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Red Cross Here Has Busy Year; Report Is Made

Local Chapter Handled Total Of 3,000 Home Service Cases

The Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross had a very active year in 1947, the annual chapter report today revealed. During 1947 volunteer workers in Wilkes county gave 1275 hours in making 500 children's garments and woolen sweaters for disaster and overseas relief. Chapter workers handled a total of 3000 Home Service Cases including problems of active servicemen, emergency messages, veterans' claims.

Chapter expenditures included financial assistance to servicemen and disabled veterans, \$2,758.01; emergency civilian relief, \$796.97; home nursing classes, first aid, water safety and accident prevention, \$870.78; Christmas gifts to men on the high seas, \$55.00; comfort articles to Veterans Administration hospitals, \$150.00; remitted to National Red Cross Society from 1947 drive, \$2,320.69.

During 1947 the National Red Cross Society, of which the Wilkes county chapter is a part, aided in 312 disasters, of which 13 were major disasters, with rehabilitation costs of over 11 million dollars. In Texas City alone \$1,330,000 was spent.

Chapter Board of Directors are: A. F. Kilby, chairman; Richard Johnston, vice chairman; W. C. Grier, secretary; Miss Ruth Hubbard, treasurer; R. M. Brame, Jr., disaster service; Isaac Duncan, safety services; J. B. McCoy, home service; Mrs. Ira D. Payne and Mrs. Pansy Carson, nursing service; Mrs. H. B. Smith, nutrition; Dwight Nichols, publicity; Mrs. W. E. Jones, volunteer special services; Miss Kate C. Ogilvie, Junior Red Cross; and the following members-at-large: P. W. Eshelman, W. A. Jennings, W. O. Barnett, A. C. Siddan, L. P. Somers, Perry Lowe, and Mrs. J. P. Pardue.

National Guard Has 50 Enlisted

North Wilkesboro battery of the National Guard, which was recently organized and is awaiting federal recognition following a highly successful inspection, now has 50 members, Capt. Roy Forehand, commanding officer, said today.

Three new members were inducted Tuesday night, but Capt. Forehand stated that there is opening for qualified veterans in field artillery, some of whom may obtain ratings and rapid advancement.

William Gray, captain in the army air corps reserve and who saw such service in World War II, has been recommended as first lieutenant and executive officer of the battery.

Capt. Forehand stated that a drive will be carried out in the near future to sell the 25 honorary subscriptions allowed for non-members of the guard at \$25 each. These give the holders valuable privileges, including excuse from jury duty.

The battery here is now receiving some articles of equipment and supplies. Drills are held each Tuesday night, seven to nine o'clock, at the Legion clubhouse.

Guire Speaker At Knights of Pythias 84th Anniversary

V. D. Guire, Lenoir civic leader and former highway commissioner, addressed the North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge in special meeting here Monday night in observance of the 84th anniversary of the Pythian lodge. Program for the special meeting was arranged by Dr. A. C. Chamberlain and Glenn Andrews. Mr. Guire devoted his highly interesting address to the subject of Pythianism and pointed out that the principles of the lodge are closely associated with Christian religion and teachings of the Bible. His address was well received by the crowd, which filled the hall to capacity.

Mr. Guire was accompanied here for the meeting by Cecil Haley and Lloyd Rash, who are active leaders in the Knights of Pythias lodge at Lenoir.

BURCHETTE YOUTH DIES IN CRASH



Here is pictured the automobile which wrecked Monday afternoon on highway 421 ten miles east of Wilkesboro and killed Joe Samuel Burchette, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Burchette, of Roaring River route two. The car was traveling west on the highway when it overturned on the road a number of times. R. D. and Jake Mathis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathis, of Ronda route two, were in the car and were critically hurt. They are patients at the Wilkes hospital.—(Photo by Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

MAJOR CASES CALENDARED FOR TRIAL IN MARCH TERM COURT TO BEGIN MARCH 1 FOR 3 WEEKS

One of the heaviest dockets in years will face the Superior court of Wilkes county when the three-weeks March term opens March 1.

Among the 175 cases calendared are murder and manslaughter cases. Hugh West, former drug store clerk here charged with abortion manslaughter of Miss Pearl Jenkins, of Winston-Salem, near here several months ago is scheduled for trial Monday, March 15. Two continuances have already been granted in the case while West was recuperating from injuries in a motorcycle crash, in which he lost a leg.

