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## KING STREET

BY  
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INCOME TAX agents holding forth down at the postoffice this week, assisting those who garnered in some cash during the past year, in determining what portion goes into the pockets of Uncle Sam's striped pantaloons. Getting ourselves a little advance information on how much more we will owe, above the paid estimate, when March 15 rolls around. . . discovering the truth of the political statement that last year's tax bill is a "rich man's measure". . . If you made an awful lot of cash, your saving is big. . . otherwise, it still takes all one can rake up to effect the final settlement. . . Personable deputies say lot of folks still opposed to paying any tax, resulting in constant investigations. . . "some don't even tithe". . . that is their payments amount to less than 10 per cent of their dues to the government. . . When the collector catches up with these, the bill runs into big numbers, with all the penalties, etc., and can conceivably leave a fellow without a roof or a bankroll.

**PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS MAN**, wearied of the incessant grind, drops by with a new promotion. . . Says that more weeks are set aside for special observances than there are now on the calendar pad, and that there is an overlapping, which brings about a deal of confusion. . . Anyway this man wants to find space for one other "special week" to be entitled "leave me alone week". . . during which proposed period no one would ask for a contribution or anything else. . . just a sort of "do nothing at all" period. . . says the idea has found favor in some sections, and he wants us to try it here with the hope it will be liked so well that eventually it would stretch in to a month!

**PRESBYTERIANS** install new organ. . . a splendid instrument especially designed for the purpose, adding much to the handsome structure. . . Had been expecting someone to come forth with a set of chimes for some one of the six fine churches in the community. . . even one of those relatively inexpensive reproducing contraptions might do. . . they are said to be very good, and there's nothing quite like the music of the bells to create just the right atmosphere for Sabbath observance.

**COVE CREEK BASKETBALLERS** take top honors in basketball tournament finals Saturday night, while a big crowd of fans munch peanuts, popcorn, sip sodas, and witness a first rate sports event as the climax of a series of games which have been played over several weeks. . . The Cove Creek lads were in excellent form, as they met the Boone Legionnaires, and the latter put up a good fight as they claimed the second place trophy for their splendid performance in past engagements. . . The winning team's performance was spectacular. . . They have the stuff it takes to win. . . they just had to be good to claim that trophy, since a number of first rate teams had competed. . . Congratulations to all the winners, and felicitations to all the other teams who competed in the journey. . . it was a period of genuine good sportsmanship and entertainment for the sports-minded.

**REPRESENTATIVE EGGERS** leaving town on his return to Raleigh shares the opinion that the Legislature will continue to mark time for about sixty days and adjourn. . . that they will be called back by Governor Scott for a special session. . . Joe Luther giving us the low-down on doings down in South Carolina, where he has established residence. . . Passing the time of day with T. C. Baird of Valle Crucis on one of his infrequent visits to the county seat. . . Rex Geer back from watchmaking school in Denver mingling with old friends. . . Dr. Bond and Chief Greene talk over the bootlegging situation as the officer reports successful raid on moonshiners. . . Dr. Moore reminisces over incidents occurring along the street back in the roaring twenties. . . Dr. Mock gives down with some wit and logic. . . John Yount transacts business on the street and hurries back to Pittsburgh, where he is employed. (Continued on page 4)

## EASY COME, NOT-SO-EASY GO



Rita and Fred Johns gaze ruefully upon a receipt for a tax refund of \$300.085.70 which Fred received by mistake from his 1948 income tax. He really was entitled to only \$5.70 of that amount. Unemployed since last May due to an illness, Fred would have had good use for the money, what with three children to feed and clothe.

## Gifts Push Hospital Fund Near To Goal

### Liquor Plant Seized Sunday

A one-hundred gallon steam distillery, located in the Boone Fork section, was seized and destroyed in a raid by local and Federal agents Sunday evening. The plant, which had undoubtedly been in operation Sunday was still warm when the raiders arrived. Vats containing from 2500 to 3000 gallons of mash, ready for distillation were cut, and 15 gallons of whiskey destroyed. The operators of the plant were not apprehended. Chief Deputy Church, Police Chief Verne Greene and officers of the A. T. U. at North Wilkesboro, participated in the raid. Officers had known of the location of the still since Friday, and chose a time when they thought it most likely the operators could be caught.

