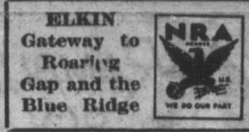


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## New Developments In Childress Murder Case Guarded With Secrecy

### JONES IS OF HOPE MYSTERY WILL BE CLEARED UP SOON

Here Wednesday, Says He Is On Red Hot Clue

### TABLET IS FOUND

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 of the present time.

The solicitor said, however, that he is of the belief that he and his staff of investigators are on the right 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. Shulenberger, 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 room in which the killing took place.

It has been learned from a reliable source that Nathan Tharpe, 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 identical to 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

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## K. M. THOMPSON DIES TUESDAY AFTERNOON

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

Kimbrough 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 this 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.

## 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

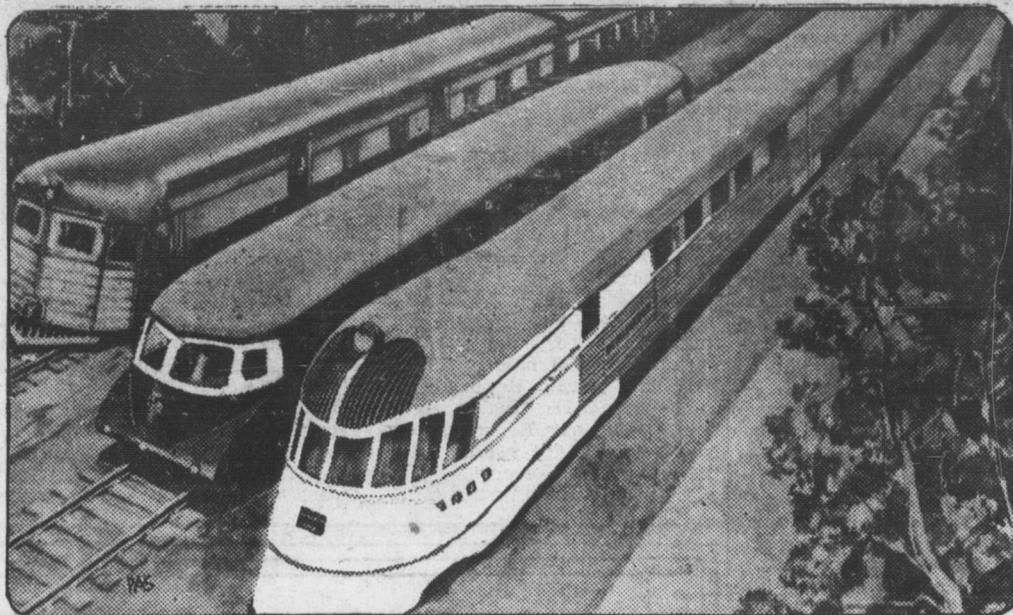
Washington, Jan. 16.—Plans for a record-breaking stratosphere flight in a balloon larger than any yet constructed were announced tonight by the United States Army Air Corps and the National Geographic Society.

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

### 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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

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## 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 Booneville 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.

## 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.

## Roosevelt Birthday Ball Will Be Staged In F-W Chevrolet Co. Building

Reno In New York

NIGHT OF JAN. 30

Seven Piece Orchestra Has Been Booked For the Occasion

\$1.50 PER COUPLE

The "President Roosevelt" birthday ball, to aid in the endowment of the Warm Springs Foundation will be staged in the F-W Chevrolet company building here Tuesday night, January 30, it was learned Tuesday night from W. M. Allen, chairman.

Elaborate plans for the occasion are underway and all indications thus far point to a big success.

Mr. Allen stated that he has not completed the list of committees which will work with him here in putting the ball across, but that he would announce these committees in next week's issue of The Tribune. He did state, however, that The Carolinians, a seven-piece orchestra under the direction of Kenneth Cook, of Mount Airy, has been booked to play for the dance. A local string band will also be on hand for the square dances.

Similar balls will be staged in 5,000 cities and towns throughout the nation January 30.

An admission fee of \$1.50 per couple will be charged for the ball, \$1.00 of which will go to the Warm Springs Foundation and 50 cents towards defraying expenses, Mr. Allen said.

## MRS. FRANCES SALE CLAIMED BY DEATH

Roaring River Woman Sustains Stroke of Paralysis

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Johnson Sale, 58, whose death followed a stroke of paralysis sustained Friday, were conducted Sunday from the home near Roaring River by Rev. N. T. Jarvis, Rev. Levi McCann and Rev. Blaine Ray. Interment was in the family plot at Cranberry church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Frances Sale, two daughters and three sons, Mrs. D. C. Albright, Chicago; Miss Nina Sale, a student at Mitchell College, Statesville; Cecil Sale, New York; Dick Sale, Greensboro and John Sale, Roaring River. Two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Price and Mrs. R. B. Osborne and two brothers, Mack and William Johnson, all of Tennessee, also survive.

### To Present Play

Students of Bryan High school will present a three-act comedy, "Always In Trouble," Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the Mountain Park School auditorium. A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds to go toward the Bryan school library. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## MUST PUT FORTH A CONCERTED EFFORT TO OBTAIN HIGHWAY

Kiwanians of Opinion Tennessee May Get Scenic Route

### DISCUSS AIRPORT

A lengthy discussion regarding the proposed scenic highway along the summit of the Blue Ridge mountains connecting the Great Smoky and Shenandoah National Parks, and the States of North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee, took place Friday night during the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club, and it was the consensus of opinion of those present that unless concerted effort is made by the state, the highway will be likely to be located in Virginia and Tennessee and not touch North Carolina.

The route which has the most support among North Carolinians would cross the North Carolina line near Sparta, passing Roaring Gap, Boone, Blowing Rock, Linville Falls, Alta Pass, Little Switzerland, Buck Creek Gap, Mount Mitchell, Asheville and then to the park.

The proposed gymnasium and airport, for which CWA funds are available, also came in for considerable discussion during the meeting. Kiwanian J. R. Poindexter, of the airport committee, stated that if plans for an airport go through it will mean that between \$40,000 and \$100,000 will be spent here by the government.

Kiwanian C. H. Brewer, referring to the "long wanted but haven't got yet" highway between Elkin and North Wilkesboro, stated that he had received a letter from Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the state highway commission, in which Mr. Jeffress stated that work on the proposed road had not begun because trouble had been experienced in getting the project okayed at Washington. According to Mr. Brewer, Mr. Jeffress' letter was rather vague, and he stated that a determined effort must be put forth if the highway is to ever become an actuality.

Following the regular meeting a meeting of the board of directors was held. Thomas Roth, president of the club, presided over both sessions.

## ORGANIZE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HERE

Nominating Committee To Select Officers Is Appointed

At a meeting Thursday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary to Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital thirty women signed for membership. A nominating committee to select officers for the organization was appointed as follows: Mrs. F. M. Norman, chairman, Mrs. Joe Bivins and Mrs. J. G. Abernethy. The committee is to report at a meeting to be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the school building, at which time the organization will be perfected.

The purpose of the auxiliary is to promote organized co-operation between the community and the hospital and to make supplies for the hospital needs. Committees for flowers and literature for convalescent patients will also be appointed. As previously stated, the auxiliary is non-sectarian and there will be no membership fee.

### 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.

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