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## Total For Polio Fund In Wilkes, Was \$7,656.33

### Chairman Ogilvie Makes Final Report on Very Successful Campaign

Wilkes county made an excellent record in the recent polio campaign with a total of \$7,656.33 raised.

Final report of Sam Ogilvie, chairman, released here today showed that the quota of \$6,250 was exceeded by \$1,406.33. The \$7,656.33 raised during January and February is six times the largest amount previously raised in Wilkes county for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Mr. Ogilvie, young man who was stricken with infantile paralysis at the age of 17, organized and carried out the very successful campaign, which extended into every community in Wilkes county. Commenting on the results, Mr. Ogilvie said the response to the appeal for funds was enthusiastic and he expressed thanks for the efforts of many workers and to all who contributed.

During the past year the National Foundation spent approximately \$30,000 for care and hospital treatment of many of the 37 polio cases in Wilkes during the epidemic in the summer of 1944. The public's appreciation for the splendid manner in which patients were treated and many of them restored to health was reflected in the results of the campaign for funds, Mr. Ogilvie said. Mr. Ogilvie said the response to amount raised was about equally divided between North Wilkesboro and rural communities. Special gifts, individual gifts in North Wilkesboro, together with miscellaneous contributions not reported by workers, totaled \$4,524.66.

In listing the following group contributions, Chairman Ogilvie explained that in some instances the amounts were divided between schools and communities and in some instances that the reports were combined:

- Communities
- Abshers, \$10.00; Boomer, \$52.54; Benham, \$59.03; Clingman, \$70.55; Cricket, \$134.26; (See POLIO—Page Eight)

## Scout Committee Plans Camporee

May 5-6 Set as Dates for the 1945 Wilkes District Camporee

Plans for the annual Wilkes District Boy Scout Camporee were made at the March meeting of the district committee, held at the Wilkes Hotel Tuesday night. J. B. Carter, district chairman, presided at the session.

W. F. Absher, campaign and activities chairman of the area, will be in charge of arrangements for the camporee event. Efforts will be made to set up the patrol camps near Smoot Park in North Wilkesboro, so the Scoutcraft demonstrations and contests may be seen by more people. Other members of the committee are John Leyshon, C. J. Swofford and J. E. Justice, Jr.

To stimulate advancement, L. M. Nelson stated that the advancement committee is offering a trip to Scouts who qualify. They will visit an indoor pool at Appalachian State Teachers College swimming instruction.

The finance report, submitted by the chairman in the absence of R. E. Gibbs, finance committee head indicated that 95 per cent of the Wilkes district quota had been paid to the old Hickory council by the war fund committee. The sum was \$1,935.00. Mr. Swofford was given a vote of thanks as a member of the war fund committee.

Gordon Finley, district commissioner, reported visits to several troops. Attendance is fine, and many fine comments on the Scout Week Supper were heard from the Scouts. Some of the troops have undertaken handicraft projects recently.

The Old Hickory Council campaign and activities committee will meet at the Wilkes Hotel Saturday afternoon, March 17, at 3:30. Plans for the annual council camporee, which will follow the district events, will be made. Members of the local district committee were urged to attend.

Those present were J. B. Carter, Gordon Finley, Boyd Stout, Paul Osborne, Jack Swofford, Bill Absher, Robert Gibbs, L. M. Nelson, J. M. Anderson and J. H. C. Thomas.

## Sgt. K. Worth Bare Wounded In Action



Sgt. Kermit Worth Bare received a wound in his left hand while on combat on the western front and is now in a hospital in Paris, according to news received by relatives here.

Sgt. Bare is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bare, former residents of the Cricket community, now living in Baltimore, Md. He has served overseas in the infantry since October, 1944.

## NAVY'S GUNS PAVE WAY AT MINDANAO

Manila—American troops have landed on Mindanao, second largest island on the Philippines, captured four towns and chased the Japanese in disorder to the hills, Gen Douglas MacArthur announced yesterday.

Sweeping ashore behind a heavy aerial and warship bombardment the Americans hit the beaches on Zamboanga Peninsula at the southwest tip of the island, which was the center of the Japanese Fifth Column when the enemy invaded the Philippines in 1941.

"We now control the entire length of the western shores of the Philippines Islands from the northwestern tip of Mindanao," MacArthur announced in a communique. "The blockade of the South China Sea and the consequent cutting off of the Japanese conquests is intensifying."

