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CHOIRS OF THREE CHURCHES TO PRESENT 'MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS' AT FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY NIGHT

A musical program, "The Music of Christmas," will be presented at the First Baptist church Sunday night, eight o'clock.

Lois Serogy will be guest organist. Work in preparation for the program has been under way for several weeks.

Litteral and Bell Are Denied Bonds In Assault Case

Defendants Remanded To Jail To Await Trial In Special Term

Claude Marvin Bell, of Roaring River route two, and Ralph Vernon Litteral, of Greensboro, were denied bond in a hearing before Judge William G. Pittman in Wilkes court and must remain in jail until trial on charges of rape and kidnapping of Peggy Shore near Elkin in August.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall earlier had continued the case until the special term of Wilkes court called for January 6 because of the congested condition of the docket, and counsel for the defendants requested hearing on the question of bail for the two men.

In the hearing two FBI agents who conducted investigation of the charges testified as to their findings, which resulted in charges of kidnapping in federal court and charge of rape in the state court. The defendants were released from federal to state custody for that first on the capital charge of rape.

The FBI agents gave an account of the crime as furnished them by Peggy Shore, 15-year-old brunette who was the victim of the alleged assault. She had told the officers that she and other girls attended a watermelon feast at the home of a girl friend in Elkin and were returning to their homes on a local bus after 11 p. m.

The car proceeded to North Wilkesboro, where she said the man stopped for liquor, and then continued toward Boone. She said that after leaving North Wilkesboro she was raped twice by both Litteral and Bell, who took turns at driving.

The assault victim told the officers that she was beaten and that Litteral threatened to kill her with a knife. Meanwhile, she said she was blindfolded and did not know her location except from remarks made by the two men. She also stated that the blindfold came off after they had reached Tennessee and that there she saw her assailants whom she later learned were Litteral and Bell.

In Tennessee she said she was put out of the car, where she became unconscious for a time, and later revived and made her way to a farm house, where she was temporarily cared for and sent home on a bus. After reaching home she spent some time in the hospital at Elkin, where physicians said she was treated for assault and shock.

Musical Pageant At Fairplains Baptist

A musical Christmas pageant will be given at Fairplains Baptist church Sunday night, December 22, 7:30.

In addition to the pageant, which will be directed by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Yale, Rev. S. L. Blevins, pastor, will speak. The public is cordially invited.

Christmas Program At Moravian Falls

An inspiring Christmas program will be given Sunday night, December 22, 7:30 o'clock, at Moravian Falls Baptist church.

Rev. Rogers Gwaltney, pastor, will conduct the devotional and the program will consist mainly of Christmas music. There will be a treat for all members of the Sunday school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Christmas Program New Hope Church

Annual Christmas program at New Hope Baptist church near Purlear will be given Sunday night, December 22, seven o'clock. Following the program Santa Claus will make his annual visit with a treat for the children of the Sunday school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Christmas Program Friendship Church

Members of Friendship and Millers Creek Methodist churches will give a Christmas Carol service at Friendship church on Sunday, December 22, at 11 a. m. The Sunday school of both churches will meet a half hour earlier than usual to give Santa Claus time to finish his visit with the Sunday school groups. Following the Christmas carol service the Christmas sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner.

Christmas Pageant Pine View Church

The Young People's Class of Pine View church will present a pageant at the church Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at 7:30, entitled "Bethlehem." The pastor, Rev. D. M. Dillard, will be present. There will also be a Christmas tree where gifts may be exchanged with friends. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission free to all.

Policemen Here Are Not Allowed Fees For Arrests

Action of Council Puts All Policemen On Salary Basis, No Fees

North Wilkesboro city council in December session revised the salary schedule of police officers and eliminated arrest fees from their pay.

Fees for arrests will still be taxed in the bill for costs against defendants but all such fees will go into the general fund.

Revising the salary schedule to conform to the approximate amount which officers had been receiving with salary plus fees, the board set the salary of Chief J. E. Walker at \$265 per month and all other police officers at \$150 per month each.

Crash Victim



JAY F. JARVIS

Funeral Is Held For Jay F. Jarvis

Simple, dignified last rites were held at Cranberry Baptist church 10 miles east of Wilkesboro Sunday for Jay F. Jarvis, 31, who was instantly killed when the motorcycle he was riding failed to take a turn and dived down an embankment near Asheville, N. C.

Mr. Jarvis, born in Wilkesboro and attended Wilkesboro high school, after leaving Wilkes county lived in Winston-Salem and was a member of Mineral Springs Baptist church there. He had been with the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation for five years and had made his home in Sumter, S. C. for sometime and at the time of his death he was making a run from Columbia, S. C. to Savannah, Ga. and during the change of routes recently his wife and two little daughters had driven to Bryson City to spend sometime with her mother and he had gone by motorcycle from Columbia to visit them and was returning to duty at the time of the accident which was Thursday morning. Late reports state that the body was found within 45 minutes after the accident by J. F. Dotson and D. E. Sluder. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral home was in charge of the interment.

