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Absher Is Freed In 2nd Trial

Hort Absher Is Freed In Second Trial For Murder

Hort Absher, local man charged with slaying his brother-in-law, Leonard Lankford, two years ago, was acquitted in Wilkes court today.

Lankford died of knife wounds in the neck, allegedly inflicted by Absher at the home of Lankford's father, Zack Lankford, near this city.

Absher was tried last year, convicted of second degree murder and received a long prison sentence. A new trial was granted by the North Carolina supreme court.

In the trials Absher did not deny inflicting the fatal wounds, but claimed self defense. He said that members of the Lankford family were attacking him at the time.

Earlier this week a jury convicted Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Young of assault with deadly weapon on an Elledge youth, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Elledge, two years ago in the Hays community. Judge J. H. Clement, who is presiding over court, has not passed sentence.

John V. Foster was convicted of receiving stolen lumber, being charged with refusal to surrender lumber which was washed from local yards by the flood of August, 1940, and which he kept in his possession. Notice of appeal was given from a sentence of four months on the roads.

Cases against Clyde Settle, Edward Watson and Luther Burton Billings were not prosed.

A divorce was granted in the case of Horace Russell versus Pearl Bentley Russell.

Several minor cases remain to be tried during the term.



Ralph Bowman Is Aviation Cadet

Ralph Bowman, son of Mrs. R. I. Bowman, of this city, has been called to training as an aviation cadet. He was accepted some time ago and had been awaiting call at Los Angeles, California, where he has been working for the past two years.

Miller Brothers Begin Air Corps Training

Mack Miller and Dwight Miller, sons of Mr. and Mrs. G. Met Miller, who enlisted in the army air corps several months ago, have been called to begin training as aviation cadets. Mack, who was a student at State College, has reported to Miami Beach, Florida, and Dwight, who was employed at Portsmouth, Va., is stationed at Richmond, Va.

Bruce Hall Returns To Navy Post

Bruce Hall has returned to the naval station at Bainbridge, Md., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Hall, of Halls Mills. He enlisted in the navy in December, 1942.

Pvt. Vaughn Jennings Returns To Post

Pvt. Vaughn Jennings on Thursday returned to Fort Collins, Colorado, after a visit with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jennings, of Pores Knob.

Lt. S. T. Colvard At Salt Lake City

Lt. S. T. Colvard, who recently received his commission in the (Continued on page five)

IS WAVE



Miss Rowena Bumgarner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Bumgarner, of Millers Creek, is one of the first Wilkes county girls to be accepted as a member of the WAVES. Miss Bumgarner took her indoctrination at Cedar Falls, Iowa, where she received the rating of Second Class Seaman, and is now stationed at Norman, Oklahoma.

County War Board To Assist In New Meat Control Plan

The Wilkes County USDA War Board has been charged with two responsibilities under new orders issued by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard in a move to stamp out black market activities, according to H. C. Roberts, chairman of the board.

The three orders issued by Secretary Wickard provide: (1) that all slaughterers including farmers slaughtering for sale and butchers, must operate under a slaughter permit system; (2) that livestock dealers must obtain permits to buy and sell animals for slaughter; and (3) that all federally inspected meat packers set aside for war uses whatever percentage of production is required from time to time by the Food Distribution Administration for military and Lend-Lease needs. The first and second orders are effective at midnight on March 31, and the third order became effective March 5, he said.

"The County War Board will be responsible for issuing permits under the first and second orders," the chairman said. "Farmers who slaughter for sale, local slaughterers and butchers will obtain their permits for the War Board, as will livestock dealers who buy and sell animals for slaughter purposes."

He emphasized that farmers who slaughter for home use are not required to obtain permits, neither are they required to obtain permits to sell live animals.

He said that the orders also provide that farmers, butchers, and packers who go over their quota within the next three weeks, before the order becomes effective will have these quotas reduced for later periods. Livestock Dealers will be required to establish inventories and keep complete records of purchases and sales.

"These orders are not designed to work a hardship on these persons who buy and sell and slaughter animals for meat purposes," Chairman Roberts said. "They are being put into effect to eliminate black market activities and to insure a fair distribution to civilians prior to the time when rationing of meat is started."

He said a check on amount of slaughtering will be maintained through the requirement that all wholesale cuts of meat must be stamped with the slaughterer's permit number.

Officers Of State Guard To Camp

Officers of the local company of the North Carolina State Guard will leave Sunday for Fort Bragg, where they will have ten days of intensified training.

Officers to be in training with those of other companies in the state will be Captain Harry Pearson, 1st Lt. John Wells, 2nd Lt. John V. Wallace and 1st Sgt. Isaac Eller.

