

NEW NOTE FOUND

Handwriting Expert Warned Not To Testify As To Writer of Note Presumably Left By Eldridge Boy

Luther Tilley and Winfield Stanley Are Held Without Bond For the Murder of Andrew Eldridge; Expert Testifies That the Note Presumably Left By Eldridge Was Written By Luther Tilley.

HIS TESTIMONY SCORES FOR THE STATE

Two Witnesses Testify That Neck of Andrew Eldridge Showed Ridge After He Had Been Pulled From Lake 19 Days After His Disappearance.

Another note, equally as mysterious as the two which have featured the Childress-Eldridge murder case, came to light this morning during the preliminary hearing for Luther Tilley and Winfield Stanley before Magistrate A. E. Spainhour, at Wilkesboro.

Tilley and Stanley, charged with the death of Andrew Eldridge in June, 1927, were bound over to superior court without benefit of bond.

The note, which was unsigned and printed in pencil on a scrap of ruled paper, was placed between the screen door and front door of the home of E. B. Brooks, handwriting expert of Winston-Salem, who has given damaging evidence in the case against Luther Tilley and Stanley. The note read as follows:

"If you know what is best for you you won't tell who wrote that note. And you won't show this note. You think you dam sharp."

Mr. Brooks testified he found the note Saturday night following the coroner's hearing at Ronda Wednesday a week ago in which he was a witness.

The Winston-Salem handwriting expert, when placed upon the stand this morning, testified that the note presumably left by Andrew Eldridge the day he disappeared from home in 1927, was written by Luther Tilley.

Upon being cross examined by Hayden Burke, Tilley's attorney, it was revealed Brooks was carrying a pistol. He stated that he had secured a permit from Winston-Salem police to carry a gun after he found the note. He testified that the communication "scared me."

Although Mr. Burke endeavored to confuse Brooks as to his testimony regarding the handwriting of the Eldridge note, the expert refused to become mixed up.

The first witness to be called to the stand during the hearing was J. F. Eldridge, father of Andrew Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge testified that the last time he saw his son alive he left him at the house while he and his wife went into the fields to work. Upon returning about dusk he stated he found the note upon the kitchen table. It read: "Notice—I am going to Elkin to work. Will be back Saturday, Andrew."

Questioned further, Mr. Eldridge testified that to the best of his knowledge there was no writing paper at his home similar to the paper upon which the note was written.

The witness, in telling of the finding of his son in Klondike lake, 19 days after he disappeared, stated that there appeared to be a dark welt around the boy's throat.

He became confused at one point during his testimony when Solicitor

Hearing Tomorrow



A continuation of the coroner's jury hearing into the death of Leoda Childress, above, found dead upon the floor of a front room in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, near Benham on December 30, will be held at Wilkesboro tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Luther Tilley is charged with the girl's murder.

John R. Jones asked him to identify the note found at his home. He stated that it didn't look like the note that was presumably left by his boy. Upon being called back to the stand, he testified that he didn't understand the question, and stated it was the note.

Mr. Eldridge also testified that Andrew was in the habit of calling his parents "Papa" and "Mama."

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.

The note in question was headed "Notice."

C. S. Foster, Surry county deputy sheriff, stated that the Eldridge note was turned over to him by Mr. Eldridge Monday after the hearing at Ronda as the original left by Andrew.

Alton B. Carter was next to take the stand. He testified that Stanley was with him in the field priming tobacco, together with Willie and Guernsey Draughn, when the mystery of Eldridge's death came up. Stanley, he testified, stated that Eldridge wasn't drowned but that he was hung to scare him and was left hanging too long, after which his body was hidden and then thrown into Klondike lake. Carter stated Stanley didn't say who hung Eldridge, using the word "they" to describe the boy's alleged killers. He testified further that Stanley stated the killing happened west of the Draughn home. It was brought out that Luther Tilley's home is southwest of the Draughn's.

Guernsey Draughn took the stand and testified to the same story. He said Stanley told them about Eldridge about three or four years ago. C. S. Foster was again called to the stand where he identified a specimen of Luther Tilley's handwriting. He stated he was present when Tilley did the writing at the request of Solicitor Jones and Parks Hampton.

Mr. Brooks, the handwriting expert, was then called and testified that he was satisfied beyond a doubt that the Eldridge note and the known sample of Tilley's handwriting were one and the same. It was then brought out that a threatening note had been placed on Brooks' porch.

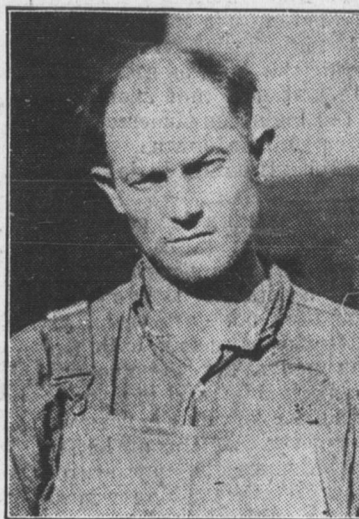
F. G. Sides, Statesville detective, testified that Tilley had stated in the jail since his arrest that he had had some liquor stolen by one of the Eldridge boys. Tilley also stated, the detective said, that Andrew Eldridge was at his home on the day he was last seen.

