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## Colored Man Is Sentenced To Die Jan. 1

Walter Hightower, colored prisoner convicted in Wilkes court Friday for the dagger murder of William Bunker, another prisoner, at the state highway prison camp here April 1, was sentenced by Judge William H. Bobbitt to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh January 1.

Hightower, whose home was in Greensboro, began his prison career with a four-year term for manslaughter. Since that time he has killed three other prisoners making a total of four. At the time he killed Bunker here April 1 he was serving an accumulative sentence of 30 years on murder charges.

Witnesses said that Hightower killed Bunker, a Mount Airy negro, at the time the guards were changed at the camp here on Sunday afternoon, April 1. They saw Hightower place his arm around Bunker, walk with him into the barracks, heard him say, "I told you I was going to kill you," and produced a dagger from under his clothes and stabbed Bunker seven times in the chest. He died instantly. It developed that Hightower had fashioned the dagger from a file.

Will Harris, colored, convicted of second degree murder for the death of Paul Bailey, local colored man, near here December 23, was sentenced to 12 to 15 years in the penitentiary.

## Take 3 Prisoners To State Prison

Three prisoners were taken Saturday to the state penitentiary in Raleigh.

They were: Walter Hightower, sentenced to die in the gas chamber January 1 for the murder of William Bunker; Roy Osborne, to serve a sentence of 20 to 25 years for the murder of his brother, Tom Osborne; Will Harris, to serve 12 to 15 years for the murder of Paul Bailey.

The prisoners were carried by Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, accompanied by Arthur Holbrook, S. U. Reynolds and Bill Russell.

## Presley Myers Is Head of K. of P.

Officers Are Installed; Ivey Moore and Richard Johnston Talk To Club.

The new officers for 1945-46 took charge of the D. O. K. K. Club meeting for August. The meeting took place in the K. of P. Lodge Hall last Thursday night. The newly installed officers are Presley Myers, president; J. C. Reins, vice-president; W. C. Marlow, secretary; J. Q. Adams, treasurer; and J. O. Emerson, bawzooka. Carlyle Ingle, chairman of the Arrangements Committee, was in charge of the dinner hour, at which time a bountiful chicken dinner was served.

A. C. Chamberlain, program chairman, presented two recently returned service men, R. Ivey Moore and Richard B. Johnston. Both the speakers presented very interestingly their discussions, using the topic, "The Ex-Service Man and His Plans For The Peace." Mr. Moore, who served in the navy, and Mr. Johnston, who served in the air corps, each pointed out the heavy obligations which weigh on every citizen to do his utmost to preserve those principles of freedom and democracy upon which the foundations of world peace are laid. They issued a challenge to those present to bend every effort to make this town and county an even better place in which to live.

The committees for the coming year, as announced by President Presley Myers, are: Finance, Paul Osborne, A. A. Cashion and J. S. Gilbreath. Attendance, J. B. Carter, George Kennedy and Vernon Deal. Program, A. C. Chamberlain, M. E. McNeill and Clifford Moore. Arrangements, Carlyle Ingle, J. C. Gambill, Allie Hayes and G. S. Hunt. Activities, Paul Cashion, Paul Church, Frank Blair and Worth Tomlinson. Publicity, Paul S. Cragan, T. E. Story and Carr Dancy. Membership, R. H. Shell, W. K. Stardivant, Leonard Vyne and N. B. Forester, Jr.

A son was born Saturday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Galt, of North Wilkesboro.

## Gets Bronze Star



Sgt. Hal Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Church, of Champion, and husband of the former Miss Margaret McGee, of this city, has been awarded the bronze star for heroic action on the western front. Sgt. Church has also been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

## Faculty List For City Schools Is Announced Here

Three Vacancies To Be Filled; Schools To Open September 3rd.

The faculty list for the North Wilkesboro City Schools was released today from the office of Supt. Paul S. Cragan. The 1945-46 school term will open on Monday, September 3. Customary holidays will be observed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. The term is scheduled to close on May 24.

Three faculty vacancies remain to be filled. Superintendent Cragan stated that on August 1 all positions had been filled, but that resignations during the past three weeks have created the present vacancies. Places now open are those of athletic director, Bible teacher and one elementary teacher.

Teachers now employed for the 1945-46 term are:

Elementary: Cora E. Ingram, Lena E. Long, Betty Smith, Elizabeth Finley, Sallie Outlaw, Mrs. Carrie Mae Yoder Price, Etta Turner, Mrs. Susie H. Williams, Marie Halgood, Ruby Blackburn, Hazel Taylor, Mabel Hendren, Lucile Young, Myra Sale, Myrtle Tuttle, and Nonie Gordon.