Johnny H. Correll, of Lenoir, is slated to go on trial again for the fatal shooting of Charles C. Baker at a night club near here in December, 1946. He was convicted and sentenced for manslaughter and won a new trial in appeal. His trial is scheduled for the third week.

Cling Minton, Boomer man, will face trial the second time for fatally shooting Atwell Wilson Parsons at Boomer a year ago in December. He also won a new trial on appeal. His case is set by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall to be heard Thursday, March 4.

Also on the calendar for March 4 is the trial of Miss Myrtle Woodie for the fatal shooting of her brother-in-law, Tam Miller, near the Miller home on the Blue Ridge in December.

Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, who was recently appointed to succeed Judge Felix R. Alley, who resigned, is scheduled to preside over the court, but court officials have learned that Judge Alley, who is now an emergency judge, may work part or all the Wilkes term.

Jurors have been drawn for the term as follows:

First Week
Joe R. Godbey, North Wilkesboro; W. M. Handy, Rock Creek; Jess Sheets, Union; O. B. Mayberry, North Wilkesboro; B. C. Johnson, Elk; J. G. Chipman, North Wilkesboro; Coy Kilby, Union; W. R. Adams, North Wilkesboro; D. C. Byers, Reddies River; W. D. Ruple, New Castle; R. A. Fairchilds, North Wilkesboro; Dancy Combs, Rock Creek; C. P. Redding, New Castle; Parks Roberts, Somers; C. F. Gentle, Moravian Falls; Roy V. Johnson, North Wilkesboro; George H. Baugus, Edwards; Roy B. Miller, Reddies River; E. M. Harris, New Castle; J. W. Brewer, Rock Creek; Will Burnett, North Wilkesboro; K. W. Souther Somers; C. E. Lenderman, Wilkesboro; J. A. Holloway, Traphill; Edd McGready, Traphill; Earl Meadows, Moravian Falls; Claude H. Brooks, North Wilkesboro; C. E. Shepherd, North Wilkesboro; P. C. Rhodes, Mulberry; Monroe Edmisten, Beaver Creek; Jeter P. Hayes, Brushy Mountain; L. M. Davis, Moravian Falls; L. E. Spiker, Walnut Grove; Tom Spiker, Edwards; James I. Wood, Reddies River; Ralph Gilreath, North Wilkesboro; W. F. Lamberth, North Wilkesboro; C. A. Burchette, Edwards; Conrad Carlton, North Wilkesboro; Clarence Fletcher, Wilkesboro; Russell Combs, Wilkesboro; Roby C. Faw and W. R. Pardue, North

Wilkesboro; R. S. Walker, New Castle; J. L. Waters, Summit; John W. Hall, North Wilkesboro; R. B. Snider, Reddies River; W. L. Walker, New Castle; J. L. Johnson, Edwards; Mary Lina Foster, W. C. Holman, Gilbert L. Osborne, Dorothy C. Carter and Joe Bowers, North Wilkesboro; R. L. Jones, Wilkesboro; J. O. Adams and Dean Baugus, Traphill; Glenn Edsel, Moravian Falls; L. P. Somers, Somers; Avery Hayes, Boomer; Ray Church, New Castle.

Second Week
W. E. Snow, North Wilkesboro; D. A. Frazier, Jobs Cabin; J. P. Mitchell, Somers; Cicero Broyhill, North Wilkesboro; Alvin F. Bowlin, Union; A. T. Jones, Wilkesboro; Claude Anderson, Charles H. Day, A. L. Lankford, Tyre Hall, W. M. Walker, L. C. Coffey and Mrs. E. W. Minton, North Wilkesboro; J. T. West, Beaver Creek; Henry C. Adams, Brushy Mountain; Dewey Owen, Mulberry; Frank Joyner, New Castle; M. G. Moody, Edwards; W. C. Brewer, Walnut Grove; C. C. Crane, Reddies River; J. W. Wingler, Union; M. S. Byrd, Edwards; Turner Redding, New Castle; C. D. Brown, Moravian Falls; Vance Billings, Rock Creek; Warren Sebastian, Mulberry; General Staley, Antioch; John W. Frazier, Wilkesboro; Leonard Love, Somers; Hardin Wilson, Traphill; T. R. Nicholson, Somers; O. P. Walls, Edwards; W. M. Tucker, Edwards; D. S. Gilliam, New Castle; T. R. Carpenter, Rock Creek; Coy Absher, Mulberry; V. C. Cleary, Wilkesboro; T. F. Riddle, Rock Creek; Francis Blevins, Mulberry; Robert Lyons, Edwards.

