

Lions Preparing To Assist In Efforts Paralysis Relief

State and Nation Representatives of Foundation Speak at Club Meet

Phillip Randolph and C. H. Crabtree, state and national representatives of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, addressed the North Wilkesboro Lions Club in meeting Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

Sam Ogilvie was in charge of the program. He first presented Larry Moore, member of the club who is polio campaign chairman for Wilkes this year. Mr. Moore spoke briefly, urging support for the drive.

Messrs. Randolph and Crabtree showed a movie in which Basil O'Connor, National Foundation president, was the narrator. The movie depicted the fight against infantile paralysis, and contained interesting scenes from the emergency hospital erected at Hickory in the 1944 epidemic.

They also cited figures to show how Foundation money is being expended for hospitalization of victims, for research and con-in-cluded projects. It was interesting to note that in 1944 the Foundation sent into North Carolina \$755,000, and last year, when there was no epidemic, the sum of \$65,000. In this state now arrangements have been made to hospitalize and treat victims in a number of hospitals within one hour's drive from any point in the state. Wilkes' quota in the campaign this year is \$4,500.

T. R. Bryan was a guest of the club and spoke briefly. Attorney Bryan was associated with the program speakers in the emergency hospital work at Hickory in 1944, where his son was a patient.

Prior to the program two new members, Dr. W. L. Bundy and Ray Stroud, were inducted into the club by J. H. Whicker, Jr. It was announced that Dr. J. W. Willis, Wm. A. Hardister and W. F. Absher will be program committee members for next meeting.

Ray Watts was a guest of Clyde Pearson and Dale Andrews was a guest of his father, G. R. Andrews, Friday evening.

Mrs. H. T. Brown Died On Saturday

Mrs. H. T. Brown died at 3 o'clock Saturday morning at her home on E Street, following a critical illness of three hours. H. T. Brown, who is with the Duke Power Co., was home for the week-end and was with Mrs. Brown when she was stricken.

Mrs. Brown was born Margaret West Callier, daughter of Dr. Armistead Mayfield Callier and Mrs. Virginia Callier, of Alabama. She was educated in her home by private tutors. In Selma, Ala., in 1899 she was married to Hugh Thomas Brown, of Columbia, Tenn. Their children are Virginia, who married Douglas Boardman, with the Bell Telephone Co., stationed in Nashville, Tenn.; Gordon, who was a Lt. Colonel in World War II, married Frances Hess, and now resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Avery, who died when two years of age. Mrs. Brown is also survived by four grandchildren, Rev. Armistead Boardman, of Atlanta, Ga.; Biddle Boardman, a medical student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Martha Lenoir Brown, a student at University of New Mexico; Thomas G. Brown, Jr., a high school student at Albuquerque.

Mrs. Brown comes of a long line of educators, and has always been associated with the building up of the community in which she lived. She was a member of the Episcopal church and was President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Saint Pauls church at the time of her death. She was active in the work of the "Wilkes Valley Guards" Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was chaplain of the "Reverendous Mountain" chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and took part in the activities of these organizations.

Mrs. Brown was considered an authority on Genealogy and her advice was sought by interested persons from many states.

The funeral service was conducted in the Episcopal church in Winchester, Tennessee, this afternoon, and interment was in the family plot beside the grave of her son, Avery.

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Hulcher's Store Entered By Thief

Hulcher's Feed Store was entered Sunday night by a thief who stole a blackjack and \$1.15 in cash.

Police arrested George S. Guy, of Boone, who will face charges of breaking and entering and larceny. They found on him the blackjack identified as the one missing from the store.

Polio Was Topic Program Kiwanis Meet On Friday

Addresses and Sound Picture Depict Work Of Foundation in Nation

The fight against infantile paralysis was the topic of the program Friday at the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Program Chairman J. E. Caudill presented Sam Ogilvie, who was in charge of the program.

