

## Three Held On Murder Charges In Childress, Andrew Eldridge Cases

### MRS. LUTHER TILLEY HELD FOR MURDER OF ODA CHILDRESS

#### Luther Tilley And Stanley Charged With Eldridge Murder

#### HEARING FRIDAY

A preliminary hearing for Luther Tilley and Winfield Stanley, charged with the murder of Andrew Eldridge in June 1927, will be held at Wilkesboro Friday morning before Magistrate A. E. Spainhour.

Warrants charging the two men with the murder of Eldridge were sworn out by J. G. Eldridge, father of the boy, the latter part of last week. The warrants were served in jail, Tilley having been held there for investigation in the Childress murder case. Stanley was also being held for investigation in the Eldridge case prior to the murder charge.

Mrs. Luther Tilley, 30, was arrested Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Tyre Barker upon a murder warrant sworn out by Hill Cox, a brother-in-law of Leoda Childress. The woman is charged with the Childress killing. When arrested she was at liberty under bond as a material witness in the case.

Solicitor John R. Jones stated over long distance telephone that he is not yet ready to disclose the evidence which resulted in Mrs. Tilley's arrest on the murder charge but it is believed that she will be accused of writing the mystery note said to have been found in the Childress girl's apron.

Further evidence in both the Childress and Eldridge cases is expected to be revealed at the coroner's hearing to be held in Wilkesboro Saturday.

In regard to the Eldridge death, it is alleged that Luther Tilley and Stanley hung the young man to a tree to scare him and left him hanging too long. Upon finding that he was dead, they are alleged to have hidden his body in a log, and later to have thrown it into Klondike lake where it was found about two weeks later in a badly decomposed condition.

It is understood that no charges have been preferred against Clyde Tilley, who was arrested several weeks ago. He is being held for investigation.

#### NOTICE OF RE-SALE

North Carolina, Yadkin County. In the Superior Court—Before the Clerk Rhoda Burton, Admrx. of W. A. Burton, Deceased

vs. Jane Spillman, Mable Calloway, Clark Burton, Myrtle Rominger, Numa DeWitt Burton, Eva White, Connie Cook, David Burton, Lillie Motley, Oma Hilliard and Raymond Burton.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Yadkin County, made on the 26th day of January, 1934, because of an advanced bid, in the above entitled proceeding, I will on the 12th day of February, 1934, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the courthouse door in Yadkinville, N. C., sell to the highest bidder at public auction the following described real estate:

Adjoining the lands of B. R. Brown, C. S. Reavis and others and known as the James Inscore Tract and bounded as follows: Beginning at a dead dogwood, W. G. Brown's corner, thence with his line and the line of J. A. Hoots and J. J. Reavis North 40 deg. West 30 chains to a gum, said Reavis' corner; thence with said Reavis' line North 80 deg. West 31 3-4 chains to a post oak stump at and on the North side of the Yadkinville road to Hamptonville, Chamberlain corner; thence up said road 50 deg. West 10 chains to a persimmon at and on the South side of said road, Chamberlain corner; thence with Chamberlain line South 13 deg. East 8 3-4 chains to a rock, formerly a pine; thence with said line South 44 deg. East 12 3-4 chains to a stake; thence East 1 3-4

### Eats 25 Bananas, Box of Sardines and 2 Bottles Pop

When Ernest Sturdivant of Swan Creek, feels like eating a bait of bananas he probably goes out and buys a bunch.

In a recent contest held at Swan Creek to determine the champion banana eater of that community, Mr. Sturdivant sat himself down and proceeded to peel and devour no less than 25 full grown specimens of the fruit. And then, still feeling an edge to his appetite, he drank two bottles of pop and topped off his repast with a box of sardines before going home to supper. Only 45 minutes were required to finish this light lunch.

Others participating in the contest were Ray Check, Edward Wellborn and Charles Check. None of the boys appeared to be any the worse for wear after the exhibition.

