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CHICAGO LAWYER ACCUSED OF POISONING HIS WARD TO OBTAIN FORTUNE

Billy McClintock Uncovers Alleged Plot to Loot McClintock Estate by Family Attorney Formulated Twenty Years Ago And Resulting in Three Deaths

A Chicago court room sits a lawyer—interested in a criminal case has never been interested before. He is William Darling Shepherd, charged with having killed his "millionaire orphan" ward, Wm. McClintock, with typhoid germs.

The evidence now being introduced, the State will attempt to show that more than twenty years old existed in the Shepherd home to loot the McClintock fortune.

Shepherd and his wife, Julie G. Shepherd, were cognate of the McClintock through the will of McClintock who died in 1904.

Shepherds were living with McClintock at that time. Mrs. McClintock and Mrs. McClintock had school day friends, McClintock Sr. was killed in an auto accident shortly after the "Bully" which brought the McClintock home. McClintock, who had just turned his twenty-first birthday and was engaged to be married to Miss Pope, died in the Shepherd home, Dec. 4, 1924.

drawn by Shepherd and at Shepherd's house servant months after young McClintock reached his majority, made Shepherd's chief beneficiary. It provided for Isabelle Pope an amount of \$10,000.

that Miss Pope had waited in the sick room with a ill to marry him, as young McClintock attracted public attention.

followed rumor as to the Shepherd's toward McClintock's finance at that time, the district attorney took no investigation was started.

Investigation developed which brought Harry Olson, a Court Chief Justice, into with charges that the Shepherds to obtain McClintock fortune also involved McClintock's mother Oscar Olson, the judges who had been the McClintock physician.

under of a Coroner's inquest Judge Olson instigated, Shepherd indicted March 18th, this

disturbed bodies of Mrs. McClintock and Dr. Olson, buried and three years, respectively, in mercury in sufficient to Mrs. McClintock's body caused her death, examiners

profession of C. C. Faiman, a science school in Chicago, had supplied Shepherd with germs, taught him to keep administer them—and was promised \$100,000. is the strongest card.

Shepherd was named in the Coroner's Jury as being with her husband but was with a Grand Jury refusal.

in the "McClintock case" to holding the interest of the nation as the trial procedure. What will be the verdict?

GETS BACK IN NANTUCKET HOME FOR SUMMER MONTHS

Return To Tryon in October To Weather During The Wintery

writes to a Tryon of a delightful journey, of their Nantucket home all their time, but even more of satisfaction in the thought of to Tryon in October. The likes his teacher, al thinks her inferior to the had in Tryon. Mrs. Toubert enjoying a second Spring Peaches and dewberries in the market at about the

Mrs. W. A. Schilleter, daughter, Ellen Hope are today for Clemson College, S. She will spend the summer. Schilleter will spend two months, shortly after leaving the schools and the people will gladly welcome the back in September.

Shepherd Faces Jury On Murder Charge



Wm. D. Shepherd, accused of killing Wm. McClintock his "millionaire orphan" ward with typhoid germs, as he faced the court in the trial now in progress at Chicago. The State is working for hanging. Below, Mrs. Shepherd, who was charged with being equally guilty but was freed when the Grand Jury refused to indict her.

WELL KNOWN CITIZENS APPOINTED ON COMMITTEES OF POLK COUNTY CLUB

Distinguished Visitors From Many Sections Attend Oak Hall Banquet and Display Interest in New Club Idea

The Polk County Club at its monthly meeting in Tryon in addition to revising the constitution and by-laws as stated in the last issue of the NEWS transacted other important business including the appointment of a program and amusement committee composed of Charles J. Lynch, of Tryon, E. W. Cobb, of Columbus and E. C. Bernard of Saluda.

