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## Cager Lee Kilby Gets Life Term In Murder Case

### Wilkes Man Sentenced In Virginia For Robbery, Murder of Aged Man

Cager Lee Kilby, native of Millers Creek community of Wilkes county who was tried and convicted in Henry County Circuit court at Martinsville, Va., Thursday of the murder of David A. Craig, aged Henry county farmer, on January 5, was given life imprisonment in the State penitentiary by Judge J. T. Clement. On an additional charge of robbing Craig by force and violence, he was given 40 years in the State prison.

The first case was heard by a jury, while the second case was disposed of by Judge Clement. The trial started Wednesday morning and was completed before adjournment of the court the same day. The jury deliberated for 35 minutes before reaching a verdict.

Kilby was accused of having come to a house near Bassett, Va., which was rented by Craig, on January 4. Craig was found in an unconscious condition in the building the next day by a neighbor, and was taken to a hospital where he died a short time later. Kilby was arrested several days later in Wilkes county by Sheriff C. G. Poindexter.

Kilby is charged in Wilkes with the death of his father-in-law, Irving Woods, a few days after he murdered Craig in Virginia. Kilby is alleged to have fatally beaten Mr. Woods, inflicting injuries which caused his death. The altercation took place a few miles west of this city.

## Officers Eastern Star Are Installed

Thursday evening, March 23, the officers for the ensuing year for Wilkes chapter No. 42, Order Eastern Star, were installed in a very impressive ceremony.

Those taking part in the installation were: Installing officer, Mrs. Gilbert Foster; installing marshal, Mrs. Bret Lomax; installing chaplain, Mrs. Annie C. Payne; installing secretary, Mrs. Mable Hendren; installing conductress, Mrs. Susie Williams; installing organist, Mrs. Betrice Carter; installing warden, Mrs. Eunice Clark.

The following officers were installed: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Kyle Hayes; Worthy Patron, W. K. Sturdivant; Assistant Matron, Mrs. W. P. Kelly; Assistant Patron, W. P. Kelly; secretary, Mrs. Willie Felts; treasurer, Miss Breta Poe Scroggs; conductress, Mrs. Chas. G. Day; assistant conductress, Mrs. Maurice Walsh; chaplain, Mrs. Madge Sturdivant; marshal, Mrs. Louise Deal; Adah, Miss Hester Tubert; Ruth, Mrs. Bernice P. Greer; Esther, Mrs. Emily Minshaw; Martha, Mrs. Alveta Nichols; Electa, Mrs. Winnie Duncan; Warden, Mrs. Leona Pardo; sentinel, C. P. Walters.

Mrs. Hayes made a very impressive talk following her installation. Mrs. Cashion, Junior Past Matron, also spoke briefly, but effectively.

The Past Matrons presented the new Worthy Matron with a gift, the Junior Past Matrons' officers remembered her with a gift also. Mrs. Hayes was presented, during the meeting, a corsage from her husband, who is with the marines.

Next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

## JAPS RUSH ALLIES BACK IN BURMA

The steady advance of Japanese invaders in India, overshadowed developments in the Pacific war theatre yesterday.

Japanese columns penetrated to the outskirts of Kohima, British base in India which Tokyo radio claimed already had been captured. The Japanese broadcast asserted the 54th brigade defending the town was annihilated.

Military experts in Washington were watching the situation closely because of the increasing threat to the railroad supplying Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's American, Chinese and Burmese forces in North Burma. The Tokyo newspaper Shimbun envisioned "the possibility of a deep cleavage" among the Allies because of "dis-satisfaction" over Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's leadership in Southeast Asia.

## Has 11 Medals



Pvt. Bonnie M. Minton, son of Mrs. Dora Minton, of Orick, is now stationed at Camp Croft, S. C., where he is taking his basic training. He entered service in November, 1943, and has won eleven medals for his marksmanship.

## St. John Is Held For Assault On Gilbert Youth

### Bud Gilbert In Critical Condition From Injuries Received Saturday

Bud Gilbert, a young man from Virginia who has been employed in this city, is in a critical condition at the Wilkes hospital as a result of injuries received Saturday evening when he is alleged to have been assaulted by Fate St. John.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that Gilbert received a deep slash on one side of his throat and a long cut across his abdomen. The throat slash severed the muscle on the left side of his neck but did not cut the jugular vein.

St. John is being held in jail without privilege of bond pending the outcome of Gilbert's injuries. The trouble is said to have started over an argument about ownership of a half pint of liquor.

