

Local VFW Posts Attend Meeting

Representatives from the VFW posts in Ashe and Alleghany counties were among those attending the district meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars, at

Lenoir, Sunday. The meeting was called by Thomas H. Broughton, State VFW judge-advocate, for the purpose of forming and electing officers for the new 15th district of the VFW.

The nation has 33 million full time homemakers.

Krider Funeral Is Held At Todd

Was Killed In Action In Munich Germany; Military Rites Conducted

Funeral service was conducted from Blackburn's Chapel at Todd last Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for Pfc. J. C. Krider, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krider of Todd, who was killed in action in Munich, Germany, on April 14, 1945. He was in the 179th Infantry with the 7th Army.

Rev. Ernest Stevens, Rev. R. H. Snead and Rev. Ed Blackburn were in charge of the service, and members of the American Legion in Watauga and Ashe counties took part in the graveside rites in the McGuire cemetery.

The active pallbearers were Ed McGuire, R. B. Barber, Charles Krider, Joe Bledsoe, E. F. King, Jr., and Claud Winebarger. Honorary World War I and II, J. T. Capps, John Hardin, Hoyle Stringer, Earl Weaver, Ford Cooper, William Walters, Gordon Whitner, J. R. Gentry, John Woodruff, Blain Little, Ross Jones, Cleford McGuire, Armon Halsey, Bud Stringer, Gilmer Bledsoe, Coy Mikeal, Buddy Cooper, Jack Luther, Shirley Jones, Jr. Cox, Max Miller, John Clawson, Fred Holman, Eston Greene, Merrill Norris, R. E. Kelley, M. C. Absher, L. P. Colvard, Edd Barr, H. M. Bledsoe, Thea Luther, Lionel Ward and a number of others with names unknown.

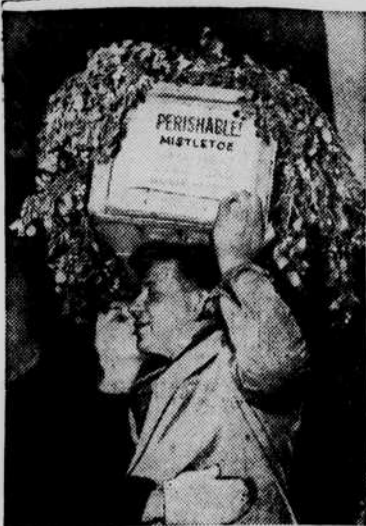
Flower girls were: Misses Lillian Parker, Betty Mikeal, Joe and Jean Bledsoe, Loraine and Helen Graham, Mary Nell Holman, Delois Stevens, Mildred McGuire, Lorine Snead and Selma Walters, Mesdames Edwin McGuire, R. B. Barber, Merrill Norris, Cliff Wilcox, Max Miller, Bennie Wilcox, Howard Gragg, Kermit Wilcox, John F. Greene, Charles Krider, Roger Holman and J. B. Ragan.

In addition to the parents he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Don Walters, of Jefferson, Mrs. J. T. Brown, of Todd, Mrs. Forrest A. Greene, Rt. 2, Boone and one brother, W. F. Krider, of Todd.

Now Hassocks Have New Uses

Things are happening to hassocks! A hassock today, in addition to being a very comfortable seat suitable for the living room, bedroom or den, may turn out to be a shoe rack when opened—for manufacturers are building shoe compartments into the commodious interiors of the new hassocks which come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Record racks built into the hassock's interior provide storage space for 70 to 100 records and the padded sides of the hassocks give protection against breakage. Sewing cabinets, stocking compartments, toy chests and game chests are other variations of the hassock theme.

For quick results, use the Sky and Post's classified columns.



GOOD JOB . . . How would you like the job of delivering boxes of mistletoe during the Christmas season? Nice work—if you can get it.

Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipagno, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and despatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

Good Pictures Are Featured

It is not necessary to spend a great deal of money in order to have attractive pictures on your walls. Many handsome reproductions in impeccably good taste are available. Pictures may be chosen purely as accents or to please the whim of the user.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the burial of our son and brother, J. C. Krider. The floral tributes, and services of members of the Watauga and Ashe counties Posts of the American Legion were especially appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krider and children.

When a picture is hung alone it must be large enough for the space it is to fill. Pictures should be hung so the center of the picture is at eye level. Grouping of pictures is a new decorating practice and a series of small prints may be arranged to outline an object, turn a corner behind a furniture grouping or dramatize a setting.

Americans will spend more than \$50,000,000 this year for stamps to mail their Christmas cards. This provides about one-twentieth of the Post Office Department's total annual stamp revenue.

Flakes of cellophane are used to provide "snow" on Christmas cards.

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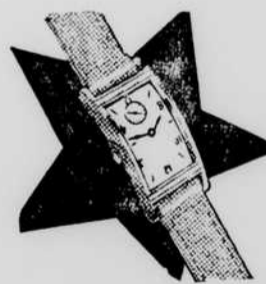
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