

Who Killed Beulah Limerick?

Washington Police Baffled by Mystery of "Made-up" Victim. "Almost Perfect" Crime in Shadow of Capitol.



Washington, Feb. 1.—The three-week-old murder of Beulah Limerick, latest victim of the "made-up" crime, is now being investigated by the Washington police. The "almost perfect" crime in shadow of the Capitol is now being investigated by the Washington police. The "almost perfect" crime in shadow of the Capitol is now being investigated by the Washington police.

Beulah Limerick, 19, had in that brief span a run of the whole gamut of life. Married at 14, and almost at once separated from her husband in less than a year. A series of tragic events for the next few years culminated in her murder on the last day of the old year and the manner of her passing was such as has never been surpassed in fiction for the diabolical cleverness whereby the murderer hoped to cover all traces of the crime.

On the morning of the murder an ambulance stopped at the home of Mrs. Limerick. On going there he found Beulah dead. She had, he decided, been dead about an hour. Her parents are the physician that the dead girl was the victim of a pulmonary complaint. Everything seemed in perfect order. The body was washed on a bed, cheeks rosed, the eyelids closed and hair dressed. There was nothing to show that the cause of death was not as the doctor had represented it in the death certificate.

The body was taken to an undertaker to be prepared for burial.

The undertaker at once notified the police, and the whole Limerick household was placed under arrest. Brother, sister and a friend of the family, Richard Reed, who was living there.

The testimony of the Limerick family before the coroner's jury didn't do much toward solving the mystery. It did reveal their own villainous behavior. Vernon Limerick, the girl's brother, told how he woke at dawn and saw the body of his sister stretched on a sofa, with blood all around her. He thought she was dead but made no attempt to make sure. Instead, he called his friend, Richard Reed, and they both walked eighteen blocks to a house where Mrs. Limerick had spent the night. All insisted that no one had touched the body. Still, it was all done up when the doctor arrived on the scene.

The next arrest was that of Robert Langdon, called "the millionaire" by the authorities. He had been the girl's brilliant date on the night she died. The detective work was too good to be true. His wife received a subpoena by the mail five days after her arrest when she appeared a pronouncement about it.

The hints are laying as though it were summer, producing so many cases that the retail price has advanced to 22 cents per dozen for strictly fresh omelet material in Chicago. The price last year at this time, when snow blanketed the whole Midwest, was 44 cents a dozen.

Then in rapid succession there followed a string of arrests. Beulah's husband, Earl Atcheson, a Laurel, Md., truck driver was arrested but produced a perfect alibi. The testimony of Iona Dewey, Beulah's close friend, disclosed the sordid details of the dead girl's hunt for excitement. Beulah's diary was examined by the police in search of some entry that might provide a clue. It provided too many. Everybody who is mentioned in the book was rounded up and questioned but the sum total of the evidence was exactly nothing.

Then the murder gun came to light. It had been hidden in the stove of the Limerick home. So did the cosmetics which had been used to decorate the face of the murdered girl. They, too, were found in an old trunk at the murder house. Following these discoveries, came the arrest of a truck driver named Bergede who is said to have treated Beulah because he accused her of keeping his wife away from home.

In all, more than fifty people have been held or questioned with regard to the crime but the solution is as far off as ever.

Who fired the fatal shot? What was the motive? Who made up the face of the dead girl? Those are the questions that confront the Washington police and which they must answer if they wish to keep the case of Beulah Limerick out of the file where are recorded the unsolved crimes of the capital.

Hoey Has Not Decided About Race For U. S. Senate In 1932

Not As Yet Giving Any Thought To Opposing Senator Morrison In 1932.

Clyde R. Hoey may be a candidate for the United States Senate, opposing Senator Cameron Morrison, in 1932—and he may not. No one knows, and Mr. Hoey himself has made no effort to make up his own mind about it.

That was what he told The Charlotte Observer Sunday when he was asked if he was considering the race.

For several years the Shelby man has been considered as a likely candidate for the Senate and has a great following throughout North Carolina which desires to see him there. Many believed that he would have been a candidate in 1932, but the death of Senator Lee Overman altered that situation and Mr. Hoey refused to accept the senatorship by the appointment method at the time Senator Morrison was appointed.

McNinch Matter.