## Pressure Canner Clinic Here 21st

A Pressure Canner Clinic will be held in the Duke Power Co. assembly hall in North Wilkesboro on Friday, April 21. This clinic is being sponsored by the Extension Service and the Farm Security Administration. The clinic is being held for the following purposes:

1. To check the accuracy of pressure gauges and general condition of pressure canners.
2. Advise owners on making corrections found necessary.
3. To instruct and advise Pressure Canner owners on the cleaning and care of Pressure Canners.

Mr. McCaslan, a trained engineer, will be present to conduct this clinic. He will be assisted by Assistant Farm Agents, James E. Rollins and H. C. Colvard.

Each family in the county should take advantage of this opportunity of having their Pressure Canner (See Canner Clinic—page eight)

## RATION NEWS

SHOES — Stamp No. 13 (book one) expires April 30. Airplane stamp No. 1 (book three) valid indefinitely. Another shoe stamp, yet to be designated, will become valid May 1.

GASOLINE — Coupons No. 9 in a book good for three gallons became effective Feb. 9 and will expire May 8.

SUGAR — Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book 4) good for five lbs. indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely, becomes valid April 1.

CANNING SUGAR — Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. A maximum of 20-pounds per person will be granted on application to local boards.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue stamps in book 4, A3 through K8 now valid at ten points each. Do not expire.

MEATS, fats and oils, canned fish, dairy products — Red stamps in book 4, A3 through J8 now valid. Others become valid on the following dates: K8, L8, M8, April 9; N8, P8, Q8, April 23. These stamps good for 10 points each, do not expire.

## THIS IS CLEAN-UP WEEK HERE

### Rev. Howard Ford Delivers Easter Message to Lions

#### Interesting Meeting Held On Friday; Good Report On Vision Aid Project

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, delivered an Easter message Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions Club.

Prior to the program a number of things of interest were taken up in the meeting, which was well attended.

Worth Tomlinson was inducted into membership in the club and the membership button was presented by Rev. A. C. Waggoner.

Attorney Eugene Trivette reported to the club on the progress of the movement to organize a Y. M. C. A. for North Wilkesboro. He stated that the recently elected board of directors had formed a committee to write a constitution and by laws and to apply for a charter. He said that the charter would be obtained in a few days.

The club decided to have Ladies' Night in May and C. E. Jenkins, Jr., was appointed by President Jimmie Anderson to head the Ladies' Night Arrangements committee. Other members are Dr. J. S. Deans and C. L. Gibson.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner is chairman of the committee to arrange Ladies' Night program. Others on this committee are R. A. Manship and Attorney Eugene Trivette.

Paul Cashion made announcement of the State convention of Lions to be held in Charlotte June 11, 12 and 13 and urged members to make plans to attend.

Dr. J. S. Deans reported on progress of the Lions' project to aid the vision of underprivileged children. He stated that 62 children have been examined and that 42 were fitted with glasses.

The program Friday evening was in charge of President Anderson and R. A. Manship. Rev. Fred H. Shinn introduced the speaker.

Rev. Mr. Ford stated that the historical fact of Easter, the resurrection of Christ, was well established by a number of reputable sources. The principal part of his address dealt with the meaning of Easter. He stated that there are people even now who are among the living dead and that they are building tombs about themselves by their failure to grasp the importance of service, and hold themselves aloft from community service. He concluded his impressive address by the statement that they should think in terms of the entire world and that isolationism is dead, or ought to be.

### Rev. J. M. Owens Taken By Death

Rev. James Manley Owens, a well known Baptist minister of the Hays community, died at his home Friday.

Rev. Mr. Owens, who for many years served churches in several parts of Wilkes county, reached the age of 86 years. Until recently he continued work as a minister.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Matilda Owens, two sons and one daughter, James F. Russell H. and Sarah Matilda Owens, all of Hays.

Funeral service was held today at the home.

### In Tennessee



Pfc. Walton Prevette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Prevette, of Roaring River, is now stationed in Tennessee. Pfc. Prevette entered the army a year ago.

### In Merchant Marine



Blake H. Caudill, who has been home on a 10-day leave from his ship, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Caudill, of Wilkesboro, and also many friends whom he had not seen for a number of months. He is a baker aboard a Liberty ship, and likes his work very much. His last voyage was a very successful one to various parts in the Mediterranean. He was very anxious to report back to his ship April 5th for another overseas voyage. His friends wish him many more successful voyages.

