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Ernest Taylor Out Of Jail On Bond Fixed At \$4,500

Charged With Death of Lee R. Anderson In North Wilkesboro Jan. 11

Ernest Taylor has been released from jail under bond of \$4,500, Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said today.

Bearing for Taylor, resident of the McGrady community, was held before Mayor T. S. Kenerly here on manslaughter charge for the death of Lee R. Anderson at the home of Mack Taylor, brother of Ernest, on F street in North Wilkesboro Sunday, January 11.

Taylor waived evidence and bond was set by Mayor Kenerly.

It was alleged that Taylor struck Anderson with his fist and that Anderson fell to the floor. Taylor left the house and later it was learned that Anderson was dead. Autopsy conducted under direction of Coroner Myers fixed the cause of death as being a blood clot on the brain, resulting from a blow on the skull.

Officers quoted Taylor as admitting that he struck Anderson following an argument about a truck, but Taylor said that he did not know that any serious injury resulted from the blow. Taylor was arrested at the home of a relative in North Wilkesboro a few hours after the death of Anderson.

Damascus Singers At The First Baptist

The Damascus Choral Club will sing at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro Sunday evening, 7:30. The club is under the direction of L. H. Anderson with Mrs. J. R. Edelin as pianist, and is one of the most widely known groups of singers in northwestern North Carolina. Everybody is invited to the service.

Court Grinds On Lengthy Docket

Wilkes superior court in session for the second week continued to work on a lengthy docket of civil cases with only a few actions reaching the trial stage.

Since the last published report three divorces were granted: James Monroe Farrell versus Ina Stevenson Ferrell; Roland Harper versus Frances Harper; Agnes H. Davis versus William H. Davis.

Betty Ward, et al. secured judgment of \$1,000 in a timber suit against J. N. Osborne, but notice of appeal to the supreme court was given.

Elizabeth Harris was awarded judgment of \$600 against Neeta Webb and William Ray Harris secured a \$750 judgment against the same defendant.

Judge Felix E. Alley is presiding over the court.

Reduce Fuel Oil Use 15 Per Cent Advice of Experts

Urgency for immediate consumer action in conserving home heating oil was underscored in a letter addressed today to all customers by J. L. Wright, Division Manager of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Citing the critical fuel oil shortage along the Atlantic seaboard, Mr. Wright said, "This is only one thing that can save thousands of oil users from real hardship and that is, everyone must reduce his normal consumption by 15 per cent for the next three months, starting in January." He explained that the industry is producing more fuel oil than ever before, but that an average 25 per cent colder season than last year, an increase of 22 per cent in the number of new oil burner installations and other factors led to the present critical position. Mr. Wright stated that the necessary 15 per cent reduction "could be accomplished without much discomfort" by holding down thermostats to 65 degrees in daytime, and cutting to 60 degrees at night; turning off heat in unused rooms, sunporches and garages; using supplementary aids such as coal grates and wood in fireplaces. It was stated that the Company considers the situation "our number one job" and was using extraordinary measures to meet it.

STUDENT COUNCIL AIDS GYM FUND



J. Floyd Woodward, left, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, is shown here receiving from Bill Absher, right, president of North Wilkesboro student council, check in the amount of \$125 from the student council. The substantial contribution by students represents the purchase price of the heating plant for the gymnasium. The heating unit was purchased as war surplus from Camp Butler and represents a great saving. Cost of installation of the plant and construction of the two dressing rooms is estimated at \$3,000 and school patrons are making voluntary gifts to raise the necessary fund in order that the gymnasium may be used for physical education classes and be comfortable for basketball games.—(Photo by Bill Byers).

G. O. P. Dinner Winston-Salem On February 21

Vandenburg Sought As Speaker For Annual Lincoln Day Gathering

Attendance at the North Carolina Republicans' Lincoln Day Dinner Winston-Salem, Feb. 21, is limited to 500 persons. Buford T. Henderson, chairman of arrangements, said. All tickets are being handled through State Republican Chairman Sim DeLapp of Lexington.

A speaker of outstanding national prominence is being sought by State Republicans to deliver the principal address. There is a possibility that Senator Arthur H. Vandenburg of Michigan, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, may be obtained as speaker.

