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KING STREET

BY
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BALMY SPRING DAYS . . . Freshly plowed gardens . . . the good earth ready to produce another harvest . . . budding trees, high temperatures, get the folks out in the open over the weekend . . . few mild cases of sunburn . . . wish that springtime might last forever . . . a sort of resurrection period . . . The seed which has laid dormant all winter, swells, the bare trees of wintertime sprout their first buds, the birds make ready to establish residence and rear another generation . . . and the miracles of nature are being performed on every hand.

'COURSE it might be snowing tomorrow . . . the wind will again blow cold from the west, chilling east rains may yet beat upon the pane . . . then there will be other days like Sunday, . . . perfect days . . . these uncertainties add up to the excitement of the season, which Mark Twain said "compels admiration and regret. The weather is always doing something; always attending strictly to business; always getting up new designs and trying them on people to see how they will go . . . but it gets through with more business in the spring than in any other season . . . in the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of twenty-four hours."

BUSINESS MAN SAYS that if certain of the candidates for high office in the State are nominated, co-op stores will put the individual merchant out of business . . . Another observer, of equal intelligence, says if these same candidates fail of nomination, the State's in for many sad days . . . and so it goes, as the populace warm up for the preliminaries of the great American game . . . Kiddies being ushered by their paps to the dance at the high school . . . farmers hauling in their fertilizer to avoid being left out by a predicted shortage . . . kiddies lay away the Easter egg dye, and watch the hen's nest, or mom's refrigerator . . . recollections of coloring eggs with calico cloth, certain kinds of green leaves, etc. . . Meeting a friend with the strange reasoning that every man should have two wives . . . that a plumb smart man should be allowed three . . . windows of auto always down when the unexpected shower comes . . . and never any help handy at the postoffice door when both arms are full.

MERCHANT PROPOSES that the town build an incinerator and get rid of the dump which occupies an otherwise beautiful eminence overlooking the city . . . says we can never handle the rat nuisance with the rodents eternally multiplying neath the tin cans and other plunder . . . It's a problem all right, and we particularly dislike the pall of odiferous smoke from the burning refuse which settles on the town when a south wind blows . . . Then too, the rats do multiply and replenish and inhabit the entire countryside . . . Believe it was Harry Webster who once engineered a rat extermination campaign here . . . at that time the dump was poisoned and also gas forced into the accumulation of waste . . . it helped a lot, too.

MISS BETTIE STEPHENSON, native Alabamian, but for many years a resident of Atlanta, dropped by to see us the other day . . . More than thirty years ago, Miss Stephenson was a member of the faculty down at Appalachian and made an earnest effort to get some of the rudiments of an education into our more or less unwilling mind . . . the old swimming hole or the chestnut trees or the snow covered hills, with a lot of rabbit tracks . . . something . . . maybe only hog-killing time in the village . . . always seemed to take our mind far away from the penciled desk and the dusty blackboard, and Miss Stephenson's tidy desk . . . But she worked faithfully and no doubt did a fine job, considering the personal whimsies and notions, which beset us . . . All the many teachers who took a try at training our adolescent mind, none made greater progress with the tough assignment than Miss Stephenson . . . Her wise counsel and general helpfulness aided us a

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Taken By Death



RICHARD H. VANNOY

DICK VANNOY DIES MONDAY

Prominent Farmer Succumbs To Sudden Illness; Rites Held Tuesday.

Richard Hackett Vannoy, 41 years old, one of the county's outstanding farmers and stockmen, died at the home in the Bambop section early Monday morning from a sudden illness which developed Sunday.

Funeral services were conducted from the Mount Vernon Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Will Cook and Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the Vannoy cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Baird Vannoy and the following sons and daughters: Charles, Max, Tommy, Rex, Wayne and Flake Vannoy, Mrs. Burl Winkler, Lexington; Jane, Barbara and Jean Vannoy of Boone. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Vannoy, also survive.

Mr. Vannoy was one of the county's most advanced farmers, and operated two farms. One is a model grade A dairy farm, while the other is devoted to the production of purebred Hereford beef cattle. He had consistently followed the most advanced farm methods for many years and was described by a fellow farmer as "being years ahead of his day in farm management and livestock production." He was well known in this area where he was held in the highest regard.