### Wilson Warlick Sworn In As Federal Judge

Charlotte—Wilson Warlick, 55, of Newton, veteran of 30 years as a jurist, was sworn in Monday as Western North Carolina district federal judge. The man he succeeded—Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby—administered the oath in a public ceremony here before Judge John L. Parker, senior jurist of the Fourth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Webb retired last year. Warlick formally took office two weeks from the day that the U. S. Senate confirmed his nomination by President Truman. Among those present at the ceremonies were U. S. District Attorney Thomas A. Uzzell and U. S. Marshal Charles Price, both of Asheville. Also invited were Superior Court Judges John A. Clements and Frank Armstrong. After the ceremonies Warlick was honored at a reception and a dinner.

### Rites For Blane Hayes Next Friday

Funeral services for Blane H. Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hayes of Triplett, will be conducted at 2 o'clock Friday, at the Mt. Ephraim Baptist church, with burial in that neighborhood. Rev. Ross Greene will conduct the services. Mr. Hayes, who was 21 years old, was killed in the invasion of Okinawa April 16, 1945, while serving as first class seaman aboard a destroyer escort, the U. S. S. Bowers. A military funeral has been requested by the family and all war veterans are asked to attend. The parents survive, together with six brothers and seven sisters: Harold, Clyde, Vaughn, Dale, Howard and David Hayes; Mrs. Verlie Smith, Mrs. Pauline Greene, Mrs. Roseanna Purgess, Misses Merrill Hayes, Barbara Hayes, Bina Hayes and Carolyn Hayes of the home.

### GETS OLD NAME BACK

Detroit, Mich.—Six months ago Constantine Christodoulou had his name changed by the court to Chrisler. Kidnapped by his father that his name was "high-toned," Constantine went back to court the other day and asked for his old name back. Now, he's Constantine Christodoulou again.

### Reorganization of Hospital Continues, with Aid of Duke Foundation; Much New Equipment Has Been Installed and Changes Made in Plant.

The plan to raise twenty thousand dollars for the expansion program at Watauga Hospital is going forward. Almost eighteen thousand dollars have been subscribed and most of it paid in according to Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the committee. Checks for approximately twelve thousand dollars have been sent out already for equipment which has been delivered and installed. The work of reorganization continues with representatives of the Duke Foundation assisting Mr. Moore the business manager in setting up the bookkeeping and record system. A complete clinical record of all patients treated will be kept. No changes have yet been made in room rates or other charges and they will be kept in line with charges made by hospitals in surrounding towns according to Mr. Moore. The nursery is being moved to the third floor and a new delivery table and infant incubator have been installed. New equipment and supplies are arriving daily and will be installed and put in use as soon as possible. A number of individuals and business firms have expressed an intention to subscribe to the fund and they are urged to do so as early as convenient in order that the quota may be reached and the equipment and supplies paid for. The people of the county are urged to visit the hospital, meet the staff and see what is being done with the money they have so generously given for this most worthy need of our people.

### Rites Held Sunday Cpl. Clyde J. Storie

Funeral services were conducted Sunday from the Laurel Fork Baptist church for Corporal Clyde Storie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Storie of Blowing Rock. Reverends Raymond Hendrix and Robert Shores conducted the rites and interment was in the church cemetery. The following served as pallbearers: Ford Henson, Buster Ford, Kermit Storie, Hammond Hampton, Robert Holder, Perry Ashley. Flower girls were: Mesdames Doris Miller, Roy Holder, Mary Ford, Dallas Hodges, Virgie Terry, Grace Greene, Zaida Trivett; Bill Hayes, Dillard Storie, Misses Faye Ford, Sadie Ford and Ruth Ford. Corporal Storie was killed in action on New Guinea May 23, 1944, at the age of 29 years. He attended school at Blowing Rock and entered the army in 1940. He took basic training at Camp Croft, was later sent to the Canal Zone, and from there to the Pacific theatre of operations. He is survived by his father and mother and the following brothers: Carmie Storie, Carl Storie, Clark Storie and Coma Storie.