Willie Hemric testified that Luther Tilley came to his home about two months before Andrew Eldridge was missed, and asked him if he had bought any liquor from Andrew, stating that someone had stolen his liquor and he suspected Andrew.

Wade Hemric testified that Luther came to his home in May, 1927, and asked if Andrew and some other boys had been there to get his boy and their car to go get whisky in. Luther mentioned the fact that his whisky had been stolen, Mr. Hemric said.

J. S. Adams was then called to the stand, said he saw Eldridge after he

Are Held For Superior Court



Luther Tilley and Winfield Stanley who were today bound over to Wilkes superior court on charges of murdering Andrew Eldridge in June, 1927. The two men were given a preliminary hearing at Wilkesboro before Magistrate A. E. Spainhour.

Hasten Eldridge, of This City, Confesses Robbery of Reece Barber Shop

Was Arrested In Winston-Salem Last Night and Placed In Jail; Confessed He and Three Other Boys Robbed Reece Barber Shop of More Than \$100 Tuesday Night; Waived Preliminary Hearing

Hasten Eldridge, 23, of this city, has confessed to local police that he, together with three other boys whose names he didn't give, robbed the Reece Barber Shop here Tuesday night of cash amounting to slightly over \$100.

Eldridge was arrested in Winston-Salem last night by Winston-Salem police who were accompanied by E.

was taken from the lake and that he had a ridge around his neck about the size of his finger.

The state rested at this point and the defense, J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, and Turner Grant, of Mocksville, made a motion that their clients be freed for lack of evidence. The motion was over ruled by Magistrate Spainhour, and after speeches by Burke and Grant for the defense, and attorney J. H. Whicker for the state, Magistrate Spainhour found probable cause and ordered the defendants be held without benefit of bond for trial at the March term of Wilkes superior court, which convenes March 5.

In the closing speeches, attorneys for the defense argued that the state had presented insufficient evidence to hold their clients. The state, however, argued that Tilley and Stanley killed Eldridge because Eldridge had stolen Tilley's whisky, and that Tilley wrote the note and placed it in the Eldridge home while the boy's parents were in the field at work, so as to prevent an immediate search for the boy.

The state scored heavily when it produced the testimony of Mr. Brooks as to the two notes having been written by Luther Tilley. The defense maintained that the notes were in no way similar.

Although Burke and Grant appeared for both Stanley and Tilley, Stanley has no lawyer, the two attorneys appeared for him because the two charges were consolidated. Both Burke and Grant represent Tilley.

A continuation of the coroner's hearing into the death of Leoda Childress is to be held tomorrow morning at Wilkesboro. The hearing is to begin at 10 o'clock. Further evidence against Luther Tilley and his wife, who is charged with the Childress girl's murder, is expected to be disclosed.

Approximately 150 people, a large number from Elkin, attended the Tilley, Stanley hearing.

T. Reece, proprietor of the barber shop, and Chief of Police W. G. Church. He was found in the home of a negro.

Lodged in the Winston-Salem jail, he denied his guilt, but when brought from that city today by Mr. Reece and Policeman Luke Darnell, he confessed to the robbery and waived a preliminary hearing.

Placed in jail at Dobson this afternoon, Eldridge declared that he did not want bond. He stated he intended to plead guilty when tried at the next term of superior court.

Winston police became suspicious of the young man when he was seen gambling heavily in that city yesterday, and notified local police. He had no money on him when arrested.

The shop was robbed Tuesday night, the men entering through a rear window. They took the money from a cash register.

DEATH CLAIMS EAST BEND MAN

William Henry (Scoot) Norman Dies After Long Illness

William Henry Norman, 71, of East Bend, known to his friends as "Scoot" 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 Tart, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

PROMINENT MAN OF BOONVILLE PASSES AWAY WEDNESDAY

Father of Local School Teacher Had Been In Ill Health

BURIED TOMORROW

Madison Monroe Angell, 77, passed away at his home at Boonville Wednesday night at 9 o'clock, following a long period of ill health. The deceased was a member of one of the most prominent families of Yadkin county and was well known throughout the county. He was a lifelong resident of Boonville and for a number of years operated the Angell Hotel. He was a member of the Boonville Baptist church.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning (Saturday) at 11 o'clock from the Boonville Baptist church in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. P. Davis, assisted by Rev. Mr. Coram.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bertha Koontz Angell, five daughters and three sons; Mrs. J. J. Richards, of Dobson; Mrs. R. A. Spake, of Asheville; Mrs. A. L. Bunker, of Mt. Airy; Miss Ola Angell, a member of the local school faculty; T. C. Angell, of Boonville; E. L. Angell, of Winston-Salem; A. M. Angell, of St. Louis, Mo.; 11 grandchildren, one sister and one brother, Mrs. Jane Davis, of Elkin and Winston-Salem, and Dr. J. L. Davis, of Kingsville, Missouri.

MUST CHECK UP ON ASSETS YADKIN 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.

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.

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, \$30,000; 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

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