High School: Mrs. Elizabeth L. Horton, Mrs. Ena A. Taylor, Mrs. Vivian R. Morris, Mrs. Emma B. Day, Inez Wilson, Mary Spear and Eva Bingham.

## Boys Must Register On 18th Birthday

According to instructions received by local Selective Service boards, all male persons still must register for Selective Service on their 18th birthday.

Latest instructions since surrender of Japan are to the effect that no person over 25 years of age is to be drafted, although volunteers over 25 may be accepted.

## Mrs. Robert Gibbs Is Named Director Of Girl Scout Work

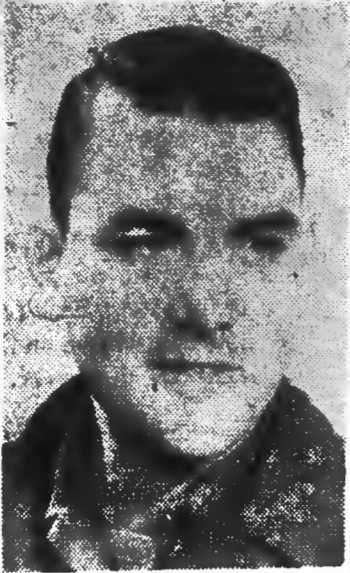
Girl Scout Commissioner, Mrs. Claude Doughton, is happy to announce that Mrs. R. S. Gibbs has been secured as director of the Girl Scout organization for the Wilkesboros during 1945-46.

Mrs. Gibbs' training and experience make her well qualified for her position. She is an experienced camp director. The strong Girl Scout organization in Hendersonville was organized by Mrs. Gibbs.

It is very important that all business from last year be completed before the officers begin a new year's work. Therefore, all leaders are asked to meet together this week for that purpose. Each will be notified of the day and hour.

Plans are being made for a successful year in Girl Scouting for the Wilkesboros. Announcements will be made for all activities.

## Decorated



Staff Sergeant Richard W. Eichelberger, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Eichelberger, of Wilkesboro, is now home on 30-day furlough after serving with the 5th division in England, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. He participated in three campaigns and was awarded the bronze star and infantryman's badge.

## R. A. Doughton Dies In Sparta

Former Lieutenant Governor Was President Of The Northwestern Bank.

Sparta. — North Carolina's "grand old man of the mountains," Rufus A. Doughton, died unexpectedly at his home here Friday. He was 90 years old.

"Governor Rufe" had just eaten breakfast with his family and was reading his morning paper when the fatal attack struck him. His health had not been good in recent years, but there was no warning that the end was near.

Doughton, older brother of Congressman Robert L. Doughton, the sponsor of the Home Opponents of Public Service reaching far back into the last century.

He had served 13 terms in the North Carolina legislature, was lieutenant-governor (from which office he derived the "Governor Rufe" cognomen), state revenue commissioner, and chairman of the state highway commission.

Good Roads Advocate. He played a leading role in the good roads movement in this state which came to fruition under the governorship of Cameron Morrison when North Carolina set the pace for the south and most of the country by embarking upon a \$50,000,000 paved highway program.

As a member of the legislature, Doughton introduced the bill to create the system and led the successful fight for its adoption.

The tall, raw-boned Doughton started his career as a lawyer in this mountain town. He went to the legislature and in 1891 he was speaker of the house. From 1893 to 1897 he presided over the senate as lieutenant governor.

After creation of the state highway commission, he represented this district, and he was instrumental in having good roads brought to this previously isolated region of the state, sometimes referred as "the lost provinces."

Later came his service as revenue commissioner and highway department head. In addition to his public career, Doughton was active and successful in law and business affairs, and was an outstanding civic leader in his home community. He was president of The Northwestern Bank, which has its home office in North Wilkesboro, and branches in several towns in the northwest part of the state.

Some few years ago his services for the highway cause were recognized when a group of citizens from Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina held a meeting especially to pay tribute to him in person.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Parks Doughton; a son, Kemp Doughton, now a Baltimore lawyer; and a daughter, Mrs. Sidney Thomas, of Sparta.

In addition to "Farmer Bob," the congressman, his survivors also include a brother, Frank, of Laurel Springs; and two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Carson, of Sparta; and Mrs. Miller, of Laurel Springs.

Funeral was held at Sparta Methodist church at 11 a. m. Sunday, with burial in Shiloh cemetery.

