

Leon West Gets 5 to 7 Years On Robbery Charge

Leon West, youth of the Champion community, was sentenced in Wilkes court Tuesday to five to seven years in prison for assault and robbery of W. A. Triplett, Furber merchant, of over \$350 in a daring holdup December 19.

A confession was introduced through A. H. Clark, highway patrol sergeant, in which the youth admitted that he went to Triplett's store at 4:15 a. m., called Mr. Triplett to the door, slugged him on the head, took his money and left him tied up in a back room.

Judge Dan K. Moore said in passing sentence that the minimum penalty was prescribed in view of the fact that restitution had been made of the funds taken in the robbery and that \$57 was paid on Triplett's hospital and doctor bills.

Trial of Ernest Taylor for the death of Lee R. Anderson in North Wilkesboro was continued for the term due to illness of Dr. J. H. McNeill, who performed autopsy on the body of Anderson, who was alleged to have died as the result of a blow on the head inflicted by Taylor.

Safe robbery charge against Clyde Fortner, of Alexander county, was moved from Wilkes to Davie county court for trial. Fortner is in jail awaiting charge of breaking into Midway Pontiac company, cracking the safe and taking \$250. The motion for removal set out that a similar case is pending at Mocksville and that a plea of sole contendere will be entered there on both counts, which are to be consolidated for judgment.

"The Hasty Heart" Cast Delayed; Show Here Is Cancelled

Due to accidents and unavoidable delay, cast of "The Hasty Heart," Broadway production scheduled for showing at the Liberty Theatre, did not reach North Wilkesboro in time for a performance Tuesday night.

The all star cast headed by Freddie Bartholomew was due to come here Tuesday from Charleston, W. Va. They were unavoidably delayed in leaving Charleston and while in the mountains encountered heavy fog which made driving almost impossible. Later the brakes on the bus failed and after repairs were made the troupe proceeded to North Wilkesboro, arriving here at 8:45 p. m.

Because of the long time necessary to prepare the stage, Ivan D. Anderson, theatre owner, had cancelled the show and refunds had already been made on many tickets when the show arrived. Bartholomew and the troupe manager offered to proceed with the show but because of the late hour and time needed to prepare the setting it was deemed best to cancel the performance, Mr. Anderson said.

Ramblers Plan Football Game

Spring practice of Wilkesboro Ramblers football squad will close with a regular game Friday afternoon, 1:30 p. m., between the "Whites" and the "Greens", evenly divided squads picked from the 45 boys who have been in practice for the past three weeks.

Coach Eddie Adelman will watch the contest from the sidelines as Jack Groce and Malcolm Gambill, seniors, coach the two teams in the regulation contest.

Coach Adelman will be particularly interested in scrutinizing the game to see what his prospects are for replacing eight seniors graduating this year from the team which went thru a ten-game schedule last fall undefeated and untied. The graduates this year, and who were not in spring practice, are Malcolm Gambill, Bill Craig, Perry Lowe, Buddy Hubbard, Dainard Foster, Don Pardue, from the line, and Jack Groce and Bill Whitington from the backfield. Seven of the eight seniors were first eleven starters in the 1947 season.

Admission at Friday's game will be 15 cents for students and 25 cents for adults.

When the football game Friday afternoon is over baseball practice will be started. The team will play in the newly formed Highland conference.

Fire Destroys Old Residence Monday

Fire which originated Monday near midnight partially destroyed the former Beeson house located on the northwest corner of Ninth and D streets. The large house, occupied by three families, was burning rapidly when the fire alarm was turned in and occupants of the upstairs and back part of the house had no time to spare in escaping from the burning residence.

The fire department worked rapidly and used seven hoses in dousing the flaming structure, and the fire was put out before the house was totally destroyed. The building is the property of V. M. Church, C. S. Wellborn had the house rented and had rented apartments to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilbert and to another couple. All furniture was destroyed. No insurance was carried on the building.

Fruit Growers To Meet Friday

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers will meet Friday, March 19, seven p. m., at the apple research laboratory on highway 16.

