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CLAUDE ABSHER SENTENCED TO DIE SEPT. 27

C. OF C. COMMITTEE PLANS FOR STADIUM, LIGHTS, BLEACHERS FOR ATHLETIC FIELD THIS CITY

RECREATION AND CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DISCUSS PLANS AND MEANS OF RAISING ESTIMATED \$15,000 NECESSARY; PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL SOUGHT FOR NEXT YEAR.

A joint meeting of the Recreation and the Civic Affairs committees of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce was held Monday to plan for erecting lights and stands at the fairgrounds athletic field. Chairman Joe McCoy of the Civic Affairs committee presided. Present at the meeting were G. R. Andrews, chairman of the Chamber Recreation Committee, Arthur Venable, W. J. Bason, W. B. Somers, C. J. Swafford, W. R. Newton, and Richard Finley.

Mr. McCoy stated that the estimated cost of the necessary lights and stands would be \$15,000. He also said that this area had the best of everything except good wholesome recreation for every member of the family, and these chamber committees had

NORTH WILKESBORO WINS FIRST GAME 15 TO 9 OVER THOMASVILLE STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

With a barrage of home runs the North Wilkesboro softball team defeated Thomasville 15 to 9 in the first round of the state softball tournament in Greensboro Wednesday night.

Batting power of the North Wilkesboro team was evidenced in the first inning when five runs crossed the plate, but Thomasville came back to score four. North Wilkesboro then increased the lead to 8 to 4 and Thomasville continued the scoring until the count was knotted 8-8 in the eighth inning.

Roy Forehand came to bat with two on base and smashed one out of the park to take the game out of the fire. Earlier in the game Mike Williams, who was the batting star for the night, had sent three homers out of the park and Ernest Eller had one circuit smash. It was truly a big night for the North Wilkesboro sluggers, who hit the ball all over and out of Glenwood Park. Crews hurled the game for North Wilkesboro.

News of the victory in the first game was received here gleefully by softball fans. With the first game jitters behind them, the North Wilkesboro team was expected to play a fine game today against Gaston county team at one o'clock in the Memorial stadium in Greensboro.

If successful today, North Wilkesboro will play the highly rated Canton team in the third round of the tournament Friday.

Other opening day scores in the tournament, which will decide the state softball championship, were: Salisbury 3, Reidsville 0; Halifax county 8, Mount Airy 3; Iredell 4, Wilson 2; Wake county 12, Rowan county 3; Greensboro Coca-Cola 13, Roxboro 2; Henderson 10, Burlington 0; Elkin (Chatham) 19, Sanford 3.

Four Wilkes Boys Are Selected For Boys' State Week

Four Wilkes county boys have been selected by a committee of the Wilkes post of the American Legion to attend Boys State at Chapel Hill September 1 to 8.

The boys selected for the week of citizenship training were: Gordon Finley, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, of North Wilkesboro; Buddy Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius O. Hubbard, of Wilkesboro; Max Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Turner, of near Millers Creek; E. C. Yale, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Yale, of Hays.

Wilkes Post of the Legion, as part of the post's program in the interest of Americanism and citizenship, is providing the week at Boys State for the four boys without cost to them. The committee making the selections was composed of L. M. Nelson, Gordon Finley and R. Ivey Moore.

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Journal-Patriot Is To Be Featured In WSJS News Review

The Journal-Patriot, with other selected papers in northwestern North Carolina, will be featured in a new radio program entitled "News This Week In Northwestern North Carolina," which will be broadcast every Saturday, 12:45 p. m., over radio station WSJS in Winston-Salem. The new radio feature is under direction of F. O. Carver, Jr., news editor of WSJS.

Fruit Growers To Join In Marketing By National Group

Local Producers Contracting With American Fruit Growers, Inc.

Carolina Refrigeration Cooperative Association and a number of prominent fruit growers in Wilkes have joined the American Fruit Growers Association, Inc., for the purpose of marketing their fruit.

Directors of the Co-op, with a number of fruit growers, met Wednesday night in the office of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce to hear the marketing plan of the American Fruit Growers Association explained by Mr. Carpenter, of the association's main offices at Hagerstown, Md.

All fruit growers in this immediate section of the state are asked to attend a meeting to be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro town hall, at which time the marketing plan will be further explained to the growers and they will be given the opportunity to sign contracts to participate.

Services to be rendered the growers includes a systematic apple spray program, grading facilities, equipment and supervision.

State Council Of Juniors to Meet August 20 and 21

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the State Council of North Carolina, Junior Order United American Mechanics will be held at High Point, N. C., Aug. 20 and 21; with headquarters at the Sheraton Hotel.

The session will be officially opened, Tuesday 20, at 2 p. m. in the ballroom of the hotel headquarters; second session will be held in the Sam F. Vance Auditorium at the Lexington Childrens Home at Lexington, N. C. Preceding the official opening session the degree of the Order will be exemplified in a Class Initiation to be held at the session headquarters; Monday 19, at 8 p. m.

