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Hayes Youth Is Exonerated Of Fletcher Death

Leo Hayes Fatally Shot Dewey Fletcher at Hayes On Brushies

Leo Hayes, 19-year-old youth of the Brushy Mountain community, yesterday was exonerated of the slaying Tuesday night of Dewey Fletcher, 51, at the home of Leo's father, Jetter Hayes, near Gilreath.

A jury empaneled by Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers heard the evidence and rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide, recommending that Hayes be completely exonerated and that no charges be preferred.

Coroner Myers said in reviewing that evidence that Dewey Fletcher was the husband of Grace Fletcher, who is a sister of Jetter Hayes. Several months ago Fletcher and his wife separated and separation papers were signed. She went to the home of her brother, Jetter Hayes, to make her home.

Fletcher, according to the evidence, went to the Hayes home Tuesday night about ten o'clock. There he struck his estranged wife and choked her. Her nephew, Leo Hayes, picked up a .22-calibre rifle and shot Fletcher in the chest while he was shooting his wife. The shooting occurred within the Hayes household.

The bullet, Coroner Myers said, went through Fletcher's chest and his back. Fletcher crumpled to a sitting position on some cases of canned fruits and died within minutes.

Fletcher was a son of Zachary F. and Victoria Tedder Fletcher. He is survived by his estranged wife and one son, Talmadge Fletcher, of Oakwoods.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, 11 a. m., at New Hope Baptist church near Gilreath.

To Play Mt. Airy Here On Saturday

Flashers Divide With Radford In First Games With Flash Loman Pilot

North Wilkesboro Flashers changed managers last night, with Henry "Flash" Loman taking over the reins, and won the first game against Radford 8 to 4, but losing the second on loss infield play 12 to 6.

Bill Weston went the route in the first game, which the Flashers pulled out of the fire with an explosive burst of hits and runs in the sixth frame. North Wilkesboro went ahead with two runs in the first on hits by Peters, Shores and Daddino. Radford came back to tie it up in the second, and added single runs in the fourth and sixth to go ahead 4 to 2. In the big sixth the Flashers had six hits and six runs, with Bernie Keating in pinch hitter role smashing a 350-foot triple and driving in two runs.

In the second game the home infield went haywire in the second and allowed five Radford runs on no hits, three walks and three errors. With the score 6-0 the Flashers rallied with six runs on six hits again in the sixth inning to tie the count. Cunningham started on the mound and went out because of wildness in the second. Keating pitched until the seventh when he went out with two runners on and Rhoades relieved. Wilcox slammed a triple to score two runs and he was scored on an error. Radford added two in the eighth and one in the ninth.

Mount Airy, the slipping leaders of the league, will play the Flashers here Saturday night and the home team will entertain Wytheville here Sunday afternoon, 2:30.

Tonight the Flashers are in Radford and will be in Mt. Airy Friday night.

Prizes are being given fans at every game here and fans are asked to hold rain checks until prizes are given.

Ice Cream Supper At Hudson's Store

There will be an ice cream supper sponsored by the Roaring River home demonstration club at Hudson's store on highway 268 Saturday night at 7 o'clock; also home made cakes and pies, whole or by the slice. Everyone is invited to attend.

Patrolman Dillard Defendant In Suit Filed For \$25,000

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Dillard was named as defendant in a \$25,000 damage suit filed in Wilkes court yesterday by Mrs. Katherine H. Beshears, plaintiff.

The plaintiff claims in complaint filed in the suit that she was damaged \$15,000 actual and \$10,000 punitive damages by statements of the defendant, particularly in an affidavit in superior court by Patrolman Dillard, which the plaintiff said wrongfully accused her of selling liquor, and owning and operating a place where lewdness and other immoral conduct was carried on. The affidavit in question was used in court in connection with the case against E. L. Beshears and the closing of Parkway Cafe at that time.

The suit was filed and served yesterday and Patrolman Dillard was placed under bond of \$10,000.

Wilkes Farmers Favored Quotas Flue Cured Weed

Vote Practically Unanimous; Quotas Voted In Throughout Belt

Wilkes farmers, along with tobacco growers throughout the flue cured belt, voted overwhelmingly for tobacco quotas to be in effect for the next three years. Election was held Saturday, July 23.

The total in Wilkes county for quotas for a three-year period was 898, with only three opposing votes. There was one vote for one-year quotas.

The three opposing votes were cast at Traphill. The one for one-year was at the Benham voting place. Following are given the precinct totals for three-year quotas: Benham, 196; Tharpe's Mill, 174; Harry Green's store, 231; Gus Myers' store, 77; Traphill, 160; Wilkesboro, 60.

