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Christmas Cheer Work Best Job In History Wilkes

Largest Number Of Families Helped With Substantial Provisions

Christmas Cheer work accomplished for underprivileged families in Wilkes was the most successful in the history of the county, Charles C. McNeill, Wilkes superintendent of welfare, said today.

Civic and church groups and many individuals opened their hearts and pocketbooks and provided Santa Claus gifts to about 300 families.

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, which acted as a clearing house of information for interested groups, estimated the total expenditure at about \$4,000.

In North Wilkesboro 25 baskets were prepared by the school. 65 were made up by the department, which sponsored a very successful show for the fund. Other groups who helped in the city were Junior Red Cross, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, Junior Woman's Club, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

Instead of exchanging gifts, members of the medical society gave five dollars each to the Christmas Cheer fund.

North Wilkesboro Lions club provided Christmas Cheer for 25 families and many members of the Kiwanis club took one family each to provide with Christmas Cheer provisions. In addition, there were many other groups and individuals who assumed the responsibility of a "helpful visit" with Santa Claus materials to needy families.

Mrs. Church, 84, Taken By Death

Mrs. Martha Church, 84, a member of a widely known Wilkes family, died Monday night in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Church was born October 12, 1865, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Keys, of Wilkes county. She was married to Alec Church and they made their home in the Maple Springs community of Wilkes county until Mr. Church's death 21 years ago. Recently Mrs. Church made her home with a daughter, Mrs. R. W. Ballard, in Winston-Salem.

Surviving Mrs. Church are six sons and three daughters: J. M. Church, Leesburg, Va.; L. M. Church, Purlar; G. H. Church, East Bend; Zollie Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Turner and W. J. Church, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. R. W. Ballard, Winston-Salem; Mrs. W. F. Walters and Mrs. E. H. Walters, both of Purlar.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, two p. m., at Reins-Sturdivant chapel in North Wilkesboro. Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist church here, conducted the service. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial part north of this city.

Hospital Births

Since December 15 the following births were recorded at the Wilkes hospital: son, Thomas Leonard, December 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Robert Edsel, of Pores Knob; daughter, Joy Inez, December 18 to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Waddell, of Ronda; son, Harold Gene, December 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Osborne, of Vannoy; son on December 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Clinton Johnson, of Wilkesboro route two; son, Kenneth Joe, December 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Handy, of Union Grove; son, Milton Joel, December 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Luther Whitley; daughter, Patricia Ann, December 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Blevins, of Moravian Falls; daughter, Belinda Violet, December 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson, of Hays; son, Gilbert Harold, December 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Theodore Brady, of Hays; daughter, Martha Sue, December 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Steen, of Reddies River; daughter, Judy Elaine, December 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam R. Moore, of Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vik, of Washington, D. C., are spending the holidays here with Mrs. Vik's mother, Mrs. R. M. Brame.

V. F. W. Planning Square Dance And New Year's Party

Blue Ridge Mountain post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor a square dance to be held Saturday night at the V. F. W. hall (formerly WILX building).

This new year's eve party will feature square dancing to the music of a popular string band and other entertainment features. Everybody is invited and a most enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

Dairy, Poultry Schools Will Be Held Jan. 4 and 5

One-day dairy and poultry schools will be held here next week for the dairymen and poultrymen of northwestern North Carolina, Paul Choplin, Wilkes farm agent, announced today.

The dairy school will be held Wednesday, January 4, 10 a. m., until three p. m., in the North Wilkesboro town hall.

The poultry school will be held at the same place at the same hours on Thursday, January 5th.

Staffs of specialists from North Carolina State College and the extension service will assist county agents in these schools. Complete program will be announced later, Mr. Choplin said.

Mrs. Mona Teague Died Here Today

Mrs. Hona Williams Teague, daughter of Mr. E. V. Williams and wife of Ralph Teague, of this city, died today at the Wilkes hospital. She had been ill for the past several days.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete early today.

No Left Turn At Corner B and 9th

To give pedestrians some measure of safety, left turns will be eliminated at the corner of B and Ninth Streets, effective Friday. Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

Girl Scout Notice

The regular weekly meetings of the Girl Scout Troops will not begin until the second week in January, unless some Troop has a special reason for meeting before that week.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. E. M. Lackey, Rector
Vesper service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, January 1st, at five o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this service.

