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## Litteral And Bell Lose Court Appeal

### Convicted Rapists Seek Commutation Of Death Sentence

#### Supreme Court Finds No Prejudicial Error In Trial Of Two Men

Ralph Vernon Litteral and Marvin Claude Bell lost their appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina from the conviction and death sentence imposed in Wilkes superior court for rape of Peggy Ruth Shore, fifteen-year-old girl who resided near Elkin.

The supreme court Thursday handed down the decision which found no prejudicial error in trial of the two men in Wilkes court in January.

Unless Governor Cherry intervenes with a stay of execution or commutation of death sentence to life imprisonment, Litteral and Bell will be executed in the gas chamber at Raleigh Friday, June 20.

During the week-long trial which ended with death sentence pronounced by Judge Hoyle H. Sink January 18, evidence was that Litteral, a Winston-Salem man, and Bell, of Roaring River route two, kidnapped Miss Shore near Elkin after she had alighted from a bus at 11 p. m. August 23, 1946, carried her through Wilkes and Watauga counties and into Tennessee, assaulting her a total of four times during the terror-filled trip.

FBI agents during the trial presented written and signed confessions by both Litteral and Bell, who admitted a greater part of the charges contained in the girl's lengthy and detailed testimony of what occurred during her abduction.

The case was originally instituted in federal court with charges of kidnaping, but was transferred to state court for trial of the two men on the capital charge of rape.

Litteral's principal defense in the trial was insanity and Bell's defense was that whatever he did was under the domination of Litteral. Neither defendant testified and no evidence was offered for the defense except the futile attempt to establish insanity for Litteral.

Jurors for the trial were selected from a special venire of Caldwell county men, and the jury returned the verdict carrying the death penalty, after deliberating for only 15 minutes.

Attorneys for Bell, including Eugene Trivette, Bill Mitchell, J. E. Holshouser and Kyle Hayes, will go to Raleigh tomorrow for a hearing before Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill on their request that the death sentence of Bell be commuted to life imprisonment.

## Clingman Beats North Wilkesboro

With batters on both teams partially paralyzed by effective hurling, North Wilkesboro lost to Clingman at Clingman Saturday three to 0.

Leslie Rhoades pitched four hit balls for the Red Caps but the game was lost on two errors. King for Clingman allowed only four hits and bag airtight support, which represented the difference in score.

On Wednesday North Wilkesboro will play Elkin there and on Saturday Hamptonville, the league leaders, come here for a game at 3:30. The Saturday tilt should draw the biggest crowd of the season to date.

## William S. Combs Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday 11 a. m., at Rachel church for William Sherman Combs, 71-year-old Edwards township citizen who died Friday at his home. Rev. L. E. Sparks and Rev. Grant Cotnam conducted the service.

Only surviving members of Mr. Combs' immediate family is his wife, Mrs. Sina Combs.

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### Makes Good Record



Richard Absher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Absher, of North Wilkesboro, route 1, was awarded the Principal's Prize for the greatest improvement in speech for the year. Richard has just completed his 8th year at the N. C. School for the Deaf at Morganton. Richard is half back on the football team and guard on basketball team. The Principal's prize was a Certificate of Award and a \$10.00 Bill.

## Horse Show Plans Discussed Friday By John Bowers

### Kiwanis Club Proceeding With Plans For Horse Show July 4 and 5

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an interesting meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes. President G. T. Mitchell presided and Rev. Watt M. Cooper spoke the invocation.

P. W. Eshelman, general program chairman, assigned the programs for the remainder of the year.

Program chairman W. K. Sturdivant introduced John L. Bowers, of Black Mountain, who has been elected by the club as the manager of the horse show to be put on July 4th and 5th and who had previously placed at each Kiwanian's plate an official prize list and order of events for the show.

Mr. Bowers proceeded to discuss the coming horse show in considerable detail, giving many salient points that will augment the success of the event. He discussed briefly the responsibility of the various committees and gave directions for their procedure.