Officers will be elected and three will be other important business at the meeting, according to announcement by Vaughn E. Jennings, president, and Paul Choplin, Wilkes, county agent.

H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist of State College, will lead discussions at the meeting. He will also conduct a pruning demonstration Friday, 1:30 p. m., at the Janis orchard, owned by Campbell-Crogey and located two miles southeast of the apple research laboratory.

All fruit growers are invited to the afternoon demonstration and meeting Friday evening.

Glass Sales And Service Company Is Opened Here

Glass Sales and Service company, which features a full line of automobile glass and installation, has opened for business in the basement of the bus station on the corner of Main and Sixth streets.

J. M. Kenerly is owner of the new firm, which will install safety glass windshields, door glass, etc., in any make or model of cars and trucks. Mr. Kenerly in discussing this type of business called attention of motorists to the fact that broken and fogged glass will be cause for rejection when vehicles are inspected and urges all motorists to have defective or broken glasses replaced.

Girl Scout News

Wilkes county Girl Scouts association will meet the fifth Monday, March 29, 7:45 p. m., in the religious education building of the First Presbyterian church. The meeting is usually held on the fourth Monday.

Girl Scouts who have completed a course in child care and are now available as baby sitters are Bette Blackburn, Isabella Gibbs, Ann Carlton, Doris Ann Godbey, Ann Lott, Dottie Winters, Joanne Lenderman, Ruth Watson, Mary Hudson, Betty Jo Reavis, Betty Jean Wells. Those interested in securing services of these girls are asked to call their leader, Miss Elizabeth McNeill.

Basketball Playoff Begins On Friday

Playoff for championship of the Wilkes Industrial basketball league will begin Friday night at Millers Creek between Millers Creek all stars and Eller's Blue Jackets, winners of the first and second half schedules, respectively.

The teams will play for two victories with games scheduled Friday night this week, Monday and Wednesday nights next week, in event the series goes three three games. Both teams have played outstanding basketball this season and are rated among the top teams in northwestern North Carolina.

Banks Will Close Wednesdays, 1:00

Beginning Wednesday, March 24, both banks here will close at one p. m. on Wednesdays, which will be the same hour that stores and other business houses close for the Wednesday half holiday.

RED CROSS DRIVE PROGRESSING; RURAL SOLICITATIONS PLANNED

G. Sam Winters, chairman, and his co-chairman, Joe Barber, report that good progress is being made on the annual Red Cross fund drive.

Last week plans for rural solicitations were completed by Rev. H. M. Wellman, Rev. W. N. Brookshire and O. B. Eller with the following area leaders: T. W. Long, Antioch, Lovelace, and Wilkesboro townships; Mack Cowles, Beaver Creek; Mrs. John Andrews and Mrs. C. B. Smith, Boomer; Mrs. Kathleen Morehouse, J. A. Costner, Brushy Mountain; W. O. Barnett, Elk; O. M. Proffit, Lewis Fork, Stanton, Jobs Cabin; Mrs. Lawrence Critcher, Moravian Falls; Harry Green, New Castle; John Van Caudill, Laura Pennell, Reddies River; P. L. Somers, Somers; Colin Pardue, Clyde Burchette, Zelle Harris, Edwards; Paul W. Gregory, Rock Creek; Verna Royal, Josephine Alexander, Walnut Grove; Fred Gilreath, Jr., Traphill. Due to prolonged bad weather the rural sections got a late start, but it is hoped that with favorable conditions, the rural drive will be successfully completed soon after the last of March.

Republicans Of 24th District Plan Meet

Yadkinville, March 16.—J. Roy Pendry, of Yadkinville District chairman, has called a convention of the Republicans of the 24th Senatorial District to meet in Yadkinville on Saturday afternoon, March 27, at which time a candidate for nomination for State Senator will be endorsed.

The district is composed of the counties of Yadkin, Wilkes and Davie, and under the order of rotation the Senator will come from Davie county this time.

