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OVER \$25,000 SPENT IN COST OF TREATMENT FOR 42 WILKES POLIO CASES DURING THE YEAR

Polio epidemic of 1948 has been the most severe in the history of Wilkes county and 42 cases have been hospitalized, Sam Ogilvie, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, reported to the North Wilkesboro Lions Club, which will handle the March of Dimes campaign in Wilkes in January.

The Wilkes chapter of the Foundation has spent already this year more than \$25,000 in treatment of these 42 victims, of whom 12 are still in hospitals. There have been two deaths from polio in the county. And Mr. Ogilvie reported that bills for treatment continue to pour into the depleted and in-the-red treasury of the county chapter. There is one patient from the eastern part of Wilkes in an iron lung, and a bill of \$1,600 was recently received for care of that patient.

To begin the year the Wilkes chapter had about \$6,000 in its treasury. In treatment of early victims during the summer that amount rapidly vanished and advances were asked from the National Foundation. These advances from the national organization have already passed \$18,000 and will go higher. In 1944, which previously had been referred to as the epidemic year in Wilkes, there were 37 cases, and treatment of those cases was provided through advance of about \$25,000 from the National Foundation.

The quota for the Infantile Paralysis campaign in Wilkes in January has been set at \$12,000, which will allow the Wilkes chapter some funds to carry on and return a portion of the advanced money to the National Foundation.

The Lions club has volunteered to lead the campaign, and will ask widespread cooperation from all public spirited people in the county. Mr. Ogilvie, chapter chairman, will head up the campaign, assisted by division chairmen from the Lions Club. Larry Moore, a past chairman of the campaign, will assist Mr. Ogilvie. Glenn Andrews will be chairman for Special Gifts division. Paul Cashion will head the schools and rural phase of the campaign while Edward S. Finley will be chairman for the factories and residential division. W. D. Jester will head the committee for special events and publicity.

The Lions club program Friday evening was made up of discussion of the coming polio campaign by Larry Moore and Mr. Ogilvie. William G. Mitchell was inducted into club membership by Larry Moore and Boyd Stout was welcomed back into the club after an absence of several weeks. President J. H. Whicker, Jr., presented to Paul Cashion the Past District Deputy Governor's button. Arrangements were made for providing a needy blind woman with clothing, and members were asked to prepare for the annual delivery of a basket of gifts by each member to some destitute family in the county just before Christmas.

Mrs. John Spicer Funeral On Tuesday

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at Wilson Knob Church of God for Mrs. Gladys Mae Casey Spicer, 49, wife of John Spicer, of Elkin, route. Mrs. Spicer died Saturday night. Rev. Roby Johnson and Rev. Cleo Combs will conduct the last rites.

Mrs. Spicer is survived by her husband; one son, Tather East Casey, of Joynes; and three stepchildren, Miss Annie Lee Spicer, of Baltimore; John K. Spicer, of Washington, D. C.; and Ralph Spicer, of Ronda.

'Teen Age Center To Open Saturday

Wilkes Teen Age Center will open Saturday night, eight o'clock, in the Wilkesboro gymnasium and will alternate each Saturday night between Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro gymnasiums.

All of teen age in Wilkes county are invited to have an enjoyable time Saturday night, eight until 11 o'clock. A most interesting program has been arranged and all who attend are asked to carry along a Christmas gift costing ten cents.

Almost every year since 1900, Brazil has provided more than half of the United States coffee supply. Although the slang name for the drink is "Java", U. S. imports of coffee from the East Indian island of that name are relatively light.

Polio Chairman



Sam Ogilvie, chairman of the Wilkes Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will head the march of dimes campaign in Wilkes in January. Because of the great cost during the epidemic of this year in treatment of patients, the quota for Wilkes has been set at \$12,000.

Parker to Present Trophies Tuesday

Program has been arranged for the first annual presentation of winning team and blocking trophies by the Liberty Theatre to Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro football squads Tuesday evening, seven o'clock, from the stage of the Liberty Theatre. Ace Parker, backfield coach at Duke University and one of the All-America all-time greats of football, will present the winning team trophy to Wilkesboro for winning the Wilkesboro-North Wilkesboro game this year 25-6, and individual trophies to the player on each team voted the best blocker. The winning team trophy must be won three years in succession before it becomes the permanent property of either school, and this will be the trophy's first year.

The program will open at seven p. m. with "America" by the North Wilkesboro high school band. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools; Wm. T. Long, superintendent of Wilkesboro school; and J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro school, will have five minutes each on the program prior to presentation of trophies by Ace Parker at 7:20. "America, The Beautiful" by the North Wilkesboro high school band will close the program.