The smoke and din of bursting shell, Urge careful thought of what you tell.

### Premises Should Be Cleared Of All Trash, Rubbish

#### Proclamation by Mayor McNiel Asks Full Cooperation From People of City

This is annual Clean-Up Week in North Wilkesboro.

The annual event was designated in a proclamation last week by Mayor R. T. McNiel, who urged complete cooperation on the part of the people of the city in making Clean-Up Week successful.

Mayor McNiel pointed out that the city authorities will render every possible assistance to the people in cleaning up operations and asked that all premises be cleaned of trash and rubbish, which is to be placed at points convenient for loading on the city trucks.

Full cooperation is asked to the end that North Wilkesboro may be the cleanest and most attractive city in the state.

As it is impossible for the regular garbage truck to pick up yard rubbish, and trimmings from trees and shrubbery, the city has made arrangements for a truck to come to your home for your rubbish if same is collected and piled neatly near the street. If you do not have a truck of your own for removing trash of this kind, please call the clerk's office and a truck will be sent to haul it away.

The city wishes to cooperate in every possible way with its citizens for a more attractive North Wilkesboro.

## MEN UNDER 26 BE CALLED FOR EXAMINATION AND INDUCTION INTO THE ARMY AND NAVY SOON

### Series of Studies At First Methodist Begins Wednesday

Wednesday evening at 7.30, Rev. A. C. Waggoner, minister of the First Methodist church, will begin a series of studies on Home Visitation Evangelism. This is a conference-wide movement of the Methodist church and may 7-10 is the time set aside for this work in the First Methodist church. All members of the church are urged to attend these study periods, especially the officers and teachers of the church and church school.

### Maj. Gregg Cherry To Speak To Local Civic Organizations

Major Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, candidate for governor of North Carolina, will address two of the city's civic organizations this month—the Kiwanis and the Lions clubs.

On Friday, April 21st, Major Cherry will speak to the members of the Kiwanis club at their weekly luncheon meeting, with Kiwanian Eld Gardiner in charge of the program.

At the bi-monthly meeting of the Lions club to be held at 8 p. m. on April 21st, Major Cherry will be guest speaker.

Splendid attendance of club members and special guests are expected to hear Major Cherry when he visits North Wilkesboro.

## GREAT SURGE INTO RUMANIA GOES RAPIDLY

Russians troops half-encircled the Rumanian rail center of Iasi yesterday in an avalanche of power which swept over 200 more villages, and began the siege of Odessa by bursting into the freight yards three miles on the north and racing around the Black Sea port of the southwest to within five miles of the last German escape railway, Moscow announced last night.

Front dispatches and official Czech statements also indicated that the Russians had fought their way over the Csecho-Slovakian border in the direction of the Tatar Pass leading to the Hungarian plains, but the Soviet bulletin was silent on the snow-covered sector in the Carpathian Mountains.

## Good Marksman



Pvt. Louis B. Dula, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dula, of Wilkesboro, recently won a sharpshooter medal at San Diego, California, where he is stationed with marine corps forces. Pvt. Dula is only 17 years old.

## Training Course For Scouters Is Under Way Here

### Next Session Will Be Held Friday Evening With Story In Charge; Many Attend

First session of the Training Course for Scouters of the Wilkes District was held Friday evening in the Reins-Sturdivant chapel. Jerry Ashwell, commissioner of the Old Hickory Council, was present to assist in starting the course. T. E. Story, chairman of the Leadership and Training committee, will be in charge of the course throughout the remaining six sessions.

The next session will be Friday evening, April 14, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, at the Reins-Sturdivant chapel. All scouters in the Wilkes District are urged to attend. Especially invited are scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, senior patrol leaders, Cub masters and leaders, and troop committeemen.

The session held Friday evening was very satisfactory. A splendid beginning of the work of the course was had. "We hope to arrange for those who missed this class to be able to make it up", Mr. Story said.

The following organization was set up, which will be completed at the next session:

Scoutmaster, T. E. Story; Troop scribe, Gordon Finley; Patrol leader: Bulldog Patrol, Boyd E. Stout; Patrol leader, Crow Patrol, R. S. Johnson; Patrol leader, Jackass Patrol, Jimmy Collins; Patrol leader, Shoun Kerbaugh.

Three of the patrons chose their troop calls as follows: Bulldog patrol, the dog bark; the Crow patrol, the crow call; and the Jackass patrol, the bray of the ass. The fourth patrol was unable to agree on a name until next session.