Among the other committee appointments were W. S. Green, Tryon; E. W. Thompson, Saluda, and W. D. Westbrook, Greens Creek on County Government and Taxation. Membership Committee, J. H. Gibbs of Mill Spring; Mrs. Henry Gray, Erwin Thopson, Saluda. Grievance Committee; R. N. Hunter, Greens Creek; W. B. O'Neill, Tryon; and H. Carson, Columbus, Agricultural Committee; W. J. Isbell, L. L. Talbot, and Sam Feagan. Roads Committee, W. H. Stearns, E. W. Thompson, F. P. Bacon, J. H. Gibbs and F. W. Blanton, ex-officio.

The club is off to a good start with nearly one hundred members, a live wire set of officials and an organization full of pep and ginger. The officials are: Fred W. Blanton, pres.; E. B. Cloud, vice-pres.; Charles J. Lynch, Sergeant at Arms; Miss Mae Irene Flentye, Secretary, and Miss Minnie Arledge, Treasurer.

At the Oak Hall Banquet prominent visitors from different sections

A THOUGHT FOR MEMORIAL DAY—Have We Kept Faith? — By A. B. CHAPIN



MOONSHINE STILL NOT FOUND IN POLK COUNTY BUT IN SOUTH CAROLINA ASSERTS R. F. McFARLAND, SHERIFF.

Green's Creek Citizens Very Indignant Over Statement That Revenue Raiders Uncovered Illicit Moonshine Factory in Polk County

According to the latest dispatches from the seat of war, the government's land and sea offensive on rum runners has resulted in an increase in the retail price of liquor and a marked scarcity of the standard brands of hooch in certain quarters.

The offensive against bootleggers and moonshiners on land is reported to be as effective as the action of the enforcement fleet along the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf sea-boards.

Be the outcome what it may, the NEWS made a big mistake when it credited the capture of a still to Major Hutcheson, Federal enforcement officer operating in Polk County, stating that the still and auxiliary paraphernalia was located in Greens Creek township in the County of Polk.

The information coming direct from a federal officer was supposed to be authentic. In his statement the officer in question stated that the still was located ten miles East of Columbus in Greens Creek township near the South Carolina line.

Numerous complaints have reached us concerning that statement both by letter and telephone. In order to keep the record straight we are running an official statement made by R. F. McFarland, Sheriff of Polk County who in a written communication says:

Still Not Found in Polk County

Editor of the Polk County News: There was an item in the last issue of your paper, stating that on Monday last (18th.) the Federal Prohibition Officers destroyed the largest illicit still ever found in Polk County, located 10 miles East of Columbus, in the Greens Creek section.

The above statement was called to my attention by a citizen of this county, he stating that some one had of the State were in attendance, including Miss Martha Creighton, District Home Agent, of Charlotte; J. C. Goodman, District Farm Agent, of Asheville, N. C.; C. L. Newman, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh; G. E. Dombhart, expert accountant, of Charlotte and Paul W. Wager of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill who was the chief speaker of the evening and whose splendid address we shall take pleasure in publishing at an early date.

misrepresented the location of this still, and asked that I make a personal investigation and state facts as found. And on last Monday (in company with one of the men who was caught at the still) I went to the site, and found that it had been destroyed about one mile South of Pacolet River in Spartanburg County, South Carolina and about two miles south of the Earles Bridge, and at least a mile and a half south of the North and South Carolina line.

I am making this statement in Justice to the people of Polk County, and especially the Greens Creek Township, for in my experience as an officer I have found less violation of the whiskey law than any other township in the county. So please let us endeavor to place the burden where it rightly belongs.

This May 26, 1925.
(Signed) R. F. McFarland,
Sheriff of Polk County.
Greens Creek Law Abiding

In addition to the sheriff's statement we are printing a letter from one of our rural correspondents residing in Greens Creek.

Dear Editor: In reading last week's Polk County News we were gratified to note the statement that prohibition agents were making a determined effort to stamp out the liquor traffic on land and sea. With all our hearts we say "Let the good work go on. May it go on until there shall not be a drop of liquor left in all our great Southland, nor in any other part of our great country."

