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T-5 G. R. Eller, Jr., son of

R. took his training at Fort

McClellan, Alabama, before

going overseas. He is now serv-

ing with the 86th Division on

Luzon Island in Manila. In a

letter received recently by his

parents he stated that he was

getting along fine and hoped

Is On 12 Committees

Representative T. E. Story.

to be home in the Spring.

The Journal-Patriot Has Blazed the Trail of Progress In the "State of Wilkes" For Over 40 Years

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., Monday, Jan. 13, 1947

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Guilty Of Murder Regular Meetin In Second Degree, **Is Jury's Verdict**

Judge Sink Passes Sentence On Absher After Commenting on Verdict

Jury in Wilkes court Friday liberation returned a verdict of Headquarters For Absher on his second trial for the fatal shooting of Clyde Watts in downtown North Wilkesboro on the night of April 6.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink, who stated that in his opinion Absher was guilty of first degree murder, gave the maximum sentence, 29 to 30 years in prison at hard labor.

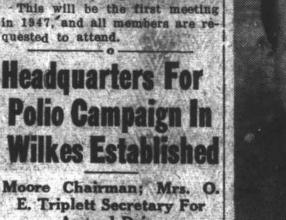
In further, comment before passing sentence, Judge Sink stated that he had no criticism to make of the verdict, saying that county for the National Foundait was a rare exception that a tion, today said that the organdefendant in North Carolina is ization is being set up to raise convicted the second time after the county's quota of \$4,500. being granted a new trial by the supreme court.

Absher was convicted and sentenced to death by Judge Don Phillips in the August term of court and won a new trial on ber of Commerce and Mrs. O. E. error in the charge to the jury. On Friday he remained calm as carried out the Christmas Seal the jury filed in and gave the drive, will be the secretary verdict which meant he was not to pay with his life for the crimecommitted. He showed no emo- tion from Mirs. Triplett. tion at any time during the trial, which began Tuesday morning.

State's evidence was that he had a quarrel with Clyde Watts, that he went home in a taxi, returned downtown and shot Watts as he walked toward him on the sidewalk on Ninth street. The evidence also disclosed that the

Watts wife for over two years a movie, in the central schools Towns, Courts and Ja and while Watts was in the of the county. army.

Commenting in open court.



Veterans Foreign

There will be a regular meet-ing of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars in their Club Rooms on "C". street Tuesday night, Jan. 14th.

Wars Post Jan. 14

Published Mondays and Thursdays

Annual Drive Larry Moore, local attorney who is chairman of the Infantile Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Eller, of Paralysis campaign in Wilkes Wilkesboro, Route 1, entered the army January 22, 1946. G.

Several means will be used in the campaign, including solicita-

tion by mail and by workers. Campaign headquarters will be at the office of the Wilkes Cham-Triplett, who very successfully **Representative Story** Workers and others, interested may secure supplies and informa-

Fred Henderson has accepted serving his 4th term as Wilkes' the position as leader in the representative in the house of campaign, for the town of Wil-kesboro. C. C. Faw, Jr., and Shoun Kerbaugh composed the representatives of the General Assembly, is a member of 12 committees in the present sescommittee to arrange a Presision. dent's Ball and the Bingo com-Committees of which Representative Story is a member are: mittee is composed of Dorman Payne and Bill Lee. One project Appropriations, Congressional ble arose over the fact that now under consideration is the Districts, Constitutional Amendhad been "going with" staging of free shows, including ments, Counties Cities and

> tricts, Education, Elections and In view of the great financial Election Laws, Health, Higher proposed increase is entirely in- Methodist Superintendent Absher, chairman, Jack Swothelp of the Foundation in caring Education, Insurance, Judicial

