

# SOCIETY NEWS

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### A NATION'S SONGS

Pause ere those half-remembered echoes die, Ballads and stories, hymns and childish rhymes, Sweet, piping ditties like old English chimes From neighbor spires—a sacred minstrelsy That haunts the household, falling from the sky, As if the very soul of distant climes Lived in each legend of the olden times That heroes muttered in their infancies.

What if the path and fibre of the race Were nourished only thus? What if there dwells Immortal ardor, manhood, courage, grace, In such old echoes—mystic syllables That do not die, but float upon the wind Through nursery windows to preserve mankind? —John Jay Chapman

### Contract Bridge Club To Meet

A meeting of the Contract bridge club will be held with Miss Isabel Hoey on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at her home on W. Marion street.

### Mothers Club To Meet On Friday

Mrs. Roscoe Lutz will be hostess to members of the Mothers club on Friday afternoon of this week at 3:30, this meeting to take the place of the regular meeting scheduled for the following Tuesday. All members are invited to be present.

### Music Club Meeting Has Been Postponed

The regular meeting of the Cecilia Music club scheduled for Wednesday afternoon of this week has been postponed indefinitely. Further announcement concerning the meeting will be made later.

### Bridge Luncheon And Supper Planned At Club

There will be a bridge luncheon for members and non members at 12:30 p. m., and a bridge supper for members and their guests at 7 p. m., at the Cleveland Springs Country club on Saturday, October 31. Those wishing to engage reservations kindly telephone Mrs. Jean W. Schenck not later than Friday noon.

### Miss Evelyn Smawley Weds Mr. Glenn Wilkie

A wedding which will be of interest to friends in Shelby took place last Friday evening, October 23, 1931, at Gaffney, S. C. when Miss Evelyn Smawley was quietly married to Mr. Glenn Wilkie, of Shelby.

Miss Smawley is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smawley of N. Washington street. The bride was educated at Shelby high school, while the groom received his education at Gaffney high school. The bride was attired in black and white which was very beautiful. They will make their home in Shelby.

### Mrs. John Schenck Is Club Hostess

Members of the Twentieth Century club were cordially entertained on Friday afternoon by Mrs. John Schenck at her attractive home in Lawndale. The feature of the program was an interesting paper on Jefferson Davis by Mrs. S. S. Royster, and Current Topics were given by Mrs. A. W. McMurry. Miss Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buren Wilson, of Lawndale, contributed a piano solo which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Schenck's visitor, Mrs. William Tully, of El Paso, Texas, was a special guest of the club. Following the program an elaborate refreshment course was served.

### Chicago Club Meets With Mrs. Holland

Members of the Chicago Literary club were graciously entertained on Friday afternoon by Mrs. L. P. Holland at her home on North

## Thos. Edison Was Marvel Of His Time

(Asheville Citizen)

To estimate the life work of Thos. A. Edison would be to estimate the value of much that makes up modern civilization. He has been perhaps the most remarkable man of his era, one of the greatest men of any era, and unquestionably one of the most useful men who ever lived if not the most useful.

His career becomes the more astounding when the background against which it was achieved is studied. Mr. Edison was not a scientist like Maxwell or Faraday or Einstein. He had no training for the mathematical and philosophical researches which have brought forth great scientific discoveries. Edison hardly went to school at all. But it was his genius for invention which took the suggestions of some scientific investigator and brought them to fulfillment. In this field he was supreme. He did more than any other man who has ever lived to apply scientific truth to practical ends in such a manner as to revolutionize civilization.

It was Edison's great achievement to develop practically the vast field of electricity. Beginning as a youth he has continued his work of invention down to the present. Hardly one of his inventions was accidental. Almost without exception they were all the infinite labor, of true genius, and in their accomplishment he triumphed over obstacles that had baffled and discouraged and defeated all others. Years of research and experimentation preceded his perfection of the incandescent light, making possible man's conquest of the darkness. He modernized telegraphy, did much to promote the development of the telephone, laid the foundations for motion pictures, gave us the phonograph, worked out the magnetic treatment of iron ore and invented the storage battery which was soon to have so vastly expanded a field of service in the propulsion of automobiles. These and many other devices of incalculable value to the human race were the products of his brain. And his energy in productive work has been ceaseless down to the last.

There will doubtless be those who will say that if Edison had not achieved this series of inventions others would have done so. This argument has been advanced as to the life work of every great individual. Yet it is a futile contention and gets us nowhere. It is as futile and as preposterous as the silly saying that there is no man whose place can not be filled. Who would have filled George Washington's place in the struggle for American independence? Who was there in the south that might have led the Confederacy as did Robert E. Lee? Why is the shadow of Napoleon Bonaparte still over France today as is that of no other mar the French have ever brought forth? These men left an enduring influence behind them; and in a different field Thomas A. Edison also leaves such an influence behind him.

For thousands of years the world got along with almost no mechanical invention at all. Ancient civilization was based on slave labor, just as that of the Middle Ages depended on serfs. In each case the vast bulk of human beings were manual laborers and only a small proportion of the population contributed to or enjoyed cultural progress. But the last 175 years have witnessed a marvelous series of mechanical inventions which have released human energy for higher purposes and enormously increased the comfort and safety of life. In many respects Nebuchadnezzar or Ramezes II were much closer to George Washington than we are today. So much is this the case that it is difficult for us to appreciate how restricted life was just two or three generations ago.