### DEWEY WAGONER FATALLY INJURED

#### Dies In Local Hospital Monday Following Auto Wreck

Dewey Wagoner, 30, died at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Monday morning about nine o'clock from injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday night near Boonville. Wagoner sustained a fractured skull, a broken jawbone and other serious injuries and was rushed to the Elkin hospital for treatment. Roger Martin, negro, who was driving the death car, received painful injuries.

The Wagoner car was said to have been going at a rapid rate of speed when in attempting to pass the car of a Mr. and Mrs. Stimson shoved the Stimson car over a 30 foot embankment into a mill pond. Mr. and Mrs. Stimson received minor injuries. The Stimsons reside near East Bend.

Martin is still in the hospital and no charges have been preferred against him.

The deceased is the son of Winfield Wagoner of Boonville and was a painter at the Central Service garage in Elkin.

#### POLITICIAN ATTEMPTS ROBBERY

Dilmorth Sumpter, socialist candidate for representative in Congress from Arizona, opposing Isabella Greenway, Democrat, in the state's October special election, confessed Sunday he attempted to rob a bank by tunneling through the floor.

chains to a hickory stump; thence South 47 deg. East 12 chains to a stake in B. R. Brown's line; thence with his line North 69 deg. East 26 1/2 chains to the beginning, containing 90.9 acres more or less, subject to the life estate in said land allotted to Rhoda Burton as her dower and which is described as follows: Beginning at a post oak on the North side of the Yadkinville-Hamptonville road, thence South 50 deg. West 660 feet to a persimmon at and on the Yadkinville-Hamptonville road; thence South 13 deg. East 306 feet to a stake on the North side of branch; thence down said branch 1142 feet to a stake on the North bank of branch; thence North 5 deg. West 821 feet to a stake, Reavis' line; thence with said line North 80 deg. West 841 feet to the beginning, containing 17 acres more or less, including dwelling house, tobacco barn and other outbuildings, and providing for a right of way from Yadkinville-Hamptonville road 12 feet wide along North side of dower.

Terms of Sale: One-third cash on confirmation of sale, one-third in six months and one-third in twelve months, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

This January 26th, 1934. WADE REAVIS, Commissioner.

### They Play Leading Parts In Murder Mysteries



Above are pictured six of the leading actors in the Childress and Eldridge murder mysteries. Top row, left, Luther Tilley, who with Winfield Stanley, center, are being held in jail at Wilkesboro charged with the death of Andrew Eldridge (right), whose body was found floating in Klondike lake in June, 1927.

Bottom row, left, Sheriff W. B. Somers, of Wilkes, who together with Solicitor John R. Jones (center) has worked untiringly upon the Childress case since the day the girl was murdered. Bottom, right, Nathan Tharpe, one of the men who discovered the body of Leoda Childress shortly after she was killed. It was Mr. Tharpe who heard the mysterious telephone call. He is a star witness for the state.

### MUST CHECK UP ON ASSETS OF BANK

#### Under Reorganization Plan, 50% Would Be Available

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Plan for reorganization of the Bank of Yadkin, closed by the order of the President and Governor March 4 and since operating on a restricted basis, has been submitted by the directors and has received the approval of Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks, he said today.

The plan, provided by chapter 271 public laws of 1933, and evolved by a full meeting of the board of directors on January 12, last, contains a statement of assets and liabilities of the bank as of January 10, as follows:

Assets: Cash on hand and in approved depositories, \$72,074.25; bills receivable (loans), \$77,351.95; bonds, N. C. and municipal, \$55,174.75; total \$204,600.95. Liabilities: Capital stock, \$20,000; surplus, \$10,000; undivided profits, \$6,195.26; accrued interest, \$6,500; deposits, \$161,905.69; total, \$204,600.95. In addition, the bank had on that date \$19,009.37 in a special account, deposited under rules and regulations of the commissioner of banks.

The plan points out that the board of directors has made an appraisal of the assets of the bank as of January 10 and fixed the value at \$139,707.39, thus eliminating from the book value of the assets the sum of \$64,893.56, which was considered either slow, doubtful or worthless, thus leaving the appraised value of the assets at \$139,707.39, and the liabilities the same.