And if there should be a still in the Greens Creek section, which is not impossible, to be sure, we certainly should like to have it raided and the operators placed where they could not perform this kind of mischief for a time at least. But certain citizens of our community have complained to your correspondent that the statement in regard to the 125 gallon capacity still captured by Major Hutcheson and C. A. Hudgens is incorrect. It was not near what is commonly known as Greens Creek we are sure, and some think and claim that it was at least one and one half miles beyond the line in South Carolina. Surely, Greens Creek township even does not reach as far as we understand this still to have been located. Many of our people believe the statement to

be erroneous, and if so we feel that our Editor will surely correct it. Respectfully Yours,
Mrs. Solon L. Hines.
Officers Overlooked State Line

A tired and hungry enforcement officer who has spent endless hours in the wooded sections hunting illicit stills may be excused perhaps, for not knowing the exact geographical location of said moonshine factory and we feel sure that Major Hutcheson intended no aspersion on the honesty, integrity and law-abiding habits of the inhabitants of Greens Creek township when he said the still was located "ten miles East of Columbus in Greens Creek township." The fact that it did lie across the county line and the product was probably distributed to the south of us is a reassuring fact in any case, and we are pleased to make the requested correction.

Next time we'll try to have the exact spot definitely defined.

LANIER CLUB PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE ASHEVILLE CLUB CONVENTION

Mrs. F. B. Peattie Addressed Meeting On Club's State-Wide Literary Contest

Saturday last, the president of the clubs of the Second District met at Asheville at the summons of the District Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Huston. The incoming President, Mrs. E. L. McKee of Sylva was present and addressed the gathering. Mrs. R. B. Peattie, President of the Lanier Club of this town also was present, and in the capacity of State Chairman of Literature, to which she was appointed at the State Federation held recently at Pinehurst, spoke on the literary contests in which all clubs of the state are asked to participate. Prizes are given for the best poem, the best serious short story and the best humorous story offered by any member of the Federation.

Mrs. James Vernor is leaving the latter part of the week for Detroit, Mich., where she will spend the summer months in the magnificent new home just completed. Barbara Villa will be closed for the summer.

SALUDA'S HOTEL HOWARD OPENS FOR SUMMER SEASON MONDAY JUNE FIRST

Fifty Room Modern Hotel Under Management of Mrs. Fulton Former Proprietor of Crystal Springs Inn Will Feature Dinner Dances During Summer

Saluda, located on the old Howard Gap stage road was for possibly half a century known as Pace's Gap and not until the present Southern Railway line built across the mountains in 1878 was the name changed to Saluda.

The first hotel in Saluda was the Saluda House, opened by John Forrest who ran a store and boarded passengers, drivers and horses for the stage coach line running into Asheville.

Shortly afterward the "Mountain House" was erected by Col. Tanner and run as a resort boarding house during his lifetime. Among the early visitors were Rev. McCullough Bishop Howe, Dr. Geddings, Stephen Winters, Wm. Hinson, Dr. Goelet, the Aldrich family, Col. D'Arcy Duncan and Dr. V. V. Moore.

Saluda became known throughout the Carolinas as a desirable place to spend the sultry summer months and each year saw an increasing number of visitors.

In 1893 the Misses Herriot of Charleston, S. C. built Melrose Inn, which has always been very popular with Charleston people and which still draws a large clientele from that charming city.

Easeola Inn was erected in 1901 by Mrs. J. K. Campbell of Chester, S. C. and is delightfully located. The following year the Charles Hotel was built by R. A. Estes, a former mayor of Augusta, Ga.

Saluda's Many Attractions

With her delightful waterfalls Saluda has drawn many visitors each summer from the Carolinas and Georgia, each year seeing a marked increase in the number and an added inclination to make their visits of longer duration.

The expansion of the highway system and the influx of motorists over the Appalachian Highway has also added to its prestige and increased the number of guests in the various hotels.

Direct connection with Lake Summit by a good road provides swimming and boating as well as fishing and last summer proved beyond a doubt that the hotel accommodations were inadequate.

