

North Wilkesboro has a trading radius of 50 miles, serving 100,000 people in Northwestern Carolina.

AUSTRALIAN GIRL LIKING THE SOUTH

Miss Betty Lovelock, pretty Australian lassie now on an extended holiday in America and currently visiting in North Wilkesboro, likes the south better than any other part of America that she has visited.

In fact, the beautiful brunette has gotten far enough away from the "King's English" to draw a "yo all" on a par with any native southerner.

Miss Lovelock is traveling with her mother, Mrs. E. A. Lovelock. They are on vacation from their business of being distributor in the Sydney area for imported American electrical devices and appliances. Here they are visiting in the home of Attorney and Mrs. Eugene Trivette with the Trivettes' nephew, Attorney Bill Mitchell, with whom they became friends while Bill was a lieutenant in the navy during the war. He spent two years in amphibious transport duty with headquarters at Sydney and often visited in the Lovelock home.

The Lovelocks heard much about America from Bill and after the war they took the first opportunity to come over for an extended visit and enjoy some of what they had been hearing about. They arrived in Vancouver, Canada, on June 22 and after a brief tour of Canada they went to New York City, where Bill met them in July. After several days here they spent two weeks with other friends in Lexington, Ky., and have returned here. They will tour western states before sailing back to Sydney.

Miss Lovelock says she finds America very fascinating, and especially the south where the genuine hospitality is so impressive. She is somewhat awed with the bountiful plenty of everything in America. But, unlike other Aus-



MISS BETTY LOVELOCK

tralian who has visited here, she thinks prices are reasonable, particularly when quality of purchased products are considered. But she does remember that food prices are high when she recalls that the favorite Australian order of "steak and eggs" costs only about 40 cents over there.

Maybe it is accounted for by her commercial background, but Miss Lovelock has no trouble with American money. She gets along with cents, nickels, dimes and dollars just as well as with the pence, shillings and pounds in Sydney.

Miss Lovelock just raves about the beautiful convertible cars in the higher price range in America. She thinks they are the most beautiful things manufactured. In Australia, she said, they had received only a few new cars, and all of them in the lowest price range of American built automobiles.

VFW and Auxiliary Will Meet Tuesday To Plan Clubhouse

Joint Meeting To Be Held Tuesday Night At VFW Hall On C Street

Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the post's auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, eight o'clock, at the VFW hall on C street.

Main purpose of the meeting will be to name committees for the building of a Veterans of Foreign Wars clubhouse.

Preliminary plans for a clubhouse call for a large building with an assembly hall which will seat 1,000 people, and with ample clubhouse facilities.

Initial funds for erection of a clubhouse were raised when the VFW recently sponsored a successful air show here.

Further announcements relative to plans are expected following the meeting Tuesday night. Every member of both organizations is urgently requested to attend the meeting.

Organ Recital At First Methodist

J. Jay Anderson will present Helen Caldwell, Mary Ann Casey, and Dot Jenkins in organ recital at the First Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro on Thursday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock. The recital will include numbers by a quartet consisting of Jo Lassiter, Agnes Kenerly, Robert Morrow, and Bill Gabriel. These assisting artists will sing arrangements of some of the Bach organ works which are to be played by the recitalists.

On the program are to be given some of the works of the master composer for the organ, Johann Sebastian Bach, as well as numbers by Handel, Beethoven, Wagner, Massenet, Weinberger, and Franck.

The recital is open to the public and all are cordially invited to attend this outstanding musical event of the Wilkesboro.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Presley E. Brown is able to return home in a week or so from Davis Hospital where she has been undergoing treatment. Mrs. Brown is showing continued improvement.

Certain species of beetles were considered so sacred in ancient times that they were mummified, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Dr. W. J. Caroon Opens Office Here

Dr. W. J. Caroon, Jr., who graduated from the school of dentistry of the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond and received his degree in June, today opened his office for the practice of dentistry in North Wilkesboro.

Dr. Caroon's offices, which are modernly equipped, are located in the right suite at the top of the steps on the second floor of the Poindexter building over Rexall Drug store. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Caroon, of this city.

Johnson Cousins Take An Appeal To Supreme Court

Percy and Taft Johnson, Windy Gap cousins convicted of second degree murder in Wilkes county, Thursday for the killing of Lloyd Mayberry at the home of Mrs. Shirley Johnson at Windy Gap June 14, have appealed to the supreme court.