### RESCUES "GOOD CUSTOMER"

Moffat, Ont.—Noticing flames shooting from a nearby house, Grocer R. S. Easley, 60, raced inside and dragged out Harry Smith, 45, just before the fire had engulfed the house. He told reporters, "He's a good customer."

## MARCH DIMES EFFORT ENDED: COUNTY GOES OVER QUOTA

Polio Fund Reaches Net Sum of Over Four Thousand as Agle Thanks Individuals for Aid; a List of the Recent Contributors Given.

The March of dimes campaign closes in Watauga county with net receipts of \$4,056.23, exceeding the quota of \$3,900 by a comfortable margin, and R. E. Agle, county chairman, who has done such an outstanding job for the polio campaign, takes occasion to give special commendation to a number of people who helped with the campaign. It would be impossible, says Mr. Agle, to mention everyone who aided in the effort, so he listed the following for their special contributions to the success of the campaign: Cratis Williams, tag day; S. B. Moss and R. C. Rivers, publicity; A. L. Griffin and Boyd Blanton, coin banks; A. E. Hamby, Jr. and Mack Elrod, material distribution; Bolo Pardue, Appalachian College; J. W. Beach, theatre; Gill Phillips, March of Dimes thermometer; Herbert Wey, chairman of the schools committee; and all teachers of the county; James Farthing, treasurer of drive; Howard Cottrell, Mrs. Jack Hodges, Mrs. Joe Crawford, Mrs. R. H. Hardin, Charlie Johnson and his orchestra, and the Tuesday Night Club for the President's Birthday Ball.

Following are late contributors to the fund: Coin Banks 303.56, Mrs. Sherman Hollars 1, Watauga Hardware 5, Grandfather School 3.40, Edward Falk 2, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Barden 2, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bingham 1, Paul Coffey 5, J. H. C. 10, Blue Ridge Supply Co. 1, Mrs. N. B. Bingham 2, D. L. Stanbury 1, Alice Robbins 5, C. M. Critcher 5, Maude Carroll 2, Elk Knob Baptist Church 5.50, Antioch Baptist Church 5.50, Joe Clay Mast 2, Fred Welch 5, Ed G. Farthing 2, Maddux Esso Station 5, Junior Order 50, Oak Grove Baptist Church 10, Mary Dean Bingham 2, Home Demonstration Club Shull Mills, Blowing Rock Fire Dept. 25, Parkway Co. 10, A. S. T. C Book Store 2, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bingham 2, additional Sign Co. 10, Howard Norris 2, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fox 5, Mr and Mrs. Clarence Lyons 10, Don J. Horton 10, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Norris 1, Poplar Grove Church 11.25, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Glover 5, Homer Coffey 5, Grandfather School (first, second and third grades) 3, Billy Fox 2, who contributed home rooms, the following children: Jimmy Andrews, Harold Gragg, Cecil Aldridge, Judy Aldridge, Floyd Hodges, Tommy Aldridge, David Shook, Buster McLeab, Leola Church, Sue Fox, Wava Yarbber, Bobby Shook, Retha Ann Shook.

Blowing Rock School gave \$390.23 from the following home rooms: Mrs. Cooke's 11.25, Mrs. Whitener 7.00, Mrs. Hollar 12.42, Mrs. Winkler 21.04, Mrs. Beach 31.15, Mrs. Brown 18.55, Mr. Miller 18, Mrs. Green 27.47, Mr. Gault 35.25, Mr. Keone 43.90, Mr. Bingham 8.66, Mrs. Norris 10.42.

### Officers Named for New Hospital Guild

A group of interested women met at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, February 13, and formed a Hospital Guild. By-laws for the organization were adopted and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Roselee Goodnight; vice-president, Mrs. A. E. South and secretary, Mrs. Lee Reynolds. The following groups were organized: personal service group with Mrs. Herman Eggers as chairman; sewing and mending group with Mrs. Wiley Smith as chairman and nurses aid group with Mrs. A. R. Smith as chairman. As the need arises other service groups will be organized. Membership in the guild is open to any woman in Watauga county who expresses a desire to render service to the local Watauga Hospital. Those women, unable to attend the meeting Sunday afternoon, who would like to become a member of the Hospital Guild are requested to contact Mrs. Virginia B. Smith, chairman of the membership and publicity committee.