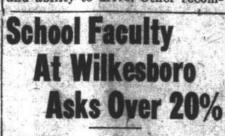


initial meeting of the newly mendations included doubling of organized Western Piedmont Saf- the personnel of the State Highety Council was held in North way Patrol, traffic education for Wilkesboro Friday night with a boys and girls in high school, representative attendance from and that traffic courts be estabthe eight counties included in lished, the area served by the organiza- The Safety Council in, meeting

tion. voted to endorse these recom-Theme of the meeting here mendations to the legislature Friday night was "Highway Saf- now in session at Raleigh asking ety" and Col. H. J. Hatcher, com- that remedial legislation be enmander of the State Highway acted at this session. Copies of Patrol, was the principal speaker. the resolutions passed by the Col. Hatcher, pointing out that meeting were mailed by Cecil 100 are killed and about 2,000 Adamson, secretary, to state repare injured each month on North resentatives and senators of the Carolina highways, criticized the eight counties, Wilkes, Avery, courts for laxity in punishment Ashe, Alleghany, Catawba, Alexof highway law violators.

lander, Caldwell and Watauga. To remove unsafe cars from One impressive fact brought highways, Col. Hatcher recom- out in the meeting was that the mended that all cars be inspected highway death rate in North Cartwice yearly. Another major olina during the war was greater recommendation was that all than the number killed in action driver license expire in three on all fronts.

years and that to renew a driver Duncan C. Hunter of Broyhill license that the driver must pass Industries in Lenoir, is chairman a test to determine his fitness of the council and presided at and ability to drive. Other recom- the meeting Friday night.



Faculty of Wilkesboro school, largest in the Wilkes system, Fri- are invited. day rose up in indignation over

the bill for increase in teacher's salaries as originally introduced Armbrust Speaks in the state legislature. At the request of various

teachers a meeting was immediately called to protest the "

overwhelming on adequate in the present emergen-

As voluntary contribution was

AAA Farmers On

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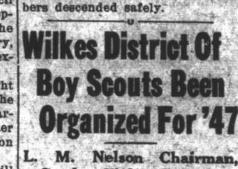
strong terms.

pacified."

John G. Critcher Is Not Injured When Plane Is Destroyed Against

Three North Carolinians one of them John C. Critcher, of Asheville, formerly of Moravian Falls, were among the 41 persons who escaped unharmed Monday when a Northwest Airlines DC4 plane bound from Minneapolis to Chicago burst into flames after a crash landing at the Chicago

municipal airport. Mr. Critcher, son of Mrs. J. C. Critcher, Sr., of Moravian Falls, is a farm machinery and truck dealer at Asheville. The plane and haggage were destroyed by the fire, after 37 passengers and four crew mem-



Gordon Finley Commissioner For The Year

Organization of the Wilkes district of Boy Scouts has been completed for 1947. Gordon Finley is again com-

missioner for the district, L. M. Nelson is chairman and James North Wilkesboro all stars will M. Anderson is district vice play the Mountain View all stars chairman. Neighborhood com-Tuesday night, 7:30, in the missioners are Carl E. VanDe-North Wilkesboro high school man, Shoun Kerbaugh, E. P. gymnasium, All basketball fans Bell, Forrest Meserve, Boyd Stout and Harvel Howell.

The committees are as follows: Leadership and Training-Cecil Adamson, chairman, T. E. Story, Paul S. Cragan and W. D. Halfacre.

Organization and Exte

Andrews and C. B. Eller.

Are Charged With Rape Of 15-Year-Old **Girl After Kidnaping**

In what is expected to be one of the most sensational trials in many years in "northwestern North Carolina, Ralph Vernon Litteral and Marvin Claude Bell went on trial in the special term. of Wilkes court today for the alleged rape and kidnaping of pretty Peggy Shore, 15-year-old Elkin girl; on August 23.

In court today counsel for both defendants entered a motion for abatement of indictment on grounds that the alleged offense, if committed, was not committed in Wilkes county. The motion was denied by Judge Sink.