The annual convention of the Young Republicans of North Carolina will be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel February 21, the same date of the dinner. The Lincoln Day celebration will be held in the hotel ballroom that evening.

A Statewide declamation contest is to be held throughout the State and the main contest will be held in Winston-Salem, with prizes presented to the winners. Material for the contest may be obtained from Mr. Henderson.

Brother of Carl W. Steele Dies Tuesday

Mount Airy.—Thomas Edmond Steele, 48, Mount Airy jeweler, died early Tuesday at his home here after a long illness.

A native of the Copeland section of Surry County, he was the son of the late Thomas J. and Louella Pilon Steele.

Mr. Steele is survived by his wife, Mrs. Leona Stanley Steele; one son, Edward J. Steele, Mount Airy; two daughters, Misses Irene and Helen Steele, both of Mount Airy; two sisters, Mrs. Elbert Bullins and Mrs. Harvey Coe, both of Dobson Route 2, and one brother, Carl W. Steele, North Wilkesboro.

Funeral services were conducted from the Double Creek Church near Copeland at 2 p. m. Wednesday by Rev. S. L. Hoffman, of Germantown, and Rev. C. O. Stey, pastor of the Haymore Memorial Baptist church of Mount Airy. Burial was in the Double Creek church cemetery.

Those from North Wilkesboro attending the funeral service were Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Steele and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gabriel, Miss Evelyn Coe, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Pope, Clifford Myers, D. F. Beshears, Jr.

Cub Pack 36 Will Meet Monday 7:30

Cub Scout pack number 36 will meet on Monday night, 7:30, at the Presbyterian Religious Education building. Edward Bell, Cubmaster, urges all cubs to attend.

HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following births were reported at the Wilkes hospital during the past week: daughter, Martha Walter, to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smither January 16; daughter, Mickey Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen January 17; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Church, of North Wilkesboro route two, January 16; son, Robert Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Call, of Wilkesboro route two, January 16; daughter, Zaida Rebecca, to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Cass, of Union Grove, January 16; son, James Douglas, to Mr. and Mrs. James Blackburn, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, January 16; son, Terry Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Alexander, of North Wilkesboro, January 17; daughter, Linda Faye, to Mr. and Mrs. William Baxter Bullis, of North Wilkesboro, January 19; son, James Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Steelman, of Wilkesboro route two, January 18; son, Roy Roger, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter William Jarvis, of North Wilkesboro, January 17; son, Roger Dale, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kenerly, of Taylorsville, route three, January 18; daughter, Wanda Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Marion A. Church, of Wilkesboro, January 17; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Obie Dean Green, of Hendrix, January 20; daughter, Judy Marlene, to Mr. and Mrs. Blake Buel Eller, of Wilkesboro, January 20; son, Tony Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edward Clark, of North Wilkesboro route one, January 21; son to Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge E. Hamby, of Wilkesboro route one, January 22.

Square Dance Here On Saturday Night

A square dance sponsored by the Wilkes post of the American Legion will be held at the Legion clubhouse Saturday night, eight until 11:30. Music will be by Jim Golden and His Carolina Pals. Everybody is invited.

The Girl Scout Association Is To Meet 19th

Wilkes County Girl Scout Association will meet Monday, January 26, at 7:45, in the evening, in Presbyterian church Educational Building.

The associational meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the board of directors at 7:00 o'clock and Mrs. Mitchell asks that every director make it a point to be present.

Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs will stay after the meeting to give anyone interested a chance to discuss plans or problems in the scout program.

All leaders and committee members are asked to be present as this meeting will take the place of the Leaders Club for January.

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, of the First Methodist church, will be the speaker for the Association meeting and Mrs. Gibbs will give a brief report on troop activities.

Frozen Water Lines Cause Trouble Here

Recent cold weather has caused much trouble locally by freezing water pipes, in and out of houses.

The water main crossing the Yadkin to the State Highway shops and offices and many business firms on East Main Street Extension across the river is now out of commission. State highway and city forces were working today to find the trouble, which was thought to have been caused by freezing near the river. The line across the river is property of the state highway commission.

City workmen reported a number of other instances of frozen pipes, some of which were underground. The breaks are being repaired as rapidly as possible.