Bivins Elected President Blue Ridge League '49

Judge E. C. Bivens, of Mount Airy, was elected president of the Blue Ridge League in meeting of the directors held yesterday in Mount Airy.

The North Wilkesboro baseball club was represented by Attorney Larry S. Moore, business manager and league director. Bivens became league president in the middle of the 1948 season when Stanley Radke, of Roanoke, Va., resigned.

At the meeting expansion of the league from six to eight teams was discussed and some of the prospects for teams were listed as Leaksville and Elkin, N. C., and Pulaski, Va. The League towns now are Mount Airy and North Wilkesboro in North Carolina, Galax, Wytheville, Abingdon and Radford, Va.

Hubert White, of Galax, was named vice president. The directors cut the player limit from 17 to 15. Each team must carry eight rookies and not more than three class men and four limited service. Under a new ruling the home team for every game will retain all gate receipts, instead of a division of receipts from each game as formerly.

Colored Woman Dies

Betsy Gentry, 87-year-old colored resident of the Traphill community died Wednesday and funeral service was held Friday at Poplar Springs. Surviving are her husband, Gabe Gentry, four daughters and one sister.

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Santa Is Coming Thursday Evening

Absher Child Hit By Car Here Today

Travis Lee Absher, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hort Absher, was injured today when he was hit by a taxi driven by Gene Smithey on Hinshaw street.

The child was crossing the street in front of the Community store when he was hit by the car. He was knocked to the pavement and sustained a head injury. Following treatment at The Wilkes Hospital he returned home today.

Central America Subject Address By Teacher Here

Miss Mildred Bradford Relates To Kiwanis Club Central America Facts

A most interesting address about Central America was the principal feature of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club meeting Friday noon.

Prior to the program it was announced that the club will meet with Elkins Kiwanians at Elkin Thursday night and 40 members said they will go. A meeting will be held at the Wilkes Hotel Friday noon for those who cannot go to Elkin, in order that they can make up their attendance.

Program Chairman P. W. Eshelman presented Miss Mildred Bradford, seventh grade teacher at the local city school, who gave a very interesting talk on her experiences in Central America as a teacher a few years ago. Mrs. Bradford gave a brief review of the characteristics of the six Republics of that country and made the major part of her talk about the Republic of Nicaragua. She thinks Costa Rica is perhaps the most cultured; its people are for the most part white. Nicaragua is the largest of the Republics and has many interests with North America. It has oil, fruits, coffee, rich mines of gold, and other products in which we are interested.

Miss Bradford thinks that there are many reasons why we should continue to improve our relations with those countries. She thinks that in time there will be a second canal across the isthmus through the Republic of Nicaragua.

At the meeting Friday Mrs. P. W. Eshelman, Miss Lois Scroggs and Miss Mildred Bradford were guests of P. W. Eshelman.

John A. Vickers Funeral Saturday

Funeral service was conducted Saturday afternoon at Denny Grove church for John A. Vickers, age 80, well known Wilkesboro colored man who killed himself with a shotgun Thursday morning at his home. Rev. M. V. Horton conducted the last rites and burial was in the family cemetery.

The aged colored man is survived by his wife, Nella Vickers; one daughter, Mamie Watkins; one sister, Edwina Vickers, all of Wilkesboro.

John, as he was familiarly known to his many white friends, was one of Wilkesboro's most industrious citizens. Shortly after his marriage in the year 1889 to Nella Wade, he purchased a lot and built a large, comfortable house. Throughout the years, he was what might be called, the "handy man" about the Wilkesboro community, plowing gardens and doing other farm work and odd jobs, in addition to his extensive farming interests, over a period of many years. He was held in highest esteem not only by the colored race, but by numerous white friends, and he will be greatly missed in the community.

G. M. Baker Sells Wilkesboro Property

Mr. G. M. Baker has sold his home, stock of merchandise, and store building in the southwestern part of Wilkesboro to Mr. W. O. Wyatt, of Ashe county. Mr. Wyatt expects to continue to operate a grocery store at the Baker location.

A new folder on freezing chickens for home use has been published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is available for five cents from the superintendent of Documents, Washington, 25, D. C.

Cossack Chorus Well Received In Concert Here

Chorus Of 650 To Sing Carols Around Lighted Christmas Tree

(By Jay Anderson)
The Don Cossack Chorus has come and gone. The first of the Wilkes County Community Concert series is history, but the memory of a completely enjoyable evening will remain.

No more unique nor completely satisfying concert could have been given than this, and future concerts presented here will have a great deal expected from them. The General Platoff Don Cossack Chorus, under the inspired direction of Nicholas Kostukoff, with their subway basses and their stratospheric tenors captured the imagination of their audience with their complete oneness. This is truly a men's chorus—from the profoundness of the lowest bass to the boy-choir treble of the top tenors.