## Miss McGlamery Is Lieutenant In Army

Miss Annie L. McGlamery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clate McGlamery, of Millers Creek, has been commissioned a lieutenant in the army nursing corps and has reported to Camp Rucker, Ala., for preliminary training, after which she will report to an army hospital in Nashville, Tenn., for duty.

Lt. McGlamery, a registered nurse, has recently been on duty at the polio emergency hospital at Hickory.

## Truck Owners To Return Cards To Get Gas Coupons

Rationing officials in Wilkes stated today that truck operators are negligent in returning cards to the rationing board in Wilkesboro.

These cards were sent out several days ago, and must be returned before gasoline for the next quarter beginning April 1 can be issued.

Truck gasoline coupons for the next quarter will be mailed out, but none will be mailed until the cards which were sent the truck operators have been returned.

## ALLIES MASS FOR POSSIBLE NEW CROSSING

Paris. — Powerfully reinforced U. S. First Army troops lashed out more than a mile at several points Sunday from the Remagen bridgehead, which the Germans said stretched for 11 miles along the Rhine east bank and was supplied by numerous pontoon bridges.

Supreme Allied headquarters, partly stripping the security cloak from the bridgehead — possible evidence that critical hours were past—said it was three miles deep and nine miles wide, with the Americans in possession of eight east bank towns, one of them unidentified.

# Red Cross Fund Over \$10,000; Workers Asked To Finish Job

With the halfway mark in the campaign passed, Red Cross workers in Wilkes county today began the second week of the canvass to raise the county's quota of \$19,400.

Latest reports today indicated that the amount raised had passed the \$10,000 mark.

However, it was pointed out that the total to date includes the large gifts solicited by Special Gifts committees, and that the remainder of the fund must be raised among individuals and from rural communities.

Red Cross officials now urge that workers complete the canvass of their respective territories and make their reports as early as possible to the Red Cross office here.

A. F. Kilby, canvass chairman for the business district of North Wilkesboro, asked that the canvass here be completed early this week and that managers of business firms make the canvass of their personnel or designate some person to accomplish that task.

The quota for Wilkes this year is up \$1,200 over the quota of \$18,200 for 1944, when a very successful campaign was carried out and over \$22,000 was raised. With the need for Red Cross funds

greater this year because of intensification of the war, it is believed that Wilkes will exceed its larger quota and respond liberally to support of the organization which is doing so much for servicemen and women and their families.

Dr. M. G. Edwards, chairman of the business section of Wilkesboro and Mrs. Hadley Hayes, chairman of the residential section, stated today that both quotas had been surpassed but that some work yet would be done in the town which would further increase the amount to be raised for the Red Cross.

## At Camp Wheeler



Pvt. John Robert Foster, better known to his many friends as "Bobby", is in training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He entered service November 24, 1944. Pvt. Foster is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Foster, of North Wilkesboro.

## Local Statistics Are Expounded In Talks at Kiwanis

Members Give Interesting Program Friday—"Underprivileged Child"

"Underprivileged Children" was the topic for a most interesting program Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard, chairman of the Underprivileged Child committee, was in charge of the program and presented Paul Cragan, Dr. E. N. Phillips and J. B. Williams as his speakers.

Paul Cragan spoke first. He opened by quoting Josh Billings as saying, "Train up a child in the way he should go and then go the same way yourself." He presented the following North Wilkesboro school statistics on housing and home conditions in North Wilkesboro: 427 families, 406 residence buildings, 237 on paved streets, 168 on dirt streets, 22 on no streets; 57 with more than one family in one-family house; 147 own homes, 280 rent; 349 have water in homes, 78 with no water; 3344 with indoor toilets; 297 bath tubs, 130 with no bath tubs; 90 outdoor toilets, two with no toilets.

Of the families there are 33 with parents dead, 19 divorced, 17 separated, 39 with fathers in service, 43 with fathers away on jobs, 18 with mothers away on jobs—total of 169 broken homes.

Dr. E. N. Phillips spoke of delinquency in the county, saying that it was a great problem which needs attention now. He also stated that plans are being made for medical attention and hygiene advancements under direction of the State Medical Society.

J. B. Williams urged that the Underprivileged Child program of the Kiwanis club be expanded and asks the co-operation of the entire membership.