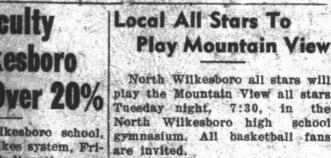
After the motion was denied, the task of selecting a jury was begun. Of the 150 men summonsed from Galdwell county, 149 answered in court. Sheriff Marcus Greer, of Lenoir, 'accompanied the veniremen to Wilkes. It was expected that selection of a jury will extend into tomorrow.

Judge Sink deemed it expedient and in the interest of justice to secure a jury from outside of Wilkes, where the crime was alleged to have been committed and where the case has been widely discussed.

When arraigned in court last week both defendants entered pleas of not guilty, and in addition a plea of insanity was entered for Litteral by his counsel.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, aided in prosecution by T. R. Bryan of Wilkesboro, and Folger Townsend of Lenoir, said

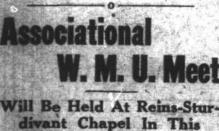
Litteral, a Winston-Salem man, with Marvin Claude Bell, of Wilkes, followed Peggy Shore after she had alighted from a bus west of Elkin on way to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Shore. The assault victim told officers they threw her into the car and raped her two times each while carrying her into Tennessee, where she was thrown from the car. She returned home by bus after resting a short time at a farm house, and spent some time at the hospital in Elkin. Testimony of physicians, Solicitor Hall, said, would corroborate the girl's assault charge. There will be over 30 witnessexpanded program of activities FBI agents who secured evidence es for the prosecution, including in the case and charged Litteral and Bell with kidnaping in federal court before they were transferred to state court for trial on the capital charge of rape. First witnesses for the state is expected to be the victim of the alleged, assault. Fred Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, is counsel for Litteral, whom officers said has a criminal record. Bell is represented by Eugene Trivette, Bill Mitchell. Kyle' and Clyde Hayes, of North Wilkesboro, J. E. Holshouser, of Boone, and Buford Williams, of Lenoir.



Judge Sink stated that the fact that the defendant was not convicted would make it extremely difficult to pronounce the death sentence on any unfortunate defendant convicted of first degree murder, and that he was almost persuaded that capital punishment should be abolished.

Lengthy argument by counsel in the case began Thursday morning. Speaking for the prosecution were John R. Jones, W. H. McElwee, J. H. Whicker and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall. Defense attorneys who argued the cases were Kyle Hayes, J. E. Holshouser, Bill Mitchell and Eugene Trivette.

Jurors in the case were Richyear. ard Minton, L. A. Blevins, M. N. Adams, R. J. Tedder, W. J. Hayes, Taft Eller, Stacy Pardue, Noah Staley, J. M. Pardue, J. M. Benfield, James H. Adams, George, Stroud and J. W. Caudill.



divant Chapel In This **City Monday**

All officers, leaders, and counselors of the Missionary Secieties and Young People's organizations of the Baptist churches together with the pastors are asked to meet for the annual leadership conference in the Reins-Sturdivant chapel on Monday evening, January 20, at seven o'clock.

Mrs. C. N. Myers, Divisional Superintendent, Miss Madge Lewis, Young 'Peoples' Leader, and associational officers will direct the planning for the year's work. Mrs. Gilbert Foster, associational Superintendent will preside at the conference.



The teachers of the Millers Creek and Mulberry School Districts met at Millers Creek school Thursday, January 9 for the third of their workship meetings. Reading was the topic for study. Dr. Lee Reynolds, Education in- chance to ask questions. tor at A. S. T. C., gave a

for and treating the 37 victims No. 1, Trustees of the University polio campaign, Attorney Moore House. said here today.

Knights of Pythias Again Sponsoring Speaking Contest

The Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias is sponsoring a Public Speaking Contest again this

The subject selected for this year is: "Juvenile Delinquency,

its Cause and Care." The contest is open to all boys and girls who were born on or after September 1, 1928 and to all regularly enrolled students in high schools or preparatory schools of high rank without regard to age, except first prize

winners in previous finals. To the winner of first place in the final contest there will be awarded out of the income of the Supreme Lodge Foundation a scholarship of \$750.00 at any college or university to be selected by the winner. scholarship. Third prize will be a \$300.00

scholorship. Fourth prize will be a \$200.00 cholarship.