The litany of the Russian Church were sung as only they can be sung by a group of Russian men—with reverence and deep feeling, comparable only to the negro spirituals sung by one of that race. In the singing of "O Holy God," particularly, one felt himself more in a cathedral than at a concert—the intonations of basso-profundo Myhalik gave a depth and majesty to the prayer which nothing else could have done. This reviewer, expressing a very definite feeling, must admit that the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by Albert Hay Malotte, was probably the weakest spot on the program—the melody was often lost and any attempt to arrange a number of this sort for concert use is usually poorly done, lacking in reverence and simplicity.

The Don Cossacks, we were led to feel Thursday evening, are more than a chorus singing as one—they are a group of outstanding soloists; men with a great deal of vibrant personality.

Turning to the folk songs as sung by the Don Cossacks, the audience was not only sympathetic, but became a part of the music and the attitudes of the songs. We no longer were in a cathedral, but had become a part of the group and sang inwardly with the Cossacks without ourselves knowing the music or the words.

Probably the most enjoyable of the many soloists was the bass baritone G. Doubrovsky who sang with effortless power, although there was left little to be desired in any of the soloists.

Beginning the final portion of their program, the Don Cossacks sang the ever-popular "Song of the Volga Boatmen"; sang it as most of us have hoped to hear it sung. With the "Song of the Flea" the audience fully realized the chorus were more than superb singers—they are comedians; they are men full of the joy of living. We laughed with them; we laughed at their antics; we were thrilled by the dancing. The colorful costumes enthralled the audience, and there was no one in a hurry to leave at the conclusion.

There are three world-famous choral groups—groups which become a part of the listener; on Thursday night the Wilkes County Community Concert series presented one of these groups, and we are confident that if the other attractions presented here by this organization are as well-received, the much-needed addition of good music to this community would be long in having to look for more seats to accommodate those who will insist on hearing great music performed by great musicians.

Joint Meeting Of V.F.W., Auxiliary To Be Held Friday

Blue Ridge Mountain Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary will meet Friday, eight p. m., at the Legion clubhouse.

Several matters of importance will be taken up, including plans for Christmas baskets to needy families of veterans, and all members of the post and auxiliary are asked to attend.

Diamond Specialist At Steele's Dec. 8

H. B. Podell, representing one of the largest diamond companies in New York, will be at Steele's Jewelry store Wednesday, December 8.

Those who have any special preferences in diamonds, or who wish any special service or to discuss diamond problems are invited to see Mr. Podell at Steele's Wednesday.



Malcolm Gambill Wins Football Letter At Phillips Academy

Malcolm Gambill, starting right tackle of Wilkesboro high school's undefeated and untied Rambler football team of 1947, won his letter this season at Phillips Academy at Andover, Conn., this fall. Malcolm was switched to the left guard position and was in the starting lineup of seven games of the Academy's first, undefeated football team. Among the games won were victories over Harvard and Yale freshman elevens.

Malcolm is the son of Attorney and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill, of Wilkesboro.

LOCAL NEWS

Messrs. Joe Hunt and Wayne Gentry, sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gentry, respectively, were here for the week-end from W.C.T.U., located at Cullowhee in Jackson county. Mr. Hunt had as his guest Mr. Carol Cabe, also a student of the college.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Robinette and daughter, Miss Vera Robinette, of Georgetown, S. C., were guests during the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Church, and also visited with other relatives. They came up to attend the funeral of J. Cleora Parsons held Friday afternoon at the New Hope Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Godfrey had the pleasure of having all their family at home for Thanksgiving dinner. They were: Mr. and Mrs. George Parlier and daughter, Patsy; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Edens and daughters, Susan and Martha, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Godfrey and son, Lonnie Lee, of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Godfrey, of North Wilkesboro.

Attorney T. R. Bryan, of Wilkesboro, and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, made a trip to Chicago by plane November 27. On November 28 they witnessed a professional football game between the Chicago Bears and the Washington Redskins, which the Bears won 48 to 14. Pat Preston, a former All-American at Wake Forest and Duke, is a member of the Bears team. Preston is a nephew of Solicitor Hall.

Sutherland Child Is Claimed By Death

Last rites were held Sunday at Congo Holiness church for Larry Thomas Sutherland, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sutherland. The child died Saturday. Surviving are the father and mother and one sister.

An electric roaster is a useful supplement to the kitchen range rather than substitute for it. That's the opinion of home equipment specialists for the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

\$5,500 Bonds Set For Vern Ester

Vern Ester, 25-year-old married man of the Roaring River community, was placed under bonds totaling \$5,500 following a hearing Friday afternoon on charges of attempted rape of Mrs. Everett Cleary, of Hays.