### Speech Contest Set For Friday

The American Legion county wide oratorical contest will feature its final Friday evening February 25, at 7:30 at the Boone High School, when representatives of the different schools will compete for three cash prizes. The winner will go to the district contest, with a possibility of going on to the State and National competitions. The public is invited to attend.

### Native of Vilas Dies Saturday In S. C.

Sumter, S. C.—Mrs. Callie Shipley Moore, widow of J. Boone Moore, died at a local hospital Saturday morning after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Moore was born in Vilas, N. C., June 23, 1859, daughter of the late Nathan and Sarah Bradley Shipley. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church of Mount Holly, N. C., Monday afternoon. Interment was in Mount Holly cemetery. Mrs. Moore is survived by six sons, Dr. W. G. Moore, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sumter, D. J. Moore of Dublin, Ga., Dr. B. D. Moore of Mount Holly, Dr. Oliver S. Moore of Mount Holly, Dr. Edgar D. Moore of Charlotte, and Dr. Spurgin B. Moore of Portsmouth, Va., two daughters, Mrs. Ansom Coffey of Greensboro, N. C., and Mrs. O. L. Hoffman of Mount Holly; 20 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Mary Mast of Neva, Tenn., and a brother, W. E. Shipley of Vilas.

### Mrs. Mary J. Gragg Is Taken by Death

Mrs. Mary Janette Gragg, 53 years old, a resident of Sherwood, died Sunday at Watauga Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Cove Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Harold Sanger, the pastor, and Rev. George Westmoreland, of Elizabethton, Tenn., and interment was in the Cove Creek cemetery. The husband, Mr. George Gragg, survives, with the following daughters: Mrs. W. H. Hamlet, Mrs. Clifford Bunting, Mrs. Doris Moreland, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. Hensel Stokes, Miss Zella Gragg, Mrs. Claud Wilson of Reese.

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## PROMINENT WOMEN HONORED



For achievements which have "furthered economic, cultural and social prestige of women," scrolls are presented by Mrs. Ogden Mills (left) national president of the American Women's Voluntary Service, to (left to right): Col. Mary Halleran, WAC director; Sarah Gibson Blanding, Vassar president, and Helen Keller, blind social leader. The presentation took place in New York City.

## New Bookmobile To Go In Service Here

### LAND BOUGHT FOR CEMETERY

Reins - Sturdivant Funeral Home has purchased 19 1/2 acres of land near Boone, and plans to develop a model community cemetery as quickly as possible, thus easing one of the most urgent needs of the community. The site for the new cemetery was bought from Misses Sallie and Lelia Ray and is that part of the Ray farm located between the old Boone Trail Highway, and the new 421. Information is that the firm will survey the property, map it into plots, which will be made available when the roadways, etc. are completed. Considerable terracing and other landscaping will be done, but it is believed that the property will be ready for use as a cemetery during the coming summer. The present cemetery, which was provided many years ago by the Council family has been almost filled, and the trustees for the plot have for sometime considered closing it, except in the case of emergencies. The news that adequate burial space is to become available fills a long felt want in the community.

### Traveling Library To Give Aid to Isolated Regions; New Vehicle To Be on Display Downtown Next Saturday; Order Placed Year Ago.

Watauga county's bookmobile has finally been delivered to the County Library and will be ready to begin service this week. The bookmobile will be on display or public inspection in downtown Boone on Saturday, February 19, from 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m., it was announced by Mrs. R. H. Harmon, newly elected chairman of the Watauga County Library Board. The bookmobile is the 73rd to be put into operation in the state of North Carolina. Four others are in the process of conversion. The Watauga county bookmobile was completed and ready for delivery in time to be put on display in front of the Capitol at Raleigh on Tuesday of last week. Boone's legislators, Dr. H. B. Perry and Mrs. S. C. Eggers, called attention to the library vehicle and invited them to inspect it at the close of the session. Free public library service in Watauga county will be increased and books made more accessible to rural residents as a result of this addition to the county library's equipment. Regular bookmobile stops will be announced as soon as the schedule has been set up. Communities, schools, and homes will have books brought as nearly to the doors as roads and weather conditions permit. The bookmobile has been on order since last year. It is a half-ton, panel body Chevrolet truck. The sides have been cut and hinged to open and reveal book shelves. A sliding table can be set up from the rear door for checking books in and out. Approximately 750 books can be carried on the bookmobile, and an effort is made to carry as many different kinds of books as possible so that they will meet the wide range of people's interests.

