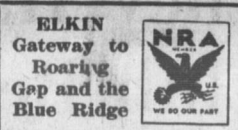


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Childress Murder Case Remains Mystery As 5 Tilleys Are Set Free

CASE THROWN OUT OF COURT; EVIDENCE IS NOT SUFFICIENT

State Unable To Link Tilley Family With the Crime

JONES COMMENDED

The death of Leoda Mae Childress, 20, Wilkes county farm girl remains a mystery.

Five members of the W. W. Tilley family, who had been held in jail for the past seven months charged with her murder, were found not guilty in superior court at Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock by a directed verdict from Judge John M. Oglesby.

The state, after nearly three days in which it attempted to weave a net of circumstantial evidence about the defendants, rested its case at 4:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon. A motion to dismiss the case, made by J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, counsel for the defense, was interrupted by Judge Oglesby, who said there was no reason for a lengthy argument.

"There is some evidence tending to arouse suspicion," the court said. "There is some evidence tending to show dissention in the Tilley home. You have not established a conspiracy, and lacking that, you have failed to show that any member of the family indicted here committed the crime. I will have to dismiss the case on both counts as to all defendants."

The Tilleys were charged with murder and conspiracy to murder. The court commended Solicitor

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NOT TO TEAR DOWN J. F. RUSSELL BARN

Barn And Pool Not Health Menace, Health Board Says

The J. F. Russell barn, located on North Bridge street, which was ordered torn down not later than the 15th of this month by the board of town commissioners, was given a clean bill of health Tuesday by the county health department which, after an inspection, stated that it did not constitute a health menace. The board of health, represented by Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, Surry health officer, and Edwin C. Hale, Surry sanitary inspector, also held that the pool on the Jack Ray place in West Elkin was not a menace to health. As a result, the commissioners have no right to either tear down the Russell barn or to drain the pool as they ordered at their meeting August 6, it was said.

In regards to the pool, it was suggested that it be sprayed with oil every two weeks in order to prevent the breeding of mosquitos. It was also suggested that danger signs be posted nearby in order to safeguard children inasmuch as the pool is reported to be 17 feet deep.

In discussing mosquitos, Mr. Hale pointed out that all house gutters should be inspected and cleaned of trash and leaves in order to prevent the pests from breeding in stagnant water which gathers when drains are closed.

Successful Revival Ends At Elkin Valley

A successful revival ended Sunday at the Elkin Valley Missionary Baptist church. Rev. R. E. Adams, pastor, was in charge.

The revival, which began the first Sunday in August, resulted in between 30 or 40 professions of faith and the addition of 65 new members. When Rev. Mr. Adams became pastor of the church nine years ago, it had a membership of only 120 members. Today it has a membership of 318, the majority of whom are residents of the immediate community.

NolPros Taken In Eldridge Case

Winfield Stanley and Luther Tilley Are Freed Monday

A nol pros was taken in the case charging Luther Tilley and Winfield Stanley with the murder of Andrew Eldridge, whose body was found floating in Klondike lake in June, 1927, when the case came up for trial in Wilkes county superior court at Wilkesboro Monday morning.

That the case would go the nol pros route was predicted by W. M. Allen, attorney for Stanley, and The Tribune two weeks ago.

Tilley and Stanley were placed in jail February 2, this year, under a murder warrant sworn out by Jeff Eldridge, father of the dead youth. At a preliminary hearing held shortly after their arrest probable cause was found and they were ordered held for trial in superior court without benefit of bond.

Stanley was arrested when it was learned that he allegedly had stated that Eldridge was not drowned, but that "they" hanged him to a tree to scare him and that "they" left him hanging too long and scared, "they" threw his body into Klondike lake.

Stanley's arrest and the arrest of Luther Tilley for the alleged murder of Eldridge came during the investigation of the mysterious death of Leoda Childress. The state attempted to link the two deaths on the theory that Luther Tilley killed Eldridge and then killed Leoda Childress, who it was supposed knew of the Eldridge killing, in order to seal her lips.

