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Mrs. Graham Named Easter Seal Chairman

CHAPEL HILL — Mrs. Billy Graham, wife of the famed evangelist will serve as 1967 Easter Seal Chairman for North Carolina, it has been announced by L. H. Mount, of Durham, president of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults.



This marks Mrs. Graham's second successive year as Chairman of the Annual Easter Seal Campaign. Last year she spearheaded the most successful drive in the history of the Easter Seal Society in its appeal to the public for support of its programs in rehabilitation of the physically handicapped.

Thousands of volunteers will be involved in the annual solicitation of funds for crippled children in North Carolina, according to Mrs. Graham.

"There is nothing so important as seeing that our children get the right start in life, she said. "And believe me, there is certainly nothing more important than seeing that crippled children with handicaps of any kind — have

a chance to either correct or overcome their handicaps and grow up alongside normal children."

"We want all of our children to have full, good lives — lives of dignity and independence. Camp Easter in the Pines, the Society's camping facility at Southern Pines, as an example, helps many crippled children each year in this respect."

"I haven't a question in my mind that when our neighbors know what Easter Seals are doing to make this a better world for crippled children and adults, as well — that they will be generous in their support. It is our neighbors and their children who benefit from these services — today and tomorrow. We will all help, I know."

The Campaign opened on February 20, and will continue until March 26, Easter Sunday.

Burnsville School Has Citizenship Program

The Burnsville Elementary School held their Parent Teacher Association meeting Tuesday evening in the school auditorium.

The program, under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth Laughrun, was on Citizenship and Patriotism.

Members of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades participated in the program with Johnnie Biggerstaff and Jeff Bailey singing The Star Spangled Banner.

Miss Sarah Hensley was

TOE RIVER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT EAST YANCEY SATURDAY NIGHT

Appropriation To Parkway Playhouse

Rep. Ernest B. Messer advises this week that he and Rep. Liston Ramsey of Marshall recently introduced a \$25,000.00 appropriation bill in the General Assembly for aid to the Parkway Playhouse.

The Bill specified that the appropriation "shall be used for the purposes of constructing, altering and improving the physical plant of the Parkway Playhouse, Incorporated —"

Since the Board of Education of Yancey County holds title to the property, with a lease to the Directors of the Parkway Playhouse, it was specified in the bill that the County Board of Education would direct and supervise expenditure of the funds.

Rep. Messer has been assigned to the following committees: Chairman, Manufacturers and Labor; Vice Chairman, Senatorial Districts; Vice Chairman, Panel Institutions; member, Appropriations; member, Congressional Districts; member, Education; member, Wildlife; and member, Salaries and Fees.

narrator for the program which emphasized Freedom in our country.

Mr. Edgar Hunter, principal discussed the school building program which is in the planning stage.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses and the color scheme was red, white and blue.

The annual Toe River Basketball Tournament will be staged on the East Yancey court again this year. The opening game will begin on Saturday at 6 p. m., when Newland and Tipton Hill boys meet.

East Yancey girls will meet Newland High at 7:30 Saturday night, the Crossnore boys will take on Bowman of Bakersville at 9 p. m.

On Tuesday night, Feb. 28, at 6 p. m. Crossnore and Cranberry girls meet. At 7:30 Cranberry boys and Harris High of Spruce Pine clash, and at 9 p. m. the strong Rebel team of Cane River will take on Tipton Hill girls.

The final first round will be Wednesday night, March 1. Spruce Pine and Bakersville girls meet at 7:30. But the first game of the night will be Cane River and East Yancey at 6 o'clock.

Champions of the tournament last year were Cane River's and East Yancey's boys. These teams are leading in the conference again this year.

Full outline of the tournament schedule may be found on the inside in this issue.

Semi-finals and finals will be played Friday and Saturday nights of next week.

N.C. Fund Receives Grant

Durham, N. C. — The North Carolina Fund announced today that it has received \$4,500,000 in grants from its three supporting foundations. The Fund, a three and a half-year-old organization created to experiment with solutions to the state's poverty problem, received \$3 million from the Ford Foundation, \$975,000 from the Zachery Smir Reynolds Foundation, and \$525,000 from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, to finance the Fund's activities through a period ending in September, 1968.

The \$3 million from the Ford Foundation is the final installment of a total \$7 million tentatively pledged to the Fund in 1963. The recent grants from the Reynolds and Babcock foundation are the balance of a total \$2.5 million tentatively appropriated by those foundations in 1963 as matching funds to combine with the Ford money in support of the North Carolina Fund effort.

Since 1963 the Fund has supported 11 community action programs in various parts of the state, plus many experimental projects including the North Carolina Volunteers, studying effectiveness of college students in community action work; Manpower and Mobility, two programs aimed at relieving unemployment problems of former agricultural workers. Other Fund activities include one of the nation's most comprehensive research efforts in the area of poverty problems.

The Fund also made many direct grants to community action programs, educational institutions, and civic organizations concerned with problems of poverty. Fifty-seven per cent of the Fund's grant monies (\$2.1 million) has gone directly to state agencies to finance special programs in the areas of education, mental health and technical assistance to community action programs.

Heart Sunday And You

The Heart Fund volunteer who rings your doorbell with in the next several days deserves to be greeted with a smile, a warm handclasp and a generous contribution.

In a sense, she is working for you, and over the years her services — combined with those of millions of other volunteers have helped to save thousands of lives.

She is fully entitled to share with medical science the credit for dramatic advances achieved over the past 15 years in the fight against heart and blood vessel diseases.

To be sure, these spectacular gains were achieved to the scientists. But never forget that much of this research activity was underwritten by dollars which she and others like her so laboriously collected.

So give generously. Put out the welcome mat. Make this the most successful Heart Sunday appeal in the history of our community. Give — so more will live!

Employers Urged To Take Advantage Of On-The-Job Training Program

Small business men in Avery, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey Counties can now take advantage of a government specialized training program that previously has been reserved for large employers, according to Claude Williams, WAMY coordinator for on-the-job training.

"New programs," Williams said, "will not only help small employers to get new workers, but will assist individuals who need on-the-job training and employment."

In the past it has not been possible for small employers to engage in and obtain financial assistance for conducting such a program for new employees. This is because of the cost of

paper work necessary and the number of people involved in the program.

On the other hand, large businesses employing many people have been receiving funds in substantial amounts for years to cover training costs through such a program.

One of the important situations from the employers viewpoint will be the reimbursement of up to \$240. to cover cost for training new employees in new skills. Also, community groups and other workers within the WAMY organization will aid in locating new employees to fill available on-the-job training positions.

Under the procedure, potential trainees will register with the local employment

security office which will report to employers.

The employees will, of course, hire and supervise their trainees in the same manner as they would any employee. The employers may, at their own discretion, relieve trainees at any time for failure to respond properly to training and work assignment.

Persons interested in training through this program should contact their nearest local employment security representative. If this is not convenient, they should contact WAMY office of Claude Williams.

The employer should contact Williams individually or the nearest WAMY office. WAMY offices have telephone directory listings.