The funeral party entered the church at 2:00. The Wilkesboro quartet opened the service with the singing of "Rock of Ages". Rev. L. T. Younger, pastor of the church, was in charge of the service.

Survivors are his wife, Dorothy Dehart Jarvis, two daughters, Linda Jean and Juanita Faye, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jarvis, Sr. and two brothers, Jas. S. Jarvis, Portsmouth, Ohio, L. M. Jarvis, Jr., Roaring River, N. C. and the following sisters, Mrs. H. L. Green, Salisbury, Md., Mrs. M. M. Mathis, Roaring River, Mrs. J. B. Henderson, Jr., Wilmington, N. C., Mrs. Dick Sale, Winston-Salem, N. C., Mrs. W. S. Johns, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Robert J. Pegg, Wilmington, N. C.

10th Street Firms Voice Opposition To Parking Meter

Delegation With Petition Appear Before City Council Tuesday

A delegation of business men from Tenth street were heard by the North Wilkesboro city council Tuesday night as they voiced their objection to erection of parking meters on Tenth street.

Included in the delegation were Gilbert T. Bare, M. B. Blankenship, C. J. Swafford, R. M. Brame, Jr., Z. O. Eller, Burl Hayes, Joe Darlington, Clyde Pearson, J. G. Chipman, E. T. Hackney and a representative of Lovette Poultry company.

The petition, setting forth reasons why they objected to the proposed erection of parking meters on Tenth street, was signed by 23 business firms.

Each member of the delegation spoke before the city council and the argument was concluded by W. H. McElwee, attorney for the petitioners.

No action was taken by the council.

Tuberculosis is caused by a germ, the tubercle bacillus, which is spread from person to person. It is not inherited. If it seems to run in families, it is because one member of the family catches it from another.

Negro To Die For Murder

Wilkesboro Boy Honored

Local Boy Honored

Schools Out For Holidays to 30th

Jury Returns First Degree Verdict; Out Only Eight Minutes

All Wilkesboro schools are now adjourned for the Christmas holidays.

With exception of some schools which had a day to make up, the schools of the county system closed Tuesday. Others finished their pre-holiday schedule Wednesday.

All schools plan to resume work on Monday, December 30. North Wilkesboro schools closed Tuesday until December 30.



Delma Lomax Crook, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Crook, of this city, was promoted to the rank of Cadet-Midshipman Lt. Commander with the position of Regimental Adjutant, number two man, in the United States Merchant Marine Academy, which is located at Kings Point, N. Y.

He is a graduate of the North Wilkesboro high school and attended Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., and the Apprentice School in Newport News, Va. before going into the Cadet Corp.

He received his appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corp in September 1944 and took his basic training at Pass Christian, Miss. While there he attained the rank of Cadet-Midshipman Ensign. As a cadet he went to sea in January, 1945 serving on a tanker in the Pacific for eight months. Returned to Mars Hill and the Academy in June of this year.

W. W. Harris Is Taken By Death

Of Roaring River Community Died Tuesday

Warlick William Harris, retired hardware merchant and for many years a prominent citizen of the Roaring River community, died Tuesday evening in a Statesville hospital. He had been in ill health for several months and seriously ill since Saturday.

Mr. Harris was a son of the late J. N. (Luck) Harris and Mrs. Dorcas Grey Harris, of Wilkes county. At an early age he entered the hardware business and operated a store at Roaring River. He retired from business in 1938. He was active in community and public life and devoted much time and means to activities he deemed worthy. He was a steward of the Roaring River Methodist church and was a member of the Masonic lodge. Throughout the war he served on Wilkes county rationing board number 2, giving much time in patriotic work during the national emergency.

Surviving Mr. Harris are his wife, Mrs. Mattie Armstrong Harris; one son, Charles R. Harris, of Abilene, Texas; and three daughters, Miss Zelle Harris, of Roxboro, Mrs. Hazel H. Turner, of Hickory, and Mrs. Charles P. Walters, of Arlington, Va.; also one foster son, Dwight Harris, of Roaring River; two grandchildren, Carol Harris and Karen Walters; and the following brothers and sisters: Clyde and Noah Harris, of Wilkesboro; Mrs. Charles Moore, Maryville, California; Mrs. Leet Poplin, Ronda; Mrs. Lena Prevette, Norfolk, Va.

Funeral service will be held Friday, two p. m., at Roaring River Methodist church. Rev. I. J. Terrell, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. W. J. Miller, of Salisbury. The body will lie in state at the church from one until two o'clock.

The Journal-Patriot Will Not Be Issued Thursday, Dec. 26

In order to allow time for brief Christmas holidays, The Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Thursday, December 26. Last issue of The Journal-Patriot before Christmas will be printed on Monday, December 23. Those who have announcements which they wish to have published on that date are requested to get them in early. The Journal-Patriot will endeavor to give complete coverage of the holiday news happenings in the papers to be published on Monday, December 23, and Monday, December 30.

Stores Will Be Closed Two Days For Christmas

Many Cases Tried In Wilkes Court

During the past week judgments were rendered in Wilkes superior court in the following cases:

Geraldine Baker versus John Daniel Baker, divorce granted.

