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KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

SHOPS AND STORES of the city . . . particularly dry goods emporiums . . . take on new activity, as the bright new garments for the Easter wardrobes began to arrive . . . Seems that merchants have good line of apparel for the gratification of the pre-Easter shopper, and that with a good deal of money still in the hands of the masses, the parade of the well-dressed will be fully as spectacular as in the immediate past. . . womenfolk are beginning to make their plans for themselves and the kiddies . . . eagerly watching the show windows along King and trying to find just the shade of something that will jibe with something else without encountering the disastrous clash of the colors.

EASTER, celebrated by Christians, as the day Christ rose from the tomb, has come to be regarded also as the beginning of spring—the time to discard woollens, and the flannels and to breeze forth clad in the lighter and more colorful raiment of rayons and cotton-piques and gingham, and all the other fabrics which lend themselves to beauty and daintiness, rather than to warmth. . . the folks just have to dress up for Easter . . . It's just the time of year, perhaps . . . rather than a disposition to turn a religious festival into a fashion parade.

ALONG THE STREET . . . Roscoe Coleman comes up from Tabor City to look after his tobacco interests here, and to leave word with the farmers that they should have plenty of plants, and put out their full allotments this year. . . seems that the growers of the weed are going to receive high prices again . . . that's the dope anyway . . . Police officer courtously placing the coin in parking meter for lady motorist . . . meeting a bus at the narrow intersection of South Depot and King . . . Just isn't room. Had to back up half a block so the big vehicle could enter the street . . . often have the same experience at King and South Streets . . . desperate need of a new through street by the bus station to accommodate buses, and through travel . . . dogs more prevalent about the streets as the days go by . . . army recruiters making weekly visits to postoffice building . . . getting a few recruits all along . . . getting the mortality information from Richard Kelly, who is also county coroner, and a mighty good fellow . . . still we are in no particular hurry to patronize his establishment . . . he leaves you kind of cold.

"**YES**," said an early Monday visitor to the Democrat office, "some folks around town are drinking too much, no doubt about it, sometimes they don't get the bottle set down quick enough and suffer serious consequences . . . However I've never been one to want to kick a fellow when he's down—have always tried to help him to his feet. I don't drink liquor—never did—but a lot of otherwise good folks do—some take too much, but society can never be improved by striking a man when he stumbles by the way. That's the time he needs help and lots of times he can be straightened out . . . I believe in lending a hand!"

THIS OBSERVATION, the first made to us this week . . . started the day off right . . . Missed divine services yesterday . . . but felt I'd heard a sermon Monday morning . . . our visitor left us with a little warmer feeling toward him, and a bit brighter outlook on life . . . a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves . . . he passed by on the other side . . . A certain Samaritan had compassion on him . . .

YES, there is too much drinking, there is too much of other disorderliness in this old world . . . too much of selfishness, and greed, of dishonesty and of general cussedness—but there's a good deal on the bright and the right side of the sheet . . . among the things being the man who don't take the time to cuss a downfallen neighbor . . . he's too busy dressing his wounds and trying to help him back in the path . . . without bonds of kinship or even intimate friendship, he helps just offhand . . . it's not a question of what caused him to fall . . . he just ams (Continued on page 4)

EASTER SEALS



David Tear, 9 sells Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower the first sheet of Easter seals to launch the annual campaign of the National Society for crippled children and adults. A bone deficiency which doctors assure him can be cured, requires David to use crutches.

Mrs. Harbour Dies In Bristol

Mrs. Charles J. Harbour, 59, of Bristol, Tennessee died Saturday morning at 6:30 in King's Mountain Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Monday at Rosemont Presbyterian Church in Bristol. Burial was in Shelby Hills cemetery in Bristol. Relatives from this county who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Mrs. Maggie Wilson, Charles, Blaine and Dan Miller. Surviving are her husband, four adopted children, Carl and Mary Jo Harbour of Bristol, Eva Lee Harbour and Mrs. Aubrey France, Princeton, W. Va., and a half sister, Mrs. Albert Dickerson, Benson, Arizona.

