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KING STREET

BY
ROB RIVERS

BOB AGLE, and his able helpers, have gone down the line in an intensive effort to raise the sum of \$3,900 for the March of Dimes campaign, to aid some of the little children of the area, but the campaign failed to reach the home stretch. Despite faithful aid on the part of a small minority, the campaign is just about bogged down with about three thousand dollars short. Their own children still crying for their parents in isolation wards of emergency hospitals, their bodies immobile, their muscles responding slowly to the most approved treatments . . . fighting, hoping, praying . . . that another day, perhaps, they may walk! Our children, some of them right here in Watauga county, being given treatment at this time with funds provided by folks in other regions . . . while we look on . . . the rank and file of the folks are unimpressed . . . These are the cold, hard facts of the matter . . . the majority of our folks, judging by their responses to the March of Dimes . . . don't give a tinker's dam what happens to the neighbor's kiddies . . . somebody perhaps will foot the bill . . . so long as theirs have strong bodies and nimble limbs . . . at any rate that's the only conclusion we have been able to reach.

LAST YEAR ALONE we received about seven thousand dollars in benefits from the P.O. fund . . . We still have patients in the hospital, with continuing expense . . . Summertime is coming again, when countless more thousands of happy youngsters may be stricken . . . Maybe not yours—perhaps not ours . . . but somebody's child is going to need a little of your bounty again next summer . . . We can scarce retain our self respect and refuse to at least pay back a substantial sum of the money which has been given our kids, by folks who don't even know them . . . Are we so obsessed with the love of gold that we are blinded to the afflictions of our own children, and deafened to their cries? . . . Have we grown so callous toward those who are so cherished by God Himself, as to be willing to see His own children perish or be a part of a faltering civilization of another day? . . . or pray tell us, have we become so secure in our belief in a negative Christian philosophy . . . a preachment carrying only a condemnation of wrong-doing, without a requirement for service . . . that we have lost track of the fundamental teachings of the Prince of Peace? . . . we don't know . . . wish we did, but this we do know . . . We are not meeting our quota in the March of Dimes . . . we are letting the youngsters down . . . the helpless ones . . . and we ought to be downright ashamed, and dish up a few thousands from our bounty as an investment in people . . . little people, or big people, black or white, rich or poor . . . all of them, sad to say, being neglected in the mad rush of commerce, in the giddy rush to get rich . . . Gold, gold, gold . . . the symbol which dominates our social reasoning, and toward the accumulation of which our civic thinking is directed . . . No time for the preservation of a sane and solid way of life . . . and little to spare for the stricken.

WE GET ALL WORKED UP over things of this sort . . . We have raised countless thousands of dollars in Boone alone, year after year . . . We have contributed to every known organization without stint . . . some of them have been of very questionable worth . . . but never has Watauga failed to "go over the top" . . . to use the stereotyped expression born during the days of trench warfare in the first global conflict . . . The only times, strangely enough, that we have encountered difficulty in reaching a fiscal goal has been when the welfare of little children is concerned . . . We had an empty stocking fund turned down right flat in our faces a few years ago . . . we cursed and belittled till finally folks who read the paper in distant regions and far away states, sent us some money, while an occasional dollar hit the pot around town . . . We gave up and next year just about cut our own Christmas short to give the Women's club a start, and the thing finally got back on its feet. (Continued on page 5)

"LONE EAGLE" FLIES AGAIN



Charles A. Lindbergh, who electrified the world more than 20 years ago with his solo transatlantic flight to Paris, is greeted by Col. Clarence Edwinton, commander of the U. S. air force base in Neuburg, Germany, where the "Lone Eagle" landed during an inspection tour of the Berlin air lift. Lindbergh also will inspect various fighter and bomber bases on the European continent.

Centennial Project Plans Take Form

Straw in the Wind



This cartwheel straw, worn by model Ginger Baker, was one of the original hat designs shown for the first time by the New York millinery industry at a spring fashion show in the Hotel Astor. This hat also has sweet peas.