### William Henry Bryan Dies Monday Night

William Hery Bryan, 69 years old, a resident of Boone, R. F. D. 2, died Monday evening at the home. Funeral service details had not been arranged. The widow, Mrs. Chanie S. Bryan survives, with three sons, and six daughters: Sherman, Zionville; Arlis and Earl of Boone; Mrs. Onie Johnson; Mrs. Paul Penley, Mrs. Hansford Miller, Boone; Mrs. Brodie Beach, Zionville; Mrs. Spencer Day and Mrs. Clayton Greene, Shulls Mills.

### Deputies To Aid Federal Taxpayers

Two deputy collectors, from the department of revenue, are at the Postoffice this week for the purpose of aiding local Federal taxpayers with filing their returns, or to assist them with any of their other tax problems. They will remain through Friday. It is pointed out by the collectors that the original of forms W-2 should be brought when filing returns.

## I. R. C. HOST TO BURMA ENVOY: FIRST COLLEGE ADDRESS MADE

Honorable U So Nyun Speaks of the Place of Small Nations in the International Picture; Force of Arms May Yield to World Opinion.

The International Relations club of Appalachian State Teachers College was host Tuesday to the Burmese Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable U So Nyun, who spoke to the students and faculty at chapel. This is the first college audience he has addressed since coming to the United States a little over a year ago.

Ambassador Nyun spoke of the place of small nations in the international picture. "The nations of the world," he said, "have come to realize that ultimately the force of arms will come to mean less than the force of world opinion. The days of colonial exploitation are dead. The nations have come to a complete realization of the fact that although it takes billions to win a war, it also requires the cooperation and assistance of the small nations of the world to win the peace."

Ambassador Nyun gave a brief history of his country, spoke of its rich natural resources and its hopes for the future. He said that, since Burma survived the dark period of the Japanese occupation, with all its atrocities which surpassed even those of the Spanish Inquisition, and had solved the problem of war, it could be trusted to solve the problems of peace. He said that once the Burmese stand on their own legs again they would not turn back, but would march forward to greater progress and greater prosperity. He indicated that there had been some little internal strife, and that the communists had tried to establish their activities there, but that the national philosophy was strictly democratic and that the democratic way of life was the aim of the country. He said that no country today could afford to be an isolationist, and that the hopes and aspirations of the Burmese people are inextricably bound up with the hopes of the world and centered on the United Nations, the only organization, he said, that can be expected to promote or to retard the progress of mankind, and that they would continue to use the channels of the United Nations in promoting international peace and unity.

Ambassador Nyun was brought to Boone by Hugh Mitchell of the Statesville Lions club. He was accompanied by U Knin Maung Gale, third secretary of the Burma Embassy. Other Statesvillians in the party were Dan Rigby, past president of the Statesville Lions, Giles West, second vice president, L. P. Zachary, president of the North Carolina Railroad, and Russell Mencer. They were escorted to Boone by State Highway Patrolman Jones of the Statesville district.

### Democrat Is Lauded By Polio Foundation

The Democrat is in receipt of the following letter from George La Porte, director of public relations for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, New York, in line with the newspaper's active support of the March of Dimes campaign: "Bob Agle has sent along a copy of your Democrat editorial dated February 3—and I can understand it when he says it 'didn't hurt any' in making the campaign quota for Watauga County. "I don't have to thank you—it must be gratifying enough to know that you practically blasted the campaign over the top. But I do want you to know that all of us up here were thrilled by your forthright enthusiasm. "Thank God for clear-thinking men who will speak their piece even when it hurts, for men who can translate an ideal into action and rally others to its support. "Believe me, we're sincerely grateful."

Joliet, Ill.—When Henry Adam's car stalled on the railroad tracks as he was going to work, Adam, who is a railroad brakeman, grabbed his brakeman's lantern and flagged down the approaching train. The big Diesel engine slowed and just nudged Adam's car, pushing it off the track. Total damage: one dented fender.