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March Of Dimes To Stage Its Fund Appeal From Jan. 15-30

Never Greater Need For Funds, Says Campaign Chairman Urging Support.

The 1947 March of Dimes, annual fund raising drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis which sparkplugs the never-ceasing battle against polio, will be held January 15 to 30, it was announced today by Ossie Sutton, chairman of the March of Dimes campaign committee here.

The need for funds, Mr. Sutton said, has never been greater, since the nation has just emerged from the worst epidemic of polio in the history of the National foundation for Infantile Paralysis, founded in 1938 to spearhead and co-ordinate the battle against this disease.

Need for Money

"United States Public Health Service figures show," said Sutton, "that the 1946 polio epidemic is second only in severity to the great epidemic of 1916, the worst in recorded history. This means that not only were the Foundation and its chapters called upon as never before to supply expensive equipment, personnel and every other aid known to modern science to the stricken, but they still must assist those who have not yet achieved maximum recovery. And there are more of these than there have ever been before."

"The National Foundation also spent millions of dollars during 1946 in medical scientific research to trace the cause of infantile paralysis," Sutton explained. "It will continue to do so until that cause is discovered and conquered."

"The National Foundation also intends to pursue vigorously its far-reaching educational program to inform the public on precautions against the disease; what to do if and when polio strikes, and what your March of Dimes is prepared to do for every American, regardless of age, creed, color or race, stricken by the dread cripper—and that is to provide the best available care, regardless of cost, until maximum recovery is assured."

Appeals for Support

"The people of McDowell county, in common with Americans everywhere," he went on, "have been most generous in the past in supporting the fight against infantile paralysis through the March of Dimes. Indications are that they will be even more generous this year because they know that this fight is their fight. They realize that the March of Dimes is their best insurance against polio—and that the battle will go on in the laboratory until final victory is won and infantile paralysis joins the other great scourges of mankind unmasked and disarmed by knowledge."

The annual March of Dimes is the only means the National Foundation has for financing its battle against infantile paralysis.

GREENLEE BAPTIST HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Greenlee Baptist church gave a Christmas program Sunday evening. Carols were rendered by a large group of singers and welcome was extended by Mrs. H. W. Hensley.

Two recitations were given. "Why We Have Christmas," was presented by Ray Suttles, and "A Visit From St. Nicholas," by Paul Brooks.

After a short play the younger children sang "Jingle Bells" as Santa Claus entered the church with gifts for the children.

The tree was beautifully decorated with gifts.

ROYCE McNEILL ON DUTY IN THE CHINA SEA AREA

Royce M. McNeill, 19, fireman, first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McNeill of Marion, is serving with the USS LSM 342 on duty in the China area. McNeill has visited Midway, Japan, Hawaii and China since joining the vessel in March 1946.

More than half of the children in the U. S. under 15 years of age live in rural areas.

TAX LISTING FOR THE YEAR GETS UNDER WAY; LIST TAKERS NAMED

Tax listing for the year 1947 begins this week in the various townships in the county. All taxes must be listed during the month of January. A penalty of one dollar will be assessed and charged against any property owner, real or personal, who fails to list in January, it is announced.

The machinery act of 1945 requires that all property, real and personal, shall be listed in accordance with ownership and value, it was stated.

Tax listers for the various townships are:

Brackets—A. P. Poteat.
Crooked Creek—Harlow Noblitt.
Dysartsville—C. N. Laughridge.
Glenwood—A. P. Poteat.
Higgins—C. Rex Wilson.
Marion—John M. Snoddy.
Montfords Cove—Mrs. M. R. Nanney.
Nebo—L. C. Parks.
North Cove—Rom Brown.
Old Fort—S. F. Mauney.

KIWANIS DIME BOARD PROCEEDS TOTAL \$474

Total proceeds from the Dime Board sponsored by the Marion Kiwanis club during the season were \$474.28, according to announcement by J. M. Snoddy, Kiwanis secretary who was in charge of the project.

This money will be used for the benefit of needy children in the county, it was stated.

Funds will be appropriated to provide tonsilectomys, glasses, clothing and other needs of underprivileged children as it was during the past year.

A recent announcement stated that Kiwanis had spent a total of \$294 on 19 needy children during the past three months.

This amount provided tonsilectomys for six children, glasses for five children and clothing for eight children. These recipients included one blind child in Blind school who needed warm clothing for winter, three children who had been abandoned by parents and were placed in boarding schools; one orphan child abandoned by relatives received warm clothing for school; three children who are above school age and have never attended school, were enabled to attend.