The resolution adopted provides that all unsecured depositors waive 50 per cent of the total amount of these deposits on January 10, and that in consideration of this waiver, the eliminated assets of \$64,893.56 be assigned and transferred by the bank to one, two or three trustees for the use and benefit of the waiving depositors. Further, it provides that all of the common stock of the bank, except that each director retain a sufficient amount to enable him to qualify as a depositor, be transferred to the trustee or trustees, who may be the same as those mentioned above, for five years for the benefit and use of the waiving depositors. If, at the end of five years, the

According to information obtained from Mr. W. A. Hall, President of the Bank of Yadkin, states that the accompanying article is a little premature. The plan submitted has been formerly approved by Mr. Hood but can not be carried out until a state and Federal bank examiner, and probably one from the RFC, has checked up on the assets of the bank in order to secure insurance of deposits.

Under this plan 50 per cent of all deposits will be made available to all depositors and the remaining 50 per cent will be paid to the depositors as fast as collected from the funds set aside for this purpose.

waiving depositors have not been paid in full, then the shares of common stock are to be sold by the trustees and the proceeds from the sale or as much as may be necessary, used to complete the payment to the waiving depositors.

When this has been done and the plan approved, the books of the bank will show substantially the following: Assets: Cash on hand and in approved depositories, \$28,414.69; loans, \$56,117.95; bonds, N. C. and municipal, \$55,174.75; total, \$139,707.39; and liabilities, capital stock; \$20,000; surplus \$5,000; deposits secured by bonds, \$46,000; deposits unsecured, \$57,952.85; accrued interest, \$6,500; undivided profits, \$4,254.54; total \$139,707.39.

The resolution points out that the \$19,009.37 deposited since the bank has been operating on a restricted basis, is not included in the plan of organization.

The plan of reorganization provides in simple terms, that half of the amount on deposit will be paid in cash and that the other half will be paid in the five years from the assets to be turned over to the trustee or trustees, and if not completed in that time, the common stock of the bank will be sold to finish the payment.

Mr. Hood and C. I. Taylor, liquidating agent, suggested a slight change, but plan to include it in the notice to depositors, relative to the waiver of the 50 per cent of their deposits at once.

The Bank of Yadkin was and is in excellent shape, Mr. Hood said, except for a large deposit carried in a national bank which closed and that it could have opened soon after the banking holiday on an unrestricted basis but for that deposit which was

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### REV. MILES H. VESTAL DIES AT YADKINVILLE

#### Superannate Methodist Minister Passes At Age of 79

Rev. Miles H. Vestal, aged 79, beloved Methodist minister for more than 50 years, passed quietly away at his home here at 3:25 Tuesday afternoon, following an illness of one month, the last few days of which had been serious. Death was caused by cancer of the stomach and complications. He had been in declining health for the past year.

Mr. Vestal was born in Yadkin county and spent his earlier life in the county until he entered the ministry more than 50 years ago. In his work he filled numerous charges over the western part of the state, beginning many years before the automobile was ever thought of and when there were few buggies. He rode a horse to cover his work for years, through all kinds of weather and road conditions. During the latter part of his active ministry he was presiding elder of this district and his work was highly praised by all. He was retired by his conference about eight years ago and has been living quietly in Yadkinville, taking part only in funerals or special services when the demand was made on him.