In the hearing held in the Wilkes courthouse before Magistrates Grover Pendry, C. G. Glass and C. J. Jones, Mrs. Cleary told that Ester went to her home on November 28 when her husband was away, that he broke into the house by unlatching a screen, and that he threw her on a couch and made an unsuccessful attempt to assault her.

Mrs. Cleary was the only witness except Deputy Sheriff Early Lowe, who related that Mrs. Cleary told him three days after the alleged assault the same things she had testified in the hearing. Bond on the assault charge was set at \$5,000 and \$500 on a peace warrant. Basis of the peace warrant, Mrs. Cleary said, was Ester's threat that he would kill her if she ever told what he had tried to do. Witnesses were cited to appear at the December term of court, which will begin December 13.

Davis, Badgett Play In Optimist Football Bowls

Brad Davis, fullback, and Jack Badgett, wingback of the North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions football team, played during the week-end in Optimist Bowl football contests.

Davis was in the starting lineup and played a greater part of the contest at High Point Saturday night, where the Eastern all stars defeated the West 6 to 0. Davis played fullback for the west and repeatedly made substantial gains but his team was unable to score.

At Asheville Badgett was kept out of the starting lineup because of a recurring knee injury but he entered the game in the first half and played a greater part of the second half of the contest. Badgett was highly praised by football observers for his play, particularly on defense. The game ended in a 6-5 deadlock between Eastern and Western squads.

Robt. B. Williams, Former Resident Of This City, Succumbs

Robert B. Williams, 67, of Raleigh and Cary, died of a heart attack Thursday night.

Mr. Williams, who represented a bank supply firm, made his home for several years in North Wilkesboro and since leaving here he and his family had often visited friends and relatives here. He was an uncle of Mrs. Gordon Finley. While making his home here he was also engaged in the orchard business, and owned the Brushy Mountain orchard now owned by E. G. Finley.

Funeral service was held Saturday afternoon in Raleigh. Those from here attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley and daughter, Miss Mary Elmore Finley.

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Holiday Program Postponed Because Of Rain On Friday

Members Community Concert Association Thrilled With Performance

Santa Claus' pre-holiday visit scheduled for Friday night was washed out because of heavy rains and the Christmas program, Santa Claus and all, will be carried out Thursday evening, seven o'clock, in Memorial Park.

Santa Claus was willing to make his appearance Friday evening, rain or shine, a spokesman for the Trade Promotion committee of the chamber of commerce said, but it would have been inconvenient and most uncomfortable for the 650 people in the chorus for spectators. Santa Claus was very agreeable about the postponement, and wants to meet all the children in Memorial Park Thursday evening.

The postponement is not expected to hamper the program in any way, and everything will be carried out Thursday as had been scheduled for last Friday night. The chorus singers will assemble at the park at six o'clock and be carried by bus to four points, from which they will march with lighted candles to Memorial Park, arriving there at seven o'clock.

The North Wilkesboro band will entertain spectators at Memorial Park from 6:30 until seven o'clock.

After the choral groups arrive they will sing carols about a lighted Christmas tree. Dr. Gilbert R. Combs will read "A Visit From St. Nicholas," which will be acted out with timely arrival of Santa Claus in a four-horse sleigh with gobs of candy and presents for the children present.

Damascus Choir To Sing Sunday Night

The well known Damascus colored choir will give a concert at the Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited. A silver offering will be taken during the concert hour. Net proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church.

Bazaar A Success

The bazaar and food sale conducted Saturday by members of the Pearl White circle of the Methodist church in the Winkler building was a success, more than \$100.00 being realized from the sale of candy, pies, cakes, chicken salad, and fancy work. The members of the circle greatly appreciate the patronage of the public.

Eastern Star To Meet

The Wilkes Chapter No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m., in the lodge hall. All members are requested to attend.

This announcement is signed by Mrs. Winnie Duncan, W. M., and Mrs. Lorene Webber, secretary.

Masonic Notice

Quincy B. Huffman, master (and Troy L. Perry, secretary, announce the following meeting:

Emergent Communication of North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407, A. F. & A. M., Wednesday night, December 8, at 7:30. Work in third degree. All members are requested to be present. Visitors are welcome.

Firecrackers Are Entirely Outlawed

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter has called attention to the fact that firecrackers and holiday fireworks are outlawed by law in North Carolina.

It is a violation of the state law to sell, possess, transport or shoot firecrackers anywhere in North Carolina.

Sheriff Poindexter stated that he is giving warning that the law will be enforced, in order that any who willfully violate the law may know what to expect.

Bluejackets And All-Stars To Play Eighth

Eller's Bluejackets and Millers Creek All Stars will meet in a basketball game Wednesday night, eight o'clock, in Millers Creek gymnasium. A most exciting basketball contest is anticipated.