



H. REX EDISON

Gastonian Named State Polio Head

H. Rex Edison, leading businessman of Gastonia, has accepted appointment as North Carolina chairman of the 1957 March of Dimes campaign, scheduled for the month of January. This marks the second successive year Edison has spearheaded the March of Dimes organization in the state.

The announcement of Edison's appointment was made by Basil O'Connor, New York, President of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Edison is a veteran worker for the Foundation, having served as a volunteer since 1940 when he became chairman of the Gaston County polio chapter. He resigned this post in 1954 to accept the state chairmanship.

From his office today, Edison appealed to all North Carolina citizens to give their all-out support to the coming March of Dimes campaign. "Let us keep in mind," he said, "that the war is not yet won. In spite of a safe and effective vaccine, victory against polio, unhappily, still lies in the future."

Four From Moore Enlist In Navy

Four Moore County men have recently enlisted in the Navy, it was announced today by Billy E. Bordeaux, local Navy recruiter.

Those enlisted are Joe Neal Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Wilson, Robbins; Robert Carl Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick, Winnsboro, S. C.; Winford Allen Cox, son of Mrs. Reba Cox, Southern Pines; and Eugene Cregar Jesse of Carthage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer V. Jesse.

Wilson and Patrick graduated from Elise High School in Robbins. Cox graduated from Southern Pines High School and Jesse from Carthage High School. They were enlisted under the Navy's high school graduate plan which assures high school graduates an opportunity to go to one of the many Navy trade schools and to select their field of training before enlistment. Wilson and Patrick were enlisted for the electronics field, Cox chose the aviation field, and Jesse enlisted in the seaman branch.

They have been transferred to the U. S. Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Illinois, where they will undergo recruit indoctrination.

Bordeaux is in Carthage each Tuesday and in Southern Pines and Aberdeen each Thursday.

Homer Cummings, Founder of Unique Golf Event, Dies

Former U. S. Attorney General Homer Cummings, founder of a unique golf tournament held twice each year in the Sandhills, died at his home in Washington Monday of a heart ailment. He was 86.

Mr. Cummings, who was the late President Roosevelt's first attorney general and an ardent supporter of the New Deal, was long prominent in public affairs of the nation. One of the best known lawyers in the nation when he assumed the attorney general's office in 1933, he fathered the plan to enlarge the Supreme Court when, in the early days of the New Deal, the Court continually blocked President Roosevelt's proposed legislation.

The Sandhills golf event he founded, known as the "Homer Cummings Golf Tournament," were held twice each year from the first one in May, 1933, until last spring when the 40 invited guests met at Mid Pines Club.

The tournament drew widespread attention because of the people invited to participate. It was considered a coveted honor to be invited to the tournament and such well-known people as Stephen Early, Gene Tunney, George E. Allen, Alben Barkley, Leslie Biffle, Joseph E. Davies, Paul V. McNutt, Sherman Minton, and Scott Lucas were regular players.

Mr. Cummings had carefully made arrangements to hold another of the tournaments at Mid Pines this fall, but it is not known at present whether the tournament will be held or not.

Eagle Award Given To Ferguson's Grandson

Leland Ferguson, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ferguson of Greensboro Road, Winston-Salem, received the Eagle Scout Award in ceremonies in Winston-Salem last week.

Young Ferguson, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ferguson of North Ashe Street, Southern Pines, is a student at Walkertown School and has been a member of the Boy Scouts three years.

He is senior patrol leader in Troop 79, Winston-Salem, and is a ninth grade student.

The first novel about North Carolina was written by Senator Robert Strange, a native of Virginia. It was entitled "Eoneguski," and made its appearance in 1839.

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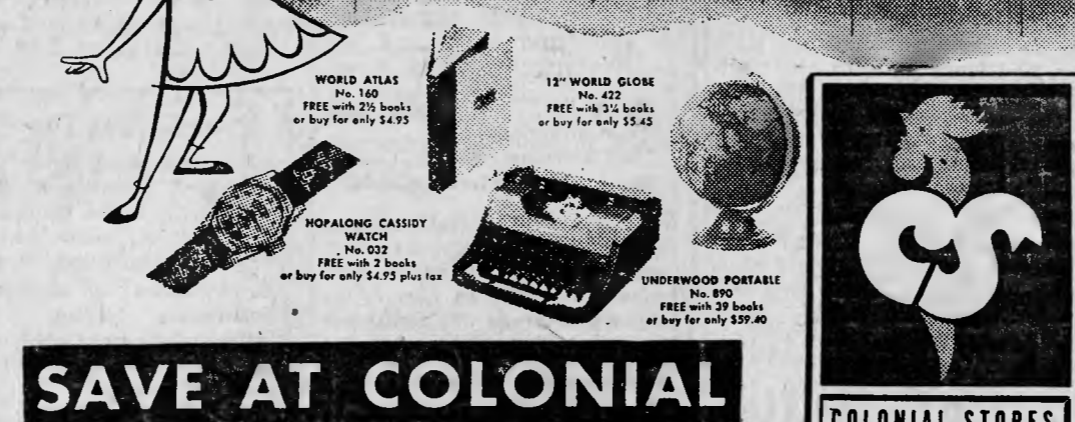
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