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TILLEYS EXPECTED TO WAIVE HEARING IN MURDER MYSTERY

Each of Those Held To Be Charged In Four Counts

TRIAL IN MARCH

Rather than submit to a preliminary hearing, the five members of the Tilley family now being held in jail at Wilkesboro for the death of Leoda Mae Childress, 20, on December 30, are expected to waive a hearing and leave their case in the hands of the grand jury at the next term of Wilkes superior court which convenes March 5.

Although no official announcement has been made to this effect, the information is thought to have come from a reliable source.

Solicitor John R. Jones, when questioned Wednesday as to whether or not a hearing will be held, stated that he did not know.

Eugene Trivette, counsel for Mrs. Luther Tilley, one of the five defendants, has said that he cannot state positively that a hearing will not be held or that habeas corpus proceedings will not be instituted, but said an effort to obtain release of any member of the Tilley family under bond was improbable.

Members of the family now held include W. W. Tilley, 60; his wife, 59; Luther Tilley, 32; Mrs. Luther Tilley, 30, and Clyde Tilley, 18. They will face charges of conspiracy to murder Leoda Childress; aiding and abetting in the murder; murder, and accessory after the murder.

Although five are now held in jail, Solicitor Jones has not given up the investigation in search of new evidence. It was learned through Detective F. G. Sides, who is aiding Mr. Jones, that a number of witnesses will testify at the trial that Rev. Levi McCann was heard to make the statement that Luther Tilley was at the Tilley home around 12 o'clock the day of the murder and that he remained there for about half an hour. He was said to have told Mr. McCann that "Oda has been killed," when he joined his father-in-law near the home, all this presumably occurring before Nathan Tharpe reached the home in response to a telephone call from the girl for aid.

Mr. McCann's latest statement concerning the whereabouts of Luther Tilley are said to be to the effect that Luther was out of his sight for only a few minutes.

STOCKHOLDERS OF B. & L. HOLD MEET

Association Enjoyed Good Business During Past Year

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Elkin-Jonesville Building & Loan Association held Tuesday night in the Kiwanis room of Hotel Elkin, Mason Lillard was re-elected president and Paul Gwyn secretary of the association for the ensuing year.

Only two changes were made in the board of directors, J. R. Poindecker and C. S. Foster being named to succeed J. H. Beeson and J. G. Abernethy.

A profitable year was enjoyed by the association during 1933, it was learned, and the ensuing year is expected to bring further success.

SLOT MACHINES ARE FORCED FROM TOWN

Raid Here Last Week Netted Total of 11 of Devices

Eleven slot machines, the entire crop locally, were confiscated here the latter part of last week by local officers upon warrants charging operation of a gambling device.

Five of the machines were taken up late Wednesday afternoon when it was found they would not vend mints or gum when a coin was placed in them. The remaining six were confiscated the next day.

A few days after the machines were pulled, charges against the operators were dropped upon condition they would take the devices out of the city limits. These conditions were promptly complied with.

Commits Suicide



Above is Verne Sankey, noted South Dakota outlaw rancher, who after confessing upon arrest to the kidnaping of Charles Boettcher, 2nd, of Denver, and Haskell Bohn, of St. Paul, committed suicide in his Chicago jail cell by hanging himself with a noose made from two neckties.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

DUKE DEAN OF FRESHMEN DIES

Durham, Feb. 13.—Dean M. Arnold, dean of freshmen at Duke university, died in Duke hospital this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from head injuries he received early this morning in an automobile accident. He was admitted to the hospital shortly before 3 o'clock for treatment of what at first was believed to be a minor cut on the lower lip but soon lapsed into unconsciousness from which he failed to rally.

TO EXPLAIN CANCELLATION

Washington, Feb. 13.—The administration tonight hurried the preparation of an explanation to the courts and the public of why it cancelled all airmail contracts.

It was urged to make answer, in the first instance, by court action brought against Postmaster General Farley, intended to restrain him from enforcing the cancellation order against the contract held by Transcontinental and Western Air, incorporated.

