

Third Of Polio Quota Collected In County

Cherokee County has contributed about a third of its \$3,500 goal in the 1953 March of Dimes campaign, County Chairman John Gill said today.

With the march ending January 31, county citizens have given just a little over \$1,000, Mr. Gill pointed out.

Meanwhile, the Murphy town basketball squad will have a benefit game tonight in the gym with the Cherokee Indians. All proceeds from the game will go to the polio drive, Mr. Gill said.

Saturday night, the junior class at the Murphy High School will sponsor a square dance in the gym with receipts going to the drive.

Saturday night, Jan. 31, more money will come from a square dance when the Murphy Civitan Club sponsors a dance in the gym. The day before the Civitan dance, a square dance will be held at Hiwassee Dam.

The care of an unprecedented number of polio victims and the speedy development of a preventive against the disease depend upon a record 1953 March of Dimes, Mr. Gill declared.

More than 55,000 children and adults were victim of polio in 1952, he said. Entire families were stricken, as many as six brothers and sisters entering hospitals only days apart. In one tragic instance, eleven Iowa children, all from one family, died of bulbar polio in Milwaukee.

EMERGENCY NOT OVER
'Now the 1952 epidemic is over. But the emergency is not,' Mr. Gill went on. 'There are some 58,000 polio patients who still need help in their slow tedious battle back to health. After last summer the names of more respiratory patients than ever before appeared in chapter files. These, patients many still in iron lungs, require the most expensive treatment. It is not unusual for such cases to cost as much as \$20,000 in one year.'

Mr. Gill reported that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has spent \$148,000,000 in meeting the cost of patient care during the past fifteen years, in addition to \$18,000,000 invested in scientific research aimed primarily at finding a preventive for paralytic polio.

He stressed that completing research now in progress is the great hope for stopping polio's yearly rampages.

CLOSE TO VICTORY
'The American people,' he said, 'assumed responsibility for knocking out this dreadful disease fifteen years ago. A successful 1953 March of Dimes would be a vital step forward in discharging this pledge. We are too close to final victory now for us to let down.'

Let's hasten polio's end by giving generously to the March of Dimes.'

ANDREWS PRESBYTERIANS

The Andrews Presbyterian Women of the Church will meet at the home of Mrs. John C. Neville, Monday, January 26, at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be the annual foreign mission study course.

Episcopal Church To Hear Sewanee Negro Problem

An issue that led to the resignation of the entire faculty of the Seminary School at Sewanee University—allowing Negro students in the school—will be discussed at the Episcopal Church here Sunday by Ronald Whitmire, a seminary senior, the Rev. Rhett Y. Winters, pastor, said today.

The faculty resigned at the board of trustees ruled that Negro seminary students would not be allowed to enter the school. The faculty resigned but stayed on until the university could build up its seminary faculty staff. Mr. Whitmire will discuss the issue at the 11 a. m. service in Murphy and at the 9 a. m. service at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Andrews.

VISIT IN SYLVA

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt and Mrs. Paul Sims visited friends in Sylva and Cullowhee Thursday.

I'll Walk Alone



Lively as a cricket is Randy Donoho, 4, who was stricken by polio, September, 1951, and still receives treatment. March of Dimes funds provided by Wayne County (Detroit) Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, backed Randy in his fight toward recovery.

Civitan To Stage Square Dance For March Of Dimes

John Gill, Cherokee County March of Dimes Chairman, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Civitan Club last Monday Evening.

Mr. Gill stated that the campaign had about one-third of its goal and thanked the many people of different organizations who have contributed to this cause.

He also stated that within the next fifteen days there will be several events taking place for the purpose of raising money for the campaign. He urged every one to help support all of these.

The Club voted to sponsor a square dance Saturday night week, January 31, in the Murphy School Gym. All proceeds will go directly to the Polio Fund. Committees are being appointed by President Rae Moore. These will be announced later.

A film on Polio was shown by John Jordan preceding Mr. Gill's talk.

The Club welcomed back into its membership, John Gibson, who has been away in the service.

Brazil Missionary To Speak Presbyterians

The Rev. J. Hoge Smith, Jr., missionary to Brazil will speak on World Missions on Monday, January 26, at 7:30 p. m. in the Presbyterian Church.