This year's spring pig crop was seven per cent smaller than in 1944 but 12 per cent larger than the average for 1932-43.

# Chamber of Commerce Here Proposed; Need For Industrial Sites Explained

## Race Problem Is Subject Speaker At Lions Meeting

Dr. David E. Browning Delivers Address Before The Lions Club Friday.

Dr. David E. Browning, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered a most interesting address Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions club.

Subject of Dr. Browning, who was presented to the club by Flake Cooke, was "The Crisis of Color." He discussed the subject from the standpoint of moral and religious standards and declared that the white race must treat the matter as a moral problem or must pay a terrible price for continued supremacy. He discussed in a most thought-provoking manner the causes for racial prejudice and antagonism.

Dr. Browning stated that "impending doom awaits the white man if he does not treat other races according to the moral standards of God."

At the meeting Friday evening Mrs. David E. Browning was the guest of C. E. Jenkins, Jr. Sgt. W. Blair Gwyn, who was a member of the club before entering service and who is now home on furlough after many months service in Europe, was a guest of the club.

## Church Board Meet

Board of Education of the First Methodist church will meet Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, at the parsonage.

## Boomer Grange To Meet Wednesday

Boomer Grange will meet Wednesday, August 22, 8 p. m. It is very important for all members to be present.

## DISCUSSES THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

Manila.—A Japanese surrender mission of six high ranking officers returned to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Manila's battle-scarred city hall today for a second meeting on plans for sending a powerful Allied army of occupation to the Japanese homeland.

At the first meeting, it was believed that MacArthur's aides received information from the Japanese on the layout of mine fields in Japanese waters and the conditions of Japanese ports and airfields where air-borne troops will soon be landing.

That meeting continued until 2:45 a. m. today, and the Japanese envoys returned at 9:30 a. m., little less than seven hours later. It was presumed that arrangements for the formal surrender were to be discussed at the second meeting.

## Home On Leave



Wade T. Walsh, seaman first class, who has just returned from the Pacific, is spending a 14-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walsh, of Star Route, Wilkesboro. Seaman Walsh entered service in June, 1944, and received boot training at Camp Peary, Va.

## POTEAT BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Poteat, of North Wilkesboro, Route Three, are in service. Cpl. Coy R. Poteat, left, entered service in September, 1943. He has served 16 months in France, Italy, and is now in Germany. His wife and two small sons, Charles and Edward, are now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, of Union Grove. Glenn W. Poteat, seaman first class, right, entered service in June, 1943, and has had much sea duty in the European theatre. He returned to the States in June, spent a ten-day leave at home, returned to his ship and is now serving in the Pacific.

## Superintendents Of Schools Tell Vaccination Law

Smallpox and Diphtheria Vaccinations Required For School Children.

Commenting on the opening of the county schools today and on plans for opening of city schools on September 3, County Superintendent C. B. Eller and City Superintendent Paul S. Cragan stated that the new laws relative to vaccinations would be strictly adhered to during the current school term.

The superintendents pointed out that the recent session of the state legislature passed laws making it compulsory that beginning with the present school term no child is to be admitted to the public schools who has not been vaccinated against smallpox and diphtheria.

Previous statements issued from the State Board of Health and the County Health Department have called attention to this new provision. The full cooperation of parents having children attending the public school has been requested.

It is further pointed out that these vaccinations are available at the office of the Wilkes County Health Department or may be obtained at the office of any practicing physician.

Smallpox and diphtheria have been practically eliminated in North Carolina in the past few years through vaccination. Both these diseases can be completely eliminated through observance of this new law.

Superintendents Eller and Cragan further stated that they are certain that they will have one hundred per cent cooperation in this measure from the parents of school children just as they have always had in similar measures affecting the health of the people of Wilkes county and North Wilkesboro.

## Big Auction Land Sale On Thursday

The 159-acre farm owned by Mrs. F. D. Forester, Sr., and located in Rock Creek township, one mile off highway 268, east of this city, will be sold at auction Thursday, August 23, 2 p. m.

Penny Brothers, the world's original twin auctioneers, will conduct the sale. This splendid farm has been sub-divided into small tracts most suitable for country homes and small farms and will be sold at the buyer's own price. The farm is the former W. D. Woodruff property and is near good churches and schools and is in a good community.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

## Perry, Williams, Halfacre Address Kiwanians Here

Need For Jobs For Returning Veterans Outlined At Club Meeting.

A most constructive program was carried out Friday noon at the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club meeting.