SCHEDULE PRE-EASTER SERVICES

Churches of the Wilkesboro will join in a series of pre-Easter, union services beginning Sunday evening, March 21, and continuing through Friday at 7:30 p. m. Members of all congregations and any not affiliated with the churches are invited to all services.

Following is the schedule of dates, places and speakers:

- March 21, Wilkesboro Baptist, Dr. G. R. Combs; March 22, Wilkesboro Methodist, Dr. J. T. Wayland; March 23, St. Paul's Episcopal, Rev. W. M. Cooper; March 24, North Wilkesboro Presbyterian, Rev. W. N. Brookshire; March 25, North Wilkesboro Methodist, Rev. B. M. Lackey; March 26, North Wilkesboro Baptist, Rev. H. M. Wellman.

Plays Here Friday To Provide Laughs

A good laugh is good for the soul. And there are at least a hundred good laughs in "Elmer" and "Elmer and the Lovebug," the two one-act plays which are to be given by the North Wilkesboro high school dramatics club in the school auditorium on the evening of Friday, March 19th. Here are plays based on very human problems — things that are sure to appeal to young and old alike. The local casts are working hard in order to make its production as smooth and finished as a professional stage performance. The cast of "Elmer" includes:

- Elmer, Jim Moore; Jeanie, Betty Lou Foster; Janie, Betty Jean McNeill; Susie, Helen Eller; Mrs. Collier, Betty Lou Kenerly; Miss Pinney, Jane Carter; Hubert Brown, Dud Moore; Fannie Belle, Jeanette McNeill; Russ Jameson, Ken Woods.

The cast of "Elmer and the Lovebug" includes: Elmer, Jimmy Winters; Janie, Margie Newton; Jeanie, Agnes Kenerly; Susie, Pa. Pope; Luther Lawson, Jule Rousseau; Hubert Brown, Bill Bason; Cecil, Buddy Tugman; Millicent Carr, Billy Jo Zimmerman; Fannie Belle, Edna G. McNeill.

Tickets are on sale at Brame's Drug Store and from members of the Dramatics Club. Price is 30c for students and 60c for adults. Be sure not to miss "Elmer" and "Elmer and the Lovebug" at 8:00 p. m., Friday night, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium.

To Broadcast Address Address of Dr. C. Sylvester Green, Durham Herald editor, before the Kiwanis club Friday noon will be broadcast over station WKBC.

Current To Be Off Short Time Sunday

In order to make improvements at the sub-station, Duke Power company here will cut off the current for three periods of less than ten minutes each on Sunday morning, March 21, between 6 and 7:30 o'clock.

Concert Group To Have Directors

The newly-formed Wilkes Community Concert Association will be governed by a board of directors representing many phases of the community life of the Wilkesboro, it was announced today by Forrest E. Jones, president. Three directors, he explained, will meet with the officers in planning details of the forthcoming membership campaign, setting up the organization's policies, and selecting the artists to be brought to the Wilkesboro next fall and winter. This first board meeting was Tuesday in the ballroom of Hotel Wilkes at four p. m.

Meeting Called For Discussion Credit Bureau

All merchants of the Wilkesboro and vicinity are invited and urged to attend a meeting to be held Friday, 7:45 p. m., at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the advisability of the formation of a credit bureau in North Wilkesboro. All merchants and other business men, regardless of whether or not they are engaged in credit business, are asked to attend the meeting and participate in the movement for organization.

Delegates Named To G. O. P. Meets

Wilkes county Republican convention in session at Wilkesboro Saturday elected full slates of delegates and alternates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. They are as follows:

- Delegates to Republican State Convention to be held at Durham today, were elected as follows: Delegates—N. B. Smithey, P. E. Brown, T. E. Story, W. B. Somers, John R. Jones, Dave Mink, T. H. Settle, J. H. Johnson, C. C. Hayes, C. G. Polindexter, Troy C. Foster, J. C. Grayson, M. F. Absher, C. C. Sidden, I. J. Broyhill, L. B. Dula, Kyle Hayes, J. F. Jordan, F. J. McDuffie, J. H. Wheeler, Sr., J. Allie Hayes, Ralph Davis, P. W. Eshelman, W. S. Fletcher, T. R. Bryan, Clyde Hayes, Paul Osborne, H. P. Eller, John Jones, E. Staley, E. R. Eller, Gythera Eller, I. M. Myers, W. M. Holder, W. E. Reynolds, J. W. Bryan, Blain Sparks, W. M. Blackburn, P. E. Dancy, W. W. Gambill, Claude Kennedy, Old Wiles, Bill Phillips, Robert M. Holland, Clarence Fletcher.

