Rabid Animal Also Attacks Two Cows And 40 Other Dogs

Two children, several cows and approximately 40 dogs were bitten Sunday afternoon in Boonville township by a mad dog before the rabid animal was finally killed by Thurmond Wagoner. The dog was the property of Winfield Smith.

The head of the animal, upon being taken to Winston-Salem for an examination, disclosed the information that it was one of the worst cases in the knowledge of the medical examiners.

The children who were bitten are taking treatment.

It was said that Mr. Wagoner shot the dog with a 12 gauge shotgun, the first shot taking effect but not dropping the animal. A second shot was necessary to kill it.

Upon being hit the first time, the dog was said to have neither howled nor whimpered, but to have run and jumped a fence, although mortally wounded.

Negro Seeks Big Damage From His Prosecutors

Because he was arrested for failing to make good an \$8 check, Frank Hauser, Negro, had entered suit in Forsyth superior court Thursday seeking \$1,500 damages from N. P. Bryant and Albert Draughan of Yadkinville. The plaintiff claims he purchased personal articles from Draughan and was prevailed upon to give him a pre-dated check, although the latter knew he had no funds in the bank.

The complaint states Hauser's compensation from the government was cut off soon after the inauguration of President Roosevelt and he found himself unable to make agreed instalments on the check. He claims the check evidently was turned over to N. P. Bryant, J. P., who had him arrested and incarcerated in jail for three weeks.

Adams Child Dies

Henry H. Adams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Adams, of Winston-Salem, died Tuesday morning, aged 4 months.

Henry H. Adams is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Adams, of Yadkinville, and Mrs. Adams, before her marriage was Miss Lydia Pardue of Cycle.

The little boy was laid to rest in the cemetery at Mountain View Baptist church, this county, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock following a funeral at the home, conducted by Rev. V. M. Swaim.

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.

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.

Elijah L. Shermer Is Claimed By Death

Elijah Luther Shermer, aged 77, passed away Saturday afternoon at 1:30 at the home of his son, Paul Shermer, near Forbush Baptist church, where he had made his home for some time. Mr. Shermer suffered a stroke of paralysis about ten days ago and had been serious since that time.

The deceased was born in this county and had spent his entire life here. He was a son of the late William and Elizabeth Shermer, well-known residents of this county until their death. Mr. Shermer was married to Miss Delia Williams, who preceded him in death a number of years. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Houston Davis, Yadkinville Route 2; four sons: Dallas Shermer of Winston-Salem; Grover Shermer of Courtney; Paul and Thad Shermer, Yadkinville Route 2.

The funeral was conducted Sunday afternoon at Forbush Baptist church and the services were in charge of Rev. V. M. Swaim, Rev. B. K. Mason and Rev. S. F. Morton. Interment was in the church graveyard beside the body of his wife.

Pall bearers were Charlie Lynch, C. P. Mackie, Dallas Lynch, Ben Peoples, Ed Mackie and William Todd.

W. J. Willard Dies

W. J. Willard, 77, passed away at his home near Union Cross Thursday of last week following an illness of two years. He had been serious for one week, his death being due to pneumonia.

Mr. Willard was twice married. His last wife, Almedia, survives him, together with the following children: Mrs. Dallas Bovendar, Allan Willard and Nora Willard, of Winston-Salem; Dollie Farris, Oscar, Raymond and Frank Willard, of that section; John Willard of Roanoke, Va.; Martha Colbert and Thomas Willard of Greensboro. Three brothers also survive: A. A., E. G. and Ellis C. Willard, of the same section.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon from the home, conducted by Rev. Wade H. Adams, and interment was in the Willard family graveyard, near the home.

The United States Department of Agriculture says that both ripe and green olives contain abundant quantities of vitamin A.