Doughton Sees Tax Bill Passage

Washington — "Nothing short of a war" can keep the House from overriding a presidential veto of the \$4,800,000,000 income tax cut passed by the Senate, Congressman Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina declared.

Doughton, the top-ranking minority member of the tax-writing ways and means committee, predicted that enough Democrats would join the Republicans to provide the two-thirds margin required to override a veto. Doughton and most other North Carolinians opposed the original Knutson tax reduction bill in belief that its \$6,500,000,000 slash in revenues would run the government into the red. But they were inclined to favor Doughton's \$4 billion substitute that was killed in committee.

Both North Carolina Senators Hoey and Umstead and both the members from South Carolina, Maybank and Johnston, voted for the smaller bill when the Senate passed it today by a 78-11 margin, far more than two-thirds.

Even though a rearmament program may later restore the higher rates, Senator Hoey said, the bill marks a permanent gain for North Carolina through nationwide extension of the community property plan which lets married couples get into lower brackets by dividing their combined income equally for tax purposes.

Hoey said North Carolinians will get "a net saving of over \$10 million" from this provision, long advocated by Doughton.

"SEVEN LAST WORDS" THEME CHOIR PROGRAM

Good Friday evening at 7:30 the Grace choir under the direction of Miss Margaret Manning will present the "Seven Last Words," written by Ritter.

Scrap trade backs imports from Germany, offers to help plan.

G O P PUTS OUT FULL SLATE FOR STATE OFFICES

J. E. Broyhill Gains National Committee Post; Pritchett Seeks Chief Magistracy as Republicans Gather in State Convention; Watt Gragg is Again a Candidate.

Durham — State Republican leaders returned to their respective communities last week aglow with a bright spark of enthusiasm kindled at the party's most optimistic convention in twenty years.

Highlighting the meeting, which ended last night, was the election of J. E. Broyhill, Lenoir furniture manufacturer, to the post of National Committeeman. It took three ballots for Broyhill to win the job over five other candidates. He overtook Hobart Morton of Albermarle, who led during the first two roll calls but lost 594 to 602½.

During the continuous seven-hour meeting, the convention nominated George M. Pritchard of Marshall, former congressman, as a gubernatorial candidate; set up a complete slate of candidates for State offices which are to be contested this Fall; chose unopposed delegates to the party's national convention in Philadelphia in June, and heard Key-note Rep. Leonard W. Hall, New York, assert that Democrats "helped build up Communism here and everywhere."

After naming Pritchard as the gubernatorial candidate and choosing Wilkinson for United States Senator, the convention chose the remainder of the slate of candidates as follows:

Lieutenant Governor, Kyle Hayes of North Wilkesboro.

Attorney general, H. F. Seawell, Jr., of Carthage.

Secretary of State, James S. Dockery of Rutherfordton.

State Treasurer, Ben L. Spence of Siler City.

State Auditor, J. M. Van Hoy of Charlotte.

Commissioner of Agriculture, Watt Gragg of Boone.

Superintendent of public instruction, Buford Henderson of Winston-Salem.

Commissioner of labor, M. K. Harrill of Charlotte.

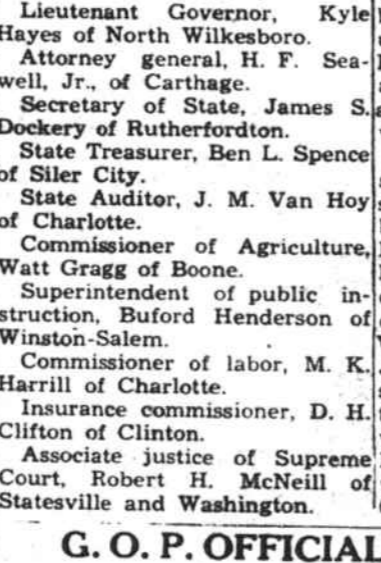
Insurance commissioner, D. H. Clifton of Clinton.

Associate justice of Supreme Court, Robert H. McNeill of Statesville and Washington.

Approximately 200 children from the Boone schools will participate in an original Easter Cantata which will be presented at the Baptist church on Easter Sunday evening. The union service which is sponsored annually by all the churches in Boone is under the direction of O. M. Hartsell, Miss Margaret Manning and Miss Katherine Coble are associate-directors. The service will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m.