Various members of the club asked questions about the work of certain committees and were satisfactorily answered.

It was urged that all local persons expecting to enter horses for the show, that they should do so at once.

The members were urged to subscribe liberally to the advertising that will be presented soon.

Guests Friday were as follows: Bob Hubbard with Dr. F. C. Hubbard; J. L. Durrant and Rev. W. R. Wagoner with J. H. Whicker; H. M. Wellman, Jr., with Rev. H. M. Wellman; W. R. Newton, L. S. Spainhour and Frank Blair with J. B. Carter; John L. Bowers with W. K. Sturdivant; M. R. Dunnagan, of Raleigh, and Zeb Stewart, of Lenoir, visiting Kiwanians.

## L. Atwood Gudger Now Graduate Of Local High School

Lester Atwood Gudger, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gudger, of this city, today received his diploma of high school graduation from North Wilkesboro high school.

Since commencement here Paul Cragan, school superintendent, was informed by the navy department that young Mr. Gudger had completed successfully the required courses in the navy for high school graduation here. He is an aviation machinist mate, second class, and is currently stationed at a navy airfield in Texas.

## Band Instruction In Summer Months In N. Wilkesboro

Miss Eva Bingham, band instructor and director at North Wilkesboro school, will be at the school all day Tuesday, June 10, to interview students interested in band instruction during the summer months.

## Demonstration On Tomato Blight 11th

By R. D. SMITH (County Agent)

For the past several years late blight has caused severe damage to tomatoes in this section of the State. In order that the gardeners of Wilkes county will know how to control late blight a demonstration will be held in the garden of J. B. Henderson, Wilkesboro, Wednesday morning, 9:45, June 11. Mr. Henderson's garden is located behind the Methodist Church in Wilkesboro. Mr. Howard R. Garriss, Extension Plant Pathologist, from State College will be present and conduct the demonstration. All who are interested in the control of tomato blight are urged to be present.

## Wilkes County 4-H Club Camp To Be Held During July

By D. D. WILLIAMSON (Assistant County Agent)

Wilkes County 4-H Club members will have an opportunity to attend 4-H Club Camp during the week of July 7-12. Letters announcing camp have been sent to all 4-H Club boys and girls and we want to urge each boy and girl that think they can attend camp to make sure they send in their \$2.00 registration fee by June 12, so we will know how many to make plans for. The girls should send their deposits to Miss Margaret Morrison, Assistant Home Agent. The boys should send their fee to Mr. D. D. Williamson, Assistant County Agent.

Transportation has been secured by bus to take us to camp and bring us back, cooks have been secured to do the cooking and all other plans have been made, therefore, all we need is boys and girls to go. We had a wonderful time at camp last year and I'm sure all boys and girls will enjoy it this time.

## Millers Creek Team Beats Bamboo 14-7

Millers Creek-Purlear baseball team slammed out base hits at will Saturday off three Bamboo pitchers to win a free hitting game 14 to 7. Hayes, with two triples and a single, and Church and R. Eller with three hits each led in batting. E. Critcher hit a homer for the visitors. M. Cook, D. Cook and Elrod were the Bamboo pitchers. G. Nichols and T. Nichols were the home team battery. All of Bamboo's runs were scored in the first three innings. Bamboo had previously defeated the Millers Creek-Purlear team at Bamboo 12 to 2.

On Sunday Blowing Rock won a ragged and loosely played game 9 to 5 over Millers Creek-Purlear at Blowing Rock. The two teams will meet again at Purlear Saturday afternoon, 2:30. On Saturday, June 21, Mulberry will play at Purlear and the two teams will play at Mulberry on Sunday, June 22.

## Fairplains Team Kerletown Split

Fairplains and Kerletown baseball teams split two well played games during the week-end.

On Saturday Fairplains won 3 to 1 at Kerletown in Alexander county with Frazier pitching three-hit ball.