Mr. Ogilvie stated that there is some outstanding interest suggested in the coming of every month of the year and that all have come to think of January as the month in which we wage a campaign to collect funds with which to combat Polio. He then presented Phillip Randolph, of Chapel Hill, and C. H. Crabtree, officials in the North Carolina branch of the National Foundation for combating Polio.

Mr. Randolph stated that the Foundation was founded in 1933 and that its growth and effectiveness have been marvelous since that date. He stated that his message could be most effective by letting the National President of the Foundation, Basil O'Connor, speak.

He then presented a sound picture with Mr. O'Connor giving the development of the care and treatment of the disease to date with especial emphasis given to the outstanding work done at Hickory, N. C. It was pointed out that the task of combating the disease is difficult and expensive.

Mr. Crabtree then presented statistics: In 1916 there were 27,000 cases with 25% deaths; in 1946 there were 25,000 cases reported with 5 per cent deaths. The national Foundation has used in 1946 the sum of \$16,000,000. \$25,000,000.00 will be needed for the coming year. The amount suggested for Wilkes county to raise this year is \$4,500.00. The speaker suggested that there are now 13 hospitals in the State where Polio may be treated.

Attendance prize was given by P. E. Forester and won by J. H. Whicker. Guests were as follows: Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Hadley Hayes, Hoke Henderson, W. M. Allen and Fred S. Hutchins with J. H. Whicker; Larry Moore with J. E. Caudill; Ralph Laxton with Paul Vestal; W. B. Oliver with Paul Church; Miss Mary Morehouse with Robert L. Morehouse; John E. Justice, III, with John E. Justice, Jr.; Bill Combs with Dr. Gilbert R. Combs; Wayne Eller with C. B. Eller; Sam Ogilvie, Phillip Randolph and C. H. Crabtree, club guests.

Pulpit Committee Named By Baptists

Will Recommend Successor To David E. Browning, Who Resigned

First Baptist church in this city has named a pulpit committee to secure a pastor to succeed Dr. David E. Browning, whose resignation will become effective February 1.

Members of the committee who will make recommendations to the church are A. F. Kilby, J. E. Spalnhour, Lewis Hill Jenkins, R. B. Church and Mrs. R. T. McNeil.

Dr. Browning, who had been here two and one-half years, will become pastor of the newly organized River Road Baptist church in Richmond, Va.

Local All Stars To Play Millers Creek

North Wilkesboro all star basketball team will play Millers Creek in the high school gymnasium here Thursday night, 7:15. Millers Creek has one of the leading all star teams in this part of the state and much interest will be centered on the Thursday night game.

Directors Wilkes C. of C. Will Be Elected For Term

Ballots Mailed to Members Must Be Returned By Saturday Noon, 11th

Members of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will have the opportunity this week of voting for the Board of Directors of the chamber for the coming year, J. B. Williams, President, announced today.

In accordance with the by-laws of the chamber, a nominating committee composed of W. G. Finley, Chairman, W. C. Marlow, Thurmond Kenerly, Dr. R. P. Casey, and R. M. Brame, Jr., met during the latter part of December and nominated 38 men for position on the Board of Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Of the 36 nominated, the membership will elect 18 on a ballot which was mailed to them Saturday.

Election judges D. E. Elledge, Larry Moore, and F. D. Meserve will count all ballots and declare those with the highest number of votes as elected directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. All ballots must be in the chamber office by twelve noon on Saturday, January 11, 1947. The following 36 business men of Wilkes County were nominated by the Nominating committee for this election:

J. R. Hix
Richard B. Johnston
W. D. Halfacre
W. D. Jester
E. F. Gardner
Dr. J. S. Deans
P. L. Cashion
J. P. Horton
J. B. Williams
R. G. Finley
R. T. McNeil
D. V. Deal
J. B. Carter
R. E. Gibbs
Paul Green
W. K. Sturdivant
W. O. Absher
Dr. F. C. Hubbard
C. J. Swafford
Andrew F. Kilby
R. S. Gibbs
W. J. Bason
Dr. R. P. Casey
Eugene Trivette
Paul Osborne
J. R. Prevette
Russell Gray, Jr.
Tam Hutchinson
W. H. H. Waugh
W. G. Gabriel
W. P. Billings
O. C. Faw, Jr.
N. O. Smoak
Link Spalnhour
John Leysion
N. S. Forester, Jr.

