

Hit Song Marks End Of Belltones

By Billy Grimes

In their dying days the Belltones have hit again.

The popular UNC singing quintet, which was formed last fall by the colorful campus figure Hank Beebe, has brought its melodic career to a smashing end with the recording of the new Beebe-Campbell song "Way Up In North Carolina."

The Belltones and their director have separated and are in different parts of the country but their colorful harmony remains sealed in wax here in Carolina.

Lanier Davis, powerful baritone from Chapel Hill, will continue to display his vocal versatility with a light opera group in New York City in spite of his vow to never go north of "Way Up In North Carolina."

Milton Bliss, singing coach for the Belltones, will direct the glee club and band in a Danville, Va., school, while composer-director Beebe is head of the music department in the West Town School of West Town, Penn.

Jimmy Capps, master of ceremonies of WPTF's "Our Best To You" said "it is seldom that Tarheelia gets a great song like 'Way Up In North Carolina.'" In praising the number he played it twice on the same show, an honor no other recording has received from him in many years of broadcasting.

"Way Up In North Carolina" was written one night about a month ago when Beebe-Campbell and two of the Belltones discovered the need for an encore number for a show they were to present in Hill Hall. Within thirty minutes the combined efforts of the group had turned out a brother to "All The Way Choo-Choo," "Tradition," "Stop Worrin'," and many others.

The recording, which sports a "Belltone" label, features Lanier Davis and mellow-voiced Carl Viperman in a reeking duet backed by the Belltone Sisters who are "cute" Milton Bliss, petit Helen Cotton and pretty Catherine Blue with Beebe at the piano.

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rain, the performances will shift to Memorial Hall.

Admission is 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for children.

For several years the Folk Festival has been one of the outstanding features of Chapel Hill during the summer and has achieved unique success in its four years of existence.

So don't be surprised next Thursday if you see a cowboy, with a mountain hawg rifle, a jug of whiskey riding down the streets in a Buick convertible with a New Jersey license plate. He will be a real cowboy or a real hill-billy or something.

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