WHOA! SLOW DOWN, MISTER

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Mrs. John A. Lattimer stepped into the witness box today during a hearing on a damage suit against her husband and ran into a language difficulty.

The clerk put the Bible in her hand, took a deep breath, and asked: "Doyousweartotellthetruth-thewholetruthandnothingbutthetruthsohelpyouGodyourname?"

"I'm sorry," said Mrs. Lattimer, "but I do not understand French." The clerk repeated the formula of the oath a little more slowly.

TELEGRAM NEARLY CAUSES FIGHT

Washington, Feb. 13.—A Lindbergh telegram twisted whose procedure today and almost brought an invitation for two of its members to meet outside the chamber in the kind of combat in which gongs instead of gavel are used to mark the passage of time.

It was the telegram that Colonel Lindbergh sent President Roosevelt protesting against the cancellation of airmail contracts.

MAY HOLD CONVENTION APR. 4

Present indications are that the Republican state convention, a biennial session, will probably be held in Charlotte Wednesday, April 4, although the formal call has not yet been issued by State Chairman James S. Duncan.

Mrs. Zella Luffman Passed Away Monday

Mrs. Zella Nance Luffman, 38, wife of John Luffman, died Monday from an acute kidney disorder from which she had been very ill for several days. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Mulberry Baptist church and interment was in the church cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, four children, Marjorie, Virginia, Bessie Mae and James Luffman. Her mother, Mrs. Margaret Marshall, one brother, Oswald Nance and four half-sisters and one half-brother also survive.

STUBBORN SENATE MAY THROW CWA MEN OUT OF JOBS

4,000,000 Will Be Out of Work Saturday Unless Bill Passes

FUNDS EXHAUSTED

Washington, Feb. 13.—Although warned that 4,000,000 civil works employes would be out of work Saturday unless the measure passed, senate resentment at an unyielding house today held up action on the administration bill to appropriate \$950,000,000.

At the same time, Harry L. Hopkins, director of the relief organization, was engaging in a tilt with the veteran Massachusetts Republican Representative Gifford, that set sparks flying.

Before the house expenditures committee, Gifford insisted that Hopkins give an account of his civil works stewardship. The relief director replied spiritedly to Gifford's questions.

The senate discussion of house changes in the supply bill which carried funds for civil works proceeded until all the time available today for consideration of the measure was exhausted.

During the debate opposition to house limitations on expenditure of the funds, and approval of senate confirmation of state civil works directors, were emphasized.

THOS. C. DEBORDE CLAIMED BY DEATH

Prominent North Elkin Man Passes Away Here Tuesday

Thomas C. DeBorde, 75, died Tuesday in Hugh Chatham hospital following a protracted illness from a heart disorder and paralysis. The deceased was a member of Elkin Valley Baptist church and was superintendent of the Sunday school throughout the history of the church. He taught in North Carolina public schools for thirty-five years and was a civic leader in the North Elkin community. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Junior Order.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters, Curtis DeBorde of Washington; Robert DeBorde, Portland, Oregon; Carl, Thomas Jr., and Edward DeBorde, Mrs. Bahnson Tulbert and Mrs. Charles Cooper of Elkin and one brother, William DeBorde, of Traphill.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Elkin Valley church in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. E. Adams, and interment was in the church cemetery.

BASEMENT STORE BEING REMODELED

Spainhour's Makes Bargain Basement Far More Attractive

Considerable more floor space and a more attractive appearance has been given the Sydner-Spainhour Co., basement store here by extensive remodeling which was begun last week and has practically been completed.

In addition to improving the appearance of the store, Spainhour's has also divided it into departments. Men's wearing apparel has been grouped in one department as has the women's ready-to-wear.

An attractive color scheme of green and black has been carried out throughout the entire basement store with the exception of the shoe department. New display tables have been installed and new show windows are under construction.