Among the distinguished National Council Officers expected to attend will be, William H. Murphey, National Councilor and James L. Wilmeth, National Secretary.

Clyde R. Greene, State Councilor, states that very important business of the Order is to be attended to this year and that he anticipates the attendance to be among the largest in the history of the order in North Carolina.

Marriage License

Marriage license were issued during the past week by Wilkes' Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster to 11 couples as follows: Edsel Ford Carter and Mary Etta Wood, both of Elkin; Charlie Howard Lyon and Mildred Juanita Poteat, both of Elkin; Joseph C. Bumgarner and Anna Dale Howell, both of West Jefferson; Oscar Willis Tucker, Ronda, and Juanita Ella Pardue, Roaring River; Marcus Shumate and Martha Saunders, both of Ferguson; Romilms Laws, North Wilkesboro, and Iva Lee Russell, Pores Knob; Kenny Goodman and Rena Jones, both of West Jefferson; Charlie R. Sprinkle, Winston-Salem, and Ruby Mae Colbert, Jonesville; Clifton Allen, and Ruby Craven, both of Waggoner; Odie Blevins, Grassy Creek, and Maxine Roupe, Crumpler.

Heads V. A. Office



L. Harold Yountz Is Now Manager V. A. Office Here

L. Harold Yountz, of Winston-Salem, has succeeded Ralph E. Goodale as manager of the local Veterans Administration Contact Office located in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building.

Mr. Goodale who has been manager of the local office since it opened here in March, has been transferred to the Regional Office in Winston-Salem, as a Registration Officer in the Vocational Education and Rehabilitation Division. Mr. Yountz has been connected with the local Veterans Administration office as a Contact Representative since June 20th. He came here from the Regional Office where he attended the Contact Representative school for 2 months and is well qualified to advise and assist veterans with their problems concerning veterans affairs.

Mr. Yountz extends a cordial invitation to all veterans to bring their problems to his office regardless of how large or small they may be, and assures all veterans that they will receive personal attention as well as prompt and courteous service. "We are here to render the best possible service to the veterans and I shall see to it that this is done."

Mr. Yountz also announced that the bill liberalizing provisions of National Service Life Insurance has been passed and that information concerning same is available at his office. The Veterans Administration office is now prepared to convert National Service Life Insurance to any permanent plan a veteran may desire including endowment policies. He also announced a change of days for his itinerant contact service to veterans in Elkin, N. C. He will now be in the Elkin City Hall on Wednesday and Saturday of each week instead of Tuesday and Thursday as has been the case.

Maurice Walsh To Be Temporary Postmaster Here

Maurice Walsh, well known young business man here, has received appointment as temporary postmaster for the North Wilkesboro postoffice and will assume that position September 1.

Will Succeed J. C. Reins September 1; Examination To Be Called

Mr. Walsh will succeed Postmaster J. C. Reins, who tendered his resignation some time ago after 12 and one-half years as postmaster. It is expected that the Civil Service commission will call for an examination to fill the position in the near future.

Legion Meets Tonight

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet tonight, 7:30, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. All members and other ex-service men are asked to attend.

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Industrial Group Wilkes Chamber Commerce Meets

Southern Railway Industrial Division Invited To Assist This City

J. R. Hix, chairman of the Wilkes Chamber's Industrial Committee, announced today that his committee had invited the Southern Railway Industrial Division to send a man to North Wilkesboro to assist his committee in locating new industries in Wilkes County.

Meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce office were the following members of the Industrial Development committee: J. R. Hix, Vernon Deal, R. S. Gibbs, J. B. Carter, A. F. Kilby, and Mayor R. T. McNeil.

The committee authorized Chamber Secretary-Manager Forrest E. Jones to develop an up-to-date survey so that all factors pertaining to the location of new industries here might be readily available to interested parties. Chairman Hix appointed Mayor McNeil and J. B. Carter to assist.

After a discussion of trade expositions, the committee decided to make the window of the Chamber of Commerce office, Call Hotel Building, available for local industry for a small scale exposition display. Plans are being made by A. F. Kilby and Forrest Jones for the full utilization of this window space to show the residents of Wilkes county what is being produced in our county.

Big Tent Meeting At Millers Creek

The tent revival at Millers Creek is going fine. Large crowds are attending the services. Many have made professions of faith. "There is more conviction on the people than seen in years," says the evangelist, H. G. Clayton. There will be an all-day service Sunday; morning service at 10:30 a. m. Picnic dinner at noon; afternoon service at 3:00 p. m., and evening service at 8:00 p. m. "Come and bring a well filled basket and stay all day."

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors Conference will meet in August session Monday, August 19, at Reins-Sturdivant chapel in this city.

Rev. J. G. Huffman will open the program at ten a. m. with devotional, followed by a discussion of Baptist Doctrine by Rev. W. N. Brookshire. Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek, a guest minister, will deliver the morning inspirational message.

Bill Mitchell Is To Practice Law Here

William G. Mitchell, of Leaksville and North Wilkesboro, has been granted license to practice law and will enter the law office of his uncle, Attorney Eugene Trivette, in this city on September 1.