Third Week
Glenn P. Johnson, Lovelace; J. D. Cheek, Traphill; Thomas A. Whittington, Mrs. J. R. Hix, W. O. Absher, David Brown, John Mays, North Wilkesboro; Sanford Williams, Boomer; R. P. Groce, Elk; Vaughn Church, Reddies River; J. Earl Nichols, Moravian Falls; R. Don Laws, Jr., Moravian Falls; J. L. Harrold, Rock Creek; Elbert Souther, Lovelace; Young Bowers, Walnut Grove; Hobert L. Morton, Mulberry; James M. Dyer, Moravian Falls; L. W. Curry, Wilkesboro; N. N. Gambill, Walnut Grove; Graham Smith, Reddies River; Lee Beshears and R. V. Beshears, Jobs Cabin; R. L. Harris and C. G. Carter, Edwards; S. W. Walker, New Castle; Roy Prevette, Lovelace; J. M. Sale, Antioch; John W. Johnson, Lovelace; T. L. Bell, Rock Creek; Spencer L. Sparks, Somers.

5th Sunday Singing Little Rock Church

Southside Singing Association will convene Sunday, February 29, at Little Rock Church, according to announcement today by Attorney F. J. DeDuffie, chairman.

Singing will begin immediately after Sunday school and continue throughout the day. Dinner will be spread picnic style at noon and all are asked to carry baskets of food and spend the day.

Burns Fatal To Young Bride

Many to Attend Lincoln Dinner In Winston - Salem

Republicans in Wilkes county are planning to have a large delegation in Winston-Salem for the annual Lincoln Day dinner Saturday evening at Robert E. Lee Hotel.

Representative Dewey Short, of Missouri, will be the principal speaker and speakers will be provided in the Forsyth county courthouse in order that those who cannot attend the dinner may hear the address. The hotel ballroom will accommodate only 500 and tickets are being held to that number.

Convention of Young Republicans will be held in the afternoon at Robert E. Lee Hotel, and that event is also expected to attract a number of Wilkes Republicans.

Training Meeting Clothes Leaders

Tuesday, February 24, at 1:30 p. m. the Clothing project leader in each Home Demonstration club is asked to meet at the town hall in North Wilkesboro. At this time the home agent, Mrs. Annie H. Greene, will conduct the demonstration on New Fabrics—New Finishes.

It is very important for these leaders to be present as they will be given materials, instructions, etc., for holding the March demonstration in their respective clubs.

Teen Age Center Plans For Dance

A square dance will be held Saturday night, eight o'clock, at the Wilkes Teen Age Center on C street opposite the postoffice. A string band will play for the dance and every boy and girl of teen age in the county is invited.

Junior Red Cross Report For 1947 In Wilkes Given

In November, 1947, during the Junior Red Cross membership drive in the Wilkes county schools, \$397.34 was contributed by the boys and girls. Of this amount \$132.00 was remitted to the National chapter for membership dues and \$35.00 was contributed to the National Children's Fund. The balance of this fund is used to finance all the local Junior Red Cross activities. In 1947 a contribution of \$25.00 was made to the Wilkes County Tuberculosis Sanatorium for needed equipment.

During the past year Junior Red Cross organization in the Wilkes county schools packed and shipped overseas 400 gift boxes, containing educational and health materials for children in war-ravaged areas. Other activities of local juniors included the making of Christmas menu covers for the Navy, quantities of seasonal greeting cards, nut cups and tray favors sent to Moore Veterans Administration Hospital, Swannanoa, for each holiday, and Christmas tray favors for the patients of Wilkes hospital. Tray favors and confections were sent to the Wilkes Tuberculosis Sanatorium for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Art classes in the Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro schools produced most of the above seasonal articles. The Home Economics Club of the Wilkesboro high school has also been most active in Junior Red Cross production, making a quantity of utility bags, bureau scarfs and card table covers for veterans' hospitals. The Moravian Falls school juniors presented to the Wilkes Tuberculosis Sanatorium a large shower of home-canned foods.