Both defendants, whom Judge John H. Clement described as being "very fortunate" in that a verdict of first degree was not returned by the jury, are free under appearance bonds of \$25,000 each. Meanwhile court stenographer Mrs. Faye Hulet was instructed to write the record of the case for review by the high court in the fall term.

Evidence in the case was that Percy Johnson shot Lloyd Mayberry in the back with a 45 calibre automatic while Mayberry was fleeing from Percy and Taft, who was standing by with a shotgun. The trouble had come about over an accusation that Mayberry had stolen 40 gallons of liquor from a moonshine still owned jointly by the Johnson cousins, who were also cousins of Mayberry.

Wilkes court Friday ended a three-week term, during which about 200 of 275 cases docketed were disposed of.

Following are results of cases tried during the latter part of the third week:

For operating slot machines Charlie Hall, Vestal Bauguss, George Myers, Seymour Holloway and C. G. Porter drew six months road sentences suspended on payment of costs and \$100 fine each.

In the following cases the judgment in each for operating a car intoxicated was four months road sentence suspended on payment of costs, \$50 fine each and surrender of driver license for one year: Edward Clay Bishop, T. H. Williams, Joe Darlington, Edward Eugene Parks, Oliver Lee Grimes, Vinus Porter.

Pig Barber, colored, larceny and breaking and entering, two years on roads.

Guy Harris, operating car while intoxicated and violation prohibition laws, total of ten months on roads.

Thomas Nance, non-support, six months suspended on payment of \$25 monthly for support of family.

Leonard Kerley, abandonment, six months suspended on payment \$30 per month for family.

Monroe Perkins, housebreaking, larceny and receiving, two years on roads.

Oscar Brown, affray, six months suspended on payment \$50 fine and costs.

Roy Todd, abandonment, 18 months on roads.

The case against Millard and Glenn Bell for highway robbery was transferred to Yadkin county, where a greater part of the crimes for which they are charged were alleged to have been committed. They are charged with stopping motorists on the highways and taking money from them under pretense of being law enforcement officers and for robbery with firearms. They are brothers of Marvin Claude Bell, now on death row awaiting supreme court appeal from conviction and death sentence for rape of Miss Peggy Ruth Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ogilvie and daughters, Misses Barbara and Carolyn Ogilvie, returned last week to their home at Oakwoods from a vacation spent at their summer home on Parker's Island.

Memorial Park Work Will Begin Here On Tuesday

Fairgrounds Being Converted Into Athletic Park In Honor War Dead

Contractors will begin work tomorrow on erection of flood lights on the athletic field of Memorial Park in North Wilkesboro.

The field layout and location of the ten poles which will hold 120 flood lamps of 1,500 watts capacity each were staked off during the week-end in anticipation of starting the work, and every effort will be made to have the lights on for the first football game here on September 12 between North Wilkesboro and Sparta.

Delta, Inc., of Charlotte, has contract for the erection of lights.

The field layout leaves the football field in its present location, which will be the outfield of the new baseball field. The baseball field will have center-field, left and right field fences 350 feet from home plate.

In order that bleachers may be provided for football, additional funds above the amount donated to date will be necessary. Contributions should be sent to W. Blair Gwyn, Memorial Park fund treasurer, at the Bank of North Wilkesboro.

Dance Tuesday Night For Memorial Benefit

A dance will be held Tuesday night, 8:30, on the second floor of the John Tomlinson building on A street for benefit of Memorial Park fund. A popular local band will furnish music for round and square dancing and everybody is invited. Proceeds from admission charges will go to the park fund to erect lights on the athletic field.

Schools of Wilkes Began Term Today

Wilkes county schools opened the 1947-48 term today. Increased enrollment is anticipated in all the larger schools of the county for the term.

Practically all teacher vacancies were filled and much improvement in the teacher situation is reported as compared to last year.

Birthday Dinner

Mr. Jim Eller, of Purllear, was honored Sunday by a surprise birthday dinner in observance of his 73rd birthday anniversary.

The occasion was a complete surprise to Mr. Eller when members of his family began arriving with dinner. Forty were present, including Ray Eller and family, from Winston-Salem, and Bill Eller and family, from Dublin, Va. The occasion was very enjoyable.