Mat Series Will Start Here Friday

The Carolinas Wrestling tournament opens Friday night at Appalachian with fifty wrestlers entered from Carolina, High Point, Western Carolina Teachers, Winston-Salem, Appalachian High School, Jamestown High School, Greensboro High School and 1947 A. A. U. Champion, Appalachian State Teachers College team. Appalachian has won every Carolina A. A. U. tournament she has entered, starting back in 1934. The High Point College team will push the local team for the honors this year. High Point will have the national champion, Charles Parks, in the 121-pound class. The tournament starts at 7:00 o'clock Friday night and continues until Saturday night.

Smithy's Store In Virginia Burns

Smithy's Department store, one of many in the Smithy chain of stores owned by N. B. Smithy, of Wilkesboro, was totally destroyed by fire in Damascus, Va., Friday night. The fire, of undetermined origin, destroyed the large frame building and a large stock of merchandise. It was a complete department store and was well stocked. Some insurance was carried on the property but the loss was only partially covered.

APPALACHIAN HIGH WINS IN TRI-COUNTY CAGE TOURNAY

In the finals of the tri-county basketball tournament, Appalachian High School finally edged out Jefferson High School, 28-25, to become the 1948 champion of the boys' division. The game was mostly defensive as both teams were cautious. Appalachian had the advantage of height and won the game on the rebounds. Jefferson however, handled the ball beautifully. The West Jefferson girls won the 1948 championship from Jefferson by the score of 20-19. The West Jefferson girls won the game in the final minutes of play. Awards to the champions and runner up team were made by

MANY RESPOND AS RED CROSS MAKES APPEAL

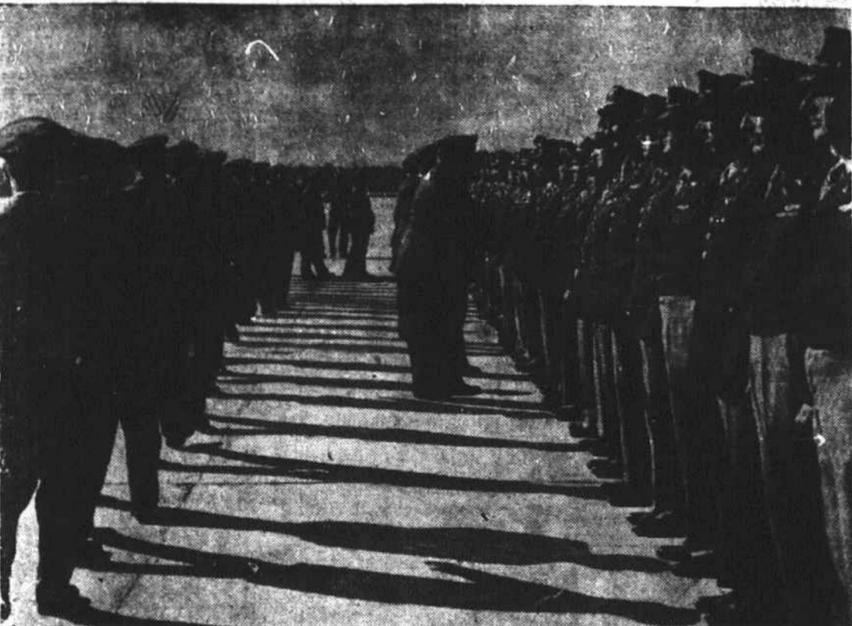
Dr. Bond Gives List of Those Making Gifts in Annual Campaign; Goal of \$1,886 Is Set for County; Names of Recent Donors Given.

Dr. W. G. Bond, chairman of the Red Cross campaign in Boone releases the names of the following local contributors to the annual campaign of the organization. The Red Cross quota for this county has been set at \$1,886, and while contributions seem to be coming in rather rapidly, The Democrat was unable to gather information as to what percentage of the fiscal goal had been raised at this time. However the contributors are as follows:

- Science Building, College, A. R. Smith, Worker
- Miss Darien Dorn 51, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Graff 2, Madeline McCain 1, Francis Stephens 1, Dave Mast 2, Sylvia Jean Perry 1, Forest Smith 1, Tom Wilson 1, M. L. Shepherd 1, Mrs. Ruth McRonnell 1, Alma Hodges 1, Austin Clawson 1, Lionel Ward 2, Mrs. M. Greer 2, Mrs. Maude Ingle 1, C. H. Kirkman, Jr. 1, Kathleen Hodges 1, Gragg St., Mrs. Robert Harrington
- Workers
- E. F. Troutman 51, Ben Estes 1, Mrs. Glenn Miller 1, Edmisten Furniture 2, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moore 1, Stewart Winkler 1, Robert Harrington 1, Mr. and Mrs. K. Brown 2, Mr. and Mrs. John Green 1, Mrs. W. H. Gragg 1, College Cafeteria, John Wellborn.
- Workers
- H. C. Eppenson 51, M. O. Coffey 1, Conley Yates 1, John Wellborn 5, Vivian Wood 5, Walter Brewer 1, Charles Glantz 1, Kenneth Ford 50, Mrs. John Withrow 1, Bill Linker 1, Hope Brown 50, John Withrow 1, Albert Yates 1, Fred Winebarger 1, Lillian Parker 1, Retha Hollars 1, Dwight Apple 50, Eda Caris 50, Don Fletcher 50, Charlie Rhodes 1, Dean Norris 1, Thelma Miller 1, Lucy Culler 1, Edith Greene 1, Earl Blankenship 50, Kenneth England 50, James Evans 50, Dot Johnson 50, Mandy Hodges 50, David Norris 1, Harley Jolly 50, Ila Stora 1, Sue McGrady 50, Mrs. Betty Rags 1, Helen G. I. Vivian 1, Vannoy 1, Grand Blvd., Mrs. W. W. Chester, Worker
- Mrs. Frank Miller 55, H. N. Hahn 10, Cherry Park, Mrs. Len Hagaman, Worker
- Major and Mrs. John Thomas 53, Len D. Hagaman 50, E. J. Isaac, Worker
- W. B. Swift 52, Moretz Furniture 1, Bus Terminal 5, Tarheel Togs 3, Howard Street, Mrs. Lionel Watson
- Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Watson 52, Mrs. Hale Vance 1, Mrs. D. J. Cottrell 1, Mrs. Floy Mast 1, Mrs. Lillian Morris 1, Mrs. Herbert Adams 1, Morris Case 1, Mrs. E. M. Cook 1, Mrs. J. R. Craven 1, Stanberry Circle, Mrs. Ralph Greer
- Mr. and Mrs. Howard Culler 52, Mrs. W. R. Spainhour 1, Gulf Cafe, L. T. Barnett, Worker
- John O. Cook, Jr. 51, Andrew Jackson 1, Boone Super 50, Gulf Cafe 3, J. D. Shoemaker 3, Robert Gilley 1, Don Hodges 1, B. F. Bolick 1, Jack Ward 1, W. R. Conner 2, Dr. Fred East 1, R. H. Hagler 50, Leroy Kerperlick 50, Bank Bldg., Alfred Adams, Worker
- L. H. Smith 55, Paul Winkler 5, F. M. Payne 5, Grace Flick 1, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Farthing 2, Watauga Bldg and Loan 10, W. H. Gragg 1, J. E. Holshouer 10, A & P Tea Co. 25, Hunts Dept. Store, Guy Hunt, Worker
- Hunts Dept. Store 525, Mrs. Dallas Hodges 1, Rosedana Billings 1, Mrs. M. Grogan 1, Faye Rayfield 1, Blankenship 50, Kenneth England 50, Roy Hagaman 1, Mrs. W. G. Hartzog 1, Mrs. Mae Miller 5, Mildred Tunnell 1, Mrs. W. J. Keisey 2, Juanita Hodges 55, Mrs. R. K. Bingham 1, Capt. Charles DeLima 2, Stewart Winkler 1, Mrs. M. B. Norris 1, Winkler Motor Co. Paul Walsh
- Workers
- Winkler Motor Co. 525, Town Hall, Mrs. Thelma Dent, Worker
- Mrs. Thelma Dent 51, Mrs. Ben Miller 1, Vera Greene 1, Gordon

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SYMBOLIZING U. S.-TURKISH AMITY



Andrews air force base, Washington, D. C., is host to 45 Turkish air officers who have come to the United States to familiarize themselves with our P-80 shooting stars and other modern U. S. aircraft. The instruction of the air officers is part of our Turkish aid program.

Brother Of Mrs. Council Expires

Sylva—William Enloe Moore, 44, engaged in the automobile business here for the past year, died at his home Friday morning of a heart attack. His health apparently was good until the sudden attack.