Doughton Sees Burdensome Tax

Statesville, Jan. 31.—Congressman Robert L. Doughton, who again heads the powerful House ways and means committee and who was last Wednesday re-elected vice chairman of the joint committee on reduction of non-essential Federal expenditures headed by Senator Harry E. Byrd, believes that unless something is done to immediately check excessive public spending "the very security of our government will be jeopardized." The veteran national legislator so expresses himself in a letter just received by Paul Leonard of Statesville who is spokesman for a state-wide group of taxpayers advocating economy and efficiency in government as a means of lowering taxes. Mr. Doughton's letter, dated January 27, reads in part as follows:

"There are so many individuals and groups high pressuring Washington all the time for appropriations, which in my opinion are not justified, that it is most difficult to even hold back the intensive drive or hold down to a reasonable limit the superlative efforts being made by those who pay little of the taxes and do not seem to realize that tax burdens have now reached a dangerous level. If something is not speedily done to arrest or reverse this mighty tide the very security of our government will be jeopardized. The heavily burdened taxpayers throughout the country should appreciate your gallant fight in their behalf and uphold your hands in the effort you are making to cut down and cut out as far as possible what we all know is an unjustified expenditure of money and is nearing the point of an unbearable burden."

BACK ON THE JOB

Lenoir, Jan. 28.—John Hayes Miller, 20, of Patterson, was back at his dishwashing job at the Hudson prison camp today after 24 hours of freedom. He escaped shortly before bedtime Wednesday and was captured last night by a state highway patrolman at Boone.

CHURCH GROUP GETS READY TO WAGE WAR ON BEER AND WINE

Committees Named in Various Precincts To Carry Prohibition Campaign to the People; Registration Books To Be Open for Benefit New Voters.

Members of the Watauga unit of the Allied Church League, are laying plans to wage an aggressive campaign for the return of absolute prohibition, as preparations are made for the beer and wine election which is called for Tuesday, March 1.

No new registration is required, but those who have not hitherto registered, it is pointed out, will be required to register. Books will be open at the polling places on February 5, 12, 19, and an effort will be made to see that all voters are qualified.

Following are the members of the prohibition committees which have been set up in the townships mentioned:

Boone: Mrs. Gordon Winkler, Mrs. H. R. Eggers, Mrs. L. W. Wilcox, Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, Mrs. George Greene, Mrs. F. W. McCracken, Mrs. W. C. Greer, Mrs. E. S. Qualls, Mrs. Ralph Greene, Mrs. J. J. Coffey, Mrs. H. W. Wilcox, Mrs. Ray Lawrence, Mrs. Dwight Edmisten, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. Ira Ayers, Mrs. Wiley Hartog, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Alvin Cannon, A. E. Smith, R. F. Greene, Ronda Horton, Rock Hatton, E. F. Troutman, Sam Moss, Mrs. J. C. Yoder, Mrs. J. E. Horton, J. K. Parker, M. C. Hollar, L. T. Barnett, Bill Brown.