This is Foreign Mission season, and Mrs. S. C. Burgess, secretary of World Missions of the Women of the Presbyterian Church announced that this meeting will take the place of the regular general meeting of the women for this month. The public is invited to hear this speaker.

GARREN SON

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Garren of Raleigh announce the birth of a son, Harold Davis Jr., Dec. 23. Mr. Garren is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Garren of Andrews.

Jerry Zirbes Dies Suddenly

George W. (Jerry) Zirbes, 59 died suddenly of a heart attack Saturday morning near his home on Hiwassee Lake.

Funeral services were held Monday at 11 a. m. in the chapel of Townson Funeral Home with the Rev. R. Delbert Byrum officiating.

Burial followed in Lewis Memorial Park, Asheville.

Pallbearers were Bruce Jones, Hugh Howard, Duke Whitley, C. D. Thackston of Columbia, S. C., Jack Brown of Asheville, Hank Casby of Atlanta, Ga., and R. L. Treadway of Concord.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Jessie Zirbes; one brother, Walter Zirbes of Orchard Park, N. Y.; two sisters, Dr. Laura Zirbes of Columbia Ohio and Miss Dorothy Zirbes of Staten Island, N. Y.

Mr. Zirbes was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He was formerly with the Smith Welding Company of Minneapolis, Minn. for 25 years, serving as salesman with the firm in Virginia and North and South Carolina.

He came to Murphy in 1948 to retire and bought a home on Hiwassee Lake near Duke's Lodge. But due to his love for the great outdoors, he opened a boat dock and store where he sold fishing tackle, soft drinks and other articles, building up a small business. He made many friends here.

Townson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jr. Woman's Club Hears Gault

Lynn Gault of Chapel Hill and Brasstown was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Murphy Junior Woman's Club last Thursday evening in the assembly room of the educational building of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gault who has established a pottery shop at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, spoke of his work there and displayed specimens of his work, describing them.

Mr. Gault was introduced by Miss Edna Bishop, Cherokee County Home Demonstration agent, who is chairman of the American Home department of the club.

Chinese Chestnuts In Marble

Abernathy Keeps Father's Hobby

At his home in Marble, Forrest Abernathy is enjoying a hobby handed down to him by his father—the growing of Chinese Blight Resistant Chestnuts.

And the shiny hard nuts (they look something like "buckeyes"), Abernathy says, are said to be "the best chestnut you can grow now."

The chestnuts are medium sized trees, planted in rows back of Abernathy's store. He has 45 grown trees which are about 20 years old having been bought by Mr. Abernathy's father and Lawyer Jack Dillard.

Today the young Abernathy grows for sale not only the nuts themselves, but young trees. He said that the time to plant the little trees is from December to the middle of January.

The Wildlife Commission recently purchased 150 of Abernathy's trees to plant for stock for the birds. Mr. Abernathy said that pheasants come up into his orchard for the nuts, even though there are a number of houses close by.

The nuts grow in fuzzy burrs, about three nuts to the burr, and they do not keep well unless stor-

Receives Award



BRONZE STAR WINNER—Sergeant First Class Charles G. Hughes, Murphy, N. C., was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal, by Major John Cook, acting commander of the 194th Tank Battalion of Camp Rucker's 47th "Viking" Infantry Division. (US Army Photo)

Charles G. Hughes Gets Bronze Star

CAMP RUCKER, ALA.—Sergeant First Class Charles G. Hughes, Route 1, Murphy, recently received the Bronze Star Medal for his outstanding performance as a squad leader of "C" Company, 32d Infantry Division in Korea, April 15 to July 12, 1952.

Major John Cook, acting commander of the 194 Tank Battalion made the formal presentation of the award to Sergeant Hughes at a regularly scheduled retreat parade on January 8, 1953.

The citation reads: "Sergeant First Class Charles G. Hughes, as a member of Company C, 32d Infantry, distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period 15 April to 12 July 1952. During this period, Sergeant Hughes performed his duties as a squad leader in an exemplary manner."

"Sergeant Hughes' awareness of the true value of his men and their weapons to the unit and its varied missions, enabled him to train and prepare them for any emergencies which may arise in combat. His diligent application to his duties and his aggressive enthusiasm served to instill confidence and heighten the morale of his unit. The meritorious service of Sergeant Hughes reflects great credit on himself and the military service."

