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Staley Gets One Year

August Term Of Superior Court In Second Week

Jury Recommends Mercy For Man Convicted Of Fatally Shooting Watts

Buster Staley, who was convicted in Wilkes court for manslaughter for the fatal shooting of Jim Watts in October, 1936, was sentenced in Wilkes court Friday by Judge Felix E. Alley to 12 months at the county home.

The case had been continued from year to year because of the illness of Staley, who spent several years in tubercular sanitariums. Staley claimed that he shot Watts in self defense and that Watts had attacked his brother with a knife and was advancing on him when he fired three pistol shots.

The jury in rendering a verdict Tuesday evening recommended mercy for Staley.

Other cases tried in court since Thursday follow: Monroe Dotson, violation prohibition law, prayer for judgment suspended on payment of \$25 fine.

Mack Gantt and Estil Miller, larceny and receiving, 12 months on roads.

Irene Harless versus Moses Harless, divorce granted on grounds of two years separation.

\$87 Lost In Billfold Is Returned

James Byrd, Local Youth, Turns \$87 Found Over to Police; Owner Found

A shining example of rare honesty was the return of a billfold with \$87.00 Saturday afternoon by James B. Byrd, Jr., who found it on the streets here, to Odell Whittington, Jr., of Reddies River.

The Whittington youth who had been working as a welder at Newbern, spent a few days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Whittington, last week while recuperating from illness and on Saturday afternoon came to town, where he lost the billfold from his pocket.

The Byrd youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Byrd, of this city, found the pocket-book and turned it over to the police department, who notified Whittington.

On Sunday the Whittington youth, exceedingly pleased with the unusual luck of recovering lost money, looked up Byrd and rewarded him liberally for his honesty. Byrd recently returned to his home here from Utah, where he spent a few months in a C. C. Camp.

District WPB Man To Speak

James E. McDougal, of Charlotte, To Address Kiwanis Club Friday

James E. McDougal, of Charlotte, district manager for the War Production Board, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday noon, P. W. Eshelman, program chairman for the club meeting Friday, said today.

Mr. McDougal, who handles priorities and other matters in this section of the country for the War Production Board, will be heard with much interest.

Mr. Bill Carrington, of Statesville, visited his family here today.

SALVAGING TIN FOR WAR USE — JVA'S TIN CAN ARMY GOES INTO ACTION



The first Junior Victory Army tin can assembly line goes into action in Chicago. At left one of the young members receives first aid from a JVA nurse as other members carry on. Next from left, another member removes labels from cans. A third, with a precision can opener, sees that both ends are opened properly and tugged in. Another pounds the can flat and then final inspection is made before the cans are packed for shipment to the junk yard.

Dental Clinic For County Is Assured

County Will Pay \$900 Of \$1,800 Cost of Dental Work for School Children in County, According To Plan Adopted

Wilkes county commissioners have approved a plan to have a state dental clinic in Wilkes, it was learned today from Max Foster, of this city, a member of the board.

Under the proposal the state health department will send a dentist into the county for a period of 20 weeks at a total cost of \$1,800. Of that amount the county will pay half and the state half.

The proposal was taken up before the North Wilkesboro Ki-

wanls club several weeks ago by Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, a local dentist and member of the club. A committee from the Kiwanis club presented the proposal to the county board of commissioners.

The plans call for a dentist to carry his office and laboratory on a truck and spend a few days in several central communities administering to the dental needs of children. It is expected that the project will be started in the near future.

Music Teacher



Miss Marguerite Thomason, of Lexington, who has been employed as public school music teacher for North Wilkesboro schools, Miss Thomason is a graduate of Greensboro College, where she was president of the senior class, listed in Who's Who of American colleges, was a member of the Y.W.C.A. cabinet and active in other phases of student work. She is highly trained as a director of public school music and is an accomplished organist.

Electric Storms Do Much Damage

Some of the severest electric storms in many years have occurred in Wilkes during the week-end, especially Saturday and Sunday nights.

Repair crews of Duke Power company have been working incessantly in all parts of the county repairing damage to electric lines since Saturday night.

Grand Jury Asks Changes At The County T. B. Hut

Recommends New Superintendent; Other Institutions Approved By Jury

Grand Jury in its report to Felix E. Alley in the present term of Wilkes court stated that county property and institutions were in good shape and well cared for, making no recommendations for changes except at the county tubercular hut.

There the grand jury said it had made investigation of complaints and recommended that a "competent and congenial person be employed to take the place of Mrs. Cora Miller", who had been superintendent for several years. It was also recommended that arrangements be made at the tubercular hospital for preparing and serving wholesome meals to patients, that the hen house on the premises be moved and that chickens be stopped from roosting under the building occupied by patients.

The courthouse, jail and prison camp were approved by the grand jury, which also made inspection of the county home and found the property in good shape and with 24 inmates. "We think the county-

Four Dogs Chase Fox Four Days

Chief Walker's Dogs Do Not Give Up Until Fox Is In Bag; Regardless of Time

Police Chief J. E. Walker has a fox hunting tale which he says he can prove by any number of witnesses.

On Monday night he, with J. R. Rousseau and Alonzo Bunker, took the fox hounds to Jumping Off place on highway 10 near the Wilkes-Ashe line. The dogs had a wonderful race, chasing a fox over several mountains.

Four of Chief Walker's hounds would not give up the chase and the men had to come back and leave them.