Millers Creek Club In Annual Picnic

In spite of showers the Millers Creek Home Demonstration club enjoyed a lovely picnic Thursday evening, Aug. 21. First on the lawn then on the side porch and finally all over their house, Mr. and Mrs. Clate Bumgarner entertained the crowd—and a crowd it was. Several members failed to appear but many came with well-filled baskets, and visitors helped.

After eating, games and contests were played and prizes were given away.

Associational B. T. U. Meet

Quarterly mass meeting of the Brushy Mountain Associational Baptist Training Union will be held in the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro Tuesday, August 26, eight p. m.

Two religious films, "The Book of Books" and "We, Too Receive," will be shown as the main feature of the program and will be interesting to all who will attend.

Planted acreage of cotton was officially estimated at 21,389,000 acres on July 8, which is an increase of 18 per cent over 1946, and the highest since 1943.

Briefs Filed For Marvin Bell For U. S. High Court

Convicted Man Contends His Confession Was Not Properly Obtained

The North Carolina Attorney General's office filed a brief last week with the clerk of the United States Supreme Court in answer to the contentions of Marvin C. Bell that his confession of criminal assault against young Peggy Ruth Shore last August was unfairly obtained and that he was not properly tried.

Bell and his companion in crime, Ralph Vernon Littoral, were sentenced to die in the state's gas chamber in June after being convicted in Wilkes county last January. Bell's attorney filed a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court early in July after the North Carolina Supreme Court had rejected an appeal of the case. His execution was thus automatically stayed until the contentions set forth in the writ could be studied by the nation's highest tribunal, which will convene for the fall session October 6.

Although Littoral did not appeal, Governor Gregg Cherry granted him a reprieve until Bell's case is disposed of by the high court.

In answer to Bell's contention that his confession to the crime had not been given voluntarily, the State claims in its brief that the confession was voluntary because no threats were made, no torture administered and no promises made.

Bell also contends that the confession should be ruled out because it was obtained by federal officers before he was taken before a U. S. Commissioner for a hearing. His third contention is that the jury which passed on the case was illegally constituted because it had no women.

The Supreme Court will study Bell's contentions and the State's brief and will announce whether it will review the case after it convenes for the fall session.

AAA Offers Seed For Fall Pasture

Announcement was made from the local AAA office this morning that information had been received from the State Office at Raleigh that pasture seed would be offered for seeding this fall. A campaign has been started for increasing acreages both for temporary and permanent pastures and in order to encourage additional seeding of pastures the State Committee has announced the following changes in the amount of minimum assistance which may be approved for the farm.

"Payment in excess of the minimum assistance approved for the farm may be made for establishing or improving five acres or less of permanent pasture. Payment will be made at the rates for each kind of seed used as indicated in the County Handbook."

This was interpreted by Lawrence Miller, Secretary of the County AAA, to mean that any farmer who will agree to seed pasture, any acreage from one to five, in the fall of 1947 may receive for seeding two groups of pasture mixtures that are approved by the County Committee. It consists of 12 pounds orchard grass and 2 pounds ladino clover and one mixture consisting of 10 pounds orchard grass, 5 pounds redtop and 2 pounds white dutch clover (with 15 pounds lespedeza to be added in the spring).

Mr. Miller explained further that this offer means that the greater part of the cost of these seeds will be borne by the Government and the difference, will amount to approximately one-third of the cost, will be paid by the farmer at the time he places his order for seed in the County Office.

This offer opens on September 1st and will close on September 20th.

Mr. Harry Dula, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dula, recently returned from an eight-months' stay in Germany. Mr. Dula is a civil engineer and is now connected with Mr. S. P. Mitchell, local engineer.

Mrs. S. Q. Myers, of Lenoir, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duncan last night en route to her home in Lenoir after spending a short vacation at Shatley Springs in Ashe county.

Buford Lee Pennell Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Moravian Falls Methodist church for Buford Lee Pennell, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pennell. The child died Friday night.

Buford Lee is survived by his father and mother and three sisters, Mary Ann, Audrey and Linda Pennell.

Rev. Ernest Bumgarner and Rev. N. S. Bumgarner conducted the funeral service.