Valuable Property At Auction July 30

Johnson Land Auction company, of which Tal J. Pearson is local selling agent, will sell some valuable property at auction Saturday, July 30, 2:30 p. m. The former Tom Johnson farm contains 204 acres, which has been divided into six farms, big tracts and beautiful home sites. Included with the property are two good farm houses, outbuildings, farm livestock and machinery. The sale will offer a splendid opportunity to buy a good small farm or home site.

5th Sunday Singing At Little Rock 31st

Southside Singing Association will convene with Little Rock Baptist church near Boomer Sunday, July 31, 11 a. m. F. J. McDuffie, chairman, said that dinner will be spread picnic style at noon, and a full day's program of singing will be carried out. All singers are invited to attend and participate.

Loman Again Pilots Flashers

Greensboro, who piloted the North Wilkesboro Flashers to second place in a red-hot pennant chase last year, is the new manager of the North Wilkesboro Flashers.

The fiery, explosive, highly competitive skipper left his business in Greensboro yesterday to take over the team he started so successfully in professional baseball last year. In the manager's post he replaces Tom Daddino, polished first baseman and one of the best players in the entire league, but who had been unable in the past two weeks to pull the sagging Flashers out of the doldrums.

Last year Flash was a playing manager, playing part of the time in the infield, but he has not been in baseball this season and will manage from the bench, at least until he gets in shape for play.

Loman started his baseball career under the tutorage of Billy Southworth at Asheville. Southworth is now skipper of the Boston Braves, 1948 National League champions. In one previous season Loman was batting champion of the Virginia league.

Henry "Flash" Loman, of

Road Delegations Will Be Heard In Wilkesboro, 9th

Date Changed From Wednesday To Tuesday, 9th By Commissioner

Delegations requesting construction or improvements of roads in Alleghany, Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties will be heard by Commissioner Mark Goforth at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Tuesday, August 9, instead of Wednesday, August 10, commissioner Goforth stated today. The hearing will open at ten a. m.

Commissioner Goforth holds a hearing once each month at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro for the people of the four counties in district 2 of the eighth division.

The first of these meetings was held on July 12, when several hundred people from the four counties were heard in several delegations.

At these hearings the commissioner and division engineer hear and map the requests, which are later reviewed in field work and will be considered in mapping the program under Governor Scott's \$200,000,000 road improvement program.

Thurmon Sparks Hearing Postponed

Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers said today that the hearing scheduled for Thurmond Sparks at the Wilkes courthouse Friday afternoon has been postponed until Friday, August 5, three p. m.

The hearing will be to determine whether or not Sparks is to be held under bond for the fatal shooting of Claude Bell in the Antioch community several days ago.

Mrs. Blackburn Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service will be held Saturday, 11 a. m., at Charly church for Mrs. Clementine Blackburn, 87, wife of Ruff Blackburn, of Edwards township. Rev. George Curry will conduct the service. Mrs. Blackburn died today.

To Conduct Bible School At Oakwoods

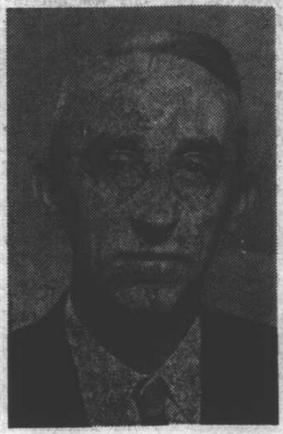
Vacation Bible school will be held Monday through Friday next week at Oakwoods Baptist church. Courses will be held each morning for children and at 7:30 p. m. each evening for adults. Rev. Dean Minton, pastor will be in charge of morning and evening courses. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Preaching Service
Rev. Ralph Miller will preach at Oakwoods Baptist church Sunday night, July 31, 7:30 o'clock. All have a cordial invitation to attend the service.

5th Sunday Singing At Wilbar July 31

Blue Ridge Singing Association will convene with Union church at Wilbar Sunday, July 31, at one p. m. T. A. Eller, chairman, announced today. All singers are invited to attend and participate in the singing throughout the afternoon.

On Board Trustees



T. E. Story, Wilkes representative in the General Assembly, last week was appointed by Governor W. Kerr Scott to a four-year term on the board of trustees of Winston-Salem Teachers College, a state institution for teacher training. On the board Representative Story replaces Gordon Gray, who is now Secretary of War in President Truman's cabinet. Representative Story's long career as an educator gives him splendid background to serve on the board of the teacher-training institution.