Beaver Dam: Carl Wilson, W. W. Eggers, Raymond Eller, Howard Lawrence, Fred Hagaman, Grover Johnson, Don Greene, C. B. Reese, Jake Eggers, Vann Farthing, Perry Farthing, Dave Greene, Charlie Johnson, Roy Norris, Collis Greene, E. Trivette, Alfonsa Tester, John Ward, Charlie Cornette, Clyde Cornette, Grady Smithman, Albert Ward, George Smithman, Council Ward, Meat Camp: Arlie Proffitt, Ernest Moretz, L. E. Wilson, Fred Proffitt, W. A. Proffitt, S. G. Wilson, Warren Greene, A. E. Moretz, W. H. Jones, Chester Jones, Fred Michael, Bynum Proffitt, M. C. Brown, Edward Greene, R. S. Jones, Warren Greene, Howard Tester, Ted Clawson, Mrs. Howard Gragg, Grady Wilson, Kennie Brown, Loyd Stanberry, Vaughn Tugman, Rev. Ernest Stephens, Mrs. Glenn Miller, George Trivett, Mrs. Waldo Tugman, New River: Jud Barnes, Woodrow Greene, Stuart Barnes, Clint Norris, Verne Greene, Gurney Norris, Homer Lane, Ralph Hartley, S. B. Greene, Mrs. Andrew Woodring, Rev. G. M. Watson, James Austin, J. C. Brookshire, Rev. Victor Trivett, Clyde Bentley, R. F. Bolick, H. E. Brookshire, John Cook, Walter Edmisten, W. C. Downs, C. P. Dougherty, Edwin Brookshire, Mace Fletcher, R. H. VanDyke, Laid Gore, Grady Greene, Homer Arnett, W. G. Todd, Raleigh Moretz, Boyd Williams, S. B. Barnes, Roy Greer, Bernard Cook, Archie Carroll, R. V. Lane, Reese, Kenneth Thomas, L. L. Hammer, Earl Bodenshumer, W. C. Carroll, W. J. Cook, Collis Austin.

Cove Creek: Fred Castle, Jeb Reese, W. L. Reese, Kenneth Thomas, L. L. Hammer, Earl Bodenshumer, W. C. Carroll, W. J. Cook, Collis Austin. Cove Creek: Fred Castle, Jeb Reese, W. L. Reese, Kenneth Thomas, L. L. Hammer, Earl Bodenshumer, W. C. Carroll, W. J. Cook, Collis Austin. Cove Creek: Fred Castle, Jeb Reese, W. L. Reese, Kenneth Thomas, L. L. Hammer, Earl Bodenshumer, W. C. Carroll, W. J. Cook, Collis Austin. Cove Creek: Fred Castle, Jeb Reese, W. L. Reese, Kenneth Thomas, L. L. Hammer, Earl Bodenshumer, W. C. Carroll, W. J. Cook, Collis Austin.

Kizziah Proposed For U. S. Marshal

Washington.—North Carolina's Senators yesterday recommended William D. Kizziah of Salisbury for appointment as United States Marshal for the State's Middle District.

He would fill the post made vacant by the death of Edney Ridge, Greensboro radio station executive.

Kizziah, 53-year-old chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the Ninth Congressional District, was recommended by Senators Clyde Hoey and J. M. Broughton. For 18 years Kizziah has been Rowan County's Register of Deeds.

Hoey asserted he and Broughton selected Kizziah from 20 men who were recommended to the Senators for the appointment by President Truman.

Kizziah fought in World War I and has been active in American Legion circles since then. Early in his career he was employed by the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company at Winston-Salem and at Spencer. He and Mrs. Kizziah, the former Rosalie Wiley of Salisbury, have one daughter.

Box Supper To Aid Local Hospital Fund

There will be a box supper at the Junior Order Hall Monday evening, February 7, at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to participate. The proceeds will go to the Watauga Hospital fund.

CAPPER'S FAREWELL TO CAPITOL



Sen. Arthur Capper (R-Kas.) is pictured as he was bid farewell by Mrs. Dolly Gann, sister of former Vice-President Charles Curtis, as the senator left the capitol scene after serving in Congress since March 4, 1919. Mrs. Gann, well known as a Washington hostess during her brother's term in office, was one of a delegation of old friends who saw the veteran senator off for his home state.

Highway Postoffice To Arrive Friday

First-Born



Thirteen-year-old Mrs. Enrique Ampare of Oakland, Calif., who left school last March to marry 18-year-old Alfonso Ampare, gave birth to a six-pound, six-ounce daughter. Both were reported "doing nicely."