On Sunday Kerletown, with the aid of Craig and Bentley, of the North Wilkesboro team, and other baseball players of Alexander and Wilkes counties, defeated Fairplains 6 to 5 at Fairplains. Watts and Livingston were the Kerletown battery, with Brookshire and Taylor for Fairplains. Deal hit a homer for the home team in the fifth. Fairplains has won three of four games with Kerletown.

About 4,500 farm workers were killed and approximately 300,000 farm workers were injured last year.

# DROWNING CLAIMS TWO VICTIMS

## Charlie R. Wood Trapped In Pond In Roaring River

### Suction Of Water Through Hole In Roaring River Dam Drowns Man

Charlie Ransom Wood, 28-year-old citizen of the Roaring River community, was drowned Sunday in the pond on Roaring River near Gordon Spinning company.

Wood, with Dean Harris, Jule Latner, Gene Cardwell, Burl Billings and others were swimming in the small lake. An undercurrent of water caused by a hole in the dam at the base pulled Mr. Wood under the water and he was trapped at the hole in the dam.

Those nearby were unable to pull him from under the water because part of his body was lodged in the hole in the dam. The water was drained from the lake before the body was recovered and all attempts at artificial respiration failed.

Mr. Wood is survived by his mother, Mrs. John Wood, of Roaring River, his wife, Mrs. Margie L. Wood, and the following brothers and sisters: Dewey Wood, Mrs. Claude Wood, Mrs. Vallie Porter, Mrs. Tyre Billings, Mrs. Joe Jackson, Mrs. Minnie Jordan and Mrs. Fred Alexander, all of Roaring River.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

## Important Notice To Advertisers

Due to a shortage of newspaper, it is necessary that we cut down the number of pages we have been printing on Thursdays for an indefinite time. We have already exceeded our allotment so far this year in order to accommodate our advertisers as much as possible. Advertising space for Thursday's paper has already been reserved and we regret that no additional copy can be inserted in the issue of June 12th.

We appreciate the fine spirit which our advertisers have exhibited us during the present emergency and we hope that we will soon be able to have newsprint in sufficient quantity to take care of our advertisers' needs.

Please place your reservations for space in Monday's and Thursday's issues of next week as early as possible.

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## Dental Program In Schools of County

Dr. E. T. Koance, school dentist with the State Board of Health, will be at the following schools as listed below:

- Ferguson school, June 9th and 10th;
- Moravian Falls school, June 11th and 12th;
- Mountain View school, June 13th and 16th;
- Whittington school, June 17th and 18th;
- Cricket school, June 19th and 20th;
- Clingman school, June 23rd and 24th;
- Benham school, June 25th, 26th and 27th.

## LEGION JUNIOR TEAM WILL OPEN SEASON HERE TUESDAY AT 3:30

Tuesday afternoon will mark the beginning of organized American Legion junior baseball play in North Wilkesboro when the Wilkes Junior team will meet Newton boys at the local baseball park. The game will begin at 3:30.

The Wilkes team will be pitted against some of the better junior teams in the nation, including Shelby, Charlotte, Gastonia, Lincolnton and others of Area 4 in North Carolina, which is the hotbed of junior baseball in the southeast and has produced national champions.

Public commendation of the Legion's forward movement for youth here can best be shown Tuesday afternoon by a large crowd attending the game and lending their encouragement and support to the Wilkes boys, who will have a big handicap of lack of experience in play and in witnessing good baseball games.

## GORDON FORESTER, Jr., RECEIVES FINLEY SCOUT MEMORIAL AWARD

Gordon Forester, Jr., member of Scout troop 36 here, on Friday evening received the Robert Wood Finley Memorial award given annually by the North Wilkesboro Lions club to the outstanding Scout in Wilkes county.

The award consists of two weeks with expenses paid at Scout Camp Lasater near Winston-Salem. The award was set up as a memorial to Captain Robert Wood Finley, a member of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club who was killed in action in France in World War II. The award is most appropriate in that the young officer was a Scoutmaster at the time he entered service in the army.