Why the age of mechanical invention should have begun about 1750 no man can explain. There had been nothing like it before in human history. It was natural for the western European nations to lead in this advance, as they were the centers of most progress. But why predominance should have been enjoyed by England and the United States is again a singular phenomenon. Thousands in many lands might have attempted the inventions which Edison perfected. It was left to this bold worker without scientific training in the beginning, to enrich the world as no one else had done in the field which he made his own.

Students and research workers play a greater part today than did kings, statesmen and soldiers of earlier centuries. And among these students in practical invention Edison has been a leader without a peer. In him human intellect in one of its phases reached the flowering point of genius. Explanation of this is beyond human comprehension. But it is one of the marvels of all times.

## Woman Gives Up In Trunk Murder

Mrs. Judd, Who Killed Two Pals, Says They Attacked Her.

Los Angeles, Oct. 26.—After evading hundreds of officers for five days, Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd, 26, surrendered to police and sheriff's officers here Friday night and told her husband she killed Hedvig Samuelson and Mrs. Agnes Le Roi, during a quarrel in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mrs. Judd, a Phoenix hospital employe, was quoted as saying she shot her two former roommates October 16 after they attacked her when she went to their apartment "to remonstrate with Miss Samuelson for some nasty things she had said about Mrs. Le Roi."

The bodies of the two women were found in two trunks and a suit case which had been sent to Los Angeles from Phoenix. Mrs. Judd, who called for the baggage with her brother, Burton K. McKinnel, university law student, fled after station employes noticed blood seeping through trunks and asked her to open them.

Rushed To Hospital. After her surrender, brought about through publication of a report of her husband, Dr. William C. Judd, that she do so, she was bundled into a police automobile and rushed to a hospital. One of her hands was wounded, apparently by a bullet.

She was given into custody of officers at an undertaking establishment.

Mrs. Judd was said to have been in a sanitarium near Los Angeles during the four days that hundreds of officers of California and Arizona sought her.

Her hand was first dressed at the sanitarium, location of which was not disclosed. While her hand was

being dressed she said she came near capture by two Los Angeles policemen. They walked into the place and questioned her, but she managed to make her escape.

Advised By Husband. In his newspaper request Dr. Judd gave the fugitive instructions to surrender to Attorney Louis Russell.

The attorney, in one of the telephone conversations with the woman, asked her if she would meet him at the home of a friend. She agreed. A meeting was arranged and David Malloy, an employe at the undertaking establishment, drove to Fifth and Olive streets where she entered his automobile.

Quickly she was driven to the undertaking concern's office. She was met there by her husband, Dr. Judd, her brother Burton J. McKinnel and Attorney Russell.

Exhausted. She was said to have been exhausted and in an extremely nervous condition when she arrived at the retreat. They hastily put her to bed, dressed her wound again, gave her egg-nogg and other stimulants, and advised her that surrender was advisable.

Bursting into the room where the woman was held, police officers had a scuffle with Dr. Judd and McKinnel when they tried to serve the murder warrant. Malloy was declared to have been hiding the suspected woman. He was struck on the nose by one of the officers, and retreated. The warrant was served.

Later the woman came down the stairway in the undertaking parlors leaning on the arms of her husband and Attorney Russell.

A battery of news photographers faced her at the foot of the stairs. Mrs. Judd threw her coat above her head and moaned.

"Oh, I can't—I can't." "Now dear," Dr. Judd spoke soothingly to her, "the best thing to do is to stand steady and have this over with."

Attorney Russell, quoting his client, gave the first story of what happened in the Phoenix home where the two women died.

"I had gone to the girls' home to remonstrate with Miss Samuelson for some nasty things she had said about Mrs. Le Roi. "Miss Samuelson got hold of a gun and shot me in the left hand. "I struggled with her and the iron fell. Mrs. Le Roi grabbed an ironing board and started to strike me over the head with it. "In the struggle I got hold of the gun and Sammie (Miss Samuelson) got shot."

"Mrs. Le Roi was still coming at me with the ironing board and I had to shoot her. "Then I ran from the place—"

Russell says that as far as the woman could get with her story due to her condition. Further questioning will be made as soon as Mrs. Judd is able.

Mrs. Judd was attired in a green dress, a dark ragged coat with a well worn fur at the collar, no stockings, black shoes and bandages on both hands. She seemed weary and at the point of collapse.

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side of the road, in the edge of the woods, gagged him, threw him down and then performed an illegal operation on him.

Harkey's assailants had completed half their job when some passing motorist sounded his horn and this frightened the four criminals away, leaving young Harkey, with his leg in pain, by the roadside. The four assailants jumped in their car whose motor had been left running, and sped away.

Young Harkey soon recovered from the shock sufficiently to pull the handkerchief, which had been rammed down into the back part of his mouth, and then crawled and dragged himself to a store, a quarter of a mile away, where he told his story and asked for medical attention. It was about sunset, when the mutilated youth, almost completely exhausted from loss of blood and pain, reached the store and asked for help. It was three and a half hours after the criminal operation was performed until the young man received medical attention. He was removed to the home of Mr. Will Horne, where the young man had been living.

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## Perform Illegal Operation On Boy

George Harkey Seized And Mutilated By Four Unidentified Young Men.

Statesville Daily. One of the most dastardly crimes in the annals of Fredell county history was perpetrated in Olin Township, near Eupettie Springs, Saturday afternoon.

George Harkey, a young man about 20 years of age, says that while walking along the road about half a mile from Eupettie Springs Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock, he was halted by four young men, who drove up in an automobile. The four unidentified young men grabbed Harkey, took him out to the

went back with Mr. Lunsford to continue the investigation, with a view to identifying the assailants. It is understood that young Harkey did not know any of the four fellows who brutally assaulted him, but thought he could identify them if they were brought before him.

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