

KING STREET

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MARCH BLOWS IN with moderate temperatures, swirling clouds of dirt and sand along the streets, deposited on the pavement by the wheels of vehicles from county roads, and unpaved city streets . . . When the third month of the year rolls around—that unpredictable child born of a union of King Winter with the Queen of the blossoms—there are usually a few pretty days and folks begin to vow that spring has come . . . "We had a hard winter so 'it's breaking up early." . . . they don't recall that March is invariably about the worst month of the year . . . that if there's a big snow it hits during that period, and that the blasts of winter in taking a final fling, reach their greatest velocity along about the time the first misguided robins make their appearance.

BUT AT WORST it won't be too long before springtime is here . . . March, namesake of the Roman god of war, in earlier days also the god of nature and fertility . . . The season when agriculture and warfare were to be resumed after the inactivity of the winter period, brings promise of fairer days around the corner, of balmy weather in the tomorrows . . . its fitful rigors don't shake the morale like those of January . . . there is hope . . . pleasant days aren't far away.

FEDERAL TAXPAYERS get out the "1040" forms, bank records, et cetera, and make ready to strike some sort of balance with Uncle Sammy by the fifteenth . . . estimate paid—owe more money . . . those who file discuss exemptions and other phases of the tax structure—the subject is an ever-present one . . . The fellow who don't join in the conversation is the one who's laid away a young fortune without contributing a cent of it to the welfare of his own government, and hopes vainly no one will ever suspect his delinquency . . . he's scared plumb to death most of the time . . . his conversation invariably has to do with the high prices . . . the ends can't be made to go together . . . his audience smiles courteously at the man who is willing to enjoy all the blessings our system has provided, without fiscal support of the government which allowed him success . . . His hearers don't tell him so—but they don't like him a little bit . . . they regard him as a chiseler—for they are paying his part of the fare . . . Of course pay day will come . . . it's impossible to hide personal prosperity.

LOCAL VISITORS to Jackson-Jefferson dinner say the Democrats are powerful mad at Harry . . . just can't take his civil rights bill . . . The assembly hall which periodically, for many years, resounded to the unbounded enthusiasm of the partisans, when the name of Franklin D. was mentioned, became strangely quiet when his successor's name was included in the remarks of towering Tom Connally . . . Our informant says the Dixie revolt has the earmarks of being the real thing . . . "No they won't vote Republican, but the heck of it is, the Republicans have to be the beneficiaries . . . A few of the younger ones may traipse with Henry . . . so busy with the waving of the red shirt they fail to see the pink in the campaign of the former fair-haired child of Democracy—the one who couldn't be content with a healthful, progressive and restrained liberalism." . . . Yes, Dixieland is up in arms . . . it has been many times before, but the historical fact stands out like a sore thumb in the faces of the dissenters—they have nowhere to go . . . the trouble must be faced within the household of their party—they don't look for aid from their traditional political enemy on the civil rights issue . . . Henry can't help either—Communism knows no color . . . it's set of phony values included nothing the South could ever cherish!

BARBER BILL HODGES has a hen who got her name in the headlines recently for laying an egg of astounding proportions—she was credited with wanting to halt the soaring price of living—at any rate the "cackle berry" was a double-barreled deal, an

STILL IN UNIFORM



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has retired as army chief of staff, is shown at his Fort Myer, Va., home, still wearing the uniform of a five-star general. Asked when he planned to change to civilian clothes the general replied: "Heck, I haven't any."

WEBB TO QUIT HIGH COURT

Warlick Is Recommended for Seat on Federal Bench; Is Local Resident Judge

Washington—Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton, judge of the superior court of North Carolina, was recommended last week by Senator Clyde R. Hoy of North Carolina to succeed Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby, who is retiring as United States district judge for the western district of North Carolina.

List Names Of Red Cross Donors

The Red Cross campaign gets under way in the county, with the initial responses being gratifying to the local unit of the organization. The names of the following contributors were released yesterday:

Mrs. W. W. Chester, Worker, Grad Blvd.
Boone Drug, Dr. G. E. Moore, Worker
Mrs. Emma Robinson, 1.00; Eula Norris, 1.00; Vera Carroll, 1.00; Irene Townsend, 1.00; Mrs. Claude Moretz, 2.00; Mrs. Ethel Teems, 1.00; Lois McGuire, 1.00; Lee Whitington, 1.00; Dr. Wayne Richardson, 5.00; Mrs. Wayne Richardson, 1.00; Dr. O. K. Richardson, 5.00; Dr. G. K. Moore, 10.00.
Green Heights, Jack Hodges, Worker
John S. Allridge, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Osborne, 2.00; T. B. Moore, 1.00; H. G. Absher, 1.00; Mrs. B. R. Bryant, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Greene, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bledsoe, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clay, 5.00; Mrs. Helen Clay, 2.00; A. Friend, 10.00; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hayes, 1.00; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ruffy, 1.00; J. M. Morris, 1.00; Appalachian Theatre, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Agie, 2.00.
Northwestern Bank, Alfred Adams Worker
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Clyde Greene, Worker
Farmers Hardware, 50.00; Mountain Burley, 25.00.
Depot St., Business, Lloyd Isaacs Worker
Kays Ice Cream Parlor, 1.00; Economy Store, 5.00; Hillside Dairy, 3.00; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ruffy, 1.00; J. M. Morris, 1.00; Appalachian Theatre, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Agie, 2.00.