Others serving on the committee with Snoddy were V. T. Eckerd and J. B. Laughlin. A number of other members participated in the project by supervising the collection of the dimes.

LAST QUARTERLY INCOME TAX PAYMENT DUE JAN. 15

The last quarterly installment on the 1946 Federal income tax is not due until January 15, 1947, according to the Treasury Department. The attention of taxpayers is called to the necessity for making out corrected 1946 income estimates by Jan. 15, by those who, because of change in financial status, must file revised estimates. This affects those whose incomes for the year show an increase of 20 per cent or more over the figures already filed. The estimated income declaration for 1947 must be filed March 15.

STILL CAPTURED IN BRACKETTS TOWNSHIP

Officers of the sheriff's department report the capture of a still near Mut Cut in Bracketts township last Sunday. Officers making the capture included Earl Sebastian and Robert White, deputy sheriff's, and J. T. Sisk, constable.

The still, a steamer outfit, was in operation and two men made their escape as the officers approached the scene. Eight gallons of whiskey and about 120 gallons of beer were destroyed, the officers report.

More than 58,000,000,000 quarts of milk were produced in the U. S. in 1945, compared with 8,000,000,000 in the United Kingdom, 8,000,000,000 in Canada, and 4,500,000,000 in Australia.



RING OUT, WILD BELLS

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

—TENNYSON.



101,544 GREETINGS MAILED AT POST OFFICE

Residents of Marion said Merry Christmas through the mails in a big way this year.

There were 22,184 more pieces of first class mail recorded at the Marion post office from December 16 through December 24 than during the same period last year, according to figures released by Postmaster John Finley.

This year there were 101,544 pieces of first class mail recorded by the cancelling machine at the post office from December 16-24, exceeding last year's high mark of 79,360 by 22,184.

Wednesday, December 18, was the largest single day with 16,340 being mailed during the day. Last year December 17 was the big day with 15,970.

Although complete figures on the number of packages mailed could not be obtained, the number was apparently in proportion to the number of greetings. When all available space had been packed with parcels, they were stacked on the floor until they could be sorted.

All packages received by Christmas Day addressed to individuals of the community were distributed before the day ended, Postmaster Finley said. The close of the day, however, did not end the flow of Christmas mail. Packages were still being received in the mails at the end of the week.

E. R. KEETER RESIGNS POSITION WITH TOWN

E. R. Keeter, clerk and tax collector for the Board of Aldermen, has resigned to accept a position with the G. P. Seagle Lumber company. His resignation became effective January 1 and he will assume his duties with Seagle Lumber company in a few days.

His successor had not been announced when the Progress went to press yesterday. Keeter has been employed by the Town of Marion for the past 13 years.

METHODIST SERVICES AT EAST MARION SUNDAY

Morning worship service will be held at the East Marion Methodist church at 11 a. m. Sunday with a sermon by Rev. T. G. Smith, pastor, on "The True Values of Life." The sermon will be followed by a communion service.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m. and the evening worship service will be held at seven o'clock. A mid-week prayer service will be held Wednesday evening at seven o'clock.

Nicaragua is known as the "land of lakes and volcanoes."

Harris Resigns Position With Marion Mfg. Co.

To Reside In Texas; Woodrow Greene Named Cotton Classifier At Marion Mill.

C. A. Harris has resigned his position as vice-president - assistant treasurer of the Marion Manufacturing company and Woodrow W. Greene has accepted a position as cotton classifier of the company, according to announcement by R. W. Twitty, president-treasurer of the Marion Manufacturing company.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris left Wednesday to make their home in Graham, Texas, where the former has accepted a position as agency distributor of Sacony Vacuums. He will also be a cotton merchant.

Harris came to Marion in 1923 and has held a position with the Marion Manufacturing company for the past 23 years.

Greene is a veteran of World War II and has been engaged in cotton brokerage for the Frank A. Jones Company in Greenville, S. C. since receiving honorable discharge. Mr. and Mrs. Greene will reside in the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harris in East Marion.

S. S. REPRESENTATIVE TO AID WAGE EARNERS IN FILING S. S. CLAIMS

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security Board will be at the Register of Deeds office in Marion on Friday, January 10, at 10:00 A. M.

