

Foundation For Infantile Paralysis spent over \$20,000 for Wilkes Polio Victims in 1948. Goal of the January campaign is \$12,000.

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., Monday, February 21, 1949

Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

Polio Fund Now Over \$11,000.00

With more than \$11,000 already in, there is a very definite possibility that Wilkes may reach its minimum goal of \$12,000 in the infantile paralysis campaign...

The increase during the past week was due mainly to a splendid job on the part of North Wilkesboro school, which set a new record for schools by raising \$651.08, Chairman Ogilvie said.

The campaign chairman today made a plea for those who have neglected to give their contributions in, so that the quota can be reached. He stated that since December 1 that bills for treatment of Wilkes patients still in hospitals have accumulated to the amount of \$11,200.

Youth Fellowship Baby Sitters Available In City

To raise money to furnish the Youth Fellowship room in the new education building, members of the Intermediate Youth Fellowship of the First Baptist church are offering their services as baby sitters for 35 cents per hour.

Arts, Crafts Exhibit For Woman's Club

The Wilkesboro Woman's club will meet Friday night, Feb. 25, 7:30 at the Community House in Wilkesboro. Mrs. L. B. Dula, chairman of the Art Department, will have charge of the program and will feature an exhibit of Arts and Crafts.

Eller's, Chatham To Play Thursday For Polio Benefit

Eller's Bluejackets will play Chatham Blanketeers Thursday night, eight o'clock, in Wilkesboro school gymnasium in a basketball game for the polio fund, which still lacks a substantial amount of reaching the \$12,000 goal for Wilkes county.

Hensley Eller, sponsor of Eller's Bluejackets, will contribute the entire proceeds to the March of Dimes fund, and the minimum admission will be one dime. However, all who attend are asked to contribute as liberally as possible to help Wilkes reach its goal.

RED CROSS GARMENTS FOR HOSPITALS



Mesdames Ira D. Payne, J. B. McCoy and W. E. Jones, volunteer workers of the Wilkes Red Cross Chapter, pack a quota of robes and slippers for Oteen Veterans' Hospital. During the past year similar quotas have been sent to Fayetteville, N. C. and Columbia, S. C. for hospitalized veterans.

Sparta Girls And Cove Creek Boys Tournery Winners

Sparta Girls Win 46 to 29 And Cove Creek Ekes Out Victory 28 to 27

Sparta girls and Cove Creek boys won championship of the Highlands Conference basketball tournament in Wilkesboro gymnasium by emerging winners in exciting finals Saturday night.

Clarice Mitchell, known by tournament fans as "The Tall Girl", scored 22 points to lead Sparta lassies to a 49 to 29 victory over Elkin in a game that was a real contest for the first half.

It was the accuracy of McGinnis for Cove Creek that saved the championship and kept their record clear in the exciting battle between the two Watauga county teams. He scored 17, and scoring for Appalachian was more evenly distributed, with Davidson leading with eight.

Girls Here Pos. Sparta 46 Elkin 29 F-Cooper 7 Edson 10 F-Walker 12 Lineberry 3 F-Mitchell 22 Proctor 13 G-Black Freeman G-Poole Crowe G-Miller Byrd

Substitutions: Sparta-Royal 5, Brooks, Rector, Gascho, Elkin-Quick, Wall, Barnett 3, Blackburn. Half-time score: Sparta 26; Elkin 23.

Trophies for the winning teams, all-conference teams and Sportsmanship trophies will be presented in a radio broadcast Wednesday, February 23, 11:30 a. m. at Radio Station WKBC, which is giving the championship trophies in the tournament.

V. F. W. To Meet On Thursday Night

Blue Ridge Mountain post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have state officers as guests Thursday night, 7:30, at the post's meeting to be held at the post clubhouse, formerly station WILX building.

Tournery Trophies, Other Awards To Be Given Feb. 23

Trophies For Winners, Sportsmanship Teams, Awards Made

Championship and sportsmanship trophies, and gold basketballs to all-conference teams in the Highlands Conference basketball tournament which ended Saturday night in Wilkesboro gymnasium will be presented Wednesday, February 23, 11:30 a. m. in a program over the air from studios of radio station WKBC in North Wilkesboro, donor of the championship trophies.

Sparta girls and Cove Creek boys won championship of the conference tournament in their respective divisions and will receive the beautiful traveling trophies furnished by the radio station. A team which wins a trophy twice will have the trophy for permanent possession.

Gold basketballs will be presented each member of the all-conference teams, which were selected Saturday night by Greg Collins and Dick Norman, referee and umpire for the tournament; Dwight Nichols, sports editor of The Journal-Patriot; Roland Potter, of station WKBC; and J. H. Whicker, Jr., president of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club, sponsor of the tournament.

This selection committee named the following all-conference team of boys: Dale Hodges, of Appalachian, and Bobby Joe Edwards, of Sparta, forwards; Carlock Greene, of Cove Creek, center; Dean Edwards, of Wilkesboro, and Smith, of Granite Falls, guards.