The local lodge is offering the following prizes for the Wilkes County winners. First prize, \$25.00.

Second prize, \$15.00. Third prize, \$10.00. Dates of Contest The County Contest will be

held on or before March 31. The State Contest on or before April 30.

Sectional Contest on or before May 31.

Final Contest August 14, 1947 All speeches will be limited to ten minutes.

For further information reative to the contest and literature on the subject contact a mber of the Committee Charles C. McNeil, A. A. Cashion, and C. B. Eller.w

afterwards gave the teachers a Mr. Eller briefly outlined Govheinful and inspiring talk ernor Cherry's address to the "The Point of View", and General Assembly.

of polio in Wilkes county during. Representative Story spent the the 1944 epidemic, it is expected, week-end with his family in Wilthat the people of Wilkes will kesboro. He is one of 13 Repubagain give very liberally in the lican members of the Lower



ant State Service Officer, Veter- strongly protest action of legisans Commission, for Elkin Area lature which we consider a mere announced today that represen- genture in an attempt to pacify tatives of the Veterans Division, teachers. We will not be thus War Assets Administration will

be at his office on January 14, 1947, to confer with and arrange for certification of all eligible Deadline Set For Veterans of World War 2 who are interested in buying Government Surplus War Commodities. "I am quite pleased that WAA is arranging this special service to Veterans," said Mr. Robinson. There are certain requirements of the Surplus Property Act that must be met before Veterans can be certified-which will be fully explained by the WAA represen-

tatives. Under the present regulations Veterans Preference Certificates are issued solely to enable eligible Veterans to purchase any Second prize will be a \$500.00 type of Surplus Property for use in his own business, which in-

cludes professional or agricultural enterprises. "Veterans are urged to visit my office on January 14, so full

advantage can be taken of this Special Service by War Assets Administration. Fact Sheets covering all phases of Veterans Prefbefore February 16, 1947. erence are in my office-which

son said.

Recreation Party

dancing, games and other recre- Va., at 1:40 a. m. yesterday durational activities made the evening most enjoyable. Many were ing 18 of its 19 passengers and

it from outside the comcrew to a flaming death. munity, including those from The DC 3-Trip 65-slither

and Moravian Falls. Another party is planned for Saturday night, 7:30, this week.

Proceeds go into the school gymnasium fund.

The lone survivor, William El-SUPPORT THE Y. M. C. A. lis Keyes Jr., 21, of Boynton, dition.

shower.

ing a driving rainstorm, carry-

Delivers Inspiring Message Before Club

At Kiwaais Meet

made to help defray expense of Rev. J. H. Armbrust, former opposing passage of the 20 per Methodist pastor here and now cent proposal in the general assuperintendent of the Statesville Kilby. sembly. The group elected a legdistrict of the Methodist church, islative chairman to represent delivered an inspiring message them and voted to send tele-Friday noon before the Kiwanis grams to Governor Cherry and club on the subject of "The Aftmembers of the general assemb-ly, registering their protest in erglow of Christmas Time." He was presented to the club by J. H. Whicker for the committee on A copy of the telegram folsupport of churches. 1 o w s: "Wilkesboro teachers

After telling of some of the numorous experiences as a District Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Armbrust made an inspiring talk on "The Afterglow of Christmas Time," with emphasis on what we got that will abide with us through the years. He listed those gifts which Jesus Christ has given to the world through

the centuries. a. A new conception of the '46 Farm Program value of human life a new desire to alleviate suffering and slavery-a new importance to Information has been received. childhood.