Child Dies Of Strangulation In Wilkesboro Home

William Dean Yates, seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yates, died last night of strangulation at an apartment occupied by the Yates family near Coble Dairy plant in Wilkesboro.

Coroner I. M. Myers said that the child had apparently slipped between the mattress and foot rail of the bed and there died of strangulation. The child was sleeping with his mother and was found by his father when he came in from work about 11 p. m.

Surviving are the father and mother, Richard and Audrey Yates, of Wilkesboro.

Funeral will be held Friday, two p. m., at New Hope Baptist. Vernon Eller will conduct the service.

J. F. Billings Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held today, 11 a. m., at Dehart church for James Franklin Billings, 77, resident of the Hays community who died Monday at the Wilkes hospital. Rev. Hillary Blevins conducted the last rites.

Mr. Billings was a member of a well known Wilkes family. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ellen Billings, two sons and three daughters: C. R. Billings, Hays; Bert Billings, Springfield; Faye Billings, Hays; Mrs. Millie Brown, Hays; Mrs. Everett Billings, Forest Hill, Md.

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North Wilkesboro Flashers Baseball Squad — 1949 Edition



Here are pictured the members of the North Wilkesboro Flashers baseball squad, which last night started under management of Henry "Flash" Loman. Left to right are, front row: Jack Cooper, Jack Proscia, Arnold Davis; second row, Tom Daddino, Lee Postove, Doug Shores, Pat Pescitelli, Bob Winkelspect, Bob Thompson; back row, Bob Hite, Bill Weston, Bob Peters, Ralph Cunningham, Carl Gentry, Dick Long, Bernie Keating, Leslie Rhoades; Daniel Nichols, batboy, in front of group.—(Photo by Link's Studio).

SEPT. 19-24 DATES FOR FAIR

Eugene Trivette Addresses Local Optimist Club

Bob Transou Is New Member Of Organization; Jenrette Back

Meeting at Hotel Wilkes Tuesday noon, the Optimist club of North Wilkesboro, heard a splendid address on "Optimism", delivered by Eugene Trivette, of this city, one of northwestern North Carolina's best known orators.

The club meeting opened with President E. R. Eller presiding, and after singing two stanzas of "America," the club creed was repeated in unison, followed by the invocation spoken by Dr. John W. Wayland.

Guests included Conrad Shaw with Rev. Dean Minton; Tyre Bumgarner with J. D. Hall; Tom Wellborn with Julius C. Hubbard.

The club was happy to receive into membership Bob Transou, manager of the Blue Ridge Tractor Co., of Wilkesboro. Bob will be formally presented with his club button at the next meeting of the club which will fall on Tuesday, August 9th.

Optimist Maurice Walsh presented Attorney Trivette, who delivered a fine, inspiring address on the subject: "Optimism, and What It Means To Our Citizenship." "It is much better to look on the bright side of life," Mr. Trivette said, and continuing the speaker expressed the opinion that America could never have won the last war—or any war—without a spirit of optimism. "Optimism helps in every way as we go through life—physically and morally," Mr. Trivette said. The address was enlivened with humorous stories, and interesting experiences gained during the many years the speaker has been a practicing attorney.

Club members were happy to welcome back into active membership Tom Jenrette who has been absent ten weeks due to an injury.

District Governors' Meeting In Charlotte

President Eller called the club's attention to a meeting of governors of the eighteenth Optimist district to be held in Charlotte on Saturday, August 6th, and expressed the hope that the North Wilkesboro club will be represented at this meeting.

Mrs. Vada Church Wins Deep Freeze

Mrs. Vada Church, of the Gordon community near this city, was winner of the Norge Deep Freeze unit which was given at Jenkins big furniture sale at the old tannery. The sale is continuing in full blast with many outstanding values remaining to be sold.

Two Rattlers Killed In One Day By R. S. Barnett On Brushies

R. S. Barnett, of Gilreath, killed two big rattlesnakes Tuesday.

He killed the first large snake near his home just before starting for town. That snake had seven rattlers.

A mile from his home he saw another rattler in the road and ran over it with his car. He borrowed a gun from a home nearby and killed it. The second rattlesnake had six rattlers, but was very large.

Furniture Shows Show Increased Business In Fall

At the furniture shows recently held in Chicago and New York and now in progress in High Point a marked increase in furniture business has been much in evidence.

Buyers were reported to be cautious at the Chicago show but orders have been larger and more plentiful at the Southern Furniture Exposition in High Point.

Local furniture manufacturers here have been attending the shows and showing new and attractive lines.

During the past several days many furniture retailers from the Wilkesboros attended the High Point show.