Mrs. A. L. Hutchinson and Miss Willa Billings are leaving for their home at Flint, Michigan, Friday after spending the holidays here in the home of Mrs. Hutchinson's daughter, Mrs. Paul Billings, and Mr. Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Whittington visited their son, Mr. Billy Whittington, at Memorial Hospital in Charlotte Sunday. Billy underwent a knee operation there last week, resulting from an injury in football practice at Appalachian college during the fall. He will return home Monday.

HOLIDAY SEASON QUIET IN WILKES

Wilkes county, where three violent deaths occurred in as many days during the previous week-end, experienced a quiet Christmas, it was learned here Tuesday from law enforcement agencies.

North Wilkesboro Police Chief J. E. Walker said Tuesday that Christmas was the quietest here that he had experienced during the many years he has been with the police department.

Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said that his office had had few calls during the long holiday week-end, and no calls because

Bundle Day In Wilkes Will Be Observed Soon

Knights Of Pythias Lodge Will Sponsor County Wide Event

Knights of Pythias lodge in North Wilkesboro is making plans for Bundle Day in Wilkes county, it was announced today by lodge officials.

Charles McNeill, Wilkes welfare officer, and Police Chief John Walker, who serves as North Wilkesboro city welfare officer, told the lodge that there is a great need for clothes for underprivileged children and that a Bundle Day should be very beneficial.

Plans are being made for a county-wide event, with collection in rural areas to be made through the schools.

Usable clothing for children is the most needed commodity, but bed linen, blankets and other items of use in homes will be welcome, lodge officials said.

Date and definite plans will be announced later, but the sponsors have asked that people now begin to gather materials to be given on bundle day and to prepare their bundles in plenty of time.

\$40,251 Welfare Funds Paid Out During December

Old Age Assistance Funds Slightly Reduced For Month of December

Wilkes county welfare department paid out almost a half million dollars in assistance funds during the year 1949, it was learned today from Charles C. McNeill, superintendent of welfare.

Report of expenditures was given the board of welfare in meeting Thursday night. The number receiving old age assistance for December was 1,226, and the amount was \$23,355, or an average of \$19.05. Mr. McNeill pointed out that this represents a slight decrease because the department was running over the allotment for the county.

Dependent children aided during December totaled 1,110, the total being \$14,008, or an average of \$12.52 per child. Forty-seven received aid to the blind in the amount of \$1,388. Temporary relief, hospital care and other welfare funds spent during the month totaled \$1,500.

The board received the resignation of Mrs. Bob Day as case worker, effective January 1, and Miss Joyce Younce, a member of the Mt. Pleasant school faculty, was employed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Jean Absher was employed as stenographer to replace Mrs. Carol Mott, who resigned.

The board, composed of P. J. Brame, chairman, C. C. Siddon and H. M. Hutchens, discussed the excellent Christmas Cheer work done this year by many groups and individuals and commended efforts to aid Walter Childress, State Road man for whom a fund is being raised to make possible hospital treatment so he can get out of an invalid's bed.

Support The Scouts

Student Council Plans Square Dance

Student council of North Wilkesboro high school will stage a square dance Friday night, 7:30, in the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium.

A string band will play for the dance. Admission will be 40 cents stag or 60 cents per couple, and the public is invited.

Square Dance At Moravian Falls

An old time square dance will usher out the old year and bring in the new Saturday night at Moravian Falls community house. All who attend are assured an enjoyable occasion.

SUPPORT THE Y. M. C. A.

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J. C. Adams Is Taken By Death

James Calvin (Jim) Adams, 74, of Mulberry, died Friday night at the Wilkes Hospital, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock, after a long illness. He was born January 11, 1875, making his stay 74 years, 11 months and 12 days. Mr. Adams was the son of Franklin and Emley Tinsley Adams, of Mulberry township. He was married to Ellen Wood-December 23, 1894. He died on their 55th wedding anniversary. The surviving members of his family are his wife, Mrs. Ellen Adams; one daughter, Mrs. Cora Shumate, of the home; one son, Bob Adams, of North Wilkesboro Route 1; and six grandchildren: Mrs. Conrad Reeves, North Wilkesboro, who had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Adams for 19 years; Miss Virginia Adams, of North Wilkesboro Route 1; Mrs. Bernice Rhodes, of Oregon; Bobby Ann Janis and Jerry Adams, all of North Wilkesboro, Route 1. There are four great-grandchildren, Juline and Linda Jean Reeves, of North Wilkesboro; Gail and Brenda Rhodes, of Oregon. Mr. Adams was preceded in death by two sons, one daughter, 1 grandson and 1 great grandson, and his sister, Mrs. Sarah Brown, last March. Funeral service was held Sunday, Dec. 25, at Center church at 2:30 p. m. Rev. D. M. Dilard, pastor, was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. Watt Bryant and Rev. S. L. Blevins.