The girls all-conference team was named as follows: Clarice Mitchell and Faye Walker, of Sparta, and Sarah Parker, of Elkin, forwards; Ida Maude Black, of Sparta, Reba Greene, of Appalachian, and Marion Stone, of Wilkesboro, guards.

N. H. Carpenter, of Elkin, conference president, will open the program and will also present the all-conference individual awards, which were provided by the North Wilkesboro Lions club. John Cashion, program director of WKBC, will present the championship trophies and J. H. Whicker, Jr., Lions president, will present the sportsmanship trophies. All winners will be guests at the program.

This was the first basketball tournament of the one-year-old Highlands conference made up of Northwestern North Carolina high schools and was decidedly successful from every standpoint. Sixteen teams, eight of boys and eight of girls, participated in the play which began Wednesday afternoon.

North Wilkesboro Lions club sponsored the tournament. The tournament was well carried out and thoroughly enjoyed by all fans attending from the many communities represented.

Banks To Be Closed Tuesday, February 22

Both banks here will be closed on Tuesday, February 22, which is George Washington's birthday anniversary and a national holiday.

LINEMAN ELECTROCUTED

Revival Series Begins Tonight At First Baptist

Dr. R. Paul Caudill Visiting Minister; Services Run Throughout Week

Revival services will begin tonight at the First Baptist and services will be held throughout the week at 7:30 p. m.

Wilkes people received with much interest the announcement that Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist church in Memphis, Tenn., will be the speaker for the revival services. Dr. Caudill is a native of this community and has many friends in the Wilkesboros and all Wilkes county who will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him during the series of services.

The public is cordially invited to the services and every effort will be made to seat the crowds attending.

Thanks Newspaper For Aid In March of Dimes Campaign

Chapel Hill, N. C. February 19, 1949 Carter and Hubbard, Publishers, The Journal-Patriot, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Gentlemen:

I am happy to be able to write you that the March of Dimes Campaign in North Carolina is a success. We have every reason to believe that our goal of a million dollars will be realized when all final reports are in.

The newspapers of the State have always given their support to the March of Dimes appeal. But this year they have helped in a truly wonderful way.

I want to assure you of our utmost gratitude for the splendid contribution The Journal-Patriot has made toward the success of the drive this year.

With all good wishes, Faithfully yours, CORA MAE RUSSELL Mrs. Phillips Russell Director of Organization North Carolina March of Dimes.

Thomas E. Yates Accident Victim

Mr. Thomas E. Yates lost his life in a traffic accident in Detroit, Michigan on February 11th. He left Wilkes 40 years ago. The greater part of his life he had held a position with The International Correspondence School. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Yates of Boomer. Mr. Yates was 62 years of age.

He is survived by his widow and son, Robert of Detroit, Mich., and three sisters: Mrs. W. F. Jones, of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, of Boomer, and Mrs. J. D. Phillips, of Lenoir.

W. S. Wellborn Last Rites Today

W. S. Wellborn, former citizen of Wilkesboro, died Saturday at his home at Concord route three in Cabarrus county. Funeral service was held there today.

Mr. Wellborn spent the greater part of his life in Wilkesboro, moving to Concord several years ago. While in Wilkes he was engaged in farming and brick making.

Surviving Mr. Wellborn are his wife, the former Miss Lura Scott, of Concord, who taught school for a number of years in Wilkes, and two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Parks, of Roaring River, and Mrs. C. U. Davis, of Winston-Salem.

Eller's, Millers Creek Game March 2 In Wilkesboro

Basketball game scheduled for tonight between Eller's Bluejackets and Millers Creek all stars has been postponed because of conflicting engagements and will be played on Wednesday night, March 2, in Wilkesboro gymnasium. Second half championship of the Wilkes Industrial league hinges on the game, which is expected to draw a record crowd.

TO SING IN CONCERT HERE MARCH 3



John Tyers, baritone, will render a concert March 3, eight o'clock, at the Liberty Theatre under auspices of the Wilkes Concerts Association.

SEASON'S FINAL CONCERT WILL BE RENDERED BY TYERS MARCH 3

The third and last of the Community Concerts will be March 3, Liberty Theatre, 8 o'clock. Admission to those who intend to buy memberships in the association for next year can be secured from Miss Lois Scroggs. This concert will be one of the most entertaining of the series.

A figure to be reckoned with in the fields of opera, concert and operetta is the brilliant young baritone, John Tyers, whose beautiful voice, interpretive gifts, and magnetic personality have made him a favorite of the American public.

Born in a little Kansas town, John Tyers was brought up in Los Angeles, and graduated from the San Diego State College. Strangely enough, his goal in life was a diplomatic career, but participation in musical events at school revealed his voice, and he was encouraged to come east and enroll at the Juillard School of Music in New York.

His first professional engagements were at the New York World's Fair and with the St. Louis and Louisville summer companies, as well as the leading role in the Los Angeles Light Opera production of "Gypsy Baron." During the seasons of 1942 and 1943, John Tyers sang the role of Figaro in the streamlined modern version of "The Marriage of Figaro" with the Nine O'Clock Opera Company which, under the auspices of Columbia Artists Management, toured from coast to coast with enormous success.