A group of business men organized the Howard Hotel Company, purchased the old Saluda Seminary rebuilt, remodeled and refurbished it and under the management of Mrs. Alice Fulton formerly proprietress of Crystal Springs Inn, the new hostelry will be formally opened June first.

With fifty rooms, splendidly furnished, every one of which has hot and cold running water, some suites with private bath, and a large cool dining room under the supervision of an experienced caterer the Howard Hotel seems an assured success from the very start.

Mrs. Fulton Quite Popular

Mrs. Fulton a former resident of Savannah, Ga., has a host of friends throughout the South and during the years she conducted the Crystal Springs she made many new ones in this section. A woman of charming personality, she knows the hotel business thoroughly and under her management the Howard Hotel will beyond a doubt prove exceedingly popular.

Mrs. Fulton will make a specialty of dinner dances during the season, and an orchestra will be employed to furnish suitable music.

The plans of the hotel company include the construction of a lake on the grounds large enough to afford swimming, canoeing and other aquatic sports. Work on the erection of the dam and lake will begin at once so that it may be used during the coming hot months.

Guests are arriving in large numbers daily and the other Saluda Inns and hotels are filling rapidly. Dr. G. R. Little, proprietor of the Saluda Pharmacy states that never before during his stay in Saluda has the influx of visitors started so soon, and he predicts an exceptionally good season for the resort town on top of the mountains.

They have decided to centralize their efforts in Western North Carolina means a lot to Polk County.

The Floridians are coming—coming in droves—this summer, and with them they are bringing people from every other state in the United States. It is up to those interested in the development of this section to see that all visitors are treated courteously and given every opportunity to become permanent fixtures in "The Land of the Sky."

Wins U. S. Classic



"Chuck" Mellor, 31, a Chicago mechanic, last week won the 1925 U. S. Marathon Championship by beating Clarence De Mar, four times winner, in the Boston Classic. He scored the Olympic distance of 26 miles 386 yards in 2 hours, 33.3 seconds.

RICKSHAVEN SOLD TO FLORIDA INVESTORS BY CHAS. J. LYNCH

Mrs. Marian A. McDow of Punta Gorda and Fortune Island Florida to Occupy Rickshaven House During Summer Months

Rickshaven comprising some two thousand acres lying on the north-west slope of Tryon Mountain has been purchased by Marian A. McDow of Punta Gorda, Florida; Harry Poe Johnson of Fort Meyer, Florida; and Paul S. Ragan of Indianapolis, Ind., through Charles J. Lynch well-known Tryon real estate operator.

Mrs. McDow, formerly of Helena, Montana, has an extensive estate at Punta Gorda and is prominent in Florida artistic and social circles. Former Governor Hardy of that state tendered her as his "first appointment" a position on the State School Board which Mrs. McDow refused to accept.

In addition to the magnificent mansion at Punta Gorda, Mrs. McDow owns an estate on Treasure Island where she is now building a splendid winter residence.

Ranking amongst the first five authorities in America on botanical subjects Mrs. McDow is credited with having introduced more new varieties of fruit into Florida than any other single person.

Mrs. McDow states that she will spend six months of each year at Rickshaven and will personally supervise the landscape gardening and beautifying of the property. As she is raised along with David Fairchild of the Bureau of Plant Industries of Washington, D. C., Prof. John K. Small, and Professors Simpson and Nearing as one of the leading botanists of America it is an assured fact that Rickshaven will become one of the show places of Western North Carolina.

Entertaining extensively, Mrs. McDow is a clever musician, a painter of exceptional ability, and an author of note. Her library at Punta Gorda is one of the finest in the South it is said.

Harry Poe Johnson, an influential business man and capitalist of Fort Meyer, Florida and Paul S. Ragan of Indianapolis, Ind., both associated with Mrs. McDow in the development of the two thousand acres comprising the Ricks estate, have had wide experience in the exploitation of Florida realty and the fact that