from the county AAA office that b. A new conception of a God who is our heavenly father. there are approximately 2500 farmers who, according to the c. A new conception on Manrecords on file in that office, are the personal human worth-we eligible to receive payment are sons of God. on

d. A new idea of Kingshipone who climbs hand over hand February 15, according to the to a position of recognition by service rendered. He is king who State committee that all applicaserves.

tions for payment on this program must be filed. The county e. The idea of Democracy, of committee states that it is urgent self government. Many men have that all farmers who think that written the documents of freethey might receive a payment on dom, but Jesus dictated the printhe program should go by the cipies.

county office and sign their ap-Guests Friday were; Palmer plications for payment at the ear-Horton with J. B. Carter, H. S. liest possible date and definitely Baucom with Forrest Jones, Paul Gabriel with W. G. Gabriel, George Webber with C. A. Venable, E. T. Hackney with Dr. W. K. Newton, Russell G. Hodges with P. W. Eshelman, Clay El-Airliner Cras ledge with D. E. Elledge.

Millions of farm people, in the first year after V-J Day, called upon workers of the Extension senger plane out of Detroit Service for facts, new ideas and skills to help make the adjustment to sound peacetime farming, according to M. L. Wilson, director of Extension Work for the Department of Agriculture.

Lenoir, Mount Pleasant, Boone through a thicket of tall pines; Fla., was dragged screaming from the flaming wreckage by shearing away its wings, and crashed 200 yards away into an two mountain wood cutters of ment near Virginia High- the mmunity. He was carried

way 94 to explode m a fiery to a Galax hospital for treatment of burns and cuts and later was reported in satisfactory con-

ra, w. . Jester and Moore. Health and Safety-John W.

Leyshon, chairman, John Walker, Dr. H. B. Smith and A. F. Advancement-Paul Osborne,

chariman, Richard Johnston, R. M. Brame, Jr., J. B. Carter, W. C. McNiel, J. B. McCoy, E. G. Finley and Rev. H. M. Wellman. Finance-R. E. Gibbs, chairman Publicity-Forrest E. Jones,

chairman.

A program of Boy Scout expansion is planned for the year, with new troops to be formed and an

among present troops. **Baptist Pastors To**



Wilkes County Baptist Pastors Conference will meet Monday, January 20, in Reins-Sturdivant chapel. The program will open at ten

a. m. with devotional by Rev. L. T. Younger. The business session will follow.

Sermon at eleven a. m. will be by Rev. A. W. Eller. Subjects to be discussed: 1. What does the tearing down of the Altar of God, by Baal, and the re-building by Elijah, mean to us today? By Rev. Charlie

Roole. 2. What does it take to constitute salvation? By Rev. A. B.



When making a request for change of address it is earnestly requested that the old address dorsement of the organization. be stated as well as the new and correct address. Attention is also called to the fact that subscriptions are not ac-

a shorter subscription. The rate of \$2.00 per year ap- are invited to attend. lies in Wilkes and all counties adjoining Wilkes, Rates else

where are \$3.00 per year. Date of subscription expiration is with the name on the address label of each paper. If 2-47 ap-

pears with the name, the subscription will expire coruary 1 and will be stopped then if not

enewed.

The trial is expected to consume the entire week, and could possibly extend into the next week. court officials said.



There was not a very large at-tendance at the American Confederation of Enlisted Men, Inc. meeting at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, Jan. 8, but all those present were deeply interested and were unanimous in their en-They agreed among themselves that they would do some per-sonal advertising and that they would meet at the courthouse acepted for less than six months, gain at 7 o'clock, January 15, unless there is special reason for and set up a local unit of the organization. All ex-enlisted men

The American Confe

of Enlisted Men, Inc. is the only veterans organization in America in which an officer can never be come a member.

Fiber flax improvement work has brought out a ne resistant variety that is an outanding yielder.

if possible should be studied pri-or to January 14," Mr. Robin-Winston-Salem. - A Miamibound Eastern Air Lines pas-

