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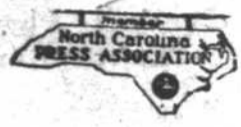
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Community Concerts Commendable Project

Wilkes Community Concert Association has been organized here. This organization enables a community to obtain noted concert artists that otherwise could not be obtained without great outlay of money on the part of financial guarantors.

Under this plan those interested in good music join the association and pay an annual membership fee of five dollars (\$2.50 for students). This membership fee entitled them to admission to a minimum of three concerts. Admission to concert is by membership only and non-members cannot be admitted, even by paying an admission price.

The plan calls for a concerted membership drive for one week. The funds are then used to get the best talent possible for three concerts.

This plan enables all music lovers to get what only the wealthy can have without organization, and nobody loses in financial guarantees.

Hospital Proposal Is A Great Opportunity

Under provisions of the Hill-Burton measure passed by congress two years ago, and acts of the last legislature in North Carolina, great sums may be obtained by counties and cities for hospital construction.

The amount of aid which can be secured is on a per capita basis, and the amount which Wilkes could receive on a hospital project is 77.4 per cent of the total cost. That is a very liberal figure and if the proposal is what it appears to be Wilkes should take advantage of the opportunity offered.

It has been proposed by the Health committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce that a 100-bed hospital be constructed. Authorities estimate the cost of such a hospital at \$1,200,000, which would include all needed facilities, equipment and furnishings. This also means ample space for doctors' offices, laboratories and facilities which small, privately owned hospitals cannot have.

The total cost is a large sum of money, but the county's part, which would be about \$271,000, is small in comparison. We believe that the sentiment of the people would be against a long term bond issue and that the people would rather levy the tax and pay it off in three to five years. Long term bonds means that you eventually pay two dollars for every one you borrow, and there is nothing morally right in burdening your children with debts you should pay yourself.

A tax levy of 45 cents on each hundred dollars valuation would net \$270,000 in three years at the ridiculously low total valuation now of slightly more than \$21,000,000 for Wilkes county. At fifty per cent of cash market value, it is estimated that the valuation would be \$30,000,000, and 30 cents would amount to \$270,000 in three years.

It's Red Cross Time, Give Liberally

Today marks the opening of the Red Cross fund campaign for the year. It is not necessary for us to go into a long discourse about the merits of the American Red Cross or the Wilkes county chapter. The Red Cross is too well known

for that and the American people know that the Red Cross is always first on the scene with adequate aid when needed.

Wilkes is called upon to raise \$81,151, and more than half of that amount would be used here in the county. The quota is based primarily on the amount of service the Red Cross renders at home. A recent report of the Wilkes chapter showed how well the Red Cross had performed during the past year and rendered service to Wilkes people in thousands of instances.

We call this to mind in the event that any think that all the funds collected in the fund drive in Wilkes will go to some far away place.

The only disaster in which we needed Red Cross help was the 1940 flood, and let it be remembered that the Red Cross had set up here even before the waters went down to furnish aid to those who had lost their possessions. The Red Cross didn't wait for the people to be half starved; it was ready with the aid to restore the flood victims to normalcy.

The Red Cross spent over a million dollars last year in the Texas City explosion and fire disaster. It is the one humanitarian organization ready for any emergency. It is ready because you give once each year the funds to carry on.

This year the Red Cross is going into the blood center project, which is needed throughout the country to help suffering people. It is a new service and one that will call for expenditure of some funds. This will be an addition to disaster relief and the myriads of home services to veterans and their families.

Borrowed Comment

WHAT IS BROTHERHOOD?

(Greensboro Daily News)

It is well that Brotherhood Week brings brotherhood to our minds. But brotherhood is more than a legal precept embodied in a bill of rights or an intellectual conviction, crystallized in a creed. It is rather a feeling of the inestimable worth of a human being, simply because he is a human being, which is founded deep in a man's heart and actuates all his daily dealings in his fellows. Those who lack it are not altogether alive.

