

Prisoner Killed At Prison Camp Here On Sunday

Walter Hightower, Prisoner, Held For First Degree Murder Willie Bunker

Willie Bunker, age 20, colored prisoner from Mount Airy, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon at the state highway prison camp near here by Walter Hightower, age 38, colored prisoner whose home is in Greensboro.

Hightower, who has served six years of a 25 to 30 year sentence for second degree murder in Guilford county in 1939, used a dagger, which he had made from a tin, to stab Bunker seven times in the chest and killed him instantly.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, heard the testimony of witnesses and prison officials, and ordered Hightower held without bond for trial in the longest term of Wilkes court.

Witnesses testified that the killing occurred at the instant that the guards were being changed. Hightower approached Bunker, told him that he wanted to speak with him, placed his arm about Bunker and walked into the barracks. There other prisoners heard Hightower say, "I told you I was going to kill you," and he produced the self-made dagger and stabbed Bunker several times.

Prison officials said that evidently Hightower had made the dagger Sunday or only a short time previously, and had kept it concealed.

Sam Gilliam Dies In Action On Iwo Jima

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilliam, of Benham, were notified by the War Department Wednesday that their son, Sam Gilliam, was killed in action at Iwo Jima on March 16. He entered service in June, 1944, and had been overseas for the past six months. His wife is the former Miss Louise Childress. He is survived by his wife, three children, his parents, and several brothers and sisters.

Miss Elledge Dies In Newark Hospital

Funeral service for Miss Edna Helen Elledge, 28, who died Friday following an operation in a Newark, N. J., hospital, was held today, 2 p. m., at Mountain View Baptist church with Rev. A. B. Hayes in charge of the service.

Miss Elledge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Elledge, of Hays, Wilkes county, was employed in Newark when she became ill and underwent an operation. She was apparently well on the road to recovery when she died suddenly.

Surviving Miss Elledge are her parents, three brothers and one sister: Burleson Elledge, Hays; Mrs. Elmer Holbrook, Ashbers; Joe Dell Elledge, in the navy in the Pacific; John Sherman Elledge, Hays.

FAW VISITS HERE ST. SGT. CLAUDE

St. Sgt. Claude C. Faw, Jr., has returned to Fort Myers, Fla., after a visit here with his wife and infant daughter, Mary Carolyn, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Faw, St. Sgt. Faw is a member of the army air corps.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS: Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, and X5 will expire April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2, B2, C2, D2 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, will expire June 30; Red Stamps K2, L2, M2, N2, and P2 expire July 31.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2 will expire April 28; Blue Stamps H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, will expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2, P2, E2, R2, S2, will expire June 30; Blue Stamps T2, U2, V2, W2, X2 expire July 3.

SUGAR STAMP—35 will expire June 2. No new stamp will be validated until May 1st.

FUEL OIL — All coupons valued 10 gallons. Period 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 coupons for current heating season valid through current season.

GREASE—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

CLEAN-UP WEEK PROCLAIMED

Whereas, it has been customary to designate a week each spring as Clean-Up-Week and the annual events have been very much worthwhile in that good results have been obtained,

I, therefore, proclaim the week of April 2-7 as Clean-Up Week in North Wilkesboro and earnestly urge the co-operation of all the people to the end that North Wilkesboro may be one of the most attractive and wholesome cities in the country.

It is respectfully asked that Clean-Up Week be observed by a general clean-up of all premises in the city, and that all trash and rubbish be placed at convenient points for the town truck to pick it up.

It is also urged that paper and tin salvage be carried on in connection with Clean-Up Week. On behalf of the war effort, please save all scrap paper and cardboard and place it on the front porches of your homes in order that the town truck may pick it up on Wednesday. Tin cans from which food is taken should be prepared for salvage and kept until a canvass for tin is made.

Let us all co-operate in this endeavor and make next week the most successful Clean-Up Week in the history of North Wilkesboro.

