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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.

Change Name of Firm To Elkin Electric Co.

The Wilkes Electric company, of North Wilkesboro, which for the past several months has had a branch store here on a temporary basis, has announced that the store will be made permanent and that it will be operated under the name of Elkin Electric Co.

The firm handles Crosley radios and all kinds of electrical goods and supplies. Electrical repair work on appliances and radios are also a part of the new firm's services.

The store is located in the W. J. Snow building on East Main street.

Please—Won't You Sign Your Name To News Matter

A story was handed in at The Tribune office Wednesday morning concerning a Crutchfield man who had caught a carp weighing 22 pounds.

From the facts contained, it would make an interesting bit of reading, but whoever penned the facts failed to sign his or her name to the article.

The Tribune does not doubt that the facts are true, but due to our strict policy of not printing any matter which is submitted by an author unknown, we are withholding it from publication.

Which is by way of reminding our readers that news or whatnot submitted to The Tribune must bear the name of the one submitting it. Not necessarily for publication, but for our protection.

Bid Is Submitted On Widening of Local Highway

Low bids totaling \$717,845.14 for 18 road construction projects were opened Tuesday by the state highway and public works commission at Raleigh for study, after which they will be forwarded to Washington where they must be approved by the federal bureau of roads.

Included in the project on which bids were made was the concrete widening of route 26 here from Hollywood cemetery to the city limits. Kirkman Brothers, contractors of Winston-Salem submitted a low bid of \$6,192.40 on the project.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

N. C. BUSINESS BEATS VIRGINIA'S

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Bitter end anti-sales taxes got the jolt of their infant lives today when the department of revenue released reports of the federal reserve bank of Richmond which showed that North Carolina business has increased for the year 1933 over Virginia's business and that December of 1933 was quite a little jump over December 1932, a better showing than Virginia's 1933 for December 1932 for the same month.

TO PROSECUTE IN SIX CWA CASES

Washington, Jan. 30.—Criminal prosecutions in six cases involving complaints of graft in the civil works administration were ordered tonight by the division of investigation of the public works administration.

At the request of Harry L. Hopkins, civil works administrator, the division of the public works has taken over the task of investigating the list of complaints claiming labor preferences or graft in connection with civil works.

CAPTURED AFTER 28 YEARS

Elizabeth City, Jan. 30.—A 28-year prison term which Benjamin F. Pruitt, 35, evaded when he saved his way from the Pasquotank jail on the night of November 22, 1928, again faces the man convicted of the second degree murder of Patrick H. Flora, Currituck county merchant. Sheriff Charles Carmine was notified last night by San Antonio, Texas, police that they were holding Pruitt.

TAKES TITLE TO GOLD

Washington, Jan. 30.—The federal government tonight took title to all the nation's monetary gold and President Roosevelt prepared to follow this unexampled step with action devaluing the dollar in the hope of forcefully stimulating the present upward movement in prices.

Plans to Reorganize Bank Are Approved

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.

Court Convenes Monday

The February term of Surry County superior court for trial of criminal cases will get underway at Dobson Monday for a two weeks' session before Judge Felix Alley.

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.

—Tilley, Stanley, Somers and Tharpe photos by Tribune staff photographer.

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 local 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 and 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 this city. Funeral arrangements are not complete.

Violin Solos Feature Kiwanis Entertainment

The Elkin Kiwanis club was entertained Friday evening by Mrs. C. H. Benson and daughter, Mary Idella.

Miss Benson rendered several violin solos, accompanied at the piano by her mother. The music was enjoyed by everyone present.

In the absence of President Thomas Roth, Charlie Brewer, vice-president, presided.

H. G. Nichols, of North Wilkesboro, was present as the guest of H. F. Laffoon.

Deputy Collector To Be Here 12-13

J. S. Atkinson, deputy collector of the federal department of revenue will be in Elkin February 12 and 13 to assist tax-payers in filing their income tax returns. He may be seen at Hotel Elkin during the two days.

Mr. Atkinson will be in Mount Airy February 14-15, and in Pilot Mountain February 20, for the same purpose.

Mrs. Hugh G. Chatham Dies Sunday; Funeral Services Held Tuesday

Former Elkin Woman Died In Duke Hospital Following Major Operation Of Two Weeks Ago; Final Rites Were Conducted In Winston-Salem With Interment Here In Hollywood Cemetery

Elkin was saddened Sunday by news of the death of Mrs. Hugh Chatham of Winston-Salem, who died at Duke Hospital in Durham. Mrs. Chatham died Sunday evening at 6 o'clock following a major operation about two weeks ago. Her condition had been critical for the past week. Mrs. Chatham was the widow of Hugh Chatham, prominent manufacturer and president of Chatham Manufacturing Company, of Winston-Salem and Elkin. Mr. Chatham died in October, 1929.