Plan Square Dance At Moravian Falls

Another old-time square dance of the type which has been so popular at Moravian Falls will be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at the Moravian Falls community house for the community house improvement fund. Those who attend are assured of an enjoyable evening.

2 Players Bought And Others Signed

Henry (Flash) Loman announced today the purchase of two additional players and contracts signed by two others, for the 1948 edition of North Wilkesboro Flashers in the Blue Ridge League. Jack Leonard, shortstop who played for Radford in the Blue Ridge league and Reidsville in the Tri-State, has been purchased from the Florence, S. C., Steelers, along with Floro, a rookie second baseman. Leonard is a non-class man with good prospects and the rookie looks good to baseball men.

Ray Blevins, a diminutive, southpaw pitcher who "mowed 'em down" in semi-pro ball in the Southside, Virginia, league, has sent in his contract from his home at Lansing in Ashe county. Blevins had played for Steve Mizrak, now manager of the Richmond colts.

Henry Duncan, catcher for the past two years for Pulaski in the Appalachian league, has also forwarded his contract to manager Loman. Duncan is a young player who wanted a change of scenery.

Many rookies from Wilkes and adjoining counties are expected to report when training opens on Memorial Park field April 5. Manager Loman has emphasized that all ball players are invited to try out.

Northwestern Bank Capital Structure Now Two Million

The executive committee of the Northwestern Bank authorized the sale of 12,000 shares of common stock in their regular meeting Monday. This increase was approved by the stockholders of the bank in their annual meeting held in January.

When this is consummated, the outstanding common capital stock of The Northwestern Bank will be \$500,000.00, surplus \$1,000,000.00, and undivided profits approximately \$500,000.00, making the total capital structure of the bank \$2,000,000.00. Other reserve accounts as of February 28, 1948, amounted to \$290,795.51. Reserve accounts for depreciation, valuation allowances on loans and bonds, which in accordance with good accounting practices are not shown in published statements, amount to \$550,748.96.

Officials of The Northwestern Bank state that this increase in the capital account of the bank would create a greater degree of safety for the depositors and place the bank in a position to better serve its many customers.

Fishing Rules In Wilkes Released

Robert Johnson, district game protector, has released rules and regulations relative to fishing in Wilkes county.

Spearing or gigger for suckers is permitted in the following waters from January 1 to May 31: Elk creek, mouth to Darby; east prong Roaring River, mouth to Joynes postoffice; west prong Roaring River, mouth to steel bridge on Traphill road; Roaring River, mouth to forks.

Netting is permitted in the Yadkin river from the Ferguson bridge to Surry county line for all non-game fish.

Following are regulations for fishing in streams on Blue Ridge Parkway lands or Bluff Park lands as outlined by Sam P. Weems, Parkway superintendent:

Fishing Season: The open season for fishing in streams within the boundaries of the Parkway shall be the same as that prescribed for the state within which the stream lies. Fishing is permitted only between sunrise and sunset of the same day.

Size and Creel Limits: The legal length of all fish and the daily catch, or creel limit, of such fish shall be in conformance with the laws of the State within which the fish are caught. Licenses: No special license or permit is required, but all fishermen must possess necessary State or county licenses required for the area in which the stream is located.

Bait: The possession of live or dead minnows, chubs, or other bait (fish, or hte use thereof as bait, is prohibited. The digging of worms for bait within the Parkway is prohibited.