Mr. Moore was the son of the late Judge Fred Moore and a brother of Judge Dan K. Moore. He was a native of Asheville but spent most of his life in Jackson county, having returned with his mother to her home in Jackson county following the death of his father in Asheville. He was educated in the public schools of Sylva and the University of North Carolina.

In 1934, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Rogers of Glendale, Calif., who, with their daughter, Carolyn, survives.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. D. M. Hall of Sylva and Mrs. James Council of Boone, and a brother, Frederick Moore of Florence, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Sylva Methodist church, of which he was a member. The Rev. W. Q. Gregg, pastor, officiated. Interment was in the Webster cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dan Allison, C. N. Dowdle, James Cannon, Jr., Dick Wilson, Reg Enloe, T. E. Reed, E. E. Bain and Dave Cagle.

Legion Speech Contest Friday

The High School oratorical contest, sponsored by the American Legion for all the high schools in Watauga county is to be held at the high school building in Boone on Friday March 12, at 7:30 p. m. Three prizes will be given, one by the county, and the others by the local American Legion Post.

The thirtieth district contest is to be held on March 16 at Valle Crucis school at 7:30 p. m. The division contest will be held in Asheville on March 27th. Chas. Younce is the county chairman for the contest and J. W. Norris, the district chairman.

Officers Named By Eastern Star

The March meeting of Snow Chapter 220, Order of the Eastern Star was held in the Masonic Hall, with Mrs. Lena A. Geer, worthy matron presiding. New officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: worthy matron, Mrs. Delcie W. Moretz; worthy patron, Mr. T. Milt Greer; associate matron, Mrs. Martha D. Watkins; associate patron, Mr. Guy Hunt; secretary, Miss Helen Underwood; treasurer, Mrs. Tina H. Greer; conductress, Mrs. Nina M. Martin; and associate conductress, Mrs. Nell C. Linney. The list of appointive officers to be announced later, and a public installation will be held Thursday night March 18th, at 7:30 p. m.

EARLY ROBIN



"What am I doing here," the robin wonders, as freezing weather replaces recent springlike temperatures. Robins have flown into this area in large numbers during the past few weeks, heedless of the groundhogs warning.

Legion All-Stars Win Cage Event

The Boone Legion all-stars won the gold medal all-star tournament by defeating the Newland all-stars, Saturday night by a score of 43-38.

The Boone team defeated such teams as Linville, 44 to 34; Tipton Hill, 71-65; Blowing Rock in the semi-finals 54-50, and Newland in the finals 43-38.

George Lancaster of the Boone team was voted as the outstanding player of the tournament, also being named on the all-tournament team. All members of the Boone team received gold basketballs, and a championship trophy.

Members of the winning team are as follows: J. D. Miller, John Graham, Roy Marsh, George Lancaster, Emory Stephens, Ernest Lewis, Bill Kirkpatrick, and Arlis Hodges. Guy Shirley and Orville Love acted as managers.

Communism's hold in Asia declared challenge to Christianity.

EDWIN SPRUNG, LOCAL MAN, PIONEERED IN GAS BUGGIES

Edwin Sprung, of Boone, who grinds lawn mowers, and takes care of other needs of the community along mechanical lines, and who does some gardening on the side, was a pioneer in the development of the gasoline automobile, it is revealed by the following article published in a recent issue of the Detroit News:

William Luttermoser, 5588 Ivonhoe avenue, was down in Boone, N. C., visiting his uncle, Edwin Sprung, a former Detroit-er and a pioneer in the development of the gasoline auto, like many another in these parts. Mr. Sprung is now in his 80s, and his pride now runs to strawberries and potatoes, rather than to carburetors and maknetos. But he still maintains a small shop on his property at 120 Oak Street in Boone, just for tinkering purposes. Old timers will remember Edwin Sprung from his connection with the Huber Auto Co., which

R. L. Norris, 56, Rites On Friday

Hickory, March 4—Robert Lee Norris, fifty-six, of 1225 Twentieth street, died at the home at eight o'clock Wednesday night after a lingering illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Baptist church at three o'clock Friday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. R. K. Benfield officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

The body, which will be taken to the residence from the Hickory Funeral home at five o'clock this afternoon, will lie in state at the church from 2:30 until three o'clock.

