

WILKES MAN IS SHOT TO DEATH NEAR PARKWAY

Tam Miller Killed By Sister-In-Law Monday

MYRTLE WOODIE IS HELD

Victim Said To Have "Abused" Wife and Seven Children, Made Threats

SHOT WITH .22 RIFLE

Tam Miller, 40, of the Blue Ridge Parkway section of Wilkes County, was shot to death about 6 p. m. Monday by his sister-in-law, Miss Myrtle Woodie, 40, because he was "abusing" his wife and their seven children.

Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said that Miss Woodie was arrested at her home shortly after the shooting occurred near the Ashe County line. According to her story, Miller had been abusing his wife and children for some time and she had told him if he didn't stop she'd stop him. She stated that Miller had threatened her life and had made threats against his wife, whom he had beaten repeatedly, the sheriff said.

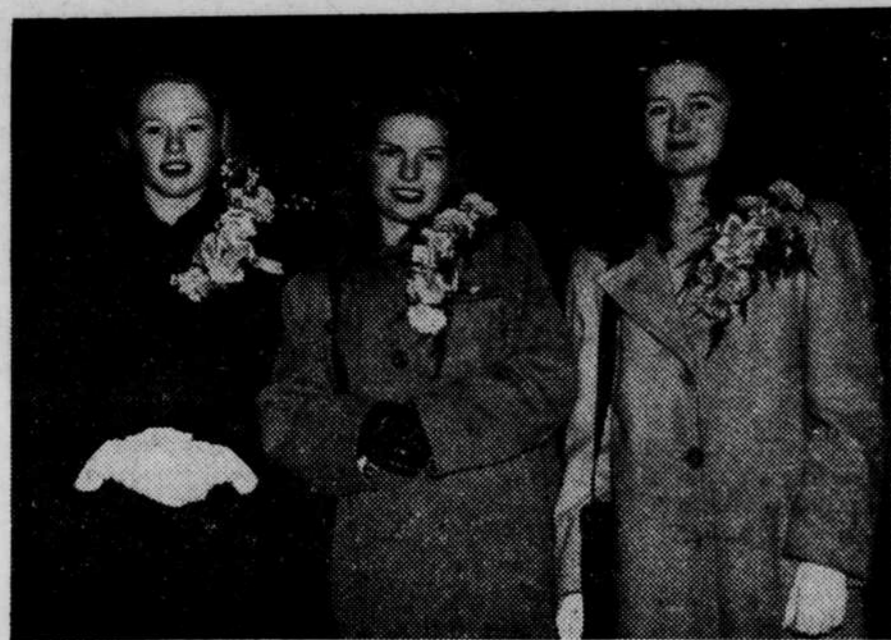
Miller was shot in the head, the .22 calibre rifle bullet entering just back of his left ear, it was reported. He died en route to the hospital at West Jefferson.

Miller apparently was on his way home when the shooting occurred, Sheriff Poindexter said, and had gotten into an argument with Miss Woodie when he passed her house. Following the argument, Miss Woodie went into her house, got the rifle, and shot Miller as he was walking up the road toward his own home.

No date for a preliminary hearing had been set yesterday.

Funeral for Miller will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at the Pear Creek Church with Rev. John W. Luke in charge.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Annie Woodie; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Miller of Laurel Springs; one daughter, Dorothy Miller of North Wilkesboro; seven sons, T. C. Miller and Willis Miller, both of Norfolk, Va., and Charles Miller, Wayne Miller, Elvin Miller, Herman Miller, and Guy Miller, all of the home.



FOOTBALL QUEENS — Above are the three young ladies who were chosen to reign at the first annual Jaycee Bowl game here Thanksgiving Day. From left to right are Sara Lou Reece, Jonesville; Marietta Wilson, Granite Falls; and Kay Cheek, Elkin.

METHODISTS TO GIVE CANTATA

"New Born King" To Be Presented By Choir Sunday, December 14, 8 P. M.

MRS. IRWIN DIRECTOR

"New Born King," by Frances Lovland, a Christmas cantata will be presented by the choir of the First Methodist Church, Sunday, December 14 at 8 p. m., under the direction of Mrs. Dwayne Irwin.

