

**WILKES KILLER GETS 10 YEARS**

North Wilkesboro—Miss Myrt Woodie, the 45-year-old mountain woman who said she shot and killed her brother-in-law for 21 years' abuse of her sister and their children, was sentenced in Wilkes court to 10 years in prison.

Last week the woman, whose marksmanship with a .22 rifle resulted in death to Tam Miller on a mountain path on the Blue Ridge December 1, entered a plea of guilty of second degree murder and Judge Dan K. Moore heard the evidence which disclosed by her own admission she had shot Miller just after a quarrel at her home and while he was proceeding to his house, his arms filled with groceries.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter quoted

her as saying that she "had stood it just as long as she could," referring to what she called abuse of his wife and children. She said that on several occasions he had run his wife and children out into the severe cold on the Blue Ridge.

Commenting on the case from the bench, Judge Moore said that evidence of the woman is showing a rifle that day indicated that she may have planned and deliberated the shooting and that she was probably under the impression that she was doing the right thing. He also stated that no person can take over the law for punishment, and proceeded with the sentence. Judge Moore explained that under the plea she had a latitude of from 2 to 30 years in the sentence and that he was giving the defendant two-thirds of the benefit of the latitude provided by law.

**News and Views Of the Farmers**

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Mr. R. W. Graeber, extension forester, will be in Watauga county March 22 and 23 for a series of meetings on the management of the fard woodlot, and woodlot disease control.

There will be a reel of motion pictures on white pine blister rust, the disease that is threatening our white pine forests. This disease does not seem to be as deadly as the chestnut blight, but it is very serious.

The meeting will be held at the following times and places:

March 22—10:00 a. m., Boone High School; March 22—1:30 p. m., Deep Gap School; March 22—7:30 p. m., Bethel High School; March 23—1:30 p. m., Beaver Dams, Community house; March 23—7:30 p. m., Cove Creek High School.

**4-H LAMB SHOW**

The Tri-County 4-H and F. F. A. Fat Lamb Show for Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany counties will be held in Boone on June 10th. Classes to be shown will include single lambs, twin lambs, pen of three lambs, lambs sired by a registered Hampshire ram, and county groups of five. To be eligible for showing all lambs must be docked and buck lambs castrated. Mr. Elec Meek, Jr., sheep herder at the N. C. central experiment station is being asked to judge the show. We are expecting from 20 to 25 4-H lambs from Watauga county to be in the show.

**FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE.**

A training school for family life leaders in Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties will be held at the Methodist church in Jefferson on Wednesday, March 24 at 10:00 a. m. Mrs. Corrine Grimsley, extension family life specialist, will be in charge of the discussions, which will be on "Understanding Teen-agers" and "Making and Keeping Friends." All family life leaders in Home Demonstration Clubs are especially urged to attend and any others who might be interested.

Phoenixville, Pa.—After shooting himself, Walter Wood, 24, was brought to the hospital and in a five-hour operation doctors sewed up his bullet-punctured heart, lung and stomach, putting in 150 stitches. Wood died eight days later, however, not from the result of his damaged organs but from an acute dilation of the heart, brought on from the strain of the heart wound.

**Zionville News**

Guests of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Eggers Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Eggers and daughter Janice of Mabel and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sherwood of Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wilson and daughter, Donna Carol, spent Sunday with friends at Sutherland.

Cpl. Howard Miller who is stationed at Fort Bragg spent last week here with home folks. A brother, Jack Miller, who is employed in Pennsylvania also visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will C. Miller last week.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wilson have moved from their home here to Boone where Mr. Wilson is employed.

Mrs. Dana Farthing of Cleveland, Ohio is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Greer and other relatives for a few weeks.

Misses Cora Leigh and Earle Trivette and Ruth Miller who are employed in Bristol, Tenn. spent the past week-end here with homefolks.

Mrs. Lillie Thomas and Mrs. Don Bingham visited last week with relatives in Jefferson and on their return home were accompanied by Miss Edna Thomas who is spending the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, who have been employed in Cleveland, Ohio during the winter have returned to their home here.

Miss Welda Critcher was a week-end guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Cook, at her home near Boone.

Mrs. W. A. Stephens and daughter, Anna Mae, remains quite ill at their home here.

Mrs. Chas. Greer is spending this week with her daughters, Mrs. Mona Norris and Mrs. Ivan Farthing at Beaver Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Mon Critcher and children visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Critcher in Boone, R. F. D.

**HAS OWN GAS WELL**

Jamestown, N. Y.—Tired of paying fuel bills averaging \$1,400 a year for his restaurant and residence, Anthony Magine interested a neighbor in drilling a gas well. Two weeks later they tapped a supply of natural gas at a depth of 875 feet. The well yields an estimated 250,000 to 500,000 cubic feet a day.

**Record High Rate Set By Consumer Incomes**

Washington — Consumer incomes rose in January to hit a record high annual rate of \$210,820,000,000, the Commerce department announced today.

The figure for December was \$210,400,000,000. The January rate was seven per cent higher than the 1947 average of \$196,800,000,000.

January's increase over December came despite a slight downturn in wage and salary payments, biggest single source of personal incomes.

Graziano signs for non-title Horne bout in capital on April 5.

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