Even then the Shelby man did not say whether he would be a candidate in 1932. Soon after taking office Senator Morrison worked for the confirmation of the appointment of Frank McNinch to the power commission and this act made him unpopular with many Democrats throughout the State. Since that time Mr. Hoey has been besieged by hundreds to prepare to become a candidate in 1932. He hasn't said whether he will or not, and the query of the Charlotte paper Sunday did not bring him out.

"It is a bit too early," Mr. Hoey said, "to be planning something for 1932, and as yet I haven't given it any consideration either way."

Kings Mountain Scout Officials

Rev. A. T. Howell Talks At Civan Club Meeting, Debt Paying Campaign To Start.

(Special To The Star.)

Kings Mountain, Jan. 31.—The regular semi-monthly business meeting and luncheon of the local Civan club was held at the business men's club rooms here Wednesday at noon. Rev. A. T. Howell, retired Baptist minister, made the principal address, using for his subject, "Improve the Community in which you live."

At the business meeting the club in conjunction with the American Legion post, agreed to sponsor a meeting of Harold C. Brown's Wayside gang. The Wayside meeting is to be held at the Central school auditorium in about two weeks. A definite date has not been announced. The proceeds from the entertainment will be divided between the local school and Wayside Brown's smiling shutins. Harold C. Brown is well known over this section of the state for the interest he has taken in spreading sunshine and smiles among the shut-ins. He runs a column regularly in the Charlotte Observer.

A committee was appointed to interest each member of the club and any others, to buy cashiers checks for the sum of \$10 each, to start a debt-paying campaign in Kings Mountain. The checks are to be bought from the bank and can be cashed until there are ten endorsements on them. The checks are not to be paid to anyone except local residents.

Announcement was made that the club would have ladies' night early in February, at which time Rev. J. R. Church, pastor of the Central Methodist church will have charge of the program.

Boy Scout Committeemen.

Announcement has been made by R. M. Schiele, scout executive for this district, of the appointment of committeemen for 1937 for the Kings Mountain district.

Claude Grigg, superintendent of the local schools, is the new chairman. Other new members are as follows: W. K. Mauney, finance, Carl Davidson, troop organization, Mayor Wiley McGinnis, court of honor, Rev. C. K. Derrick, church relations, Dr. W. L. Ramour, health and safety, Prof. B. N. Barnes, school relations, J. R. Davis, civic service, Rev. J. R. Church, reading, I. B. Goforth, training, Ralph Lovell, camping and J. E. Aderholdt, inter-racial scouting.

Kings Mountain has two troops of scouts with Carl Davidson a scout master of troop No. 1 and Ralph Lovell, scoutmaster of troop No. 2. In the two troops there are 35 scouts, six of these being eagle scouts.

H. A. Ramsey Buried At Mt. Pleasant

Was 80 Years Of Age And Is Survived By 10 Children, 67 Grand Children.

(Special To The Star.)

Funeral services for Mr. H. A. Ramsey, 80 who died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1931, at his home in Cleveland county near Mt. Pleasant church were held Wednesday, Jan. 29th at 2:00 o'clock at the Mt. Pleasant church.

"Uncle Henry," as he was known by all his friends, was only sick for about two weeks. His death came as a shock to everybody. A few days previous to his death he told his companion that he was ready to go. His only regret was leaving her.

Mr. Ramsey was survived by a wife, one brother, Mr. Johnnie Ramsey, of Sunshine; ten children, 67 grand children, 37 great grand children and 1 great great grand child. The children are, Mr. J. A. and A. B. Ramsey of Cleveland, Tenn.; Mr. R. A. Ramsey, A. C. Ramsey, Mrs. T. L. Houser and Mrs. M. C. Simmons of Clifside; Mr. F. C. Ramsey and Mrs. J. M. Hamrick of State Line, Mr. D. W. Hamrick of Lowell, and Mrs. J. L. Cornwell of Polk county.

A large number attended the funeral. Rev. I. D. Harrill, assisted by White, Holland, Boone and Roberts conducted the services.

The pallbearers were, Paul, Howard and Rush Ramsey, Baxter Hamrick, Carl Ramsey, Elton Houser, R. B. Ramsey and Dwi Ramsey, grandsons of the deceased.

The many beautiful floral offerings were carried by Eunice Simmons, Gertrude Ramsey, Hetty Houser, Inez Ramsey, Hazel Hamrick, Ganelle Ramsey, Audrey Ramsey, Macie Lu Ramsey and Eloise Ramsey.