Helped By Your Dimes



Those big brown eyes of little Stokes Brooks, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brooks of Monroe, N. C., are shining with happiness because he is recovering from an attack of infantile paralysis, that sent him to the Gastonia Orthopedic Hospital. Were it not for the dimes and dollars contributed by North Carolina citizens the expert treatment and care he has received would not have been available. In the current March of Dimes Governor Cherry and Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde Erwin have urgently appealed to the people of this state to double their efforts to help combat this dread disease.

CRICKET SCHOOL OPERATING AGAIN

Here is pictured the old and dilapidated Cricket school building located three miles west of this city on highway 421. The old structure was originally built for three teachers many years ago and additions were added from time to time to house six classrooms and an enrollment of 250 students. The school re-opened in the building Monday after being closed two weeks for minor repairs. The grand jury had described the building as "dangerous" and unfit for school use. A nine-room modern building has been recommended for Cricket in a county-wide survey of school needs.—(Photo by Lane Atkinson, Jr.).

Thomas E. Nichols Last Rites Today

Funeral services were held today at Arbor Grove Methodist church near Millers Creek for Thomas E. Nichols, 87, highly respected citizen of that community who died at his home Tuesday night.

Rev. J. R. Short, pastor, assisted by Rev. A. W. Eller, conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Nichols is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Nichols, and the following sons and daughters: C. I. Nichols, Austa, W. Va.; Roscoe and Andrew Nichols and Mrs. Ransom Pierce, all of Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. James Wentz and Miss Novella Nichols, of Kannapolis.

Marriage License

License to wed were issued during the week by Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster to the following: Daniel F. Beshears, Parsonsville, and Diana Bare, Beng; Walter Miles, Radclaw, and Alma Hinchey, Hays; Lewis Gentry Blackburn, Jr., and Ruth Lee Hawkins, both of Purler; M. W. Greene and Anna Marich, both of Boone; Leo S. Golden and Stella Mae Norman, both of State Road; Harold Greer, Lansing, and Gladys Caudill, Warrensville; Victor Bereath, Pfafftown, and Gladys Stewart, Lewisville.

Special Service Mount Pleasant

Rev. W. H. Caldwell, of Sparta, will conduct an evangelistic service Sunday night, seven o'clock, at Mount Pleasant Baptist church. All are invited to the service.

BANK OF NORTH WILKESBORO HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR; CAPITAL AND SURPLUS INCREASED TO \$500,000

The year 1947 was a highly successful year for the Bank of North Wilkesboro, President J. R. Hix reported to the stockholders in annual meeting here.

There was good attendance at the stockholders meeting with much interest shown in the report of Mr. Hix on the bank's activities and operation for the 56th year of the bank's long history. Commenting on business conditions, Mr. Hix said: "During 1947 our county probably experienced an all time high in employment of its citizens. The output of our industries expanded, providing employment. Our mercantile establishments, both wholesale and retail, had a great volume of business and we share with them their satisfaction in being able to satisfy in a large measure the demands made upon them."

Commenting on conditions reflected by bank activities, President Hix said: "Deposits on savings and checking accounts continued to grow. Savings deposits had an unusual increase, which evidences the fact that the people of our county are thrifty and bring earnings to this bank for safety and interest, which accrues." He also expressed appreciation to customers, stockholders and employees for their cooperation that contributed to successful operations during the year.

Upon recommendation of President Hix, the stockholders unanimously voted to increase the bank's capital stock and surplus to a total of one-half million dollars. Details for completing the proposal, including amounts of increase for capital stock and surplus, were left to the board of directors. It was pointed out in this proposal that since 1942 when the capital stock was increased to \$100,000, that deposits had increased 240 per cent and had been over nine million dollars for the past three years.

During the year the Bank of North Wilkesboro paid regular dividends of five per cent in January and July and an extra two per cent in January, making a total of 12 per cent for the year.

Stockholders re-elected all directors as follows: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, R. W. Gwyn, J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, John E. Justice, Jr., and Worth E. Tomlinson.

Following the stockholders' meeting the directors named all officers for another year as follows: J. R. Hix, president; W. D. Halfacre, executive vice president; R. G. Finley, vice president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; W. W. Starr, J. G. McNeil, J. T. Brame and W. B. Gwyn, assistant cashiers.

Singing Sunday

Fourth Sunday night singing will be held Sunday, January 25, seven p. m., at Bethany church, Reece Mastin, chairman, invites all singers to take part in the program.

