

Girl, 13, Man, 65, Entered In Family Basketball Meet

WILSON—A 13-year old girl and a 65-year old man are among members of nine teams from eight states already entered in the National Family Basketball Tournament, unique among hardwood tournaments.

By starting whistle time December 28 at Atlantic Christian college gymnasium here, 16 teams will field family teams with no restrictions on sex or age, the only requirement being that team members be of immediate blood kin.

The present entry list shows teams from Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, Illinois, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and North Carolina. The indomitable Doynes of Salem, Mass., have entered a team of eight brothers and four sisters,

including Joseph, 26 to Ellen, 13.

The oldest player at the moment is Frank Calletti, Sr., 65, of Syracuse, N. Y., who will play regular guard on a team composed otherwise of seven sons. To get his team together for a hardwood reunion, Papa Capalletti is flying a son in from the West Coast; another will arrive by train from Texas.

Besides the Doynes and Capalletti, five McCord brothers from Alliston, Tenn., are entered; also seven Harris brothers from Oak Ridge, Tenn.; seven brothers and one sister of the Beckers of Wheeling, W. Va.; six Carmichael brothers of Mullens, S. C.; and six brothers each of the Katchords of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the Millers of Galesburg, Ill.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLANDS NEWS

Harbison Succeeds Matthews On Board

Thomas C. Harbison has been elected to the board of trustees

of the Highlands Community hospital, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. William A. Matthews, who resigned when he moved away from Highlands early in November.

Say: "I Saw it advertised in The Press."

Plan Methodist Service Series During Holidays

The "tree and treat" programs of the two churches of the Highlands Methodist charge will be held at Cashiers Christmas Sunday morning, in connection with the Sunday school exercises, and at Highlands Christmas Eve at 7 p. m.

A program of carols and Scripture and pictures compiled by Mrs. Early will constitute the Christmas evening service at the Cashiers church at 7 p. m.

Communion services will be held, at the 11 o'clock service Christmas Sunday morning at Highlands, and at the morning service New Year's day at Cashiers.

Young People Wrap Gifts For Sanatorium Patients

The Highlands Methodist Youth Fellowship's committee on community service met with Mrs. R. E. Early at the parsonage last week and Christmas-wrapped 20 tubes of shaving cream, purchased by the Fellowship and the church's Woman's society. The gifts are to be distributed at the Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain.

Death Takes C. R. Roper, Of Oakdale

(Unavoidably omitted last week)

Charles R. Roper died December 13 in the Oakdale community, where he was born and had spent his entire 83 years.

A farmer and singing school teacher, he was the son of Joshua and Mrs. Eliza Jones Roper, and was born September 16, 1866. He was married to Miss Della Rowland, who survives, 62 years ago. He was a member of the Pentecostal Assembly of God church.

Survivors, in addition to his widow, include six daughters, Miss Flora Roper, Mrs. Alex Pendergrass, Mrs. Texie Reeves, Mrs. Charlie Bateman, and Mrs. Wyle Pendergrass, all of Franklin, Route 3, and Mrs. Glenn Williamson, of Monticello, Ga.; four sons, Austin Roper, of Norfolk, Va., Charlie Y., of Columbia, S. C., Ernest, of Monticello, Ga., and Raleigh, of Franklin, Route 3; one brother, Jim Roper, of Andrews; one sister, Mrs. Addie Woodbury, of Asheville; 43 grandchildren, and 69 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday afternoon at the home, with the Rev. Fred Sorrells officiating, and burial was in the Oakdale cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

Name Miss Arnold To Court Of May Queen At W.C.T.C

Miss Freda Mae Arnold, of Franklin, has been chosen a member of the May court at Western Carolina Teachers College, Cullowhee. She and eight other Cullowhee students will serve in the court of the queen, Miss Dorothy Sue Sutton, of Cullowhee, at the college's May Day festivities next spring.

The choice for the various May Day honors was by election.

Miss Arnold, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold.

'Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday', Safety Head Warns

"Don't let death take your holiday!" This warning is issued by Director Jeff B. Wilson of the

Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

"Too many people either do not, or will not, associate the Christmas holidays with anything as grim as death," Mr. Wilson said. "And yet this month's death rate is consistently high. Last year 46 motorists and 24 pedestrians died in December alone. Two bicyclists were also traffic fatalities."

"A number of things go into making the month one of the worst of the year as far as traffic accidents are concerned," he said. "Low visibility, slippery road surfaces, fogged windshields, more drinking drivers and long hours of darkness that cover the peak hours of traffic every day are the factors chiefly responsible for such a high fatality rate."

Maintenance of windshield wiper, defroster and brakes, use of chains, lower speeds and abstinence from alcohol before and while driving were the preventive measures urged by the department.

"Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday is more than a slogan," Mr. Wilson said. "Remember: that very thing happened to 72 persons in December last year!"

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