Pall bearers were Alais Brown, Will Adams, Jimmie Adams, George Adams, Marshall Adams and Alonzo Cleary. The beautiful flowers were carried by Mrs. Paul Reeves, Mrs. Rex Shumate, Mrs. Charlie Craven, Mrs. Hobert Lockhart, Mrs. Brack Richardson, Mrs. R. C. Wood, Mrs. Earl Anderson, Mrs. Lester Adams, Mrs. Quincy Huffman, Mrs. Fred Walker, Mrs. Alonzo Cleary, Mrs. Council Shumate, and Mrs. Bill Watkins.

Mr. Forrest Jones is president of the company and Mr. Harry Hettiger is secretary-treasurer. More than 100 people are employed in this plant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller and Miss Emma Eller spent the Christmas holidays in Salisbury with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCulley. Mrs. McCulley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eller.

LAD IN WHEEL CHAIR GETS HUNDREDS OF LETTERS FROM PEN PALS DURING HOLIDAYS

Ernest Triplett, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Triplett, of Purlar, had a "Big Christmas" despite the fact that he is a wheel chair victim of creeping paralysis.

Several days before Christmas an item was published telling of the lad's condition, and his need for pen pals. Ernest wanted mail to help him pass the long hours. Ernest's father reported here this week that the lad had received between four and five hundred letters during the holiday season, and a number of

Christmas Topic At Kiwanis Meet Here Friday Noon

Dr. John T. Wayland Gives Christmas Message At Meeting Of Club

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club enjoyed a Christmas program Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

R. R. Church was program chairman. He placed a candy cane at each plate at the luncheon. For the program Mr. Church presented Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist church, who gave a brief Christmas message. The speaker set forth the history of the occasion and expressed the hope that out of the experience there may come to each one a lift that will lighten the burdens of the coming year. He ended his program with a record giving the Christmas story. The program was much enjoyed.

The club voted to have President McElwee appoint someone to send greetings to J. R. Finley, who has been unable to attend club meetings in recent months.

Guests Friday were as follows: Jimmie Carter with J. B. Carter; John E. Justice, III with John E. Justice, Jr.; Sloan Hill with Dudley Hill; L. M. Nelson, Jr., with L. M. Nelson; Bobby Hubbard and Fred Hubbard, Jr., with Dr. F. C. Hubbard; Edwin McGee with Paul Choplin; F. T. Dresser with W. E. Jones; Joe McCoy, Jr., Robert W. McCoy, George Verdone and Dr. George F. Verdone with J. B. McCoy.

Wilkes Mountain Poultry Company Receives Honor

By J. P. CHOPLIN (County Agent)

Wilkes Mountain Poultry company of Wilkesboro has been selected by the Advertising Division of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development as illustrating the best plant in its particular field in North Carolina. Mr. Philip Schwartz, Industrial Analyst with the Department has asked for photographs of the plant to be used in an illustrated booklet showing the best of North Carolina industry and other attractions. The booklet will be distributed to out-of-state visitors. Mr. Schwartz also asked permission for guided sight-seeing tours to visit and inspect this poultry processing plant.

The Wilkes Mountain Poultry Company buys live poultry in the Wilkes Area and processes it on a chain assembly line. It is shipped "New York" dressed, dressed and drawn, cut up and packed as individual broilers in cellophane packages, and 10 pound packages of individual cuts.

Mr. Forrest Jones is president of the company and Mr. Harry Hettiger is secretary-treasurer. More than 100 people are employed in this plant.

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quinn and son, Mr. Mike Quinn, of Chattanooga, Tenn., are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Mrs. S. C. Ellis, of this city, and daughter, Miss Nora Ellis, of Washington, D. C., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ledford in Shelby Tuesday.

Mr. Jimmy Hethcock will return to Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer Monday after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hethcock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain, Mr. G. L. White and daughter, Mrs. R. M. Chamberlain, of Winston-Salem, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain here during the Christmas holidays. Dr. Chamberlain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain.

Mrs. Effie Bumgarner, of Lansing, Michigan, is here on an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Ivey Moore, and other relatives. She was accompanied here by her son and grandson, Mr. A. G. Bumgarner and Mr. Mike Bumgarner, who have returned to Lansing.