Featured soloist will be Edwin Potate of Yadkinville, a baritone. Mr. Potate has been soloist at the First Baptist Church, Waynesville; Grace Church, Newport News, Va.; Mulberry Methodist Church, Macon, Ga., a member of the Junaluska Singers; Waynesville Choral Club and Newport News opera company.

Other soloists will be Mrs. Roscoe Poplin, Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., Miss Margaret Cole, Calvin Wright and John Sagar.

Participating in the cantata will be Mrs. Maurice Bumgarner, Miss Sterling Browning, Mrs. Roy Kane, Miss Mabel Sale, Mrs. Charles Dixon, Miss Frances Lovelace, Mrs. E. G. Click, Mrs. Fred Colhard as sopranos; Mrs. Hoyle Cranford, Mrs. Robert Tuttle, Mrs. E. F. McNeer, Mrs. Alan Browning, Jr., Mrs. Harry L. Johnson, altos; Joe K. Wood, Van Dillon, Jr., Calvin Wright and Alan Browning, Jr., bass; Sam Boose, Clyde Walker, James Freeman and Bill Mann, tenors. Miss Mamie Blackwood will be the organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Copeland Girl Is Awarded \$200 Scholarship

Bonnie Jean Moore of Copeland, who is attending the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago this week, has been awarded a \$200 scholarship for her outstanding record in 4-H work, it was learned here yesterday.

She was one of six 4-H Club members in the nation to receive the scholarship award from the national 4-H organization.

A 12th-grade student at Copeland High School, Miss Moore won the trip to Chicago on the basis of her food preservation project, which was selected for first-place honors in State-wide competition recently. She is one of 24 North Carolina 4-H Club members who were selected for the trip to the 4-H Club Congress.

SMITH SPEAKS TO WORKERS IN YMCA DRIVE

Kick-Off Meeting Opens 1947 Membership Campaign

200 ATTEND BANQUET

Speaker Says Elkin Led Western North Carolina In YMCA Movement

PRAISES T. C. MCKNIGHT

J. Wilson Smith, head of YMCA work in the two Carolinas, addressed some 200 campaign workers at a "kick-off" meeting in the YMCA here Monday evening to open the 1947 membership drive of the Gilvin Roth YMCA.

Commending Elkin for its support of a wholesome program for young people, Mr. Smith asserted that Elkin has led western North Carolina in the YMCA movement. He pointed out that Hickory, Lexington, North Wilkesboro and other cities of this section of the state are following Elkin's example in establishing YMCA's.

Mr. Smith paid high tribute to the character and leadership of T. C. McKnight, general secretary of the YMCA here. "I never knew a finer scout," he declared simply.

Mr. McKnight presided at the banquet session and introduced the speaker.

Although no reports were available Wednesday, indications were that the membership drive was progressing satisfactorily. A goal of 250 new members has been set for the campaign, which would increase the membership to 2,500.



SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN — The arrival of Santa Claus in Elkin Friday afternoon was an occasion of joy and wonderment for local youngsters. In the photo above, the jolly old gentleman has a merry twinkle in his eyes as he tells the young fellow in his arms that he'll be back Christmas with a sack full of toys. The tot at left looks on in open-mouthed amazement as he awaits his turn to tell Santa what he wants for Christmas.

SANTA GREETED BY YOUNGSTERS

St. Nick Arrives Here Friday, Gives Party For Children In Theater

SHOPPING SEASON OPEN

Santa Claus came to Elkin Friday. Hundreds of children — and quite a few grown-ups — were waiting at the train station when the jolly old saint rolled into town on the "2:45."

Police halted traffic while Santa boarded the fire truck to lead the holiday parade through town. The young tots, with visions of a full stocking on Christmas morning, swarmed into the street and followed the fire truck to the State Theater, where Santa staged a generous party. He distributed candy to the children and assured them he would be back on Christmas eve with presents for all.

Santa Claus' arrival marked the official opening of the Christmas shopping season here, with merchants displaying the largest assortments of merchandise since pre-war days.

Shoppers in the Elkin trading area have already begun the annual rush to stores for gifts and toys, and the volume is expected to increase up to December 24.