Wage earners who have worked in a job covered by the Social Security Act since December 31, 1936, and have attained age 65, may be eligible to file claim for themselves, their wives, or minor children, whether they have an account number or not. Surviving relatives of deceased workers, such as widows, children, or parents, or if none of the above, persons who have paid funeral expenses, may be eligible to file claim.

Persons who have need of social security account numbers or other information pertaining to the act are invited to meet this representative at the time and place mentioned.

MRS. FISHER DIES AT HOME AT EAST MARION

Mrs. Laura Fisher, 66, died at her residence in East Marion early Thursday morning.

Funeral services were conducted at East Marion Baptist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. Edward J. Roustio, and burial followed in Oak Grove cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, George C. Fisher; three daughters, Miss Artie Fisher, Mrs. Jack Elliot, and Mrs. Clyde Pyatt; five sons, Holden, James, Henry (Bud), Ernest, and Joseph Fisher, and eight grandchildren, all of East Marion.

One brother, Joseph Dale, of Morganton, and three sisters, Mrs. L. G. Houck and Mrs. Lillie Lane, of Morganton, and Mrs. Susan Dale, of Shelby, also survive.

VETERAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FIGHT AT POKER RIDGE SUNDAY

Gurdine Presnell, an ex-service man, was seriously injured in a free for all fight which occurred in the Poker Ridge community near the Clinchfield village Sunday afternoon, Earl Sebastian, deputy sheriff, reported.

Presnell, arrested on a charge of being drunk, was rushed to the Veterans hospital in Tennessee after examination disclosed he was suffering from a fractured skull. Parm Duncan and Donald Duncan were arrested and are being held on a charge of assault with deadly weapon. Their bond was set at \$2,000 each.

Evans Hammett, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was released under bond of \$2,000. Others arrested in connection with the case were Luther Roper, Eddie Duncan and Weldon Gillespie.

Big Jobs Face 1947 Session Of Legislature

More Money Requested By Teachers And Many Institutions; Other Problems.

Raleigh—Here are the main items of debate facing the 1947 Legislature:

1. Greatly increased operating appropriations requests.
2. Created increased permanent improvements requests.
3. Teachers' pay.
4. Whether to separate Game and Inland Fisheries from the Department of Conservation and Development.
5. The good health program.
6. State employees' salaries.
7. Liquor.
8. Consolidation of the Highway patrol, State Bureau of Investigation and State Bureau of Identification.
9. The sales tax.
10. Proposed changes in solicitor districts.

Not since 1933, when the sales tax was enacted, has a North Carolina Legislature face such monumental tasks as will the one which convenes here January 8.

The state has millions of dollars on hand, most of it salted away during the war boom. It earmarked \$20,000,000 for a postwar reserve fund and set aside \$51,500,000 for retirement of the state's debt.

Now, about every state institution and department, plus thousands of teachers, are asking for a lot more money.

The teachers themselves are embroiled in a fight. One faction, the North Carolina Education association, is asking for raises amounting to more than 20 per cent. Another faction, the South Piedmont group, is asking for at least 40 per cent, and actually wants more.

Permanent improvements requests, such as desires for buildings, enlargements and renovations, total \$88,662,880 for the next biennium.

General fund requests total \$191,000,000 compared with \$138,000,000 for the current biennium. The Agriculture department is asking for \$2,280,000 for the next biennium, compared with \$1,576,000 for the current biennium. The Highway department, faced with gigantic programs, is asking for \$108,000,000 for the 1947-49 biennium, compared with \$150,000,000 for the current biennium, but the difference is made up with millions of Federal funds already allocated.

The state's surplus now totals nearly \$50,000,000.

Everybody seems to want part of it.

Sponsors of the good health program, who have adopted a program that reaches into every county, city and hamlet, are asking for millions of the surplus. They want a four-year medical school at the University of North Carolina, a related hospital, medical centers in every county, assistants to students studying medicine, and assistance to the indigent who cannot afford hospital attention.

That those sponsors will have weighty representation in the 1947 Legislature is well known. Among them is Dr. Frank P. Graham, greater university president; Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, and many other organizations throughout the state.

The game and inland fisheries will be one of the most bitter of the next legislative session. It actually was inspired before the 1945 assembly. Then, a special legislative committee was appointed to inquire into the feasibility of separating the division from the Department of Conservation and Development. It reported, unanimously, that the division should not be separated. But since then, the North Carolina Wildlife association has promoted propaganda, has formed clubs, all seeking separation. In the meantime, the department has not been asleep and has concentrated on improvements of its game and fish program. Commissioner John D. Finley has employed new personnel,

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