Robert Clyde Church, James Dowell, Zeb P. Marsh, Clyde S. Vannoy, Woodrow W. Neely, charged in separate cases with operating cars while under influence of liquor, fined \$50 each and costs, not to operate motor vehicle in 12 months.

Earl Ward, violation prohibition law, 90 days suspended.

Will McGlamery, operating car while intoxicated, eight months suspended on payment \$100 fine.

Frank Millard Adams, operating car while intoxicated, six months suspended on payment \$150 fine and costs.

Ernest Linney, 4 cases drunkenness, 30 days suspended in each case on payment \$5 fine, condition he remain sober and attend church.

P.-T. A. Holds Meeting Friday

The Parent-Teacher association of North Wilkesboro held its monthly meeting Dec. 12 in the North Wilkesboro school building.

President, Mrs. C. A. Venable, called the meeting to order for a short business session, at which time 332 members were reported enrolled. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Lewis Vickery. A committee was appointed by the president to investigate the needs of the school grounds. The committee is composed of chairman, Steton McIver, Mrs. Jack Brame, Mr. Cragan and Miss Lucille Young.

Rev. Watt Cooper led the devotional period using as his theme the Christmas Spirit. He stressed the place of the child at Christmas and throughout the year. He said that as necessary as material things are to the child, they are not as much needed as time and love from the parents.

Mrs. R. S. Gibbs told of the origin of different Christmas carols. Then the group sang carols led by Miss Bingham, director of the school band.

At the conclusion of the program, the school rooms were visited. The visitors found that the school children had caught the Christmas spirit, and had reproduced it in the beautiful room decorations.

Teen Age Square Dance Friday Night

A square dance for the teen age group in the county is to be sponsored by the Girl Scout Council of the Wilkesboro. The dance will be in the V. F. W. Hall Friday night, Dec. 20, 7:30.

The Wasteland Wanderers will furnish the music. Teen agers are invited to come and have some real old fashion fun.

Jury Returns First Degree Verdict; Out Only Eight Minutes

Judge Pittman Passes Sentence; January 31 Execution Date Set

Richard Horton, colored resident of the Ferguson community, was sentenced in Wilkes court late Wednesday to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh for the robbery slaying of Francis Baker, local taxi driver, on October 26 15 miles west of this city.

The jury deliberated only eight minutes before returning the verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. A few minutes later Judge William G. Pittman pronounced sentence. Following the sentence Horton, who had been closely guarded by a number of patrolmen during the trial, was whisked away to state prison in Raleigh.

Principal witnesses in the trial were Sgt. A. H. Clark, of the highway patrol, and Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, who went to Portsmouth, Ohio and returned Horton, who was arrested there with the stolen taxi, to North Carolina.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall was assisted in the prosecution by Attorney T. R. Bryan. Attorney F. J. McDuffie, appointed by the court, was defense counsel. Trial began with selection of jurors from a special venire Monday and ended late Wednesday. The condemned negro accepted the verdict and death sentence calmly.

January 31 is the date set in the sentence for execution but appeal to the supreme court will automatically stay the execution.

Through Sgt. A. H. Clark, who with Sheriff C. G. Poindexter went to Portsmouth, Ohio, for Richard Horton, the confession signed by Horton in Ohio was introduced in evidence and read to the jury by Solicitor Avalon Hall.

The confession stated that on the night of October 19 Horton engaged a taxi to carry him 15 miles west of North Wilkesboro and that he failed to pay Ernest Eller, driver, the taxi fare. Later, Horton said, Eller saw him in North Wilkesboro and demanded payment. He stated that he got mad at Eller.

On the evening of October 25, Horton said, he took a single barrel shotgun apart, placed it in a sack and went to the highway, from which point he rode a bus to North Wilkesboro and arrived about 7:30. He said he proceeded to Tenth street, where he saw a man in a taxi and that he thought the taxi driver was Eller. He engaged the taxi to carry him back up the road.

When he reached the point where the murder occurred, Horton told the driver that he did not have sufficient money to pay the \$4.50 fare and asked the driver to wait while he went to the house to change clothes and that he would return with him to North Wilkesboro and get the money.

He said he went to a sawmill near the country road where the taxi was parked, put the gun together and waited some time. He said that Baker got out of the taxi and was lighting a cigarette when he fired the shotgun. He said that Baker fell and that he shot him again. Then, the confession stated, he took from Baker's dying body his money pouch and pocketbook and dragged the body into a field, where it was found about nine a. m. the following morning.

Horton's confession stated that he then drove the taxi to the home of his father near Ferguson, where he left the gun and the boots he had been wearing. He drove back by the scene of the murder and had another look at Baker's body to make sure he was dead. Then he drove by way of Boone to Cary, W. Va., where he picked up James Tolliver, a friend, and told him that he wanted him to go with him to Chicago. They were stopped and subsequently investigated in Portsmouth, Ohio, where officers held them for arrival of Sheriff Poindexter and Sgt. Clark.

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