The training they will receive will be of much benefit to the State Guard companies.

Industries And Employees Boost Red Cross Fund

IN CALIFORNIA



Pvt. James Arlyss Minton, who entered the army September 14, 1942, is now stationed at Camp San Luis, Obispo, Cal. Pvt. Minton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Minton, of Congo.

Officers In FBI Course Here Today

FBI Agents In Closed Session Instruct Officers

Law enforcement officers of several northwestern North Carolina counties attended a short course given here today by Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents.

Edward Scheidt, agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the FBI, conducted the school, assisted by Donald S. Hostetter, special FBI agent.

Sheriffs, police officers, highway patrolmen and other law enforcement officers were present from the counties in this part of the state.

Ira Wrycroft Now Missing

Relative Received A Notice From War Department

Ira Wrycroft, member of U. S. army forces in North Africa, is officially listed by the War Department as missing since February 14.

His sister, Miss Billie Wrycroft, of North Wilkesboro route one, received official notice from the War Department Wednesday.

Date of his reported being "missing" corresponds with the short-lived offensive carried out against American forces by Rommel's axis troops in mid-February.

Ed Brookshire Loses Part Of Left Hand

Ed Brookshire, well known citizen of the Cricket community west of this city, lost the thumb and two middle fingers of his left hand in an accident Tuesday while working at a machine at American Furniture company.

In addition to the loss of the thumb and fingers, there were other severe injuries to his hand. Mr. Brookshire is now a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

Workers In County Are Reporting

\$10,000 Goal May Be Reached Here By Hard Work

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., Red Cross war fund chairman, today listed results of the Red Cross war fund campaign in local industries which were not included in previous reports.

The list shows that response to the call for Red Cross war funds has been encouraging from the companies and their employees, and represents a big boost for the fund.

A tabulation of results today was not conclusive due to the fact that many workers have not completed canvasses of their territories. But preliminary reports indicated that the goal of \$10,000 can be reached if all people of the county respond to the call according to their ability to give, and if they are encouraged to do so by leading the people.

Attention is called to the fact that many people may not be contacted by a worker. Those who are not called on may bring or mail their contributions to Vernon Deal, treasurer of the Red Cross chapter, at the Northwestern Bank, or to Red Cross headquarters over the Tomlinson's department store.

In addition to contributions from the Wilkes Hosiery Mill and the Forest Furniture company, which have already been published, the following reports have been secured from other factories and industries. (Some of the following amounts have been reported in part by the Special Gifts Committee):

- American Furniture Co., (company, officers, and employees), \$438.50.
- Turner-White Co., (A. B. Johnston \$25, company and employees \$169.50), \$194.50.
- International Shoe Co., (company and employees), \$92.00.
- Key City Furniture Co., (company and employees), \$225.75.
- Caroline Mirror Co., (company, officers, and employees), \$756.84.
- Lineberry Foundry, (company and employees), \$115.00.
- Home Chair Co., (company, officers, and employees), \$250.00.
- Grier Cotton Mills, (company and employees), \$150.00.
- Gordon Cotton Mills, (company and employees), \$152.50.

Among the workers in the residential district of North Wilkesboro, the following have completed their canvasses: Miss Lucille Pierce, Mrs. Hoyle Hutchens, Mrs. Guy Lillard, Mrs. C. C. Faw, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., Mrs. Cecil Hauss, Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mrs. Glenn McNeil, Mrs. William Marlow, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, Mrs. F. C. Forester, Mrs. Lewis Vickery, and Mrs. W. H. Duhling. The reports from the residential district have been encouraging.

Workers who have not completed their solicitation are urged to complete the work this week. Mrs. Gordon Finley is chairman of the North Wilkesboro canvassers for the residential district. Joe McCoy, chairman for the business district of North Wilkesboro, reports that his collectors have almost completed their work. A large number of business houses have given to the Red Cross 100 percent. Among those who are canvassing the business district are Pat Williams, R. M. Brame, Jr., Andrew Kilby, Bid Williams, (Continued on page eight)

IN NORTH AFRICA



Sgt. Wilford W. Bumgarner is somewhere in North Africa and is getting along fine, according to recent letters received by his wife. Sgt. Bumgarner is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bumgarner. He entered the service with the National Guard company here September 16, 1940, and trained at Fort Jackson and Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Will Observe World Day of Prayer 12th

Service Will Be Held At Town Hall at 1 o'Clock

Many services are planned in observance of World Day of Prayer Friday in this community.

Prayer services will be held Friday morning, ten o'clock in several homes of the city.

A short service will be conducted by the ministers of the city at the town hall at one o'clock, and at that time stores and business houses have planned to be closed so that employees may attend.