SPARTA POLICE CHIEF KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Brantley Taylor Instantly Killed, Two State Police Officers Injured in Effort to Catch Car Thought to Carry Illegal Liquor.

Sparta — Brantley Taylor, Sparta police chief, was killed instantly and two State Highway Patrolmen stationed here were seriously injured when the car in which they were riding crashed into a bridge near Wytheville while chasing an automobile believed to be carrying liquor.

PATROLMAN DIES

Sparta—State Highway Patrolman Weaver Hogan, 26, of Murphy, died in a Wytheville, Va., hospital Tuesday morning from injuries suffered early Monday morning in an automobile wreck.

Rites Held For J. C. Sherwood

Bristol, Tenn.—Funeral services for J. C. Sherwood, 63, who died last Thursday at a local hospital, after a brief illness, were held at the First Baptist Church Saturday at 1:30 p. m. with interment following in Glenwood cemetery.

Dance Group Brings Acclaim to Appalachian



Shown above is the Appalachian College Modern Dance Club a group that has auspiciously opened a new phase in the college physical education program and brought wide acclaim to the local institution through its showing in the Southern District Association for health, physical education, and recreation held recently in Birmingham, Alabama. The club is sponsored and directed by Mrs. Joy Kirchner and will represent Appalachian at the annual Arts Forum to be held at Women's College, Greensboro, March 12, 13. Reading from left to right, the members are as follows: Front row: Johnny Albee, Win-

DEMOS HEAR TEXAS SOLON

Speaker at Democratic Dinner Flays Wallace; Says Little For Truman.

Raleigh — Senator Tom Connally of Texas, after describing the Democratic party as the "liberal champion of the masses," last week lashed out at the "hopeless and fantastic" candidacy of Henry Wallace and predicted that the former vice-president's campaign "will end in disaster."

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SLEEPWALKER



This early riser, Robin Knott, age 2, armed with a toy revolver and dressed in sleeping attire, slipped out of her home early one morning and took a walk. This resulted in a frantic search by the mother and neighbors. The child was found at a Los Angeles police station.

Apps Capture North State Crown

Elkh — Appalachian State Teachers College's fast-breaking cage team caught fire in the second half here Saturday night to administer an impressive 74-59 licking to High Point College and capture the North State Conference Tournament championship.

Must Get Permit To Burn Trash

W. S. Collins, Watauga county forest warden, has announced that before burning material of any kind within 500 feet of any woodland in the county from now to June 1 it is necessary to secure a permit from the county forest warden, a deputy or an issuing agent. He pointed out that February begins what is known as the spring forest fire season, when fire is even more destructive than at other times of the year, as it kills all young growth.

GOP TO HOLD CONVENTION

County Republicans to Name Chairman, Delegates, in Pow Wow on 13th.

M. C. Hollar, chairman of the Republican executive committee, has called a convention of the Republicans of the county, to be held at the courthouse in Boone on Saturday March 13 at 2:30 o'clock.

College Adds Graduate Work

Appalachian State Teachers College, steadily growing in importance as a teacher training institution in the south, has now enlarged its curriculum to include graduate work for the Master of Arts Degree according to an announcement from the office of President B. B. Dougherty.

BLDG AND LOAN GROUP ELECTS SET OFFICERS

Board of Directors Watauga Building & Loan Names Old Set of Officers; Stockholders Hear Report of Very Successful Year.

At the recent meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga Building & Loan Association, W. H. Greene was added to the existing board of directors, the complete directorate being as follows:

W. H. Gragg, A. W. Smith, Dr. W. M. Matheson, Howard Holsouser, C. M. Critcher, H. Grady Farthing, R. L. Bingham, Rob. Rivers, Howard Mast, W. H. Greene.

At a meeting of the directors all the present building and loan officers were re-elected, as follows: H. G. Farthing, President; A. W. Smith, Vice-President; W. H. Gragg, Secretary-Treasurer; Carrie H. Bingham, asst. Sec. and Treas.; Mabel Bingham, bookkeeper.

Body Naval Flier Returned to States

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Kephart of The Out-Of-Door School, Sarasota, Fla., and Camp Yonahlossee, Blowing Rock inform us that the U. S. Navy Department has notified them that the body of their son, Lieut. William Perry Kephart, U. S. N. R., has been returned to this country and will be buried in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C. on March 11th, 2:00 p. m. Lieut. Kephart, after flying in the Navy for five years and last assigned to the Aircraft Carrier Wasp, was killed by Japanese shellfire while covering the landing of the U. S. Marines at Guadalcanal on October 14, 1942. Since all bodies temporarily interred at Guadalcanal are to be moved the Kepharts decided that their son's should come to this country for final burial. Lieut. Kephart had numerous citations besides the Purple Heart.

Naval Reserve Unit to Meet

The Boone Naval Reserve Unit will meet Thursday night at 7 p. m. at the Science Hall at the college according to Lt. Comdr. G. F. Kirchner, head of the Boone unit. All former servicemen are invited to attend and particularly those with naval service. A feature of this meeting will be the showing of the navy pictures of "Operation Crossroads" filmed at Bikini.