Mr. Vestal represented Yadkin county in the legislature for two terms, being elected in 1888 and again in 1890. He was a candidate against the late Isom Reavis of Courtney. At that time Mr. Vestal was a Republican and Mr. Reavis a Democrat. They both changed their politics later, Mr. Reavis being a Republican and Mr. Vestal a Democrat. Mr. Vestal's father, Isaac N. Vestal, was clerk of the court here for many years. Isaac Vestal was one of the original prohibitionists of this county and was a candidate for office on the prohibition ticket when the issue was very unpopular. Rev. Mr. Vestal has always preached the doctrine of prohibition and temperance, following in his father's footsteps.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Victoria Haynes Vestal and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. W. M. Brown, Burlington; Mrs. Clem Wrenn, Southern Pines; Mrs. Estelle Johnson, Yadkinville; Paul Vestal, Moravian Falls; Albert Vestal, North Wilkesboro and Ernest Vestal, Baltimore. One brother, Dr. W. J. Vestal and two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Brooks and Miss Lella Vestal, of Greensboro and eight grandchildren also survive.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Yadkinville Methodist church, of which Mr. Vestal had been a member since coming to Yadkinville ten years ago. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. L. Hutchens, of Concord, Rev. I. L. Sharpe of Yadkinville and Rev. A. C. Gibbs, presiding elder of this district. Burial will follow in the Yadkinville cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be: Lawrence Laxton, F. D. B. Harding, Ernest Long, A. H. Logan, Raymond Cleary and Roy Mason.

Honorary pallbearers will be: S. W. Vestal, Luther F. Amburn, Zeno H. Dixon, Rev. R. L. Speer, I. L. Holcomb, J. B. Long, John D. Holcomb, J. P. Norman, N. P. Bryant, T. P. Eaton, W. A. Hall, J. L. Crater, S. T. Hinshaw, Rev. G. W. Edgerton, A. E. Holton, Dr. J. G. Marler, Dr. L. S. Hall, Dr. H. J. Weaver, Dr. J. B. Sherrill, Dr. N. W. Mackie, J. T. Reece, T. H. Mackie, J. A. Mackie, Julian Long, L. W. Dixon, H. F. Davis, M. A. Martin, S. C. Williams, C. G. Reavis, J. A. Logan, John D. Reece, J. Roy Pendry, O. L. Fleming, Clarence Barrer, W. M. Zimmerman, W. R. Hubbard, F. D. Hackett, J. B. Norris, J. T. Prevette and Bob Neville.

Flower girls will be Mrs. Myrtle Reece, Mrs. J. P. Norman, Mrs. Annie Lee Hinshaw, Mrs. C. E. Wallace, Mrs. Turnie Marler, Mrs. T. Z. Shugart, Mrs. Hemans Sherrar, Mrs. A. H. Logan, Miss Cornelia Mackie, Mrs. Claybe Dunningan and Mrs. H. M. Hinshaw.

### Uncle Ellis Williams In Serious Condition

Mr. Ellis Williams, 92, continues seriously ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall here. He has not taken any food for three days and has not recognized any of the family for two weeks. His condition is regarded as serious and death might be expected at any time. Advice from physicians at 8:30 last night said there was little hope for his recovery and that he might not last more than a few hours.

### DEATH CLAIMS EAST BEND MAN

#### William Henry (Scott) Norman Dies After Long Illness

William Henry Norman, 71, of East Bend, known to his friends as "Scott" and one of Yadkin county's most prominent citizens, passed away Sunday morning at 1:05 o'clock at a Winston-Salem hospital. He had been in declining health for the past six months and his condition had been critical for the past three weeks.

He was born in this county, December 7, 1862, and had spent his entire life in Yadkin county with the exception of a short time spent in Virginia as a boy. He was a well-known farmer. He was a member of East Bend Baptist church and for a number of years had been a deacon in the church.

Surviving are the widow, who was Miss Mattie Jane Martin prior to marriage; one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Reece, of Mooreland, Ind.; two sons, P. G. Norman, of East Bend, and J. T. Norman, of Taft, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at East Bend Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. V. M. Swain conducted the services. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

### Thermometer Drops 60 Degrees In Few Hours

Thermometers in Yadkinville dropped 60 degrees in a few hours Sunday night, when the cold wave which swept the country hit this section.

People of this section went to bed Sunday night in almost springlike weather and got up Monday morning wondering what it was all about. They could not understand this strange and quick change of temperature. It was just cold and real cold.

Sunday afternoon thermometers stood at 70 degrees, while Monday morning they stood at 9 and 10 degrees above zero. Tuesday morning this was further lowered to the zero mark, many thermometers being at that point while others were 2, 3 and 4 above.