J. F. Barnett, Age 85, Rites On Wednesday

Last rites were held Wednesday at Liberty church for James Franklin Barnett, 85-year-old citizen of the Gilreath community who died Monday. Rev. Noah Hayes and Rev. J. P. Robinson officiated at the service.

Mr. Barnett leaves the following sons and daughters: Walter Barnett, Gilreath; Willie Barnett, Wilkesboro route two; Spurgeon Barnett, Gilreath; John Barnett, Mrs. Leatha Combs and Virgil Barnett, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Elkin.

Adams Infant Dies

Funeral service for Robert Eugene Adams, infant son of Carl and Ruby Nelson Adams, of Reddies River township, was held Wednesday at Pine View church with Rev. Monroe Dillard conducting the service. The child died Tuesday.

Surviving are the father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Bobby Lee, Roy, Hazel and Annie Adams.

Sandy Hampton, 83, Is Claimed By Death

Last rites were held today, two p. m., at Sandy Creek church for Sandy Hampton, 83, resident of the Traphill community who died Monday.

Mr. Hampton leaves his wife, Mrs. Minnie Hampton, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Lucy Alston, Traphill; Mrs. Alice Stewart, New York City; Mrs. Stella Thompson, Jonesville; Claude Hampton, Traphill; Mrs. Nellie Lowe, Jonesville; Mrs. Sallie Williams, Winston-Salem.

Polio Funds For Wilkes Chapter Now Exhausted

Campaign Now On To Raise \$5,000 Infantile Paralysis Funds In Wilkes

Wilkes Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis spent more than \$4,000 during the past year for the aid of infantile paralysis victims in the county and the chapter's local funds are now exhausted. It was learned today from Sam Ogilvie, chapter chairman who urged liberal response on the part of the people during the current campaign to raise \$5,200 in the March of Dimes in Wilkes.

In 1944 there were 97 cases in Wilkes and since that epidemic there have been a few cases each year. The National Foundation paid hospitalization costs of the cases except for a few who were able to pay the great expense themselves.

But hospitalization is only the beginning of the expense, because those left crippled and maimed must be rehabilitated. During the past year the Wilkes chapter paid for several corrective operations on crippled limbs, bought wheel chairs, braces, special shoes and other equipment to make it possible for the crippled children to attend school and to develop as nearly normal as possible.

One half of the amount raised in the campaign is retained locally by the chapters for use in their own counties, and the National Foundation stands ready to assist chapter in epidemics and emergencies.

During the past week shows have been held in a number of schools. A polio movie is shown and the Carolina Merry-makers, popular string band heard on radio.

Program of entertainment. Last night they were at Traphill and gave a good program. Admission to the show, is free but opportunity is provided for all to give to the polio fund.

On Monday night the show will be given at Roaring River and on Tuesday night at Pleasant Hill. Both shows will be at 7:30 and everybody is invited.

Letters have been mailed out by R. W. (Dick) Gwyn, Jr., chairman of the campaign, with self addressed return envelopes for contributions.

Schools are planning to have a very active part in the campaign throughout the county.

In North Wilkesboro members of the Lions Club, which annually sponsor and carry out the work of the campaign, will operate a dime board on the streets on Saturday this week and next.

All are asked to give as liberally as possible.

Wilkes Chamber Commerce Meet Is Held Tonight

Annual membership meeting of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight, 7:30, at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Feature of the meeting will be an address by Harvey J. Krusz, general manager of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Krusz is a nationally famous executive who will have a most interesting address.

President J. B. Williams will make his report for the year and welcome the membership. Announcement will be made of the election for six members of the board of directors for the coming year.

At the close of the meeting refreshments will be served.

John G. Walker Dies At Home at Hendrix

Funeral service for John G. Walker, 77, well known resident of the Hendrix community who died Monday, was held Wednesday at Mt. Zion church with Rev. Ed Hodge and Rev. Mr. Harris officiating.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia Walker, the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Joe Watson, Deep Gap; Mrs. Ed Henderson, Lenoir; Mrs. Vergie Sumnerlin, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Roby McNeill, Lenoir; Mrs. Jessie White, Mt. Zion; Mrs. Fred Sumnerlin, Lenoir; Iva and Walter Walker, Hendrix; and Vaughn Walker, Lenoir.