R. T. McNIEL,
Mayor of North Wilkesboro.

Wounded In Germany



Pvt. R. Quentin Nichols was slightly wounded in action in Germany on March 8 according to a telegram received by his wife, the former Miss Ola McGlamery. A letter received from him stated that he had been removed to a hospital in England and was recovering. Pvt. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Don Nichols, of Purcell, entered the army August 16, 1944, received training at Camp Croft, S. C., and went overseas in January this year. He served in the infantry.

Boomer Grange Is Organized Tuesday

Organization meeting of the Boomer Grange was held at Boomer school Tuesday night with 20 charter members and indications that the number will be doubled at the next meeting, which will be held on April 16.

Pre-School Clinic Dates Announced In Wilkes County

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, has announced a schedule of pre-school clinics to be held at Wilkes schools during the next few weeks.

THIRD ARMY NOW WITHIN 157 MILES OF NAZI CAPITAL

Paris. — American 9th Army tanks joined forces with the U. S. 1st Army yesterday, snapping shut a trap on up to 50,000 Germans in the encircled Ruhr and capturing the rail center of Paderborn after a four-day battle. The U. S. 3rd Army pounding eight more miles along the road to Berlin reached within 157 miles of the Reich capital.

The junction of the 1st and 9th Army forces was made at Lippstadt, ten miles south of the great superhighway running from the Ruhr to Berlin, and 60 miles from Hannover. It came after a sensational break-through by the 9th which has now reached 75 miles east of the Rhine.

PVT. LONNIE DAVIS HOME FROM APOKIE

Pvt. Lonnie Davis has returned to Apokie where he is serving in the army after spending several days with relatives. Pvt. Davis was called home on account of the death of his father, Mr. Robert E. L. Davis, for a number of years a resident of the county.

Killed On Iwo Jima



Pvt. Wayne Martin Killed In Action On Iwo Jima March 8

Pvt. Wayne Martin, age 19, was killed in action on Iwo Jima on March 8.

News of the death was received Friday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, of Wilkesboro route one.

Pvt. Martin entered the marine corps on June 30, 1944, received training at Parris Island, S. C., Camp LeJeune, N. C., Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, California. He served with the Fourth Marine Division and went overseas during the latter part of November, 1944. He participated in the Iwo Jima invasion.

Surviving Pvt. Martin are his parents, one brother and six sisters: Mrs. D. S. Ingram, Knoxville; Mrs. Marshall Kinard, Lenoir; Worth Martin, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Clara Mangarner, Wilkesboro route one; Miss Aris Dean Martin, Houston, Texas; Mrs. C. B. Martin, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Martin, Charlotte.

Let's Do a Little Fighting On the Home Front Now

By MISS LUCY L. FINLEY

Have you noticed Jenkins Hardware Company's fine improvement above the entrance—and the fresh coat of paint on Rose's—and Pevrette's clean new doorways—and the Yaddin Valley's brick addition? Have you noticed Link Spainhour's pretty green lawn—Mrs. Perry's lovely lilac hedge—the row of dogwoods beside the Presbyterian church—Mrs. Chal Niel's beautiful flower garden—Bob Brame's and Mrs. J. D. Moore's colorful rock gardens, and a score of other lovely spots? And have you noticed the piles of trash and old cans and dirty papers here, there, and almost everywhere? Do you have a covered garbage can, and do you use it, or do you just dump out the scraps and peelings and trash any old place?

Every day as I walk along our streets and alleys, I pass just such piles of trash, and garbage, and now the flies have come, and I wonder what we can be thinking of to become so careless. Could you sleep nights if you knew that these same flies attracted by your scattered garbage were carrying polio germs to your children, or your neighbor's children? Already several cases have been reported in North Carolina. Do you know that we have a town ordinance forbidding you to throw out this garbage, which also requires you to put it in a suitable covered container? Do you know that you will be reported this very week, to our town sanitary officer, if you do not have such a container?

Let's beat him to first base. Let's clean up this town by every store-keeper, every factory, and every householder starting at our own doors and cleaning all around our places. What if you didn't put it there—you are guilty if you leave it there. If you need help, or advice, go to any member of our board of town commissioners or Chief Walker. They will do their part. Let's do ours. Let's start a fight on the home front, against filth, and dirt, and disease; and let's start today.