James M. Anderson presented the certificate of award at the Lions Club meeting Friday evening. He explained that the honored Scout each year is selected on the basis of advancement, attendance at troop meetings, participation in activities and leadership. Mr. Anderson said that Scout Forester's record showed that he had advanced from tenderfoot to Life Scout rank and

### Receives Award



GORDON FORESTER, JR.

patrol leader during the year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, of Wilkesboro.

## Forrest Jones Is Speaker At Lions Meeting Friday

Forrest Jones, secretary-manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, delivered a most interesting and thought-provoking address Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions Club. "Employee - Employer Relations" was the subject of the address. He stated that management, which has done a wonderful job in America in production and selling, has failed to sell its own business to employees, and that industrial strife, with strikes and other interruptions, has resulted from this failure. He urged that management devote more time and attention to maintaining peaceful relations between employers and employees, who should no longer be considered just numbers on the payroll but as human beings.

The program was in charge of Dr. J. S. Deans and T. R. Grayson, who presented the speaker.

In a brief business session it was voted that the club give away the new automobile at the horse show, which will be held July 4 and 5. Further details will appear later.

Roy Crouse was received into membership in the club and was inducted by J. H. Whicker, Jr. Guests Friday were as follows: Roland Potter with Jimmie Allen; Gordon Forester, Jr., with Paul Cashion; Mr. Pierson with Ray Hoover; Jimmie Anderson, Jr., Jack Anderson and Jimmie Moore with Jimmie Anderson.

## Plan Vacation Bible School At Fairplains

A Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, June 16th, and run through Friday, June 20th at Fairplains Baptist church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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## W. Whittington Victim Of Heart Disease In River

### Parsonville Man Drowns While Turtle Hunting In New River Sunday

Walter Whittington, 47-year-old citizen of the Parsonville community, drowned Sunday afternoon while turtle hunting in New River near Pine Swamp school in the Idlewild section of Ashe county.

Whittington was with Sheridan Whittington and Forest Yates, of Purlear. Sheridan Whittington was driving their car along near the river while Walter Whittington and Yates were in the river. Yates stated that Walter Whittington called to him from about 30 yards away and he went to Whittington, who was sinking in only a few feet of water. He was unable to rescue him at the time and he and Sheridan Whittington went for help. It was almost an hour before the body was recovered from the river. Artificial respiration attempts failed.

Members of Mr. Whittington's family said that he was a good swimmer and it was presumed that he suffered a heart attack while in the water.

Mr. Whittington was a son of the late Rhudy Whittington and Mrs. Etta Cheek Whittington, who now makes her home in Lenoir. Surviving are his mother, his wife, Mrs. Ruby Parsons Whittington; nine children, W. S. Whittington, in the navy, Bernice, Mildred, Bruce, Joanne, Glenn, Rex, Roy and Troy Whittington, of Parsonville; and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Dora Powell, Lenoir; Mrs. Nonnie Hutchens, Elkin; Mrs. Cheslie Pearson and Cicero Whittington, in Florida; Mrs. Effie Huffman, Fidelity Whittington, Mrs. Leah Gentry, Clyde and Gurney Whittington, all of Lenoir; Clarence Whittington, Parsonville.

Funeral will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Stony Hill Church.

## Home Demonstration Schedule For Week

Wednesday, June 11, Mountain View Home Demonstration Club meeting; place of meeting, Mrs. Estelle Wood, 2 o'clock.

Thursday, June 12, Ferguson Home Demonstration club meeting; place of meeting, Miss Beulah Ferguson, 2 o'clock.

Friday, June 13, Pores Knob Home Demonstration club meeting; place of meeting, Club House, hostesses, Pauline and Grace Johnson, 2 o'clock.