Miss Frazier Is Vocalist Friday At Kiwanis Meet

Miss Jackie Frazier entertained the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon by delightfully singing three numbers, "Yours Is My Heart Alone," "The Man I Love" and "Begin the Beguine." Miss Lois Scroggs was accompanist. The program was presented by Dudley Hill, program chairman for the day.

The program was well received by the club.

Guests Friday were as follows: Mortimer Morehouse with R. L. Morehouse; T. J. Frazier with C. Arthur Venable; Dr. A. C. Titus and D. B. McLaughlin with Carl VanDeman; A. W. Horton and Phillip Robbins with Russell Hodges; Leonard Smith, of Jacksonville, Fla., with H. H. Morehouse. R. J. Foster, of St. Petersburg, Florida, was a visiting Kiwanian.

Mrs. Harrold, 32, Is Taken By Death

Funeral service will be held Tuesday at Dehart church for Mrs. Faye Louella Harrold, 32, who died Sunday at her home in Mulberry township. She was the wife of Lester Harrold.

Surviving are her husband and mother, Mrs. Retta Hule.

Last rites will be conducted by Revs. Hilary Plevins, Monroe Dillard and Russ Harrold.

J. F. Lovette, 51, Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Friday at New Hope Baptist church for J. F. Lovette, 51, resident of the Millers Creek community who died at the Wilkes hospital. Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. W. S. Luck conducted the last rites.

Mr. Lovette is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters: Mrs. Raynard Goforth, Ruby Mae Lovette and Zolile Lovette.

IN GREAT SMOKIES

Dennis Faw, who with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Faw, recently toured the Great Smoky Mountains national park, is thrilled to tell of his trip and experiences. Here he is shown with "heap big injun chief," who gets quite a kick and considerable pocket money posing with tourists and exhibiting his skill with blow gun and bow and arrow.

What interests the visitor as much as the scenery are the Cherokee Indians, about 3,200 of whom live on the Cherokee reservation. They live back in the hills and their homes are not in sight, but they are on the roadside selling trinkets and souvenirs. The Indians have become very good salesmen and conduct profitable business in that manner.

The Cherokees really put on a show at the Indian fair, which is about the only time the visitors get to see the Indian children who live back in the hills. The fair is held during the first week of September. The Indians take in several thousand dollars at the fair.

No policemen are necessary

Skyland Textile Plant Will Begin Production Soon

New Plant Will Manufacture Anklets; Employee Training Scheduled

Announcement was made today that a new manufacturing industry is to be located in North Wilkesboro.

Through the efforts of the North Carolina State Department of Conservation and Development, represented by Messrs. Lehey and Kelly, and the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, represented by President J. B. Williams and Manager Forrest Jones, North Wilkesboro has been selected as the site for a branch plant of Skyland Textile company, which will manufacture hand-transferred anklets.

The new industry will begin its organization program in the immediate future and plans to start production on a limited basis within thirty days.

A training school for personnel not already experienced in ribbing, looping and hand transfer anklet operations will be put into operation as needed, an official of the company said here today. Such trainees will consist mainly of girls between the ages of 18 and 30. Individuals in this area already experienced in these operations will form the nucleus of the initial productive force and may play a major part in conducting training classes.

The plant is located in a stone and brick building 75 by 140 feet located on highway 115 opposite the Parkway Bus company, one mile from the North Wilkesboro city hall. The building is new and modern and is ideally located for manufacturing.

It is believed that many residents of North Wilkesboro and adjacent communities will be interested in obtaining positions with this new company, which is expected to prove to be a big asset to this county and the entire state.

Miss Mary Gage Barber and her roommate at the Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, Miss Lois Eller, of Mars Hill, spent the week-end here with Miss Barber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Barber. After another week in summer school Miss Barber will be at home with her parents until September 23rd, when she returns to the college.



for the Indians, because they abide by their laws and regulations and along the highways they go according to the posted signs. Apparently they are prosperous and happy. They have good schools and they are planning to erect a huge hotel for tourists. Everybody is thrilled with the beautiful drive through Soco Gap down the Cherokee valley but to Dennis Faw the biggest thrill of all was the opportunity to trade with a real Indian.

The black bear in the Smoky Mountains park attract plenty of interest. Most of the bear are friendly, but just in case one is in bad humor the caretakers warn tourists to leave them alone. One is shown in the accompanying picture. The other picture shows Dennis with the Indian chief.