Church of Brethren Revival Is Starting

Revival services will begin tonight at the Church of the Brethren located up Reddies River about 1 mile. Services each night at 8:00 o'clock. Conducted by Rev. J. E. Jackson, of Guin, Va.

Power To Be Off In Western Part County at Times

Beginning Monday, August 19, and continuing for several days, electric power will be off for approximately two hours each morning and two hours in the afternoon on the lines west of Williams Motor company on highway 421 and all lines branching off from that line into various communities in the western part of the county.

The interruptions are necessary in order to increase capacity of the lines and to make repairs which will result in better service.

Postmasters Two Districts Are To Meet On Saturday

Eighth and Ninth congressional districts of the National Association of Postmasters will meet in North Wilkesboro on Saturday, August 17.

J. C. Reins, North Wilkesboro postmaster who is handling arrangements for the meeting, said that a business session will be held at four p. m. and a banquet meeting will be held at 6:30 at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

Field House Now Being Erected On Wilkesboro Field

Under direction of R. E. Caldwell, Wilkesboro high school athletic coach, a field house is being erected on the school's athletic field.

With dimensions of 20 by 50, the field house will be of concrete construction and will have adequate facilities for use by athletic teams.

Coach Caldwell and Boys Erecting Field House On Athletic Field

The construction work is being done by Coach Caldwell and a squad of high school boys.

The field house is one of several projects planned by the newly organized Wilkesboro Athletic Association, which will welcome donations to carry forward the projects for a better recreation program for the town and community.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Roe Church, of North Wilkesboro route one.

A son was born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James Roy Hayes, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hayes, of Wilkesboro route one, a son on August 11 at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Laws, of Moravian Falls are parents of a daughter born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Dallas Minton, of Millers Creek, a son on Tuesday at the Wilkes hospital.

A son was born August 11 at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William W. Myers, of Roaring River.

A daughter, Jennie Jo, was born Saturday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Walker.

Claude Absher To Pay With Life For Death Clyde Watts

First Degree Trial Ended in Court Today With Gas Chamber Sentence

After 12 hours deliberation, jury in Wilkes court at nine o'clock Wednesday night returned a verdict of first degree murder against Claude Absher for the shotgun slaying of Clyde Watts on April 6.

In court today Absher was sentenced to die in the gas chamber of the state penitentiary on Friday, September 27.

Absher was calm as he heard the first degree verdict from the jury Wednesday night and as Judge Phillips passed the death sentence.

Defense counsel gave notice of appeal to the supreme court, which will automatically stay execution of the death sentence until after the case is reviewed by the supreme court and a decision rendered.

The jury received the case at noon Wednesday following charge of Judge F. Donald Phillips and fled back into the courtroom to render their verdict at nine p. m.

Trial of Absher began Monday with selection of jurors from a special venire of 60 men summoned for the trial. The first witness was put on the stand late Monday afternoon.

Evidence by state's witnesses proved that Absher and Watts on the night of April 6 had a quarrel in this city, which allegedly started over something concerning the estranged wife of Clyde Watts, with whom Absher had been associating. Following the altercation Absher engaged a taxi to take him home in this city and drove back downtown his 12-gauge, single barrel shotgun.

After arriving at the corner of Main and Ninth streets Absher alighted from the taxi and shot Clyde Watts as he walked along the sidewalk.

Earl Watts, brother of the slain man, and Keller Eller, local policeman, took the gun from Absher, who was taken to jail.

Absher went on the stand in his own behalf and related that during the day of April 6 that he drank much liquor and that he did not recall anything that happened at or near the time that Watts was killed.

Assisting Solicitor Avalon E. Hall in prosecution of the case were John R. Jones, J. V. Bowens, W. H. McElwee, J. H. Whicker and J. H. Whicker, Jr.

Defense counsel was composed of Eugene Trivette, J. E. Holsouser, Kyle and Clyde Hayes.

The following divorces were granted in court Monday: John H. Hobson versus Marjorie Key Hobson; Howard Dillard Tolley versus Helen Hughes Tolley; Guy Fletcher versus Floredith Anderson Fletcher; Edwin Ashley versus Edith Johnson Ashley; Chloe Dell Johnson versus John Wesley Johnson; Ray S. Michael versus Lavon Michael; Raymond E. Harris versus Euna Marie Harris; Callie Sparks versus Ed Sparks; Ira Burchette versus Willie J. Burchette.

Williams Shows And Rides Here Behalf Fire Dept.

North Wilkesboro fire department is sponsoring Williams Rides and Shows all this week on the fairgrounds.

Several popular rides, games and concessions which provide much entertainment and recreation are included and the public is most cordially invited to attend each night and enjoy the facilities provided.

The Fire Department is sharing in the profits from the rides and concessions and will use the funds advantageously for worthy purposes.

Gilreath Club Has Box Supper 10th

Gilreath Home Demonstration club held a most successful box supper Saturday night. In addition to the sale of boxes bingo and other games were played and a large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The club raised \$145.49 in the evening's program.

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