Monday, June 16, Boomer Home Demonstration club meeting; place of meeting, Mrs. H. R. Broyhill, 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, June 17, Mulberry Home Demonstration club meeting; place of meeting, Mrs. Coyd Elledge, 1:30 o'clock.

## Kilby Elected Commander Of Wilkes Legion

### Officers Elected Thursday Night Will Be Installed On July 1

At the regular meeting of Wilkes County Post No. 125, The American Legion, held Thursday night, June 5, 1947, the following officers were elected for the year 1947-48:

- Commander, A. F. Kilby; Vice Commanders, Kyle Hayes, Henry C. Landon and J. Hubert Winkler;
- Adjutant and Finance Officer, Louise Vyne Vannoy; Assistant Adjutant and Finance Officer, Philmore Forester; Sergeant at Arms, James Joines; Chaplain, Rev. Watt M. Cooper; Historian, Ray Stroud; Service Officer, W. H. McElwee; Assistant Service Officer, Edmond P. Robinson; Publicity Officer, L. G. Critcher; Assistant Publicity Officer, Sgt. Earle Triplett; Graves Registration Officer, Archie F. McNeil; Assistant Graves Registration Officer, Shoun Kerbaugh; Athletic Officer, W. Frank Allen.

There was a good attendance present at this meeting and all Legionnaires are urged to be present at the installation night service to be held at the American Legion Clubhouse on July 1, at 8:00 p. m.

## Mrs. Camilla Pierce Funeral On Saturday

Funeral service was held Saturday at Arbor Grove Methodist church near Millers Creek for Mrs. Camilla Church Pierce, 85-year-old resident of that community who died Friday. Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, pastor, was assisted in the service by Rev. S. N. Bumgarner and Rev. A. W. Eller.

Mrs. Pierce was a member of a well known Wilkes family, being the wife of the late J. W. Pierce. Surviving are the following sons and daughters: J. F. and J. J. Pierce, Wilkesboro route one; R. E. Pierce, Baltimore, Md.; N. J. Pierce and Mrs. C. G. Nichols, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. H. C. Phillips and Mrs. L. P. Phillips, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. A. C. Eller, Purlear; Mrs. J. N. Bumgarner, Millers Creek.

## Girl Scout News

A bulletin has been received from the Winston-Salem Girl Scout headquarters giving notice that they are accepting non-scouts at Camp Shirley Rogers at Roaring Gap, for the following sessions:

- July 2nd through July 16th;
- July 18th through August 1st;
- August 1st through August 15th.

Fee is \$21.00 per week. If interested in attending this camp contact Miss Louise Shelton, Pepper Building, Winston-Salem.

At a meeting of the Wilkes County Association of Girl Scouts held in the Education Building of the Presbyterian church in North Wilkesboro on Monday evening, June 2nd, the following board of directors was installed: Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, president; Mrs. R. G. Finley, vice president; Mrs. H. B. Smith, secretary; Mrs. Jim Somers, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Burke, registrar; Mrs. T. A. Finley, membership; Mrs. C. T. Doughton, program; Mrs. W. D. Jester, camp; Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant, training; Mrs. Dan Carter, publicity; Mrs. J. B. Carter, North Wilkesboro, and Mrs. William Barber, Wilkesboro, little house charmen.

Encouraging and enthusiastic reports on the work of Girl Scouting in the county for the year ending were heard, of particular interest being those of leaders of troops, Mrs. C. T. Doughton, retiring president, Mrs. Robert Gibbs, and Mrs. W. D. Jester of the Camp Committee.

Registrations are being received for Day Camp to be held in July at Moravian Falls. It is important that all interested in attending this camp register right away.

## Wilson Child Dies

Funeral service was held Saturday at Knobbs church for Janie Mac Wilson, age 15 days, daughter of Thomas and Bessie Spicer Wilson, of Traphill township. The child died Thursday. Rev. Harrison Barker conducted the last rites. Surviving are the father and mother and one brother, Ooy Walter Wilson.