Those who have expressed it best, their words have lasted a long time. Tertullian, for instance, observed that "throughout the world, man is one, though his voice be various." And Terence said: "I am a man and so I think that nothing human can be a matter of indifference to me."

But it is not a blind adulation of humanity and is quite consistent with cynicism when one compares what man does with what he is. Mark Twain, who was once accused of prejudice, said: "I have no class prejudice, no race prejudice, no prejudice of any sort. All I want to know about a man is that he is a human being. He couldn't be worse."

The essence of brotherhood lies in liking people because they are people.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY

WALTER E. ISENHOUR
High Point, N. C., Route 4

SO MANY PEOPLE LOST

O I see so many people
That are lost in sin today,
Going far away from Jesus
On the "broad and beaten way,"
Wasting means and precious talents,
With no plan nor aim sublime,
Eking out a mere existence
Here upon the shores of time!

Yes, I see so many people
Living now in sinful gloom,
Going on without a Savior
To an awful, final doom!

They are on our streets and highways,
In our homes and in our schools;
They are found among all classes,
Keeping not our Master's rules;
Held within the grip of Satan,
He will take them to despair,
If they fail to seek the Savior
Through repentance, faith and prayer.

O dear Christian friend and brother,
There is work for you and me,
For the fields are white to harvest,
As we surely all can see;
Let us then go forth with weeping,
Warning men to seek the Lord,
If they'd have a home in heaven
And we'd have a rich reward!

Support Y. M. C. A. Efforts

Benham Man Is Under Bond On Serious Counts

Vance Smoot of the Benham section is at liberty under bond of \$1,000 on charges of attempted rape and robbery of Irene White, 20-year-old daughter of Velt White, who lives between Elkin and Dobson, it was learned today.

According to the story Miss White told Yadkin county officers, the attempted rape occurred Sunday morning about 3 o'clock in the vicinity of Boonville. Miss White said she escaped from the car in which she and Smoot were parked and ran to the home of Eb Gough. No one was at home, but neighbors were awakened by the noise. After hearing her story, they called Deputy Sheriff F. E. Hurt of Boonville, who took Miss White to the Yadkinville jail where she spent the remainder of the night.

The charge of robbery arose from the fact that Miss White left a pocketbook containing about \$7 in cash in the car when she escaped. Her shoes were also left behind.

Smoot was arrested Monday and placed in the Yadkinville jail. He posted bond and is under orders to appear before Magistrate J. E. Martin in Jonesville on March 10.

Miss White is staying at present with an uncle, Cleve Dotson, in Jonesville.

Conduct Medals For Navy Veterans

Good Conduct Medals are now being issued to all qualified Navy veterans upon application, ac-

ording to the Department of the Navy.

Navy veterans who meet the qualifications and have not been previously issued this award, should make application to the Chief of Naval Personnel, Attention Pers-10, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C., stating name, service number, rate and dates of enlistment and discharge.

The eligibility requirements are:

1. For service terminating on or after August 15, 1945—three years of continuous active service with no convictions by court martial, including deck court; not more than one lesser offense; no sick misconduct; no mark in conduct less than 3.0; an average mark in conduct of not less than 3.8; an average of not less than 3.5 in proficiency in rating. (Under the Navy system, 4.0 equals 100 per cent).
2. For service terminating on or after July 1, 1931 and prior to August 15, 1945—a clear record with a final average of 3.5 in proficiency in rating for the following service:

(a) First enlistment or minority enlistment, and if extended, for two years the last four years in lieu hereof.

(b) For second, or subsequent enlistment, or extensions of three or four years.

(c) For a total of four years served in extensions of an enlistment.

(d) In a six-year enlistment,

for first three years and for remaining period if terminated with honorable discharge.

For service in the Naval Reserve, three years of continuous active service in time of national emergency and—or war.

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