The requirements of our armed forces are growing. There will be a little less meat, lard, fats and sugar but nothing to get alarmed about. There will be a wholesome diet for everyone, says WFA.

Both Boards Sent Groups of Men To Induction Center

Both selective service boards in Wilkes today sent groups of men to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations. These groups from Wilkes were as follows:

- BOARD NO. 1
- George Anderson.
 - James Paul Mahaffey.
 - James Austin Hinton.
 - William Edgie Church.
 - Charles Gwyn Nichols.
 - Norwood Moore Segraves.
 - Willie Deiton Ayers.
 - Franklin Curtis Hamby.
 - Leander Glenn Wilco.
 - Don W. Howell.
 - Robert Parks Wallace.
 - Charles Wright.
 - Bob Wilson Johnson.
 - George Conrad Swain.
 - R. Don Watson.
 - Willie Fosse Foster.
 - Lester Johnson.
 - Jay Franklin Jones.
 - Willie Call.
 - Lacy Howard Huffman.
 - Charlie Ray Williams.
 - Roy James Marley.
 - Homer Wilson Holman.
 - Arvis Clarence Hamby.
 - James Ruffin Triplett, Jr.
 - Claude Melton Anderson.
 - Alfred Hadley.
 - Edison Hall.
 - Gray Harris.
 - William Wesley Griffith.
 - Osborne Cappy Leakford.
 - James Leslie Rhodes.
 - Roger Sidney Franklin.
 - Louise Willard Williams.
 - Fred Walter Brooks.
 - Magnum Willard Billings.
 - Lee Roy Martin.
 - Albert Matthew Frazier.
 - Harvey Weston Parks.
 - Dallas Leakford Watson.
 - James Clark Chambers.
 - James Charles Swain.
 - John Hines Ogle.
 - Richard Jack Anderson.
 - Orville Smith McNeil.
 - Ray Gerald Hester.
 - Samuel Hester.
 - Ray Hester.
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Warren McHone Dies of Wounds in Action in Germany

Pfc. Warren F. McHone died on March 1, according to official message received by his wife, the former Miss Edith Howard, of North Wilkesboro.

Pfc. McHone entered the army March 22, 1943, trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and went overseas in June, 1944. He was awarded the purple heart for wounds received in action in England until he returned to his company in January. He served with the 60th Infantry of the Ninth division in the First army.

Pfc. McHone graduated from North Wilkesboro High school in 1942 and before entering the army was employed by American Furniture company in North Wilkesboro. He was a member of the Hinshaw Street Baptist church in North Wilkesboro.

In addition to his wife and father, R. S. McHone, Pfc. McHone is survived by the following brothers and sisters: R. S. McHone, Jr., now serving in the infantry in the Philippines; Mildred, Tom and Mary Wilkes McHone, all at home, and his step-mother, Mrs. R. S. McHone, who is a patient at the Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain.

Local Youth Casualty of Action on Western Front; Died March 3

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Red Cross Funds Exceed 1944 Total

\$22,604.69 Total To Date in Drive in Wilkes County

Red Cross War Fund in Wilkes county reached \$22,604.69 during the campaign with a few miscellaneous returns yet to come in, Rev. Howard J. Ford, War Fund chairman, said today.

The amount raised to date exceeds the \$19,400 quota by \$3,204.69, and is a few hundred dollars in excess of the record amount contributed by people of the county in the 1944 Red Cross campaign.

Thanking everybody who assisted in the campaign and all who made contributions, Chairman Ford reported the division totals to date as follows: Special Gifts committees, \$3,734.03; Industrial, \$1,434.39; North Wilkesboro business district, \$2,578.07; North Wilkesboro residential district, \$1,204.10; Wilkesboro business district, \$294.65; Wilkesboro residential district, \$740.25; colored division, \$230.60; rural communities, \$5,216.88; miscellaneous donations, \$116.50.