Flood Control Group To Meet In Winston-Salem

Representatives from all counties bordering on the Yadkin River are scheduled to meet in Winston-Salem December 19 in an attempt to combine the efforts of all flood control groups into one constructive program of flood control for the Yadkin valley.

The meeting was instigated several weeks ago when the Yadkin Valley Flood Control Committee adopted a resolution requesting the appropriation of federal funds for four detention dams above North Wilkesboro, and voted to extend its organization to include membership all along the Yadkin and Pee Dee Rivers.

Congressmen, army engineers and leading proponents of the flood control project are expected to head a panel discussion of flood control problems at the meeting in Winston-Salem.

E.R. COCKERHAM FUNERAL TODAY

Full Military Rites To Be Held At Flat Rock Church For Returned Soldier

LOST LIFE IN GERMANY

Full military rites will be held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) for Private First Class Emmett R. Cockerham, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cockerham of the Mountain Park section of Surry county at Flat Top Primitive Baptist Church.

Rev. Delmar Hodge, Rev. Grover Flippin, Chaplain J. Sydney Gardner and members of the Mount Airy posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion will be in charge. Interment will be made in the church cemetery.

Pfc. Cockerham was killed in action in Germany March 6, 1945. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Joe and David Cockerham; and one sister, Peggy Jean Cockerham, all of the home; a grandfather, A. S. Cockerham, Mountain Park; and a grandmother, Mrs. Daniel Nixon of Mount Airy, Route 3.

The body arrived at the Moody Funeral Home at noon yesterday and will remain there until the hour of the funeral.

SALE OF SEALS FALLING SHORT OF QUOTA SET

\$1,319 Sold In Surry County To Date

GOAL IS SET AT \$6,000

Citizens Urged To Mail In Checks For Christmas Seals Received Through Mail

TO BE USED IN T.B. FIGHT

Christmas seal sales in Surry County this week totaled only \$1,319—less than 25 per cent of the goal of \$6,000—according to a report from Miss Louise Bailey, county chairman of the drive.

Citizens who have received seals through the mail are urged to respond by mailing their checks promptly. Proceeds from the sale of Christmas seals go into a fund for combating tuberculosis. Seventy-five per cent of the money raised is retained in the county, and 25 per cent is used in state and national programs for fighting the disease.

One of the services made possible by the annual sale of seals is the X-ray program carried out by the county health department. Over 12,000 persons received this free X-ray service in Surry County last year.

The Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring the sale of seals in Elkin as a supplement to the sale of seals through the mail.

The campaign will be continued through December.

FUNERALS HELD FOR 2 SOLDIERS

Last Rites Held For Glenn Llewellyn, Dobson, And Glenn New, Mt. Airy

BOTH KILLED IN ACTION

Funeral services for two Surry County men who were killed in action in Germany during World War II were held Tuesday in separate ceremonies.

Last rites for Pvt. Glenn D. Llewellyn, 23, son of Henry and Nina Lowe Llewellyn, of Dobson, Route 1, were held at 11 a. m. at Central View Baptist Church, with Rev. Delmar Hodge, Rev. Silas Smith, Chaplain E. M. Hoyle, and the Dobson American Legion Post in charge. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Service for Pfc. Glenn F. New, 21, son of the late James New and Mrs. Lela New Simmons, of Mount Airy, was held at 2 p. m. at Holly Springs Baptist Church with full military honors. Rev. Delmar Hodge, Chaplain J. Sydney Gardner, and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion officiated. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Private Llewellyn was killed October 23, 1944, and Pfc. New on February 24, 1945.

PMA HEAD NOT TO RUN AGAIN

Claude Thore Declines Candidacy To Succeed Himself As PMA Chairman

ELECTION DECEMBER 10

Claude Thore, Route 3, Mount Airy, has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself as chairman of the Production and Marketing Administration committee for Surry County at the election to be held in Dobson next Wednesday, December 10.

Mr. Thore has been chairman of the committee for nearly three years. In declining to run for the post again he expressed appreciation for the cooperation of farmers in the county during his term of service.