Banner F. Pinnix

Banner Franklin Pinnix, 45, died Thursday at his home near here. Early in life he became a member of Dennisville Baptist church and later moved his membership to Asbury Methodist church, where he was a consistent member until his death.

In 1910 he was married to Miss Alice Sparks, who with ten children and his parents, three brothers and two sisters survive him.

President's Mother in Typical Greeting



Herewith is shown a most unusual and most interesting picture of the President's mother, Mrs. James D. Roosevelt, in a typical Roosevelt greeting. The picture was taken at one of the three birthday parties which she attended in New York in honor of her son's birthday and for the Warm Springs Foundation fund. With Mrs. Roosevelt, as host, is shown Maj.-Gen. Dennis E. Nolan.

SANITY HEARING IS UNDERWAY IN COURT

Hasten Eldridge Pleads Guilty to Robbing Local Barber Shop

A sanity hearing for Ed Cox, Mount Airy man indicted for the murder of Harrison Ashburn, was underway in Surry county superior court Wednesday, to determine whether the defendant may be tried for murder or committed to the asylum for the criminal insane. The hearing got under way Monday.

Hasten Eldridge, of Elkin, Friday entered a plea of guilty to a charge of entering Reece Barber shop here several weeks ago at which time approximately \$100 was stolen from a cash register. At last reports from Dobson he had not been sentenced. It is believed that he will implicate several other persons in the robbery.

Windy Shipton, charged with knifing Deputy Sheriff R. C. Wood in the abdomen while resisting arrest near Mountain Park some months ago, was found guilty of assault and battery with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to three years in state's prison. Shipton entered a plea of insanity.

Ed Smith, charged with robbing three Elkin filling stations, was convicted and given one year in prison and a suspended sentence of two years to become effective immediately the year term has expired.

Five divorce cases have been heard resulting in divorces for the following upon grounds of separation: W. P. Cummings vs. Emma E. Cummings; R. L. Southard vs. Cornea Southard; Ruth Inman vs. Robert Inman and Marty T. Gilbert vs. Forrest Gilbert. Bessie E. Hill was awarded a divorce from J. F. Hill upon the grounds of adultery.

ALLEN CHILD DIES ON THE WEST COAST

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Allen Has Pneumonia

Dianne Allen, 19 months old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lyndon M. Allen of Elkin and Johnson City, Tenn., died Wednesday night in a Los Angeles, California, hospital, following a brief illness from bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Allen and little daughter left Elkin Saturday of last week for Los Angeles enroute to Sydney, Australia, to visit Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Marshall. The child became ill during the trip and twice enroute to the Pacific coast the train was stopped and doctors called to administer to her. When the train arrived in Los Angeles it was met by an ambulance and the baby was rushed to a hospital where she died shortly afterwards.

The child was buried in Los Angeles. She is survived by her parents and her maternal grandparents. Mrs. Allen expects to remain in Los Angeles to await the next boat to Australia.

Chatham Employees Are Given Wage Increase of 5%

Improving business and a brighter outlook for the future has resulted in a five per cent wage increase for the approximately 950 employees of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, it was announced Tuesday.

Employees of both the Elkin and Winston-Salem plants found the following notices posted Tuesday morning:

"To Our Employees: Our business is improving, and we are glad to be able to announce that effective this week the wages of all regular piece and hour workers will be increased 5%. W. A. Neaves, General Superintendent."

MANY ENTERTAINED BY BEAUTY CONTEST

Hoke Cockerham Wins Honors As "Most Beautiful"

The Men's Beauty Contest at the Lyric theatre last Thursday evening, sponsored by the woman's Auxiliary of the George Gray Post of the American Legion netted a neat sum for the auxiliary in addition to pleasing a large audience. Costumes ranged from formal evening clothes to the most grotesque of costumes. Hoke Cockerham was awarded the first prize for being the "most beautiful" and Mont Jones received the second award for being the sportiest. Charlie Hanes was given the consolation prize for being the most comical.