In April, 1948, the Junior Red Cross will again ship overseas gift boxes. Schools which wish to participate in this project are requested to contact the local Red Cross office or Miss Kate C. Ogilvie, Wilkes County Junior Red Cross chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Anderson, of North Wilkesboro, announce the birth of a daughter, Marsha Marie, at the Wilkes hospital Tuesday, February 17. Mrs. Anderson is the former Miss Gladys Vannoy.

2 Jailbreakers Recaptured Near Here On Tuesday

Zanzie Powell and Leon West Taken After Chase; Burst Hole In Jail

Two prisoners who broke out of Wilkes jail Sunday night or early Monday were captured Tuesday, 11 a. m. by Wilkes officers and highway patrol after a rapid chase near this city.

Leon West, 20, of Champion, in jail for the past two months for assault and robbery of W. A. Triplett at his store 12 miles west of here, and Zanzie Powell, 28, charged with assault on his brother-in-law February 5 in the Beaver Creek community, burst a hole through the jail wall and escaped. Jailor A. H. Holbrook said that the prisoners apparently had used a piece of plumbing from the jail to batter their way through the brick wall beside the window bars on the front, second floor, and had used blankets to get to the ground.

Officers learned Monday that persons answering their description hired a cab near Wilkesboro to carry them to Powell's home in the western part of the county, where he got his car.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, Deputy Bob Edwards, Sgt. A. E. Clark and Sidney Carter, of the highway patrol had reports Tuesday that the escapees were on highway 18 near Boomer. They missed them there and started from this city west on highway 421, meeting the Powell car five miles west of here. The car with Patrolman Carter and Deputy Edwards chased the Powell car, which turned off on the Suncrest orchard road. They caught up with the escapees on the Reddies River bridge on the county road just north of here. The car driven by Powell turned into a side road and both prisoners jumped and ran. Patrolman Carter overhauled West and Deputy Edwards caught Powell after a footrace. Powell's wife was in the car with the two men.

Powell was returned to the jail just in time for his scheduled hearing before Magistrate C. J. Jones on charge of inflicting serious knife wounds on Manuel Lackey. The charge of jailbreaking was added and bond of \$3,000 was set. He remained in jail late today.

Still another charge was placed against Powell when his wounded brother-in-law, Manuel Lackey, came in Tuesday and charged in another warrant that Powell, while he was out of jail, attacked him again with a piece of wood.

Lackey on February 5 received knife slashes about his throat and head and was struck seven times in the back with a knife in the hands of Powell, according to Lackey's testimony before Magistrate Jones.

To Form Concert Association In Meeting Friday

All Interested Asked To Meet at Town Hall Here Friday, 8 P. M.

Meeting to consider organization of a Community Concert Association for Wilkes county will be held in the North Wilkesboro town hall Friday night, February 20, eight p. m.

Richard Suter, of New York City, organization director of Community Concert Service, will explain the "organized audience plan," through which, he said, internationally famous concert stars are being brought to about 900 cities throughout the United States; Canada and Mexico every season.

With the slogan, "A Carnegie Hall in Every Town" community concert offers service to provide concert series on a non-profit basis without local financial risk, Mr. Suter said. The plan is already operating successfully in many cities and towns of this area, including Statesville, Charlotte, Aoshok, Newbern and Bristol, Tenn.-Va.

Civic leaders, club representatives and all others interested are being asked to attend the meeting Friday night.

Chamber Commerce President In 1948

Robert M. Brame, Jr., prominent local druggist, was recently elected president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce for 1948. Mr. Brame foresees an active year for the chamber, during which much in the interest of progress and welfare of the community and the entire county can be accomplished. List of committee appointments by President Brame and other officers of the chamber was published earlier this week.



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Hatcher Warns Highway Patrol

Patrol Commander Says Unfortunate Incidents By Patrol Must Stop

Rocky Mount, Feb. 17.—North Carolina State Highway patrolmen got it straight from their commander that they must stop "unfortunate incidents" involving members of the patrol have got to stop.

The warnings came from Col. H. J. Hatcher commander of the patrol and L. C. Rosser, commissioner of motor vehicles, who addressed more than 200 patrolmen from the Eastern Division made up of Troops A and B who were summoned here for the session.