Sergeant Hughes is now serving with "A" Company of the 194th Tank Battalion, a unit of the 47th "Viking" Infantry Division.

Chinese Chestnuts In Marble



FORREST ABERNATHY
"The best chestnut you can grow now."

ed in a refrigerator or, as Mr. Abernathy keeps them, in baskets of leaves.

Abernathy sells the nuts wholesale at 25 to 35 cents a pound or retail at 45 cents.

Abernathy is about the only grower of Chinese chestnuts in the county, but the tree is fast be-

Ed Hyde Heard By Andrews Rotarians

The Andrews Rotary Club had as their guest speaker Thursday noon, Edwin Hyde, of Murphy. Mr. Hyde gave a most informative talk on the preparation of and legality of wills. He concluded with the reading of a humorous will.

Area Banks Show 16 Per Cent Increase In 1952 Deposits

Deposits in the Citizens Bank and Trust Company during 1952 hit \$5,274,776.76—a 16.5 per cent gain over the 1951 deposits of \$4,405,986.97, it was announced at a recent meeting of the company's stockholders in Andrews.

Percy B. Ferebee said the \$868,789.79 gain of the four banks in the system—Murphy, Andrews, Robbinsville and Hayesville—showed a substantial increase in deposits and a widening of service to the communities served.

He said loans and discounts in-

Verlin Sales Killed As Truck Overturns

Verlin Sales, 41 year old service station operator of Brasstown was killed instantly about 3 p. m. Monday when a small truck in which he was a passenger, overturned, pinning and crushing him beneath the truck's cab.

State Highway Patrolman R. H. Ensley of Murphy, who investigated the accident with Patrolman S. W. Sanford, said Sales was dead when he was removed from under the cab of the truck.

Mitch Inghran, 52, of Hayesville, a sawmill operator, and driver of the truck, lost control of the vehicle as the two men were traveling east on S 64, about five miles east of Murphy, Ensley said.

The truck careened to the southwest side of the highway and overturned down a 20 or 25 foot embankment, the officer said. Ensley termed the accident, unavoidable.

Inghran was uninjured.

The investigating officer said Sales died of a crushed skull and that no inquest would be held.

The body was taken to Townson Funeral Home which was in charge of services.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. in Green Cove Methodist Church. The Rev. G. C. Green of Hayesville officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sales; two sisters, Mrs. Herman Temple of Lenoir City, Tenn., and Mrs. Hubert Coffey of Marietta, Ga., and a brother, Wallace Sales of Brasstown.

Murphy Will Have Brighter Lights And Highway Signs

Murphy will have two needed improvements in the near future after Town Council voted to increase street lighting and buy four highway welcome signs for the town.

The lighting will be improved by another transformer, authorized by council, is purchased.

The new transformer will make it possible for the town electric department to install already purchased brighter lights on the streets.

Bill Costello, Scout editor, was authorized by Council to draw up plans for welcome signs to be placed at the four main highways leading into the town.

The motion for the signs was made by Councilman Cloe Moore. Size for the welcoming signs was set by council at five by seven feet.

Polio Benefit Party Set For Folk School Sat.

A March of Dimes benefit party will be held at the Folk School at Brasstown Saturday night at 7:30.

This is an open party with 50 cents admission for adults and 25 cents for children (under 12). The evening will include a program and directed dances with Lynn Gault in charge of arrangements.

Light refreshments will be served.

Sophomores Stage Polio Benefit Square Dance

The Sophomore Class of the Murphy High School sponsored a square dance for the Polio Fund on Monday night, in the school gymnasium.

The "Blue Mountain Boys" devoted their time and talents to a worthy cause and provided a good evening's entertainment.

Paced by the twinkling fingers of Glenn Ellis, Robert Hampton, Randal Odum, Don Fox, Bill Hughes, and Bobby Thompson really brought forth some foot-tapping music.

Between dances, Don Fox sang and accompanied himself on the banjo. Bobby Thompson, Don Fox, and Robert Hampton gave a very spirited "Earl's Breakdown", and other novelties on the banjo, guitar and mandolin.

F. J. Teague and "Chocolate" Rogers were callers. The Sophomore class leaders were Jo Garrett, Barbara Swain, Gwendolyn Cole, McKinley Johnson, Shirley Killian, and Walter Hall.

Approximately \$35 was cleared for the March of Dimes.