Dr. Hubbard suggests that all (See STATISTICS—Page Four)

## State To Have Series Jefferson Dinners

Charlotte. — North Carolina Democrats will have their fundraising banquet dispersed this year.

State Senator Joe Blythe, of Charlotte, said the annual Jackson Day dinner, generally held in Raleigh, will be replaced this year by a series of local Jefferson day dinners on April 13.

## Local Region Is Leading Meredith College Campaign

Local Region, With T. E. Story as Chairman, Raised 85 Per Cent of Quota

Region 7, of which Attorney T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro, is chairman, is leading the state in the percentage of quota raised in the Meredith College Expansion program, according to the latest report issued in Raleigh by LeRoy Martin, associate chairman of the executive committee.

Goal for the campaign for the entire state is \$565,000, and the quota for region seven is \$10,000. The report this week shows that of the quota of \$10,000, the sum of \$8,522 has already been received, making 85 per cent of the quota.

## Serves In Army



Pvt. William S. Spears, Jr., who entered the army in October, 1944, has completed his training at Camp Blanding, Fla. He recently spent a furlough at home, and is now at Fort Geo. G. Meade. Pvt. Spears is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Spears, of Parsonville. Before entering the service he was employed at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.

## In Philippines



Barney A. Pardue, seaman second class, of Ronda, entered the navy in June, 1944, and is now serving in the Philippines. Letters received by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Pardue, stated that he is getting along fine. Seaman Pardue is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Pardue, of Ronda. His wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wilcox, of North Wilkesboro. Barney received boot training at Camp Peary, Va.

## Home From Overseas



Sgt. Herman M. Sprinkle is now with the 4th A.S.A.C. water transportation division F-6, somewhere in the Pacific. He entered the army Feb. 10, 1943, and has been overseas seventeen months. He received his training with the signal corps at Camp Crowder, Mo., and Fort Mason, Calif. Mr. Sprinkle's letters state that he is in good health and getting along fine. His wife and two sons, Franklin and Wayne, make their home here.

## Grand Jury Makes Recommendations For Improvements

Larger Vaults in County Offices Needed; Ask City Water To County Home

Grand jury at the present term of Wilkes county made recommendations for a number of improvements.

The report of the grand jury as submitted to Judge J. Frank Armstrong by Foreman George D. Kennedy and Secretary J. G. Shepherd, recommended construction of a new vault for the office of county accountant and that the vaults for the clerk of court and register of deeds be enlarged. It was also recommended that the water lines from North Wilkesboro be extended to the Wilkes county home. The water system there is inadequate and it is necessary to haul some of the water used, the report said.

The report also stated that plumbing and windows at the Wilkes jail are in need of repair. At the time of inspection 12 prisoners were housed in the jail and 54 prisoners were in the state prison camp.

The report stated that county records are in good condition and a good report was also given the state school bus garage, where the inventory was given as 50 buses operated by the school system and 20 contract buses. Nineteen inmates of the county home were reported and the report stated that the inmates said they were well fed and well cared for. The inventory of property was listed as 17 milk cows, five calves, nine hogs, six pigs, two brood sows, 100 hens, four work horses, 425 bushels of corn and 30 bushels of wheat.

The county tubercular hut has no patients, the report said, and was closed some time this year.

The grand jury examined 98 bills of indictment, found 92 true bills, three not true and continued three for lack of evidence.

## REDS SPLIT DANZIG AND GDYNIA LINE

London.—Soviet troops drove a wedge between the German defenses of Danzig and Gdynia Sunday, reaching within nine miles of both those prize Baltic ports, and Berlin said the Russians had hurled 75,000 men into a new offensive at the Moravian Gap gateway to Vienna and Prague.

Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army swept 10 miles due north from captured Rheinfeldt in its drive for the Baltic through Polish and Danzig free state territory, and occupied the small junction of Koelin. The town lies equidistant from Danzig to the northwest and Gdynia to the southwest.

## SGT. ARCHIE MILLER VISITING HOME

Sgt. Archie Miller, who has been in service 18 months and stationed in California, has been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miller, of Ferguson.

## Serves In Pacific



Pfc. John I. Harrold has enjoyed a 30-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Inez Wood, of North Wilkesboro Route 1, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Harrold, of Leola Route 6, after serving five months in Italy and Corsica. Pfc. Harrold returned to Columbia, S. C., Feb. 28, for his new assignment.