Preaching Service

Rev. Rufus Mitchell, pastor in charge, will preach at the Gospel Tabernacle in Wilkesboro Saturday night and Sunday, March 20 and 21. Services will be held Saturday night, 7:30, and Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Ben Wood will lead the singing. Everybody is invited.

Easter Food Sale

The Wilkes Chapter No. 42 of the Order of Eastern Star, will sponsor a food sale of dyed eggs, etc., Friday, March 26th, from two to five p. m., at the Hinshaw Gift Shop over Moore's Market. The public is cordially invited to attend the sale.

Valuable Property Auction Saturday

Fifty-five home and business sites on highway 18 near Boomer will be sold at auction Saturday, March 20, two p. m., in a sale to be conducted by Johnson Land Auction company, of Greensboro, North Wilkesboro and Lumberton.

This property, known as the Greer and Pearson lands, is well located near churches, schools and on bus and mail service routes. A radio, cash and nylon hose will be among the prizes to be given those attending the sale, which should attract a large crowd.

Statesville Men Are Being Held For Holdup Here

Two Statesville youths were identified Tuesday as the men who held up and robbed Reddies River Service station here March 5, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

James Albertie Finchum, 21, and James Fred Billings, 19, both of Statesville, were caught Monday night by Highway Patrolman Miller, of Statesville, after a chase on dirt roads between Taylorsville and highway 115.

In Taylorsville Monday night, 8:30, two men held up and robbed Moose Grocery of \$70 in cash. Patrolman Miller chased the car and captured Finchum and Billings. On Tuesday Jasper Hayes, service station attendant who was forced at the point of an automatic pistol to hand over \$30 at the Reddies River service station here, went to Statesville and identified the men as the ones who robbed him. Police Chief Walker said here that Finchum and Billings had admitted the robberies here and at Taylorsville and also the holdup of a service station in Yadkinville March 12. They are now in jail at Taylorsville.

Charles H. Crabb Funeral On Sunday

Charles Harrison Crabb, 68, died Friday in the Elkin hospital following a seven weeks' illness. Surviving are eight children, Mrs. Montgomery Billings, Mrs. Hubert Harris and Mrs. Will Spicer, Thurmond; Mrs. Lonnie Tucker, Jonesville, with whom he resided; Mrs. Guy Crouse, Traphill; Mrs. Ray Collins, Booneville; Barney and Lonnie Crabb, State Road; 25 grandchildren, a great-grandchild; two brothers, J. T. Crabb, Darlington, Md.; R. C. Crabb, route 1, North Wilkesboro; a sister, Mrs. T. A. Billings, Roaring River. Funeral service was held Sunday at 2 p. m. at Roaring Gap Baptist church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Horner Not Running

Sanford.—W. E. Horner, publisher of The Sanford Herald, who two years ago lost the Democratic nomination for the eighth district congressman by 353 votes, has announced that he will not be a candidate for the nomination this year.

Stafford's Plan Formal Opening Friday, Saturday

Stafford's Radio-Record Shop will have formal opening Friday and Saturday in the firm's new quarters on the street floor of the Stafford building, 929 Main Street.

This well known firm, owned and operated by Frank Stafford, has moved from the top floor to the street floor. The building has been completely renovated with new fixtures, new equipment, and private booths have been installed with record players. This enables customers to make their own selections in privacy and the displays enable them to select what they want to hear. Courteous sales personnel is on hand to assist customers.

For the formal opening Friday and Saturday many door prizes will be given and everybody is invited.

The largest and most complete stock of records in the history of the store has been assembled for the opening, including 25 brand names. There is also a complete stock of record shop accessories.

The radio department of the shop carries a complete line of both table and console numbers, and Warren Sebastian, a well-trained radio technician, is in charge of the radio repair department.

Stafford's maintain a pick-up and delivery service.

Cub Scout Pack 36 Will Meet Monday

Cub Scout pack number 36 will meet Monday, 7:30 p. m., at the religious educational building of the First Presbyterian church, Edward Bell, Cubmaster, announced today.

There will be a special program of interest to parents and all cubs and parents are asked to attend.