Based on the theme of community progress, the need for an active Chamber of Commerce and means to provide jobs and opportunities for returning veterans was ably stressed by the speakers.

The program was in charge of W. E. Jones, who first presented T. L. Perry, veterans' placement interviewer for the Employment Service office located here.

Mr. Perry explained that jobs are sought for 12 million returning veterans. Many of these, he said, will return home with better skills and will expect and deserve better jobs and business opportunities than before the war.

J. B. Williams was presented, and he set forth the great need for an active and energetic Chamber of Commerce for North Wilkesboro. "North Wilkesboro at the Crossroads" was his subject, and he pointed out that in behalf of progress and especially to secure industries and opportunities for returning veterans, North Wilkesboro must have an active Chamber of Commerce organization. He estimated the total cost of a Chamber of Commerce at \$10,000 annually, and suggested that a mass meeting be called to form such an organization under way.

W. D. Halfacre concluded the program, speaking briefly and effectively. He said that during the past several years many persons interested in locating industries at North Wilkesboro have made inquiries, and some have visited here, only to find that no suitable factory sites are available. He stated that the first problem to be solved is making available suitable industrial sites, and proposed that the county home farm be subdivided into small tracts to be sold by the county for use exclusively for industries, and that a railroad spur be constructed to the property if necessary.

Thirty industrial sites of five acres each, he said, could be made available. He predicted that if the property is utilized for industrial development the county's taxable valuation could be doubled in five years time.

The program was well received by the club. In the business session, prior to the program, the club unanimously endorsed Marion Allen, of Elkin, for governor of the Carolinas division of Kiwanis next year.

C. C. Sidden, member of the club, and also a member of the board of county commissioners, spoke briefly relative to a school improvement program proposed by C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, at a recent meeting. He presented a financial statement relative to Wilkes county's expenditures and indebtedness for schools. The county's tax rate now is \$1.38 and an addition of 87 cents, making a total of \$2.25, would be necessary to finance the \$1,118,181 building program proposed, he said.

Guests at the meeting Friday were as follows: W. Capus White, of Raleigh, with J. B. McCoy; Dwight Nichols, with J. B. Williams; T. L. Perry, with W. E. Jones; Mr. Whitaker, with Paul Vestal.

## Rev. Ralph Miller Conducting Revival In Tent, Wilkesboro

Rev. Ralph Miller, who conducted a successful tent revival in Wilkesboro last year, has again pitched his tent in Wilkesboro across the street from Coble Dairy Products Company plant and will begin a revival Thursday night, August 23, 8 o'clock. Special singing will be a feature of every service and the public is cordially invited to attend.

A custard sauce, served at room temperature, tastes sweeter than the same sauce made into frozen custard.

## Important Meeting Juniors On Tuesday

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order will meet Tuesday evening 8 o'clock, for degree work and to consider important matters pertaining to the Lexington Home. All members, and especially the degree team, are urged to be present.

## Roaring River Home To Meet August 24th

Roaring River Home Demonstration club will meet with Mrs. J. N. Brewer on Friday, August 24, 8 p. m. All are invited and are asked to carry watermelons to the meeting.

## Three Land Sales Ferris & Johnson

Ferris & Johnson, well-known land auction firm, will conduct three sales this week. The first one will be at Sparta on Wednesday at 4 p. m., when a beautiful rock house and tourist court and four acres of land will be sold. This desirable property is located on Highway 21.

On Saturday, August 25, two 5-room modern homes and several nice residential lots, owned by C. P. McNeill, will be sold at 2 p. m. This property is located near the city on highway 16.

On the same day—Saturday—at 4:30 p. m., about nine acres of land, sub-divided into beautiful residential lots, will also be sold. This property is located near Moravian Falls on Highways 16-18, and is owned by J. S. Steelman. Cash prizes and war bonds will be given away at each of these sales.

## Rescue Teams Find Hero of Corregidor Safe In Manchuria

Chanking—Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. (Skinny) Wainwright, gallant 61-year-old hero of Corregidor Rock, has been found safe and well by a rescue team of Americans who parachuted deep into Japanese territory in Manchuria, it was announced yesterday.

In addition to Wainwright hundreds of other American prisoners of war were located by rescue teams undertaking dangerous missions into Japanese operational areas in Manchuria and Northern China.

These hundreds of Americans, whose names were not yet known, were found in several prisoner of war camps. "Pandemonium" broke loose at each camp as the so-called "humanitarian" teams dropped from the skies, said Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, U. S. Commander in China.