Bus Terminal Closed Sundays

The North Wilkesboro bus terminal, including refreshment stand, will be closed all day every Sunday, M. C. Woodie, terminal manager, stated today.

Those who plan to use buses on Sundays are asked when convenient to purchase tickets on Saturdays. The station will be open each Saturday night until 10:30. Mr. Woodie said that Sunday passengers will be given special attention from 3:30 until 10:30 on Saturday nights.

Christine Horton To Play For Radio Audience Sunday

Miss Christine Horton, thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horton, of Ferguson, will play popular music on the piano for WKBC's radio audience Sunday afternoon, July 31st, from 4:30 to 4:45 p. m. It is interesting to note that Miss Horton plays by ear entirely as she has never taken lessons under an instructor. It is expected that her appearance on the radio will be heard with much interest.

Kiwanis Club Is Sponsor Of Big Event This Year

Committees To Handle All Phases Of Fair Named By Kiwanis Club

Annual Wilkes Agricultural Fair sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club will be held the week beginning September 19, club officials announced today.

The fair this year will be a greater event than before, because it will contain more and varied events.

The horse show annually sponsored by the Kiwanis club and usually held July 4, will be combined with the fair. In addition, there will be a dairy calf show and dog show.

Emphasis will be placed on agricultural orchard and home exhibits. A large midway aggregation has been signed for the week and there will be grandstand attractions.

Dr. W. K. Newton is general chairman of the executive committee, with G. Sam Winters secretary-treasurer. Paul Church, J. B. Carter and W. K. Sturdivant are the other members.

The various committees have been chosen as follows:

Advertising: J. B. Carter, sponsor; Dr. G. T. Mitchell, chairman; Joe Barber, W. G. Gabriel, John W. Leyshon, Roby R. Church, D. E. Elledge, John Prevette, Russell Hodges, Edd Gardner.

Dog Show: J. B. Carter, sponsor; Dr. J. H. McNeill, chairman; Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Frank Blair, Pat Williams, Richard Finley, Frank Crow, William Brame.

Tickets: G. Sam Winters, sponsor; E. G. Finley, chairman; W. J. Caroon, C. B. Eller, J. H. Whicker, Sr., Rev. Watt Cooper, Dudley Hill, Cecil F. Adams, Dr. E. N. Phillips, Joe McCoy, Rev. W. N. Brookshire, W. H. McElwee, J. C. Reins, Jerry Derr, Wm. A. Stroud, T. E. Story, Dr. John T. Wayland, Dr. W. F. Jones, L. M. Nelson, W. D. Halfacre, W. E. Jones, Ed Caudill, C. O. McNeil, Rev. C. Jay Winslow.

Exhibits: Paul Church, sponsor; Robert M. Brame, chairman; Paul Choplin, Carl Vandeman, H. H. Morehouse, Robert Morehouse, Mrs. Paul Greene, Mrs. A. F. Kilby, Mrs. Lawrence Miller, Howard Colvard, Hal Snyder, Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, Jerry Derr, Fred Hubbard, Jr.

Lights, Telephone and Radio: Paul Church, sponsor; Robert Gibbs, chairman; John Cashion, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain.

Stable and Livestock: W. K. Sturdivant, sponsor; Paul Vestal, chairman; Howard Colvard, T. O. Minton, W. F. Gaddy.

Publicity: Dr. W. K. Newton, sponsor; Tom Jenrette, chairman; John Cashion, J. B. Williams, J. R. Finley, P. W. Estelman, J. R. Hix, John E. Justice, Jr.

Police, Parking and Grounds: W. K. Sturdivant, sponsor; G. Arthur Venable, chairman, H. P. Eller, John Baity, J. E. Johnson, Paul Osborne, John Walker, Pat Williams, Gordon Finley, J. E. Caudill.

First Aid: Dr. W. K. Newton, sponsor; Dr. Fred Hubbard, chairman; Dr. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. Bertha Bell, Miss Rebecca Moseley.

Trophies: G. Sam Winters, sponsor; W. J. Caroon, chairman; Frank Blair, W. G. Gabriel, J. B. Williams.

Ribbons: G. Sam Winters, sponsor; daughters of Kiwanians compose committee membership.

The fair will be held at the horse show and fair grounds just outside of this city on highway 115.

Watermelon Feast

Members of the Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's club enjoyed a watermelon feast at the Woman's clubhouse Tuesday evening. The event took the place of the regular dinner meeting of the club for this month. C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county schools, was present and spoke to the club members on the prospects of obtaining a band director for the Wilkesboro high school band.

Return that Book to the Library.