Mr. Norris, born in Watauga county April 19, 1891, a son of the late William D. Norris and Rebecca Parlier Norris, is survived by his wife, the former Miss Virgie Brannock; two daughters, Mrs. Everette Drumm and Mrs. E. R. Robinette of Hickory; two sons, William G. Norris of Hickory and Ben T. Norris of Norfolk, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. John Rosebalm of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. Henry Ragan of Boone, Mrs. Scott Norris of Vilas and Mrs. Hunter Peters of Bristol; two brothers, W. C. Norris and J. G. Norris of Boone; and nine grandchildren.

Welfare Group Names Officers

At a recent meeting of those who administer the inter-church service fund, and others interested in the local welfare activity, Dr. G. K. Moose was elected secretary-treasurer of the fund for the ensuing year, and the following were named as members of the dispersing committee:

Dr. C. H. Mock, D. L. Wilcox, M. R. Maddux, Rev. E. F. Troutman, Mrs. F. E. Warman.

From March 1, 1947 to March 1, 1948, this organization received the sum of \$669.99, and paid out for the relief of needy families—hospital bills, clothing and food—\$430.09, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$239.91. The contributions come from the churches of Boone, with some private contributions.

Merchants Plan Annual Banquet

The annual employer-employee banquet of the Boone Merchants Association will be held Thursday night at 7 p. m. in the Home Economics department of the Appalachian High School.

The banquet will take the form of a ladies' night event and a program of entertainment has been planned, without a speaker. The program will be in charge of a special entertainment committee which is composed of Russell D. Hodges, Raleigh Cottrell and W. H. Gragg.

EDWIN SPRUNG, LOCAL MAN, PIONEERED IN GAS BUGGIES

It has always been a source of pride with him that he made the first gasoline-propelled delivery car for the Detroit News. He transformed it from an old electric car and sharp mechanics hereabouts considered it something in the way of a modern miracle.

He also made the first three sightseeing automobiles to be used on Belle Isle. Nephew William Luttermoser drove one of that intrepid trio.

But Pioneer Sprung's mechanical genius runs back before the days of the horseless carriage. He made the first chainless bicycle, and the racing kings, like Eddie Bald and Tom Cooper, used to engage him to build their mounts for special races.

TRUMAN SAYS HE'LL RUN IF HE IS CHOSEN

Missourian to Seek Term in His Own Right; Dixie Leaders Had Hoped He Might Not Run; Remains Adamant On Civil Rights Issue.

President Truman announced Monday that he will run for a full term in the White House, if he gets the nod of the Democrats when they assemble in convention in Philadelphia next summer.

He also made known that his civil rights stand is unchanged in spite of the revolt of Southern Democrats against the proposal. Democratic national chairman J. Howard McGrath gave both the announcements to the press, after conferring with Mr. Truman at the White House.

McGrath said: "The President has authorized me to say that if he is nominated by the National Democratic convention he will accept and run." This was the announcement reporters and others had tried to get from the President for several months.

It blasted the hopes publicly voiced by some Southern leaders that he would withdraw from the 1948 presidential race.

Mr. Truman has been bitterly assailed by these leaders for asking Congress to pass Federal laws against lynching, the poll tax requirement, job discrimination on racial grounds, and other matters bearing on negro-white relationships.

Will he withdraw or modify any of his recommendations in view of the Dixie outcry? McGrath gave Mr. Truman's answer:

"The President's position is unchanged since he delivered his message to Congress, and I might say that in my view his position, as expressed in the message, is as old as the constitution itself and as new as the 1944 Democratic platform."

McGrath and Gael Sullivan, the Democratic National committee's executive director, also talked with the President about the Palestine situation—reportedly a factor in the Democratic loss recently to a Wallace supporter.

McGrath's report of the Palestine conversation: "It affects the security of the nation and possibly of the world. The President will continue to handle the problem without consideration of its effect on politics."

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Apps Are Beaten In K. C. Contest

Kansas City—Lawrence Institute of Technology of Detroit eased past Appalachian State Teachers of Boone, with plenty to spare here last night, 76 to 48, in the first round of the National Intercollegiate Basketball tournament.

At the end of the first 10 minutes Lawrence Tech was in charge with a 27-5 lead, and led 42-18 at halftime.

"BABY BETTY," 758 POUNDS DIES

New Orleans—When "Baby Betty" Horrell, 750-pound side-show entertainer, entered a hospital here recently, it required six men to carry her into the hospital and two hospital beds had to be bolted together for her. She died after two weeks of treatment.