The deceased was a member of the Centenary Methodist church in Winston-Salem and was actively identified with the religious, civic and social life of the city. She was Miss Martha Thurmond of Richey, Miss., prior to her marriage. She was a former resident of Elkin and was beloved by a host of friends here.

Surviving is one son, Thurmond Chatham, Winston-Salem, president of Chatham Manufacturing Company of Winston-Salem and Elkin and one daughter, Mrs. Ralph P. Hanes, also of Winston-Salem. Three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Kavanaugh, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Pau Chatham, Charlotte and Mrs. James C. Harris, of Sheffield, Alabama.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home in Winston-Salem in charge of Rev. G. Ray Jordan and the remains were brought to Elkin and interred in the family plot in Hollywood cemetery beside her husband. As a mark of respect to the deceased all business houses in Elkin were closed from 3:30 until 4 o'clock.

Funeral bearers were: Albert Butler, James G. Hanes, Robert M. Hanes, Alex S. Hanes, A. H. Galloway, Dan Chatham, Alex Chatham and J. Mottsinger.

REECE BARBER SHOP IS ROBBED OF \$100

Thief Enters Building By Open Window In Rear

Reece Barber Shop, located on East Main street, was entered and robbed of over \$100 Tuesday night. The robbers entered the building through an open window at the back of the building and took the money from a cash register.

Upon finding the shop had been robbed early Wednesday morning, police were notified and the empty cash register and the window sash were carried to Mount Airy for inspection by the Mount Airy finger print expert. It is not known whether or not prints were found.

The ads. are important news. Read all of them!

REV. MILES H. VESTAL DIES AT YADKINVILLE

Superannuated Methodist Minister Passes At Age of 79

Rev. Miles H. Vestal, 79, superannuated Methodist minister passed away at his home in Yadkinville Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, following an illness of a month's duration.

Rev. Vestal was born in Yadkin county and resided there the greater part of his life. He was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and served a number of charges during his fifty years of ministry. During the latter part of his active ministry Rev. Mr. Vestal was presiding elder of the Yadkinville district. He retired from

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ROOSEVELT BALL IS BIG SUCCESS; TOTAL OF \$112 IS RAISED

Over 200 Attend Local Event To Honor President

HALL IS THROGGED

With more than 200 people in attendance, Elkin's Roosevelt birthday ball, held in Hotel Elkin Tuesday night, proved a big success from every angle. Both the main dining room, which was converted into a ball room, and the Kiwanis room were crowded with dancers from 9 P. M. until after 1 a. m.

Marion Allen, chairman of the ball, said Wednesday morning that response was even greater than expected. A total of 112 tickets were sold, he said, which adds \$112.00 to the Warm Springs foundation fund. Enough money was also realized to meet all expenses.

Mr. Allen voiced his desire "to thank everybody who contributed to the success of the occasion." He was particularly pleased at the fine way those present conducted themselves. Although the crowd was on hand for a good time, there was no drunkenness or any kind of disorder in evidence throughout the evening.

During intermission some of the dancers availed themselves of the opportunity of listening to President Roosevelt's address, in which he thanked the nation for honoring him upon the occasion of his 52nd

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TO STAGE MEN'S BEAUTY SHOW HERE

Will Be Presented At Lyric Theatre Thursday, Feb. 8th

The Woman's Auxiliary of the George Gray post of the American Legion will sponsor a men's beauty contest at the Lyric theatre Thursday night, February 8.

Proceeds of the show will go to the fund being raised to build a community building here.

Prizes will be awarded for the "prettiest" and most comical contestant. Each contestant will be dressed as a woman.

Business concerns of Elkin are entering a man to represent them.

In addition to the beauty contest the motion picture "Secrets", starring Mary Pickford, will be shown. A balloon dance will be staged by Misses Margaret Greenwood, Louise Grier, Margaret Abernethy, Mary Benson, Lucile Cox, Emmaline Neaves, Sarah Kelly Lillard, Sarah Atkinson, Nancy Click and Jane Wilson.

Scotch Lassies: Misses Frances Hendren, Ruth Bell, Frances Scott Tilley, Betty Lou McKee, Dorothy Colhard, Dorothy Chappell, Hilda Hurt, Lesbia Graham, Oleen Norman, Hoyland Harris, Virginia Lawrence and Catherine Myers.

The Gypsy chorus: Misses Elizabeth McNeill, Louise Laffoon, Jerry Barker, Nancy Mosley, Peggy Royall, Mary Elizabeth Allen, Eleanor Hayes, Sarah Lee Griffeth, Frances Crater, Constance Greenwood, Sarah Ratledge, Madelene Myers, Dorothy Harrill and Lena Sale.

Miss Margaret Lillard will direct the dance and chorus.

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 Welfarn and Charles Check. None of the boys appeared to be any the worse for wear after the exhibition.