The Red Cross organization appreciates the fine co-operation and work of the part of the following campaign chairmen and workers in the Wilkesboro and in all townships in the county:

- Special Gifts Committees: F. W. Eshelman, J. E. Hix and R. G. Finley.
- Industrial Committee: Messrs. [names listed]
- North Wilkesboro Business District: A. F. Kilby, chairman; J. M. Anderson, J. M. Eller, H. A. Canter, O. K. Pope, W. A. Hardister, Frank Crow, J. E. Walker, F. D. Forester, W. D. Halfacre, Maurice Walsh, W. J. Bason, W. A. Brame, Ira D. Payne, R. E. Gibbs, G. R. Andrews, Charles Jenkins, R. J. McNeil, W. C. McNeil, N. S. Forester, H. L. Keller, Jack Swofford, Worth Tomlinson, John Prevette, I. F. Foster, Robt. Gibbs, Sr., Dr. J. S. Deans, J. C. Reins, W. G. Gabriel, Dudley Hill, J. B. McCoy, R. M. Brame, Jr., Paul Cashion.
- North Wilkesboro Residential District: Mrs. Gordon Finley, chairman; Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Tam Shumaker, Mrs. J. D. Schaefer, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. Thurman Kenerly, Mrs. F. B. Hethcock, Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, Miss Joanna McNeil, Mrs. W. R. Newton, Margaret V. Pearson, Mrs. Hoyle Hutchens, Mrs. Irey Moore, Mrs. Claude Faw, Mrs. Guy Lillard, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. Bruce Waugh, Miss Lucille Pierce, Mrs. Emma Hinshaw, Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Hazel Taylor, Mrs. W. A. Hardister, Mrs. Duane Church, Mrs. Ruby Bason, Mrs. C. L. Gibson, Mrs. F. C. Forester, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. John Leysdon, Mrs. H. F. Bouknight, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., Mrs. Margaret Coffey.
- Wilkesboro Business District: Dr. M. G. Edwards, chairman; George Johnson, Miss Clyde Shepherd, Howard Ford, Wm. T. Long, George Parlier. (Each industry appointed its own workers.)
- Wilkesboro Residential District: Mrs. Hadley Hayes, chairman; Mrs. Claude Kennedy, Mrs. Arthur Lowe, Mrs. Ruth Story, Mrs. H. H. Dotson, Mrs. William Prevette, Frances R. Mitchell, Mrs. Robert L. Huffman, Mrs. J. M. Derr, Jr., Mrs. Julius Hubbard, Paul F. Clontz, Mrs. Joe Barber, Glenn Green, Frances Dunn, Rev. Howard Ford.
- Colored District: J. R. Edelin, chairman. The colored lists have not been completed and will be published at a later date.
- Rural Division: C. B. Eller, chairman.
- Antioch township: Miss Florence Mathis, chairman; Mrs. Thomas Mathis, Mrs. Eva S. Mathis, Mrs. R. C. Segraves, Velma Johnson Annie Lee Johnson.
- Beaver Creek: Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, chairman; Mrs. Lexie Walsh, Mrs. Vilas Walsh, Mrs. S. F. Miller.
- Boomer: Miss Eva German, chairman; Jewell and Mary Ellen Greer, John Avery Russell, Mrs. Orville Smith, Mrs. Fred Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. German, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swanson, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Marie Ger-

MARINES AND DOUGHBOYS DRIVE THREE MILES INLAND

Guam. — American doughboys and marines landed on Okinawa Island, southern gateway to the Japanese homeland, Easter Sunday morning, quickly secured 8 miles of beaches and by nightfall pushed inland to a depth of three miles at some points.

Undoubtedly surprised as to the place of invasion, the 60,000 to 80,000 Japanese defenders of Okinawa—only 325 miles south of Kyushu in the Central Ryukyus—offered only desultory resistance throughout the day.

American casualties were surprisingly light. Landings were made a few miles north of Naha, the capital city, on Western Okinawa.

Preinvasion heavy bombardment had been made on the east coast. Possibly 100,000 Americans which formed a new 10th U. S. Army under Lieut. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., landed against only small arms fire on the beaches. Later, the Nipponese sporadically dropped some mortar and artillery fire in the beach areas, but their guns were silenced by supporting warships gunfire or carrier planes bombs.

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