The Cantata features two singing choirs and a choral speaking choir. Special solos will be sung by Rachel Ann Vance, Martha Qualls, Ted Barnett and David Edmisten. The mixed quartet from St. Luke's Episcopal church which includes Rogers Whitener, Hoyt Safrit, Madge Jones and Nina Annis will also sing. Lois Townsend will be at the organ, and trumpet fanfares will be played by Fred and Martha Council. The setting was designed by Miss Clyde Goodman.

G. O. P. OFFICIALS, CANDIDATES



Ivy B. Wilson, top left, recently chosen chairman of the Republican executive committee of Watauga county; right, Earl D. Cook, secretary of the committee. Below, left, Watt H. Gragg, named by the Republican State convention last Thursday as candidate for State Commissioner of Agriculture. Right, Clyde R. Greene, Republican candidate for Congress in the ninth district. Mr. Greene was nominated at the district convention held in Salisbury last week.

McDOWELL CHOIR SINGS IN EASTER CANTATA



Pictured above are students from the elementary grades of the Appalachian Demonstration School. They will sing in one of the three choirs at the union service on Easter Sunday evening. They are, from left to right: Anna Boyce Winkler, Jimmy Cline, Nancy Winkler, Sonny Keplar, Ala Hodges, Jean Templeton, Milton Barden, Jimmy Graham, Jane Rivers, Roger McGuire, Peggy Joyce Teague, Beth Eggers, Dempsey Wilcox, Betty Sue Norris, Betty Ann Edmisten, Charles Winkler, Joan Wilcox, Connie Casey, Johnny Greene, Patsy McGuire, Betty Jean Edmisten, Patricia Aldridge, Frank Coffey, Joan Brookshire, Collis Austin, Dickie Hunt, Dean Cornett.

—Photo By Sonny Williams

CANTATA SET FOR SUNDAY

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Honored By Lions



Richard E. Kelley, who last week was presented by the Lions International, a diamond-studded grandmaster key. Only 120 other Lions have received such an award, though there is a membership of 350,000 in 23 countries.

GREENE SEEKS CONGRESS SEAT

Boone Merchant to Take Second Try at Unseating Doughton

Salisbury — Delegates to the Ninth District Republican convention here last week formally endorsed Clyde Greene of Boone as the party's candidate for Congress.

Greene has announced he will run for the seat now held by Representative Robert L. Doughton, Democrat, of Sparta.

The convention also elected E. C. McCall of Lenoir as chairman to succeed David Rendeman of Salisbury and elected Frank Smith of Lenoir as secretary-treasurer.

Neil Sowers of Statesville and Ray Jennings of Taylorsville were named delegates to the national convention at Philadelphia in June.

Specialist To Provide Baking Demonstration

Women over the county, and especially those interested in selling on the Curb Market, are invited to attend a demonstration on "Baking Cakes" to be given by Miss Virginia Wilson, extension specialist in foods and nutrition, on Friday, April 2. The demonstration, which is to be held at the home management house at the college, will begin promptly at 10:00 a. m., so everyone is asked to be on time.

16 BICYCLES FOR BIRTHDAY

Portland, Ore. — While one bicycle is usually enough for a 5-year-old girl, Sharon Fulton got sixteen of them as a birthday gift, from her aunt, Mrs. James E. Jones, of Oklahoma City. It was all a mistake, however. It seems that Mrs. Jones' husband had called a firm selling bicycles and asked that one be sent to Sharon. Instead, the firm sent one case of bicycles.

AUTO LANE FOR CITY PLANNED

Local Motorists Will Be Required To Have Cars Inspected.

Raleigh—The Department of Motor Vehicles announced today that a mechanical inspection lane to test vehicles will be set up in Boone from May 27 to June 15.

The inspection program calls for the inspection of every motor vehicle registered in North Carolina once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter. It is designed to save lives by cutting down on the numerous highway accidents and deaths caused by defective equipment on vehicles.

The lane will be one of 36 operating throughout the State. After it leaves Boone, it will have this schedule:

West Jefferson, June 17 to June 29; Spruce Pine, July 1.

Prior to coming to Boone the lane will have been to Spruce Pine, Burnsville, Marshall and Newland.