March Of Dimes Campaign Lags

The March of Dimes campaign which was to have ended Monday, has been continued, says Chairman R. E. Agle, who states that the campaign has lagged, the county is short of her goal by about \$800, and that the members of the organization feel that maybe there are some others who would still like an opportunity to repay our moral obligation to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"It is hoped," says Mr. Agle, "that no one will work a hardship upon themselves, in a financial way, but there may be those who have not contributed who would like to do so. We cannot forget the battle of Hickory in 1944, when the National Foundation so generously came to the rescue of the victims of polio, nor can we forget this past summer when more than two million dollars was put into our state . . . nurses and doctors were flown in, equipment was sent here. Perhaps for North Carolina it should be the Battle of Dimes, at least until we partially repay the help we have received in the care of these North Carolina children who have received the best care possible because of the National Foundation, which asks no questions when polio strikes."

Watauga county's quota is \$3,900.00, and Mr. Agle states, that while all figures are not in, it would appear that the county is short of its goal by about \$800. Recent contributions to the fund are as follows: Previously reported: \$1,288.00. Mrs. Floy Mast 1.00, American Legion Auxiliary 10.00, Wm. Wineberger 1.00, Mrs. W. H. Gragg 3.00, Green Service Station 10.00, Goodnight Bros. Produce 40.00, Blue Ridge Electric 25.00, Mrs. Emma Moore 1.00, Dr. H. B. (Continued on page eight)

DR. OWSLEY TO START WORK AT HOSPITAL DURING WEEK

Large Amount of Equipment Now Ready for Arrival of Medical Director; Cove Creek Passes Quota; Hospital To Be One of Best in This Area.

Dr. Lawrence H. Owsley will arrive in Boone this week to begin his work at Watauga Hospital, and it is stated by the board of trustees that much of the new hospital equipment has arrived, and is awaiting the arrival of Dr. Owsley, who will supervise its installation and the organization of the hospital personnel and staff.

Among the many items of equipment which have already been delivered are: the latest model hydraulic operating table, anesthesia machine, metabolic, delivery table, infant incubator, microscope, complete new laboratory equipment, small surgical instruments, etc. Eleven new beds and twenty new mattresses are to arrive this week. A new X-ray unit arrived Tuesday and is now being installed.

Clyde R. Greene, of the fund raising committee, has expressed himself as being highly pleased with the generous response of the people from all parts of the county and is anxious for the solicitors to send in their reports so that a complete report can be made next week. Cove Creek is the last township to report reaching its goal, having subscribed \$1027.55. The amount asked was \$1,000.

The trustees believe that when all the equipment is delivered and installed and the organization completed, it will be one of the best staffed and equipped hospitals in this part of the state. Those who have not contributed to the fund are asked to do so at once, and send the contributions to Clyde Greene or to Alfred Adams at the Northwestern Bank.

Health Clinic At Blowing Rock

Through the cooperation and assistance of Dr. Charles Devant, Jr., the District Health Department will conduct a general clinic at the Blowing Rock Hospital on Tuesday of each week from 1:00 p. m. until 4:00 p. m.

Later, if the attendance justifies it, the clinic will last the entire day. We feel that this clinic will enable more people to take advantage of the services of the Health Department. Services rendered at this clinic will include: 1. Examinations of food handlers. 2. Medical and nursing services to expectant mothers. 3. Medical and nursing services to infants and pre-school children including the following immunizations and vaccinations: (a) Whooping Cough (b) Diphtheria and Tetanus (c) Smallpox and (d) Typhoid Fever.

Farmers Are Asked To Make AAA Report

Watauga county farmers who carried out conservation practices under the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program are given until February 15, 1949, to make a report of the practices performed to the county agricultural association office. This statement came from Dwight Cable, county chairman. Practically all participating farmers have made this report. Any who have not made such report should call at the AAA office before the closing date.

Warlick Confirmed As Federal Judge

Washington.—The Senate has confirmed Wilson Warlick of Newton, N. C., to be Federal judge of the Western Carolina District.

Warlick, a State Superior Court judge, was nominated last year for the Federal post, but the nomination was never confirmed. He will succeed Judge D. E. Henderson of Charlotte, who has been acting judge since last fall. Henderson's resignation has been accepted by President Truman to be effective upon confirmation and qualification of Warlick. Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby retired from the post last year.

Look! I can walk again!

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