However, Mr. Allen, who represented Stanley, was prepared to present evidence that Andrew Eldridge was drowned as was the verdict of the coroner at the time the young man was found in the lake. The nol pros was taken without evidence being offered.

DUKE POWER CO. SLASHES PRICES

Will Effect Saving Of Near Million Dollars In State

Reductions in rates of the Duke Power company and its subsidiaries in North Carolina, which will effect an annual saving of \$957,000 to consumers of gas and electricity in the state beginning October, was announced in Raleigh Thursday by Stanley Winborne, utilities commissioner.

The reduction is the second effected by the commission within the past two years on rates of the power company. A slash of the same amount, \$957,000, was made effective in November, 1933.

The cut in electric rates in the Carolinas was brought to \$1,335,000, as South Carolina announced a similar reduction there of \$380,000 on rates of the Duke Power company and the Southern Public Utilities company. The rates of reduction were figured on the basis of 1933 sales.

The slashes in North Carolina were agreed upon a week ago, but announcement was held up pending the announcement from South Carolina, it was pointed out.

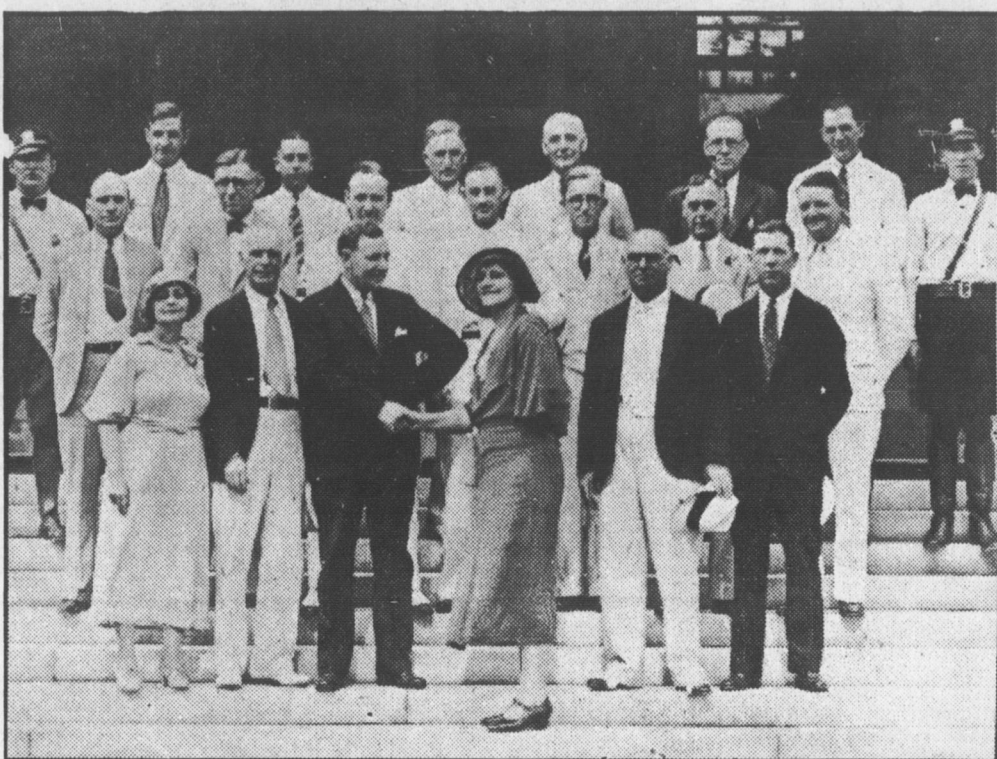
In the Southern Public Utilities, the saving to residential consumers in this state, including \$44,000 in the use of gas for water heating, will amount to \$368,000, while the commercial reductions total \$316,000.

Holding Revival

A revival meeting began Tuesday evening, August 14, at Mount Heron church, near State Road. The services are in charge of Rev. Mrs. Etta Nichols, of Leaksville, and Rev. Miss Julia Klouse, of Roxboro. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services.

Walking puts about 300 muscles in the human body at work.