## Number of Cases Off the Docket In Wilkes Court

March Term of Wilkes Superior Court Begins Second Week Today

Several cases were tried during the latter days of the first week of the March term of Wilkes superior court in Wilkesboro.

Several cases in which felonies are charged are on the calendar of the second week of court, which began today. Will Harris, colored, will be tried for murder for the fatal shooting of Paul Bailey, another local colored man, near here on December 23. The grand jury last week returned a true bill.

Cases in which Judge J. Frank Armstrong meted out sentences during the latter part of the week follow:

John Wagoner, reckless driving, four months on roads suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Carl Lyall and Clint Hamby, two counts of larceny, three to five years each in state prison.

Roe Haynes, two counts of assault with deadly weapon, sentences of 12 and six months suspended on payment of fines of \$50 and \$25.

Filmore Bumgarner, bastardy, six months suspended on payment of \$300 to be dispersed as court directs.

B. N. Benton, bastardy, prayer for judgment continued.

James McKeever Jarvis, operating car while intoxicated, 12 months suspended on payment of \$100 fine.

Ed Wellborn, colored, assault with deadly weapon, 12 months suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Lonnie Rhodes and Ed Lee Horton, assault, 12 months suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Ira Waldon Church, assault on female, 12 months suspended.

## Commissioner Districts Are Abolished by Law

Somers Bill Introduced in Senate Has Passed Both Houses of Legislature

A measure introduced in the Senate by Senator W. B. Somers and which passed in the house Friday abolishes the three districts in Wilkes county for nomination and election of county commissioners.

The Somers bill repealed the 1939 act which divided Wilkes into three commissioner districts, and nomination and election of commissioners henceforth will be by vote of the entire county as prior to the 1939 law.

The districting act was introduced in the 1939 general assembly by Representative Woodhouse, of Yadkin county, "by request."

The bill introduced by Senator Somers met little opposition, and was passed in the senate and house by a large majority vote of senators and representatives present.

At the time the commissioner districts were established by the 1939 act, district 1 and 2 were voting slight Democratic majorities and district number 3 was giving a large Republican majority. In the 1944 election Republicans elected commissioners from all three districts.

## Robert Gambill New Secretary of Ways, Means Group

Washington — Robert Gambill, former Sparta attorney, Saturday took office as clerk to the House Ways and Means committee, replacing C. Malcolm Hevener, the temporary clerk.

Gambill attended the University of North Carolina law school and was admitted to the North Carolina bar in 1936. He practiced law in Sparta from 1936 to 1942, and then became affiliated with the Department of Internal Revenue with offices in Wilkesboro. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gambill, of Crumpler, Ashe county.

Gambill said that his wife, the former Miss Hazel Reeves, of Volney, Va., and his four children probably will not come to Washington to live until after school recess in the spring.

## Pfc. John B. Blevins Wounded In Action

Pfc. John B. Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blevins, of Wilkesboro, was seriously wounded in action in Germany February 25, according to a telegram received by his parents. Pfc. Blevins is a member of a headquarters infantry company in a battalion of the Ninth army. He entered the army in September, 1944.

## WAC Recruiters Here On Fridays

Woman's Auxiliary Corps of the army is in dire need of women to serve as hospital technicians.

WAC recruiters will be at the North Wilkesboro postoffice every Friday to take applications for enlistment. Women are now offered their choice of nearby hospitals in which to serve and the need for additional hospital technicians in the WAC is immediate and urgent.

Those interested are urged to interview the recruiters here on Fridays.

## Rev. C. G. Leavell To Preach Thursday At Episcopal Church

The Rev. Charles Leavell, rector of Grace Episcopal church, Morganton, will preach at the Lenten service in St. Paul's church on Thursday evening, March 15, at 7:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## PFC. ELLEDGE WITH U. S. FIFTH ARMY

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. Clinton H. Elledge, of North Wilkesboro, is a member of the 19th Combat Engineer regiment, Mediterranean theatre veterans now maintaining roads, bridges and trails for the Fifth army in rugged mountain terrain before the Poe Valley in Italy.

The 19th has maintained or rebuilt more than 4,000 miles of road and built or repaired more than 200 bridges in the Italian campaign and has served in combat for more than 550 days, including action at Cassino Pass, Tunisia, and Cassino, Italy.