War interrupted the career of the young baritone, and he served for almost three years. Naturally, his special talents were utilized, and he participated in the eminently successful air force show, "Winged Victory." Later, he toured the entire Pacific theatre with another unit.

Returning to civilian life, John Tyers was immediately engaged by the Los Angeles Light Opera Company to sing the leading roles in "Vagabond King" and "Gypsy Lady;" the latter of these two works had a successful run on Broadway during the season 46-47. At its close, John Tyers went to England to sing the leading role in the same show produced there under the name of "Romany Life." Last fall and winter, the dashing young baritone re-established himself as a concert favorite on a trans-continental recital tour. This past spring, he assumed the singing lead in the highly successful Bea Lillie musical, "Inside U. S. A.," which he left for a new phase in his interesting career, his debut in grand opera. The famous New York City Center Opera Company engaged him for leading roles in "Eugene Onegin," "The Marriage of Figaro," "Madama Butterfly," and "Pagliacci."

The membership drive for next year's concert series will begin on Feb. 28. All old members who want to renew membership should do so immediately, so that the association can give new members a chance to join.

COMING EVENTS OF THE NORTH WILKESBORO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Recently two of the North Wilkesboro high school band students were chosen to take part in the Western band clinic to be held in Salisbury on Feb. 17 and 18. Those chosen were: Doris Godbey, clarinetist, and Christine Godbey, cornetist. James Christian Pfohl, from Davidson College, is to be director of the clinic band this year. On the afternoon of the second day the Davidson band will give a concert to those present at the clinic and that night the clinic band will give a concert. A large number of the North Wilkesboro high school band students will attend the two concerts.

The band is planning to entertain the Pleasant Hill Parent Teacher's Association with a thirty-minute program on Monday, February 21.

On Friday Feb. 25, the North Wilkesboro high school band is sponsoring a concert by the Mars Hill College band. The concert will be at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. There will be no admission and everyone is invited.

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The girls' game will begin at 7:30. Exciting contests are expected between these evenly matched teams and all basketball fans are expected to be on hand.

Cecil T. Calhoun Killed Today On Power Line Pole

Contact With Line Carrying 6,900 Volts Instantly Fatal To Young Man

Cecil Tyre Calhoun, 20, electrical lineman, was electrocuted four miles east of this city this morning while working on a pole on the line along highway 268. Wilkes-Coroner I. M. Myers termed the death an accident, saying that the young man evidently had come in contact with the line carrying 6,900 volts. He was alone at the time of the accident.

Young Calhoun was working for Floyd S. Pike Construction company, of Mount Airy, currently engaged in contract work for the Duke Power company branch at North Wilkesboro. Foreman on the job on which Mr. Calhoun was working stated that he carried the young man to a pole and instructed him to remain there until he went to Queen Trucking company nearby to call to North Wilkesboro and inform the office that the line along highway 268 east of that point was to be disconnected for a short time.

It was Mr. Calhoun's task to climb the pole and throw the line switch. While the foreman was at Queen Trucking company to make his call, a motorist stopped and told the foreman that the lineman had been electrocuted and that he had found his body at the pole. The body, badly burned, was believed to have fallen about 25 feet. Death, physicians said, was instantaneous. The switch had not been disconnected. It was believed that the young man climbed too high on the pole and had come in contact with a high voltage wire.

Formerly a resident of the Laurel Springs community, young Mr. Calhoun had been employed with the Pike Construction company for the past 12 months. He and his wife and baby had been making their home at North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, two p. m., at Cranberry church in Alleghany county.

Little Theatre To Present 3 Plays Here March 8th

The date has been set for the debut of the Community Little Theater, Tuesday night, March 8, 8:00 o'clock in the school auditorium. They will present 3 one-act plays. "The Silent System" is a comedy where the lady does all the talking, the man not being able to get in a word.

"Judge Not" is a drama and it was the first prize winner in the General Federation of Women's Clubs Contest in 1948.

"Eighteen Washington Square, South" is a comedy of two 'gals' in New York, who are penniless but are smart enough to get a man.

The sale of tickets will start on Thursday, February 24, at the fashion show luncheon. Only 400 tickets will be sold as that is the capacity of the school auditorium. "So get yours before they are all gone," the announcement stated.

Spring Fashions Will Be Shown At Luncheon

Under sponsorship of the Junior Woman's Club, a spring fashions show will be held Thursday, February 24, one o'clock, at Carolina Restaurant.

Young ladies of this community will model spring fashions from Prevette's, Spainhour's, Penney's, Jean's and Belk's. In an earlier news item the name of Prevette's was inadvertently omitted from the list.

Mrs. Edward S. Finley and Mrs. C. C. Faw, Jr., are accepting reservations for the luncheon, price of which will be \$1.55 each, and all who will attend are asked to make reservations early because of limitation on the number.