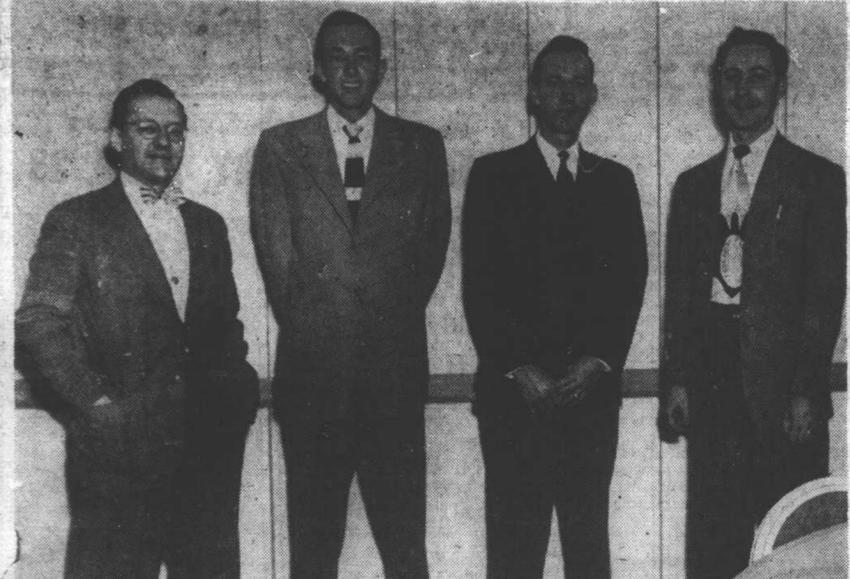


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Toronto, Ont.—The old picture selling racket is back again.

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Two Die In Tragic Accidents

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Body Almost Severed When Automobile Crashes Off Highway 268

Wayne Cecil Byrd, 26, an army corporal home on leave before going to Japan, was crushed to instant death Monday evening when the car he was driving crashed off highway 268 at Roaring River ten miles east of here.

Cpl. Byrd was traveling east on the highway and with him was William Ray Wood, of North Wilkesboro, route 2, owner of the car, and who was not seriously hurt.

State Highway Patrolmen J. A. Reeves and R. H. Dillard investigated the accident. They said the car traveled 343 feet on the shoulder of the road and plunged down an embankment.

After catapulting the car landed on its left side and Cpl. Byrd was caught in the door. His body was practically severed, one leg was crushed and his head was crushed. He was so crushed in the car that it was necessary to saw the car door to remove the body.

Cpl. Byrd was a son of Solomon and Rebecca Brown Byrd, well known residents of the North Wilkesboro route two community. He had been stationed with a detachment at West Point and more recently had been in an army hospital at Fort Devens, Mass., before receiving his furlough.

In addition to his father and mother Cpl. Byrd is survived by two brothers and four sisters: William V. Byrd, of Elkin; Jones E. Byrd, Mrs. Leroy Porter, Mrs. Eugene Sebastian, Mrs. Ray Richardson and Mrs. Wayne Brown, all of North Wilkesboro route two.

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Rock Creek Baptist church. Rev. L. M. Cook and Rev. Woodrow Wishon conducted the service.

Mrs. Edgar J. Deal Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Edgar J. Deal, well known resident of the Mt. Olive community of Pores Knob route two, died last night. Funeral service will be held at Mt. Olive Friday afternoon, 2:30.

Mrs. Deal is survived by her husband and several children. She was the stepmother of Lee Deal, husband of the former Miss Dorothy Summers, of North Wilkesboro.

CLEAN-UP, BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN READY FOR CLIMAX DURING WEEK OF APRIL 24-30

The civic affairs committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and cooperating agencies this week are busily engaged with preparations for a climax in the Clean-Up and Beautification campaign during the week of April 24 to 30.

This week the members of the committee are contacting property owners in the Wilkesboro making improvements be made in accordance with recommendations made by a survey and inspection committee two weeks ago. In the case of recommendations for public property, the municipal, county or state authorities involved will be contacted.

The campaign as being carried out is more than a clean-up endeavor, in that efforts are being made to secure permanent improvements where practical. Special stress is being laid on painting, renovating, and planting of lawns and shrubs for improved appearance. Much attention is also being given in the interest of sanitation, especially in work which would affect the public health.

Town authorities have agreed to lend every cooperation, and to make garbage and rubbish disposal as near as the nearest phone. Any one having quantities of rubbish to be hauled away are asked to telephone municipal authorities.

V. F. W. Planning For Big Carnival Next Week, 25-30

At a special meeting of Blue Ridge Mountain Post, 1142, V. F. W., held at Post Headquarters on Wednesday, April 20, final plans were discussed for the carnival to be held next week on the V. F. W. grounds.

It was announced by Commander Ralph Williams that a great carnival is in store for the people of Wilkes county next week. A show consisting of seven rides, many shows and concessions promises to bring to North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county a week of fine entertainment and real fun for every one.

The carnival will start on next Monday, April 25th, and run through Saturday, April 30th.

All members of the Post are urged to be present Thursday and Friday evening and all day Saturday so that the grounds near the clubhouse can be put in good shape for the carnival. It is planned to widen the road from the state highway into the grounds so that easy access will be afforded to all cars, with ample parking for all.

Plans were completed for the removal of the letters that are on the building and the placing of a neon sign bearing the letters "V. F. W."

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Chicken House With 4,000 Chicks Burns

A two-story chicken house on the premises of John Higgins, located five miles east of this city near highway 268, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, ten o'clock. The fire, which was said to have originated from a stove, also burned 4,000 chicks about six weeks old. Total loss was estimated at about \$4,000 and was not covered by insurance.

The North Wilkesboro fire department kept the fire from spreading into the woods or to other buildings, including Mr. Higgins' spokehouse nearby, and his residence.

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Arthur H. Murrell Instant Victim In Collision Near This City

Arthur H. Murrell, 56, of 581 Spruce Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga., was crushed to death Wednesday afternoon, 3.30, when his car was hit by a tractor-trailer load of cinder blocks at the intersection of highways 421 and 115 two miles southeast of this city.

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The body of Murrell, who was alone in the car, was crushed into the rear part of the automobile and the car body was almost completely torn from the chassis.

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Thanks People For Giving \$12,334.40 In Polio Campaign

Sam Ogilvie, chairman of the Wilkes County 1949 March of Dimes campaign announced today that the final report of the Campaign held in January has been made and that the net proceeds in Wilkes county were \$12,334.40. He asked that the following statement be published:

To the People of Wilkes County:

In behalf of the Wilkes County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis I want to thank each of you who had a part in making this campaign such a great success. I wish that it were possible to personally thank all of you from the largest contributor down to the school child who could only give his dime, but I will be unable to do so. In the beginning of the Campaign I told you that the victims of polio in Wilkes were depending on you to help them in their fight for recovery and you did not disappoint them nor me. I hesitate to mention any particular group because so many organizations supported the campaign loyally, but I feel that I should publicly commend the Schools, the Civic Clubs, Radio Station WKBC and The Journal-Patriot for their untiring efforts in behalf of the campaign.

Again I say, thank you for your generosity and cooperation. Gratefully yours, SAM OGILVIE.

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Physician's Office Over Horton's Will Be Open Friday This Week

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