Few Changes In County Positions

M. F. Absher Again Chairman Commissioners; Grayson Re-Appointed

Few changes have been made in Wilkes county positions by the board of commissioners for the next biennium.

J. C. Grayson was re-appointed accountant and tax supervisor. L. B. Dula, who was appointed some time ago, remains assistant to Mr. Grayson.

J. R. Owens, of Wilbar, is keeper of the Wilkes county home and farm, having succeeded Edd Eller, who resigned some time ago.

Arlie Foster was named forest warden for the county, succeeding Perry R. Lowe, who had been acting warden.

The board of commissioners, all of whom are Republicans and were re-elected in November, is composed of M. F. Absher, chairman, C. C. Sidden and I. J. Broyhill. Mr. Absher, oldest member in point of service on the board, was re-elected chairman.

Tyre Byrd Rites Held December 29

Funeral service was held at the Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday, December 29, for Tyre Byrd, former local citizen who died in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Rev. Woodrow Brookshire, pastor, conducted the service and burial was in Mountain Park cemetery.

Mr. Byrd was well known here, where he was employed in furniture plants before going to Michigan. He was the father of Dewey Byrd, of Wilkesboro.

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Going to Germany



Mrs. C. B. Spicer, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan D. Anderson, left December 28 for Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. where she is called for Regensburg, Germany to join her husband. Lt. Spicer expects to spend two to three years in Germany, where he is the assistant L-3 with the 11th Constabulary Regiment Headquarters. Lt. and Mrs. Spicer anticipate a pleasant stay in the quaint and beautiful city of Regensburg on the Danube in a part of Bavaria untouched by war. During the late war Lt. Spicer served with the famed "Old Hickory Division" in Europe, and holds a distinguished personal military record. He received his Regular Army Commission by Presidential appointment last June.

Wilkes Welfare Office Center For Psychology Tests

Welfare Cases Five Counties Referred Here For Psychological Exams

Expanding its program to make psychological service available to every county in North Carolina, the State Board of Public Welfare has designated 17 referral centers to which surrounding counties may bring cases requiring psychological examinations each month to one of the two psychologists of the State Department of Public Welfare, Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of Public Welfare, announced yesterday.

Dr. Ralph T. Hinton, Jr. and Marion Stanland, department psychologists, will be available at the centers in their respective territories for psychological examinations of adoption, juvenile court, school adjustment, and other types of children's cases as well as for potential eugenic sterilization cases, the Commissioner stated.

County department of public welfare offices will serve as the point of contact between the psychologists and the officials bringing cases to the referral centers. This needed state-wide service is made possible through special funds allotted to the State Board of Public Welfare by the U. S. Children's Bureau.

Wilkes county welfare department, Wilkesboro, will be referral center for Wilkes, Surry, Ashe, Alleghany and Alexander counties.

Moore Child Dies

J. D. Moore, III, son born early Friday to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moore, Jr., at the Wilkes hospital, died Friday night. Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at the home.



A SICK CHART ISN'T HAPPENING IF YOU LEARN HOW TO KEEP ONE IN RED CROSS HOME NURSING CLASSES.

SPEARS CASE BEFORE COURT

Sturdivants Form Insurance Co.; Is Now In Operation

Independence Mutual Life Insurance Company Is Name of New Firm

Announcement has been made in Raleigh that the Independence Mutual Life Insurance company of North Wilkesboro, Charlotte, and Monroe, has received its license to do general life insurance business in the State of North Carolina.

It has been announced by W. K. Sturdivant, Executive Vice President, that the Board of Directors as recently elected is composed of Johnson Sanders, Shoun Kerbaugh, W. K. Sturdivant, and A. A. Sturdivant, of North Wilkesboro, R. E. Kelley of Boone, J. V. Caudill of West Jefferson, D. F. Sturdivant of Sparta, L. M. McEwen, Sr., Louis J. Carter, Herbert L. McEwen, L. M. McEwen, Jr., of Charlotte, George W. Davis and W. T. Wall of Monroe.