Office Romances on the Increase And Are Eminently Successful

Following the Oratory of the Noted Educator of the Northwestern University, Femmes of the Business World Walk on Winged Heels Keeping a Watchful Eye on the Boss Whom They One Day May Wed.



New York.—When Dr. Edward Lyman Cornell issued his now famous exhortation, "Marry your Secretary" to the student body of Northwestern University, he imagined, as did most of the listeners, that he was expounding a new idea. He wasn't.

Marriages between secretaries and their bosses have been taking place for a long, long time—and there's this to say for Dr. Cornell's theory—they turn out in most cases eminently successful.

For instance, Miss Ada Schmidt landed here from Denmark a short five years ago. For three years she worked as secretary and companion to the aged mother of Governor Morgan F. Larson, of New Jersey. Then, to the surprise of his family and friends, Governor Larson and Miss Schmidt went and got married. And happily married at that.

Old "Fighting Bob" La Follette was another luminary in the political sky who married the lady whose duty it was to record his words in black and white. After their marriage they continued to run the household and office together and everything worked out splendidly.

Senator "Fighting Bob's" son, Bob, who took hold of the reins on his father's death, also married his secretary. But his was no office romance. Young Bob met his bride, Miss Rachel Wilson, while she was still attending high school and when he took over his father's business he made her his secretary. However, the announcement of his marriage came as a complete surprise to his friends.

Still another political light, Congressman La Guardia, married the girl who helped him run his office and aided him in his political campaigns. Now, happily married, she still helps him in business and politics.

Others on the list include C. W. Post, who founded the Postum company. E. M. Statler, the late millionaire hotel-owner, married his secretary. She continued to be his chief assistant while he lived. After his death she was appointed manager of the enormous string of Statler hotels.

Bishop James Cannon, jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, married his secretary last year in London, England.

Of course, one must not assume from the foregoing instances that the paths of secretarial romance—as we'll call it—is always strewn with primroses. Very often it proves to be a rugged, thorny one. A notable example of the latter was the case of Mrs. Lillian Altwater Hecker. Hecker's first wife, who had won her divorce from him only three weeks before he married his secretary, brought suit for \$250,000 for alienation of affections against her successor. There were few primroses on that path.

There are many angles to be considered in this secretary-boss marriage idea which Dr. Cornell has failed to take into account. Chief among them is the problem of recreation and relaxation from business thoughts and worries.

When a man marries his secretary and she continues to help him in his business, there ceases to be any such thing as "after office" hours. The couple are in each other's company constantly—24 hours a day—and all of the time both are burdened with mutual business worries.

Sun Spots Caused Warmest January

Prof. Taylor said that during a period when the spots on the sun are the thickest, it radiates a greater amount of heat than usual, thus leading to milder weather and cutting down on the amount of rain in certain heavily denuded belts over the globe. He hastened to add, however, that sun spots make up only one or two parts of a dozen reasons for drought and unusual high temperatures.

The lack of moisture, meanwhile, rapidly was growing critical in the Middle West, still suffering from crops ruined by last summer's drought.

Serious Winter Drought.

The winter drought in Southern Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky was reported acute, with villages hoarding their water supplies and railroads preparing to ship water in tanks cars to the cities most seriously affected.

Farm leaders said that in some sections of Illinois no appreciable moisture has fallen in almost a year. Unless heavy rain or snow falls within a few weeks, the American Farm Bureau federation reported, agricultural conditions will be "distressing" by the time the spring planting season arrives.

The federation told the United Press that it already was supplying farmers with seed and other aids, particularly in Kentucky, where the drought apparently was the worst.

Thermometers hovered generally in the upper forties throughout the Midwest, with weather bureaus predicting little change in temperatures and but slight chance of rain.

Hens Begin Laying.

It was so warm in Chicago that citizens strolled in the brilliant sunshine without their overcoats. And the hens over the countryside worked so hard laying eggs, that the National association of Egg Producers

How Eats Money In Sack; \$70 Recovered

Man Of \$19,000 Above Feed Cost Made \$700 Profit And Care.

Poultry flocks can be made to pay their way and give a fair profit if the birds are properly fed and housed and given good attention, says P. A. Green, poultry extension specialist, after analyzing records kept throughout the past year by 128 poultrymen in 43 counties of North Carolina.

The 128 men keeping the records owned 21,475 birds. The gross income from the eggs produced by these birds was \$303,530. The flocks consumed 890,000 pounds of mash feed and 789,642 pounds of grain which cost a total of \$50,229.30. This subtracted from the income of \$303,530 leaves a net return of \$253,300.70 above feed cost.