Other members of the committee are Garland E. Denny of Pilot Mountain and Sam A. Holder, Route 1, Mount Airy. Mr. Denny has also indicated that he will not be a candidate for the committee for next year. It is not known whether Mr. Holder will seek re-election.

Farmers are urged to attend the meeting in Dobson to elect leaders for the important PMA committee.

Wiley Sims To Be Kiwanis Speaker

Wiley Sims, Meteorologist at the U. S. Weather Bureau, Smith Reynolds Airport, Winston-Salem will be guest speaker at this evening's meeting (Thursday), of the Elkin Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Sims is heard daily over Radio Station WSJS in weather broadcasts, and his appearance here is being awaited with interest, especially on the part of several Kiwanians who claim to be quite expert at forecasting themselves, but have been puzzled for quite some time because their forecasts usually work in reverse.

The meeting will be held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA and will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

GIRL IS FOUND DEAD IN AUTO

Galax Man Held Without Bond In Death of Mary Ruth Wilson

CORONER INVESTIGATES

James V. Patton, 31, of Galax, Va., was arrested in Franklin Township, Surry County, Monday afternoon by a county deputy and North Carolina Bureau of investigation agent, who said they found the body of Mary Ruth Wilson, 20, of Galax, in his car.

According to Deputy Sheriff Rex I. Tilley and S. B. I. Agent P. G. Greer, they saw Patton sitting in his panel truck between Highway 18 and the Scenic Highway, and found the body of Miss Wilson on the front seat, and Patton in a half frozen condition beside her.

Greer, the officers related, waited by the truck while Tilley returned to Mt. Airy for Coroner W. L. Woltz. Woltz said his preliminary investigation showed that the girl had died of exposure and alcoholism. Patton, officers said, was taken to Mt. Airy jail, where Dr. E. J. Lovell examined him and recommended he be taken to a hospital for treatment for alcoholism and exposure.

An autopsy performed Monday at 4:30 p. m. by Coroner Woltz and Dr. Renzo Sutter revealed no evidence of foul play. Sutter reported, he said the brain and vital organs had been removed and would be sent to the state laboratory at Raleigh for further examination.

Tilley said that when he attempted to question Patton after he was taken to jail that the man was incoherent and to questions with reference to the girl replied that there was no girl in the car, but a dummy, which he had purchased in Winston-Salem for \$9.

Mrs. Zonie Bowers Wilson, mother of the dead girl, said that she had last seen her daughter Saturday evening when Patton came to call for her. She said that she saw Patton's truck parked near the home Sunday afternoon and sent one of her small sons to tell her daughter to return home. Mrs. Wilson said the boy did not see his sister in the vehicle, but when he called to her she told him to go back to the house.

The Wilson girl is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Wilson; three brothers and three sisters.

Sheriff Sam C. Patterson said Patton would be held without bond pending arrival of Solicitor Ralph J. Scott, to direct the inquest, which will be held when Patton's condition permits.

WILL DISCUSS NEW RESOURCES

Seek To Replace Losses Which Will Occur Due To Decreased Leaf Acreage

AT DOBSON ON TUESDAY

Plans for developing new sources of farm income to replace the loss that will result next year from the reduction in tobacco acreage will be discussed at a meeting in the court house at Dobson Tuesday evening, December 9, at 7 o'clock.

Problems relative to the possible use of former tobacco lands will be discussed by outstanding farm leaders of the extension service, including O. F. McCrary, district farm agent; C. B. Ratchford, farm management specialist; J. A. Arey, dairy specialist; and R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist.

It is expected that from four to five thousand acres of land will be available in Surry County for other crops as a result of the reduction ordered in tobacco acreage.

Leading farmers of the county have been invited to attend the meeting Tuesday to discuss the problems with the county agent's staff and the five specialists of the extension service.

Town Commissioners Meet Monday Night

Elkin's board of commissioners held its regular monthly meeting in the City Hall Monday evening and disposed of a number of routine business matters.

Emmett Smith, local taxi cab operator, was granted a franchise to operate an additional cab on the condition that he use it only as an "extra" and that he have no more than four cabs operating in the city at any given time.

Mayor Johnson called the board into executive session during the latter part of the meeting.