At the next session troop yells and patrol songs will be decided on.

There were present for the session the following: Bulldog patrol: Boyd Stout, patrol leader; Pat Hunt, assistant patrol leader; C. B. Eller, scribe; and Joe R. Zimmerman, game master.

Crow Patrol: R. S. Johnson, patrol leader; R. E. Dunn, assistant patrol leader; Wm. T. Lonz, scribe.

Jackass Patrol: Jimmy Collins, patrol leader; J. B. Carter, assistant patrol leader; Tommie Whicker, quartermaster; Buster Bush, R. E. Gibbs.

Unnamed Patrol: Shoun Kerbaugh, patrol leader; Paul Cashion, assistant patrol leader; Gorman Johnson, scribe.

Each patrol was given a list of names to see during the coming week from which to get sufficient members to make a full patrol of eight persons.

The Eagle Scouts in the community will be present at each session for the pre-opening period to teach knot tying, bandage making, etc.

## Stone Mountain Singing On 30th

Regular fifth Sunday session of the Stone Mountain Union singing association will be held at Traphill school building on Sunday, April 30.

The program will open at one o'clock with devotionals by Rev. Charlie Miles. All singers are invited to attend and take part.

## Annual Meeting Red Cross Here Thursday, 4:30

### Public Invited To Annual Meeting To Organize The Wilkes Chapter For Year

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of the Wilkes County Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced today that the annual meeting of the chapter will be held Thursday, April 13, at 4:30 at the Town Hall. The chairman pointed out that each year the local chapter holds a special meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Each man and woman who joined the Red Cross during the recent drive is eligible to vote at the election, and is urged to attend.

The chairman stated that all officers who have served during 1943-44 will have written reports to give the public concerning the activities of their committees and the expenditure of funds for the past year. The following will report: W. W. Starr, financial report; A. F. Kilby, home service; Frank Bouknight, first aid; Mrs. Paul Green, nutrition; Miss Nonie Gordon, Junior Red Cross; Mrs. Ira Payne, home nursing; Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., War Fund Drive; Mrs. H. B. Smith, volunteer special services; Mrs. Palmer Horton, nurse's aides; Mrs. Hadley Hayes, staff assistants; Mrs. Jimmy Anderson, surgical dressings; Mrs. John Leyshon, kit bags; Mrs. N. S. Forester, Jr., knitting; and Mrs. Guy Lillard, sewing.

The people of Wilkes county have supported the Red Cross with their money—they are urged to support the Red Cross with their interest. Attend the annual meeting.

## Kiwanis Club In This City Reaches Its 21st Birthday

### Genio Cardwell, P. W. Eshelman and Dr. F. C. Hubbard Speakers At Meeting

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on Friday observed its 21st birthday anniversary with a most interesting meeting.

Program Chairman Genio Cardwell presented Miss Martha Lue Frazier who sang "Loves A Merchant" and "Down In The Forest". Genio stated that this Friday was the 21st birthday of the club and argued that it is now old enough to vote. He gave a brief history of the organization of the club, reading several verses of a ryming scheme that used all the names of the charter members of the club. He pointed out in an unusually interesting way the progress the club has made in the first 21 years of its history. Of the 57 charter members there are still 14 in the club.

He then presented P. W. Eshelman, who was one of the early presidents, and who made an excellent short talk on the fine cooperative spirit that had existed in the club from the beginning. He is proud of the club, he said, because of the fine upstanding men who have been its members and who have directed its welfare through the years. He is convinced it has been a great force for good to this community and surrounding territory.

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard was then presented and he brought a very interesting report.

(See Kiwanis—page eight)

## U. S. PLANES SPREAD FIRES IN NAZILAND

American raiding forces numbering 1,700 planes blasted four aircraft manufacturing centers in Northern Germany, East Prussia and Poland yesterday, with one group of unescorted bombers striking 150 miles past Berlin to hit Poznan, in Western Poland, where they left raging fires that might have been seen from the Reich capital.

Thirty-one bombers and eight fighters are missing from the raids, it was announced last night.

Eleven of the big American bombers, apparently damaged by flak or fighters and unable to make the long trip home, were reported by the Swedish radio to have landed at various places in Southern Sweden. Although the majority of crew members were reported safe, one of the planes was said to have gone down in the Baltic Sea off Poland with no news of the crew's fate.