Mr. Tommy Whicker, a dentistry student at Emory University in Atlanta, and Mr. Charles Whicker, a medical student at Temple University in Philadelphia, have been here during the holidays with their parents, Attorney and Mrs. J. H. Whicker. Tommy returned to Atlanta on Tuesday, and Charles will go to Philadelphia Monday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Stout for the holidays were Mrs. Stout's parents Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dalrymple of Sanford; and brothers of Mrs. Stout with their families: Mr. and Mrs. Shields Dalrymple and two sons, John Arthur and Shields Preston, West Point, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill, of the Temple, and sons, Mac and Mark, of Fieldale, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Dalrymple and daughter, Marianne, of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gaddy had as their guests for the day Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hudson and two children, Jimmy and Kenneth, of Thomasville; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cox, of Concord; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Allen, of Wadesboro; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hudson and three children Vicky Ann, Terry Jean, and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Whitley and two children, Harry and Judy, Mrs. James Mills and daughter, Miss Elaine Mills, all of Albemarle. Overnight guests for Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Rorie and son, W. T. Rorie, Jr., of Lilesville; and Miss Juanita Rorie, of Rockingham; Mesdames Cox, Allen, and Whitley.

The following students of the University of North Carolina are spending the holiday vacation at their respective homes in this community and will return to Chapel Hill Monday: Mr. Jim Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Day; Mr. Bill Bason, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bason; Mr. Julius Rousseau, Jr., son of Judge and Mrs. J. A. Rousseau; Mr. Gene McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McNeill; Mr. Bucky Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Horton; Miss Billie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore; Miss Sue Landon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Landon; Messrs. Dick and Buddy Sloope, who make their home here with their grandmother Mrs. R. M. Brame, Sr.; Mr. Dick Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Underwood.

A daughter, Janice Cynthia, was born Friday night at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Davis, of this city.

Mr. O.K. Whittington, Jr., who holds a position in a bank at Lancaster, S. C., visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Whittington, during the holidays.

Mr. W. W. Miller returned on Saturday from a hospital in Charlotte where he underwent a knee operation. It is expected that he will be confined to his home during the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dermont Smith and two daughters, Misses Donna and Toby Smith, visited during the week-end with Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Harvey Smith, at Lexington, and Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Eyerly, at Thomasville.

Mrs. Frank Killian and three children, Nancy Jane, Jimmy and Charles, and Miss Virginia Yount, all of Lincolnton, arrived Wednesday to spend the remainder of the week with Mrs. Killian's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rom H. Pearson. Mr. Killian will come up for the week-end to accompany them home.

W. J. Caroon, 54, Dies Unexpectedly Wednesday Night

Funeral For Prominent Business And Civic Leader Friday, Two P. M.

William Joseph Caroon, prominent business and civic leader, died last night at the Wilkes hospital after suffering a stroke at his home late yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Caroon was born in Oriental on December 5, 1895, the son of the late Joseph W. Caroon and Julia Aldridge Caroon. He received his education at the Oriental school. At an early age, he became associated with the Norfolk and Southern railway, subsequently became interested in finance and banking and accepted a position with the First National Bank of New Bern. Mr. Caroon was long identified with banking interests in this state, held responsible positions with the North Carolina State Banking Department, and the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Smithfield. In the spring of 1937, he moved to this city where he became cashier of The Northwestern Bank. In 1940 he organized the finance department of the Insurance Service and Service Corporation and since that date has been secretary of this concern. He was an able business man, widely known throughout the state and his friends were legion. At the time of his death he was president of the North Carolina Association of Finance companies.

On December 20, 1916, he was married to Miss Mary Gaskill, of New Bern, and from this union had three children: W. J. Caroon, Jr., Mrs. R. B. Johnston, and Miss Mary Gaskill Caroon.

Early in life, Mr. Caroon became affiliated with various fraternal organizations, active in the Shriner, a life member of the Grand Temple, a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Dramatic Order of Knights of Khorassan. He was greatly interested in the work of the Shriners in aiding crippled children and spent much of his time in soliciting support for this worthy cause.

Mr. Caroon was a loyal member of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, a Kiwanian of long standing, having been a Charter member of the New Bern club. He was very active in all civic and community projects.

Mr. Caroon is survived by his widow, Mrs. W. J. Caroon, two daughters, Mrs. R. B. Johnston, and Miss Mary Gaskill Caroon, of this city, a son, Dr. W. J. Caroon, Jr., of Richmond, Va.; a half sister, Mrs. Andrew Armstrong, of Asheville, and his step-father, Mr. B. W. O'Neal, of Oriental.

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