The department urged all citizens in the Boone area to have their cars and trucks inspected as soon as the lane is opened. Officials stated that they wanted all motorists to visit the lane to see just how the program is being carried out.

Main points being emphasized in the inspection are stopping, steering, and seeing. If the lighting equipment, braking and steering mechanisms are in good order, the car will have no difficulty in passing the test. Already several very old models, among them a 1911 Model T Ford and a 1912 Oldsmobile have passed the test and are bearing their bright approval stickers.

Mrs. Polly Icenhour Succumbs on Friday

Mrs. Polly South Icenhour, 71, died at her home in the Silverstone neighborhood last Friday, and funeral services were held at the Pleasant Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon by Rev. R. C. Eggers. Interment was in the Mast cemetery.

The husband, Jacob Icenhour, survives, with one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Cannon of Valle Crucis, and a son Frank Icenhour of Zionville.

Watauga Legion Post Holds Meeting Friday

Watauga Post No. 130 American Legion will hold an important meeting Friday night March 26 at 7:30 p. m. at the Legion Hut according to post officials. At that time the business will center around American Legion Junior baseball for the coming season, making improvements on the hut and Legion property, and a review of the district meeting held last week at Elk Park. All members, former members or veterans eligible for Legion membership are invited to attend. There will be refreshments.

Asheboro Man is Now Head REA

Lenoir—Cecil E. Viverette of Asheboro has been named manager of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, which has main offices in Lenoir. The announcement came from Harold Beach, assistant manager of the corporation.

Mr. Viverette succeeds G. F. Messick of Happy Valley, who has headed the corporation since its founding here and who resigned several months ago due to ill health.

Mr. Viverette has served as manager of the Randolph County Electric Membership and Cooperative, at Asheboro for the last seven years. He is expected to begin his duties here on Monday, April 5.

During 1947, the U. S. Department of Agriculture certified the pure breeding of 35,229 domestic animals for importation into the United States.

RED CROSS HITS GOAL AS LATE GIFTS ARRIVE

County Maintains Record of Meeting Every Request of Organization; Blowing Rock Sends in Big Gift To Finish Quota; Names of Other Donors Are Given.

Watauga county has met the goal of \$1,885 sought for the Red Cross fund, it was learned yesterday, thus maintaining the record of the county to always meet any request of the organization for fiscal relief. The handsome contribution from Blowing Rock of \$527 pushed the fund over the goal and other contributions are yet coming in, it was said.

Following are the names of others of the recent contributors.

- Valle Crucis School
- Mrs. Maxie Edmisten \$1.
- Mrs. Grace Campbell 1.
- Mrs. Lucile Wallace 3.
- Mrs. Ola Thompson 1.
- Pansy Taylor 1.
- Mrs. Mary Lee Glenn 1.
- Mrs. Della Mae Edmisten 1.
- Mrs. Sarah Horton 2.
- Mrs. Mattie Walsh 4.
- Cove Creek Elementary School, Mrs. Jamie H. Henson, Worker
- Mrs. Gladys Bingham \$5.
- Mrs. Maud Spahnou 5.
- Mrs. Ruth Mast 2.
- Miss Ophelia Bingham 2.
- Mrs. Susie Henson 2.
- Miss Anna Mae Sherwood 2.
- Mrs. Gene Modlin 2.
- Tom Moody 1.
- Mrs. Jamie Henson 2.
- Mrs. Dora MacFarland 2.
- Mrs. Mattie Walsh 4.
- Cool Springs, Mrs. Marshall Farthing, Worker
- Ruby Michael \$1.
- Dale Michael 1.
- Ed Yates 50.
- Russell Farthing 25.
- Marshall Farthing 1.
- Arly War 25.
- Jim Michael 1.
- Dorothy Harmon 10.
- Victor Farthing 1.
- Bynum Shoemaker 1.
- Gertie Ward 15.

Commerce Group To Name Officers

The Chamber of Commerce will meet in the dining room at the local high school Tuesday night March 30th, it was announced yesterday by H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization, who states that the dinner will be served by the lunch room which in turn will benefit from the profits.

A new slate of officers will be elected and Secretary Wade E. Brown will give a resume of the activities of the Chamber during the past year.

Mr. Wilcox asks that as many as possible of the 103 members of the organization, be present or the meeting.

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