Standing room was at a premium in the theatre. Three dances, the balloon dance, the Scotch Highlanders and the Gypsies, by young ladies of the high school were an added feature of the evening's entertainment.

RECEIVES SEVERE CUTS IN AFFRAY

Verline Spicer In Jail For Slashing Trap Hill Youth

John Harris, of the Traphill community, is suffering from severe gashes in his abdomen which he received Saturday afternoon in an altercation with Verline Spicer, 17, son of Will Spicer of the Doughton community. Harris sustained one cut about five inches in length across his upper abdomen and another smaller cut in the lower part of his abdomen. The cutting was said to have been done with a ten cent knife of the pocket variety.

Immediately after the affray Spicer was arrested in the mountains of the community, where he was attending a meeting. The arrest was made by officer Blaine Sparks. Spicer was committed to jail in Wilkesboro without benefit of bond to await the outcome of the condition of Harris.

STATE TOBACCO CROP IS VALUED AT \$83,000,000

Crop of 1932 Produced \$48,280,000; Gain of \$44,273,000

AVERAGE OF \$16.10

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—North Carolina's 1933 tobacco crop was valued at \$83,553,000 in estimates announced today by the crop reporting service of the state department of agriculture.

This is \$48,280,000 more than the \$32,273,000 the 1932 crop produced.

With 509,060,354 pounds of the estimated 1933 production of 518,522,000 pounds marketed through January, the crop already has brought in approximately \$81,296,000, the report revealed.

The average price paid through January was \$15.97 a hundred, as compared to \$12.03 for the 1932 crop marketed through the same period a year ago. The report estimated the yearly average for 1933 would be \$16.10 a hundred as compared with \$12 the previous year.

The estimated 1933 production represented an increase of 76.5 per cent over the 1932 crop which totalled 293,694,000 pounds, the report said. This tremendous gain was attributed in the main to a 43 per cent increase in acreage planted and a marked improvement in the yield per acre.

The estimated yield an acre was placed at 770 pounds, 146 pounds an acre more than the previous season.

Market sales during January were unusually active this season, the report declared. Producers sales last month totalled \$6,437,492 pounds at an average of \$14.31 a hundred, compared with only 13,007,833 last year at an average of \$8.67.

MRS. SALLIE GENTRY WALLS DIES TUESDAY

Funeral Held Wednesday From Cool Springs Baptist Church

Mrs. Sallie Gentry Walls, 96, passed away at her home about two and one-half miles west of Elkin Tuesday from heart trouble and the general infirmities of her advanced age. She was the widow of Peter Wall, who preceded her in death about twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Walls had been a member of the Cool Springs Baptist church for the past eighty years. She was well-known throughout the community and loved by a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Cool Springs church in charge of Rev. J. W. Bryant and Rev. Isom Vestal and interment was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. George Darnell, Mrs. Scott Alexander and Miss Laura Walls, of Wilkes County; Mrs. Thomas Eldson and Robert L. Walls, of Elkin, and A. H. Walls, of Winston-Salem. Thirty-one grandchildren, seventy-seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren also survive.

BOY SCOUT WORK IS TOPIC OF KIWANIS

Dr. Nicks and J. Mark McAdams Discuss Scout Movement

Dr. C. E. Nicks, local scout master, and J. Mark McAdams, of Mountain Park, were speakers on a Boy Scout program staged Friday night during the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club.

The scout movement, which was recently started here after several previous starts, is sponsored by the Kiwanis club. The program was to more fully acquaint the Kiwanians with the aims and principles of scouting and at the same time was in observance of National Boy Scout week, which came to an end yesterday.

Several local scouts were guests of the club and gave the scout oath in unison. Jimmy Meed, a Star scout, who is helping Dr. Nicks in the movement here, gave the scout law. Both Dr. Nicks and Mr. McAdams discussed the Boy Scout movement. Mr. McAdams is deputy field commissioner of this scout district.