VFW AUXILIARY SEEKING GIFTS

Project Will Provide For Presents For Tubercular Patients At Oteen

BOXES IN LOCAL STORES

A Christmas project of the local VFW Auxiliary will be to provide gifts for tubercular patients at Oteen hospital, a veteran hospital located near Asheville. Mrs. J. Livingston Williams, secretary of the organization, has announced.

Boxes have been placed conveniently in Abernethy's Drug Store, Belk-Doughton Department Store, J. C. Penney Co., and Snyder-Spanhour Company to make for a minimum of effort for anyone wishing to share the Christmas spirit of sharing with patients in the hospital wards.

Gift suggestions are listed on the boxes, as well as things that are not permitted to be sent. Packages do not necessarily have to be wrapped. Mrs. Williams stated, and the boxes will remain in the stores until December 15. Gifts that are just dropped in will be done up in Christmas wrappings by the auxiliary and mailed to Ward E-3 of the Oteen hospital in time for Christmas delivery.

Harvest Sale At Dobson Nets \$454

The Harvest Sale conducted in Dobson last week for the benefit of the Dobson Baptist parsonage fund brought a total of \$454, according to Neill M. Smith, chairman of the parsonage finance committee and auctioneer at the sale.

Workers in the fund-raising drive are continuing their efforts to collect pledges and donations for the new parsonage.

Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to Elkin merchants and citizens who contributed articles for the sale.

VFW Post Conducts Membership Drive

The local VFW post is conducting a membership drive throughout the month of December, it was announced today by Russell Burcham, commander of the post.

Two teams, headed by Joe Transou and Lloyd Dudley, have been designated for the campaign. One new member for each present member is the goal of the drive.

Honorably discharged veterans who served overseas in any U. S. war are eligible to become members of the organization.

Elkin School Students Visit Freedom Train

Two chartered buses carried a number of Elkin elementary school children to Winston-Salem Wednesday to see the nation's oldest historical document being taken on a nation-wide tour by the Freedom Train.

The train arrived in Winston-Salem yesterday morning for its first stop in North Carolina. It will be in Charlotte today (Thursday) and is scheduled to visit Raleigh, Greensboro and Wilmington on its tour of the state.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Mamie Lyons

Funeral for Mrs. Mamie Sprinkle Lyons, 54, wife of Henry Lyons of Jonesville who died early Tuesday morning at the home following an illness of one week, will be held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) at the home. Rev. Conard Garloff and Rev. Leonard Hawks will be in charge of the rites. Interment will be made in the Charity Methodist Church cemetery in Wilkes county.

She was a daughter of the late Eli and Rhoda Luffman Sprinkle.

Surviving are her husband, whom she married 36 years ago; five children, Gurney Lyons, Winston-Salem; Robert and Tommy Lyons, Mrs. Carl Adams, and Mrs. Willie Vanhoy, Jonesville; ten grandchildren; one brother, Charles Sprinkle, Benham; two sisters, Mrs. Lorlie Cheek, Elkin, and Mrs. Mildred Brown, Benham.

Home Of Dan Long Burned Yesterday

The five room home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Long, three miles north of Brooks Cross Roads on the Elkin Highway, was totally destroyed by fire about 4 o'clock yesterday (Wednesday) morning. It is believed it originated from faulty wiring in the attic and the blaze was well under way when discovered.

All the furniture except a studio couch and one chair was destroyed, along with all the family clothing and about \$100.00 in money. Mr. Long carried \$1,000.00 insurance on the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Long built the home about five years ago and have lived in it since. They have one child.

Four Are Bound Over To Court

Paul Cockerham, Elkin, Homer Alexander, Pleasant Hill, Lonnie B. Holbrook, North Wilkesboro, and Kermit T. Cockerham, all of whom were charged with operating a car under the influence of liquor, were bound over to the superior term of court by Justice of the Peace J. D. Hall in Magistrate's Court this week.

Are To Hold Annual Bingo Party Tonight

The annual bingo party sponsored by the Thurmond Chatham Unity Club for its welfare fund will be held in the Gilvin Roth YMCA gymnasium tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

Local merchants have donated prizes to be awarded winning contestants at the event, and a large attendance is expected.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results