As North Carolina's new Life Insurance Company launches forth into business, its paid in guaranty capital exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars, with advance premiums adding ten thousand dollars to this figure. At the present time the new company has approximately \$400,000.00 insurance in force.

The company writes policies from \$100.00 upward, and will write policies of all types. Offices will be maintained in the various Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Homes in Northwestern North Carolina, with the central office for this region being located in the Reins-Sturdivant Building at North Wilkesboro.

Lapsed Veteran Insurance May Be Reinstated Now

Veterans whose permanent plan National Service Life Insurance policies have lapsed will have until February 1 to take advantage of easy reinstatement procedures, John E. Maddox, Veterans Administration Contact Representative, said today.

A deadline of January 1 for reinstatement of converted types of NSLI has been extended by VA regulation to February 1, which means that those whose policies have lapsed over three months can reinstate by signing a statement of comparative health, rather than undergoing a new physical examination.

Veterans who possessed NSLI term policies also have until February 1 to effect reinstatement by signing a statement that they are in as good health as they were when policies lapsed.

Full information on insurance can be obtained from the VA office located in the Bank of North Wilkesboro Building, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ada Barker Suddenly Stricken

Mrs. Ada Barker, well known resident of the Austin community of Wilkes county, died suddenly Friday afternoon. She was ironing when she suffered a fatal attack and died instantly.

Mrs. Barker is survived by her husband, Ambrose Barker, and the following children: Percy Barker and Mrs. Roy Clark, Buchanan, W. Va.; Mrs. Willie Brown, Michigan; Miss Maude Barker, Austin; Mrs. George Willard, Michigan; Mrs. Willard Jeffers, Buchanan, W. Va.; Vance, McKinley, Ina Mae, Clyde, Junior and Mary Catherine Barker, of the home.

Mountain Lions To Play Barium Springs In Basketball Tuesday

North Wilkesboro's Mountain Lions will get their first test in Piedmont Conference basketball Tuesday night when they take on the girls and boys of Barium Springs school in the North Wilkesboro gymnasium.

The first game will begin at seven o'clock and the double header should draw attendance of every basketball fan in this community.

Barium Springs teams are always in the top division in the conference and results of the

Doughton, Deane Head Delegation

Washington, Jan. 5.—O. R. Deane of Rockingham, Congressman from the Eighth Congressional District, was elected Secretary of the North Carolina delegation in the U. S. House of Representatives at a caucus of the delegation held today. Congressman Robert L. Doughton, veteran legislator from Laurel Springs, N. C., was re-elected chairman of the delegation.

Mr. Deane's election by the delegation came as a signal honor, especially in view of the fact that this is his first term in Congress.

Two Robberies Thursday Night

Mont Jones Store And Oakwoods Postoffice, And Palmer's Station

One or more thieves of unknown identity entered two places of business Thursday night.

Sheriff C. G. Polindexter reported that Mont Jones' store at Oakwoods was entered by removing a door of the building. Some change left in the cash register was taken. According to early reports, nothing was taken from Oakwoods postoffice, which is located in the same building.

On the same night Oscar Palmer's service station on highway 16 near Wilbar was also entered. Between \$40 and \$50 in cash and a small amount of merchandise was missing.

Investigation has revealed no clues which promise to lead to identity of the thieves.

Also on Thursday night attempts were made to enter W. R. Vannoy's service station at Moravian Falls. The ladies' room was entered but the thieves were unable to enter the main part of the building through that door. Attempts to get through the front and side of the building also failed.

On Friday night, December 20, thieves broke into G. C. Hix's service station at Moravian Falls, taking a new tire and battery.

