



Court Forced To Close Doors; Trial Continuing

Mrs. Tilt
Awaits Turn
To Take Stand

County Judge Schwartz ruled yesterday and again today that he would bar testimony of defense witnesses relating to a reported friendship between Mrs. Marie Murphy Rider, 24, Rhinebeck, and the late Clarence B. Tilt, 36-year-old Red Hook gasoline station operator, who was fatally shot on the night of April 26, unless it was shown that specific meetings of the pair were called to the attention of Mrs. Tilt prior to the shooting.

Mrs. Tilt is on trial before Judge Schwartz and a jury on a charge of second degree murder, accused of slaying her husband.

Nathaniel Rubin and Richard F. Russell, defense lawyers, spent a busy several hours yesterday and today attempting to prove the association between Mr. Tilt and Mrs. Rider. They argued to the court that the testimony was relevant because the prosecution accuses Mrs. Tilt of a jealousy slaying, and because the association, they contend, is a contributing factor to the temporary insanity they say gripped Mrs. Tilt on the night of the shooting.

JUDGE SCHWARTZ ruled repeatedly that he would admit testimony about Mrs. Rider and Mr. Tilt only if it was proved by defense counsel that any meetings between Mr. Tilt and Mrs. Rider were brought to the attention of Mrs. Tilt, 42-year-old Red Hook resident.

Over repeated objections by District Attorney Grady, Judge Schwartz admitted testimony of Mrs. Patricia McMichael, 25, of Annandale-on-Hudson, in which she told of seeing Mrs. Rider, her daughter,



SCENE OF THE MURDER OF CLARENCE TILT, Red Hook garage proprietor, just a week ago is shown in the top photo. Mr. Tilt was shot by his wife while he was seated at a desk just inside the front door of the home section on the left. The building above served Mr. and Mrs. Tilt as living quarters, in addition to the garage and filling station section on the right. The murder victim's pet dog, appropriately named "Trigger," is shown in the foreground. In the lower

left is Red Hook Fire Chief **BENNETT FELLER**. "I always thought he was a swell guy," was the way Chief Feller described Clarence Tilt. For many years Mr. Tilt was an active member of the Red Hook Fire company and when business permitted, he would take his turn serving with the village volunteer company, Chief Feller said. In the center photo are Mrs. **EDITH MURPHY**, left, and Mrs. **JUNE WEAVER**, right, who have started a fund to provide for Mrs. Tilt's

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