Governor Welcomes Nemar to Raleigh



When Professor Nemar, famous blindfold automobile driver, performed in Raleigh recently, the welcoming committee immediately escorted the famous driver and Madame Nemar to the executive mansion on North Blount Street, where they were greeted by Governor John C. B. Ehringhaus and city, county and state officials. The group includes Prof. and Madame Nemar, the governor, Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade, State Auditor Baxter Durham, Mayor George W. Isley of Raleigh, and many other state, county and city officials. The Nemars will give a free performance of blindfold driving here on the streets of Elkin Friday afternoon, August 24, under the sponsorship of The Tribune.

To Make Blindfold Drive Through Streets Here As Part of Big Trade Event

Professor Nemar, World Famous For His Ability To Drive A Car Through Crowded Streets While Blindfolded, To Give Free Exhibition Here Friday Afternoon, August 24, As Part Of Two Big Trade Days.

Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25, will be gala days in Elkin for the citizens of the community and those from the surrounding territory when the local merchants offer special values and bargains in merchandise, and Professor Nemar, the world famous telepathic authority making one of his sensational blindfold drives here through the streets of Elkin Friday afternoon, August 24.

A signal exhibition of co-operation with President Roosevelt's national program to stimulate buying among all classes to further aid in the recovery program will be given

by the Elkin merchants and business concerns by offering unusual bargains and values to the public for these two days. These two days will serve also to attract the good people of the surrounding territory into Elkin as a sort of "get acquainted-friendship" feature to stimulate mutual interest in this city as a logical and provident trading center, and as a marketing place for country produce and farm products.

Professor Nemar is expected to attract one of the largest crowds to ever gather here to see his marvelous

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TO CONDUCT CLINIC FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Examinations Will Be Made Free For Period of Two Weeks

Starting Monday, August 20, the Surry county health department will conduct tuberculosis clinics in the county for a period of two weeks, with Dr. W. F. Thornton, of the state sanatorium, in charge.

The clinics will be held on the following schedule:

Monday, Aug. 20, Mount Airy; Tuesday, Aug. 21, Dobson court-house; Wednesday, Aug. 22, Low Gap high school; Thursday, Aug. 23, Comb's studio, Elkin; Friday, Aug. 24, Pilot Mountain high school; Monday, Aug. 27, Tuesday, Aug. 28 and Wednesday, Aug. 29, Mount Airy health department; Thursday, Aug. 30, Comb's studio, Elkin; Friday, Aug. 31, Mount Airy health department.

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County Tax Rate Set At 85 Cents

The Surry county tax rate has been set at 85 cents on the hundred dollar valuation, it was learned following a meeting of the county commissioners at Dobson Monday, at which time work on the county budget was practically completed. The budget was named at \$179,000, although a few minor changes may be made at the September meeting, it was said.

Approximate valuation of taxable property in Surry county is estimated at \$22,000,000.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

RATTLESNAKE BITE NOT SO BAD

Bites from rattlesnakes prove fatal only about 15 per cent. of the time, Dr. R. L. Carlton, city health officer of Winston-Salem, stated Tuesday afternoon in an interview.

In other words, Dr. Carlton stated, only about one out of every six persons subjected to the poisonous venom from this type of snake succumbs to the poison.

Dr. Carlton ventured the opinion that Rev. Albert Teester, Syva Holiness minister, who allowed a snake to bite him during church services more than one week ago, is a hardy individual, and was in excellent health when the snake sank its fangs into his body.

HITLER AIDE IS INJURED

Munich, Germany, Aug. 14.—General Hermann Wilhelm Goering, Prussian premier and chief aide to Chancellor Hitler, received injuries in an automobile accident tonight which necessitated a two-hour operation.

Dr. Adolf Seltzner operated on Goering in the hospital at Rosenheim. He appeared to have withstood the operation well.

The Nazi leader received painful cuts about the face and knees and his back was injured. After an X-ray was taken at the Rosenheim Hospital, his physician said there "is no special cause for immediate concern."

RICH CANADIAN IS KIDNAPED

London, Ont., Aug. 14.—A meeting in or near Toronto tomorrow to arrange negotiations for paying \$150,000 ransom was directed in a note left by the kidnapers of John H. Labatt, millionaire brewer, today.