That service is sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary.

The closing service will be at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church at 2:30 and the public is invited to attend.

In Wilkesboro a service will be held at the Methodist church at 2:30.

Following are listed the homes and leaders for the prayer services Friday at ten a. m.:

The F. C. Forester home on D street, leader, Mrs. Myrtle Freedland; Gordon Hackett home on E street, with Mrs. Gordon Finley as the leader; R. M. Brame, Sr. home on Ninth street, leader, Mrs. J. F. Fletcher; Emmett C. Johnson home in Finley Park, leader, Mrs. Edd F. Gardner, and the P. J. Brame home on E street with Mrs. W. F. Jones as leader.

People attending these services are asked to go to the one nearest them.

Story Returns From Legislative Session

T. E. Story, Wilkes' representative in the General Assembly, returned last night from Raleigh, where the 1943 legislature adjourned yesterday after being in session two months.

Minton Infant Dies

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Triplett cemetery for Christine Minton, two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Minton, of Elk township. The child died Tuesday.

JOINS WAAC



Miss Eula Vannoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Vannoy, of the Daylo community, on Tuesday left for Daytona Beach, Florida, to begin training in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps. Miss Vannoy enlisted at Charlotte two weeks ago. Miss Vannoy is well known here. She graduated from Mae's School of Beauty Culture here in 1939 and held positions in Asheville, Taylorsville and Charlotte. She is also a former proprietor of Wilkes Beauty Shoppe in Wilkesboro.

First Baptist Plans Meeting April 5 to 16th

Dr. R. Paul Caudill Will Be The Guest Minister For Series

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist church in Asheville, will be the guest minister at the special series of evangelistic services which the First Baptist church is planning for the period during April 5-16. Formerly from Wilkes county, Dr. Caudill is well known by the people here. His visit to North Wilkesboro is anticipated with interest by many friends.

Dr. Caudill is pastor of one of the larger churches in Georgia. The Southern Baptist Convention is to meet at his church for the observance of its hundredth Anniversary in 1945.

Plan Nutrition Committee For Civilian Defense

Plans Being Developed To Reach Every Family With Nutrition Data

A meeting was held in the North Wilkesboro Town Hall on Monday afternoon, March 8, to complete the organization of the Nutrition Committee of the Civilian Defense.

The entire county program of food production, food conservation and utilization is being sponsored by this committee.

Plans are being developed for reaching every family in both town and county.

NOW OVERSEAS



Pfc. Jarvis Mathis, son of Mrs. Bertha Mathis and the late Myrtle Mathis, of Roaring River, route two, has arrived at an overseas destination, which was not disclosed in recent letters home. Pfc. Mathis said he was going along fine.

War Bond Quota Is \$62,945

War Bond Chairman Asked Increase Purchases

Wilkes county's war bond quota for March is \$62,945, J. R. Hix, war bond chairman for the county, said today.

Mr. Hix said that sale of war bonds during the first ten days of March has been lagging and urged greater activity during the remainder of the month in order that the quota may be met.

C. H. Robertson, collector of revenue for the federal government in North Carolina, informed Mr. Hix by letter of the amount of the March quota. Commenting on war bond sales in the state, Mr. Robertson said: "This is not time for slacking our efforts, but rather for a re-dedication and re-inspiration to the patriotic and truly noble task we have undertaken."

Mr. Hix said that war bond sales during February in Wilkes was satisfactory, and although he had not received the official treasury department report he believed that the quota of \$57,222 set for February had been reached.

Second Shipment of Discarded Hose Is Sent From Here

J. C. Penney Company Store Is Local Collection Depot For Vital Material

R. E. Gibbs, manager of the local J. C. Penney company store, said today that he had made the second shipment of discarded nylon and silk hosiery which ladies of this section have contributed to the war program.

The Penney store here was made collection depot and a large box was placed in the front of the store for depositing the old hose.

The material from the old hosiery is used for making powder bags and the need for more material of this kind is urgent. All are asked to give their discarded silk and nylon hosiery as early as possible.

The materials collected are shipped to the Defense Supplies Corporation.

Sheriff Poindexter Reports Good Tax Collection Year

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter's office today reported splendid collections of 1942 county taxes for the period including December 7th, 1942, up to and including March 10th, 1943.

The total amount paid by Wilkes taxpayers for the above-mentioned period which includes January, (the month just before the 1 per cent penalty is added to all unpaid county taxes), amounted to the huge sum of \$93,945.98.

While no definite figures were available this afternoon of tax collections for years prior to 1942, the office of County Accountant J. Mack Reeves reported that collections had been good.

Since early in 1942 40 per cent of top-grade sole leather has been reserved for the united States army.