Four days later Chief Walker received word that his hounds had caught a fox near Obids, in Ashe county several miles from the origin of the hunt. Chief Walker will tell you that his hounds just can't be equalled for fox-hunting and that they will get the fox if it takes four days. He went after his dogs and the fox Thursday.

Bold Thief Takes Wheel And Tire

Mrs. C. C. Sebastian, of this city, is mad—fighting mad—and she has a right to be mad. Late Friday night or early Saturday morning somebody stole the spare wheel and tire from her car parked in front of her home on west "D" street. No clues leading to the apprehension of the robber, or robbers, had been obtained by police today. Size of the wheel, tire and tube stolen was 6.00 x 16.

Marines Advancing; Reds Stall Germans

Russians Are Halting Nazis With Reserves

Hitler's Armies Before Stalingrad Find Going Is Getting Tougher

Moscow. — The Russians announced today that they were firmly holding against a supreme German offensive southwest of Stalingrad and that the Nazis were hastily bringing up reserves, because of their heavy losses.

The Soviet high command, which last night announced the abandonment of Maikop and its demolished oil wells, spoke more hopefully of the situation around Kotelnikowski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad and the Volga River line, than it had in days.

Forces Regrouped The Germans had regrouped their forces, brought up reserves and started on all-out drive to take Stalingrad, important because of its heavy industries, and cut the Volga River line. The Soviet noon communique did not say whether this effort had failed, but it asserted:

"Northwest of Kotelnikowski, Soviet troops repelled several enemy attacks and are firmly holding their positions. The enemy, having suffered heavy losses in recent fighting, is hastily bringing up re-

U. S. Forces On Solomons Are Going Forward

Positions Won By Hard Fighting Marines Are Now Being Consolidated

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia.—Action intensified portentously today over the entire Australian zone from the Solomon Islands to the great Japanese northwestern base on Timor Island, only 500 miles from Darwin, defense stronghold of the entire north continental coast.

United States Marines, on the 11th day of the Solomon Islands battle, still were driving against a desperate Japanese defense, from the positions they had won in the first great American offensive of the Pacific war.

Tension Mounts Tension mounted here as the days passed without definite news.

It was believed that the marines had a firm hold on the Tulagi area in the Southern Solomons, including Tulagi, the swampy shore of Florida, the atolls of Gayutu and Makombo off the Florida shore, probably the Kukum air base on Guadalcanal Island and possibly a beachhead on Malaiti Island east Florida.

There were indications that the navy, supporting the marines, was landing planes in the Tulagi area.

Dry Forces Rallies On August 30

Ten Speaking Engagements Announced For Fifth Sunday This Month

Ten speaking engagements for rallies under auspices of United Dry forces will be held in Wilkes county on Sunday, August 31, T. E. Story, county chairman, announced today.

The rallies and the speakers for each will be as follows:

First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro, Rev. A. C. Waggoner.

First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr.

Wilkesboro Baptist and Wilkesboro Methodist churches together, Judge Johnson J. Hayes.

Mt. Zion Baptist church at Hendrix, Attorney J. F. Jordan.

Welcome Home Baptist church, T. E. Story.

New Hope Baptist church, Attorney J. H. Wheeler.

Parleur Baptist church, D. E. Elledge.

Mount Pleasant Baptist church, A. H. Casey.

Fairplains Baptist church, Rev. M. A. Adams.

Mountain View Baptist church (night), Rev. M. A. Adams.

All the services will be at 11 a. m. with the exception of the appointment of Rev. M. A. Adams at Mountain View at night.

AT GASTONIA—Guard Officers Are In Camp For Week's Training

Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers Leave Sunday For Training

Nineteen officers and men of the North Wilkesboro company of the State Guard went to Gastonia Sunday for a week of intensive training.

Commissioned officers going to camp for the week were as follows: Capt. Harry H. Pearson, commanding officer, First Lt. John Wells, Jr., Second Lt. John (Continued on page eight)

First Aid Class In Meeting Every Thursday Night

Still Time For Others To Enroll In Class; Dr. Phillips Instructor

First aid class for police, firemen, auxiliary police, auxiliary firemen, air raid wardens and all others who wish to attend is being conducted at the town hall under auspices of the Civilian Defense council.

Dr. E. N. Phillips is giving his services as instructor of the class, which meets every Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock.

Civilian defense officials are urging that every person who can, take this course, and especially those who have any job in the Civilian Defense organization. They point out that the instruction and training received will be valuable throughout their lives, regardless of whether or not they are confronted with emergencies during the war.

Mrs. Landon Dies At Dover, N. J.

Mother Of Henry Landon, Jr., Of This City; Ill Short While

Mrs. Inez A. Landon, widow of H. C. Landon, Sr., died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Kendig, at Dover, N. J., where she was visiting for a part of the summer season.

Mrs. Landon was ill for only several hours, and apparently had been in good health. A letter received by her son, Henry Landon, Jr., of this city, Friday made no mention of ill health.

Mrs. Landon was well known here, having been a resident of this city for over twenty years. While no details as to the funeral and burial services could be obtained today, the remains will be brought here for burial. Services will probably be held Wednesday.

Sale Graduates At Naval Recruit School U. S. Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., August 14.—Ray Edsel Sale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sale of Cycle, N. C., is on a seven day leave after graduating from the School of (Continued on page eight)