The note was addressed to the victim's brother, Hugh and was left on the steering wheel of the brewer's automobile, abandoned by the kidnapers after abduction. The note threatened death to the finder, as well as to the millionaire, if police were notified.

BYRD RESTING COMFORTABLY

Little America, Antarctica, Aug. 14. (Via Mackay Radio)—Anxiety for Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd was relieved today when Dr. Thomas C. Poulter, second in command of the South Polar expedition, reported by radio from the advance weather base that the leader was "resting comfortably" and gives every evidence of being able to make rapid recovery.

Whale skin takes the place of chewing gum in Greenland.

SWAN CREEK FARMER DIES BY OWN HAND FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Fires Bullet From .22 Rifle Into His Brain; Funeral Sunday

WAS IN THE YARD

David Mathis, 54, prominent farmer of the Swan Creek community of Yadkin county, ended his life Friday afternoon by firing a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle into his brain, about four o'clock. Mr. Mathis died about three hours after the self-inflicted fatal wound.

According to the report of Coroner S. A. Rash, who investigated the tragedy, Mr. Mathis was in the back yard of his home when the shot was fired. The Mathis children, playing nearby, said they heard the shot and heard their father crumple to the ground.

The children screamed, and Mrs. Mathis, who was nearby, rushed to the home to find her husband in a dying condition, with the rifle lying beside him. A physician was summoned immediately, but Mr. Mathis died without regaining consciousness.

No cause for the rash act is known unless he became suddenly unbalanced mentally. No note or message was left. Thursday he is reported to have told Mrs. Mathis that he had some difficulty in collecting his mind and that something was wrong with his head.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Mathis and three daughters, Louise, Maxine and May. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Fletcher Mathis, Ohio; John Mathis, of this city; Jones and Joe Mathis, of Jonesville; James Mathis, of California; Fayette Mathis, of Oklahoma; Mrs. John McBride, Mrs. Landon Mendenhall and Mrs. Wiel Walker, of Ronda.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock from Swan Creek church.

MAN IS ARRESTED FOR DRIVING DRUNK

Collided With Parked Car On Main Street Saturday

Manley Richardson, Wilkes county man, faces trial at the next term of superior court on a charge of driving while intoxicated and reckless driving as the result of sideswiping an automobile on Main street Saturday night driven by Miss Edith Neaves, of this city.

After hanging the Neaves car Richardson rocked his machine back and forth until he jerked it loose and then attempted to get away. He was foiled, however, by A. L. Griffith, local man, who jumped upon the running board and succeeded in turning the car into the curb.

Richardson was arrested and locked up for the night. He is now at liberty under bond.

To Assist In Revival

Rev. W. T. Baucom, of Dallas, a former pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, will assist the pastor, Rev. Eph Whisephunt, in a revival meeting at the local church, beginning August 26, and continuing for ten days. Rev. Baucom will preach at all services during the meeting.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services.

The average life of an automobile is six years and nine months.

Blanketeers To Face Craddock-Terry Here Friday And Saturday

The Chatham Blanketeers, fresh from a win over the Home Chair Co. team at North Wilkesboro Tuesday, return to the home field Friday and Saturday for two games with the Craddock-Terry nine, of Lynchburg, Va.

To date the local team has played four games with the Virginia team, winning one and losing three. Since the last games, which were played here, Chatham has added to its pitching and catching staff and hopes to take a scalp in each of the forthcoming contests.

Each game will get under way at 3:30 o'clock.

MARY RUTH JOINES DIES IN HOSPITAL

Miss Mary Ruth Joines, 15, passed away at the local hospital Friday, following a major operation. Her condition had been considered critical from the outset of her illness, five days prior to her death. The deceased was a resident of Traphill, and a daughter of Wesley Joines and the late Mrs. Joines. She was a member of the Union Hill Baptist church. Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from the Roaring River church.

She is survived by her father, four sisters, Mrs. Raymond DeJournette, Thurmond; Mrs. John Smith, Cher-

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