The 21,425 birds laid 3,429,299 eggs of an average of 159.9 eggs each. This was a production of 43.81 per cent for the year.

The figures supplied by the poultrymen are very accurate, and were carefully kept as any similar records are being kept today. They show, says Mr. Green, that the man who gives his poultry proper attention may expect a good profit from the birds and further substantiates the fact that at least 100 hens might be kept with profit on every North Carolina farm. Mr. Green believes that North Carolina is destined to be a great poultry producing state in future years since it is located less than 24 hours away from the great consuming markets and has climatic and soil condi-

Braves Rugged Andes To Save Woman's Life



The rugged Andes Mountains had no terrors for Irving G. Hay (above) a member of the Shippeck Johnson Peruvian expedition, who proved a hero of the air when he flew an airplane 800 miles along the treacherous mountain range. Hay hopped off from Lima as word was received that a woman was dying of poisoning 400 miles from the Peruvian city, bringing the patient to medical aid.

Conditions ideally suited for the production of all kinds of poultry and poultry products.

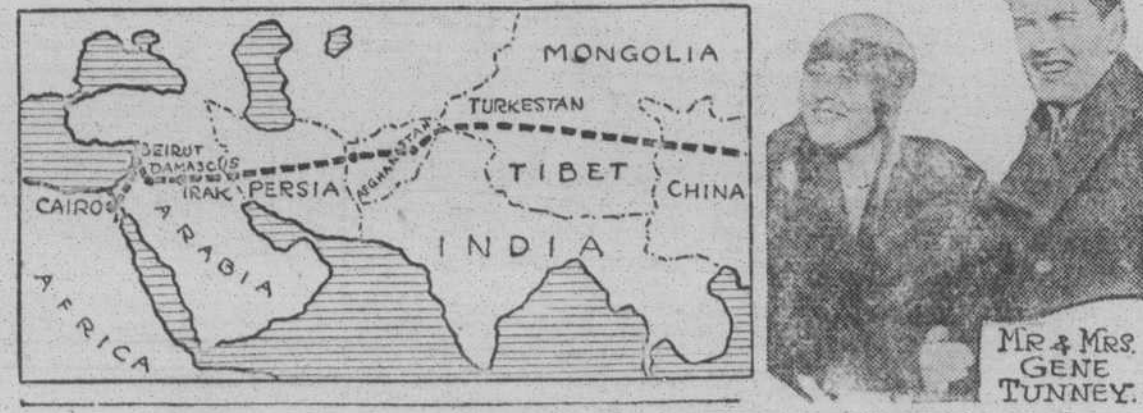
Penny Column

FOUND TWO CANS, ONE CONTAINING oil, one containing gas. Owner call and identify. Mrs. Lawrence Miller, Lawndale, route 4.

PERSONALS

Mr. Frank Harrelson with a friend, Mr. Murry, both of Asheboro, spent the week-end here with the former's aunt, Mrs. T. A. Spangler.

Gene Tunney to Explore Asia Deserts



Turning his back on society, James J. Tunney with his wife the former Polly Lauder, will sail Thursday on the first lap of a three-year trip of exploration in the deserts of Asia. Tunney looks forward with enthusiasm to the adventure. The expedition will explore Syria, Arabia, Iraq, Persia, the Tibetan plateau and the Chinese wastelands, over the trail of Marco Polo's caravans. Above map shows the route which will be followed from Cairo where the ladies of the party will stay for a few weeks. With the Tunneys will be Dr. John Oliver La Gore, vice-president of the National Geographic Society and Mrs. La Gore.

Senator J. Thomas Heflin's intention of contesting the general election of last November in which he was defeated by John H. Bankhead. The senate unanimously adopted the house resolution taking issue with Senator Heflin and his claims that the election was "fraudulent" and filled with irregularities.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to the President of the United States senate, to Senator Heflin and to the junior Senator, Hugo Black.

Life Of Child Cost Of Smoking In Barn

Cullowhee.—An attempt to smoke cigarettes made of cornsilk cost the life of James Robert Cotter, 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cotter, of Cullowhee.

The lad and his six-year old brother, Frank, were playing in a pile of rubbish in the loft of a barn at their home. When the roughage was

Heflin Condemned By Home Legislature

Montgomery, Ala.—Both the house and the senate of the Alabama legislature record "in condemnation" of