Stressing that the patrol is the "servant of the people," Hatcher, who termed the meeting "a gettogether to iron out our family problems," declared that it was necessary for the patrolmen to discharge their duties in a manner that would not reflect upon the character of the organization. "In recent months," Hatcher charged, "several unfortunate incidents have come up giving unfavorable publicity to the organization. Such incidents have to stop. They will stop.

"We have been wrong in many instances," the patrol commander asserted, "and it can't go on. It's our job to discharge our duties in the interest of public welfare. The highway patrol and its prestige is too big to be pulled down into the mud and mire by about one per cent of its personnel."

Patrol Watched

Rosser said that while the patrol had been right in nearly every instance, "it is a small per cent that is hurting the name of the organization." The commissioner added that "the eyes of every person in every community are upon you. Let's clear the atmosphere of smoke."

Hatcher said he was willing to step down from his office if it would improve the organization. "The patrol ranks first in my heart above all else," he declared.

Highly Qualified

Pointing to the fact that more than 5,000 applications had been screened before the 200 members assembled here had been chosen for the patrol, the commander said "Your qualifications are of the highest... it's up to you to discharge your duties in the manner that befits you.

"Your job," Hatcher told the assembled group of uniformed men "is to make the highway safe for the public. In discharging your duties you will have to take a lot of unpleasant things. But if by doing this, the deaths from motor accidents decrease it will be worth every little hardship."

The patrolmen were commended by their commanding officers on the present decrease in motor vehicle deaths for January this

Mrs. Hale, 17, Is Burned to Death On Wednesday

Home Of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fletcher On Brushies Is Destroyed By Fire

Mrs. Edward Hale, 17, pretty bride of three months, died Wednesday night at the Wilkes hospital here as result of burns received early Wednesday morning when the home of Guy Fletcher on the Brushies was totally destroyed by fire.

Three others were painfully, but not critically, burned: Mary Ellen Carr, 4, burns on face, arms and legs; Virgil Glenn Carr, 14, burns on face; Edward Hale, burns on face, neck and back.

According to account of the tragedy given by members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Hale spent the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fletcher, in order to be there to care for the Fletcher children while Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher went to Johnson City, Tenn. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher left the house about five o'clock. A half hour later Mrs. Hale went to the kitchen to replenish the fire in the range and used some kerosene oil, which exploded and ignited her clothing.

Mr. Hale and the children tried to put out the fire and sustained burns. At the hospital here physicians said Mrs. Hale was burned almost all over her entire body.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher stopped at the home of a relative before going on the trip. There they learned of the fire and returned to the ruins of their home.

The residence, a five-room building belonging to Foothills Fletcher of Wilkesboro, was of frame construction and burned rapidly, along with all house furnishings.

Mrs. Hale, the former Miss Margaret Carr, is survived by her mother, Mrs. Naomi Carr, of Johnson City, Tenn., and the following brothers and sisters: Johnnie, Glenn, Jack, Laura Bell, Georgia and Mary Ellen Carr.

Funeral service will be held Friday, one p. m., at Austin Springs Methodist church near Johnson City, Tenn.

Council Meeting Of H. D. Clubs To Be Monday

Wilkes County Council of Home Demonstration will meet in North Wilkesboro at the town hall Monday, February 23, at 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Avery Whittington, county council president, will be in charge of the meeting. A very interesting program has been planned.

Miss Anamerle Arant, northwestern district home agent, will be present for this meeting. Miss Arant is bringing with her Miss Aldo Gimdy, a United Nations scholarship student from Egypt, who is observing Home Demonstration work in North Carolina. All members are urged to be present.

Funerals Sunday For Soldier Dead

Two returned soldier dead will be buried in Wilkes county Sunday, February 22.

At 11 a. m. Sunday funeral service will be held at Union Baptist church in the eastern part of the county for Pvt. Iron Pinnix, who was killed in Europe.

At two p. m. Sunday funeral service will be held at Arbor Grove Methodist church near Millers Creek for Pfc. Stewart Nichols.

Pfc. Nichols was killed July 15, 1944, during the invasion of France. The body will arrive Friday and will be at the home of his sister, Mrs. Toy Dancy, prior to the funeral.

year as compared with January, 1947. The rate has been cut in half it was declared. Hatcher plans to address a similar meeting of the patrolmen in the Western Division on Friday at Statesville.