Mitchell Wyatt Rites Held Sunday

Funeral service was held Sunday, two p. m., at Peak Creek church for Mitchell Denver Wyatt, 21, who died Thursday at his home near Laurel Springs.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Maude Wyatt, of Laurel Springs, and one brother, Morris Wyatt, of Kannapolis.

Junior Order Will Meet Tuesday, 7:30

All members of North Wilkesboro Council of the Junior Order are asked to be present Tuesday evening, Jan. 7, at 7:30. "We are expecting to have a good meeting. Degree work will be put on and new officers are to be installed. All members, please come out and let's make this first meeting of the New Year a great meeting," council officers said.

Carolina-Tennessee Coach Co. Adds 2 New Buses to Fleet

Carolina-Tennessee Coach company, which is owned and operated by Parkway Bus company, has added two new and modern buses on the routes between North Wilkesboro, Statesville, Salisbury and Winston-Salem.

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Litteral And Bell Trial Will Begin Monday Morning

Claude Absher Will Be Tried Following Spears Trial This Week

Ralph Vernon Litteral and Marvin Claude Bell, arraigned in Wilkes court today, plead not guilty to the capital charge of rape of Peggy Ruth Shore, pretty 15-year-old brunette, on August 23, 1946.

In addition to the pleas of not guilty, Fred Hutchens, attorney for Litteral, entered a plea of insanity for Litteral.

Prior to arraignment, Eugene Trivette, representing the firms of Trivette, Holshouser and Mitchell, and Hayes and Hayes, counsel for Bell, lodged motions to quash the bills of indictment. One ground stated was that there were no names of women in the Wilkes jury box from which the grand jury was drawn that returned the indictment on December 11, 1946, after the amendment was passed which stipulated that women shall serve on juries in North Carolina. Another ground for the motion, which Hutchens also entered for Litteral, was that the federal government had jurisdiction over the defendants, who were not notified they were being transferred from federal court, where they were held on kidnapping charge, to the state court for trial on the charge of rape.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink, presiding over the special term of Wilkes court beginning today, denied the defense motions.

Litteral and Bell are alleged to have kidnapped the young Shore girl near Elkin on August 23 and to have carried her into Tennessee, where she was held for times on route. She sold of officers that Litteral threw her into a car after she had alighted from a bus near Elkin after 11 p. m. on the above date.

Judge Sink ordered a special venire of 200 men summonsed from Caldwell county to appear for beginning of the trial on Monday, January 13. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall argued to the court that the case had been discussed so much in Wilkes that it would be next to impossible to secure a jury from a Wilkes venire.

Trial of Claude Leslie Spears, a veteran of the Parsonville community, on charge of murder for the death of Harrison Jennings in the North Wilkesboro jail May 31, 1946, was begun today. Spears is alleged to have beaten Jennings, 55-year-old citizen of the Fairplains community, to death in jail after both had been jailed on drunkenness charges.

Solicitor Hall, who is assisted in prosecution by Eugene Trivette, said that the state would ask a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter. Spears is represented by J. H. Whicker, Sr., and J. F. Jordan.

Claude Absher, of North Wilkesboro, was arraigned today on first degree murder charge for the shotgun slaying of Clyde Watts in North Wilkesboro April 6, 1946. Absher was convicted and sentenced to death in the August term of court but won a new trial in his appeal to the supreme court.

A special venire of Wilkes jurors will report for the Absher trial immediately after completion of the Spears trial, which is expected to be Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. Solicitor Hall will prosecute the case. Trivette, Holshouser and Mitchell, and Hayes and Hayes will be defense counsel.

Enlisted Men Vets To Meet Wednesday

The American Confederation of Enlisted Men, Inc., continues to grow. A meeting was held in Kannapolis, N. C. January 3, 1947. New members were secured and a local organizer was appointed. There will be a meeting held in the Court House in Wilkesboro at 7 o'clock p. m. January 8, 1947. All ex-enlisted men of Wilkes county are invited to attend.

The American Confederation of Enlisted Men, Inc., is the only exclusive enlisted men's organization in America. No officers are eligible to join. Manley J. Blevins, organizer, said.