

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

He that hath a beard is more than a youth, and he that hath no beard is less than a man.

PARAPHRASING Billy Shakespeare by organizing under the slogan, "A beard makes a man; a razor makes a mouse," the Watauga Whisker Club has started out in dead earnest to place a ban on razors until after the centennial; tonsorially the county is to look back over its shoulder to the days of grandfather when the rugged men of the hills sported mighty mustaches, including the luxurious whisk-broom brush as well as the more rakish handlebar job with the upturned ends pin-pointed with the aid of a bit of bear grease...

Vilas Man is Killed In Motor Accident

Marshal Johnson, resident of Vilas, was instantly killed, at 8:50 Tuesday evening when the truck in which he was riding, driven by James F. Miller, collided with a Chevrolet coupe, driven by Butler Perry, of Silersboro, on highway 421, east of Vilas.



Hon. J. Melville Broughton, Carolina's junior senator who died in Washington Sunday morning, from a sudden illness.

Indications were that Johnson had jumped from the cab of the truck, and was pinned underneath the vehicle as it overturned. He suffered a crushed head and chest. Neither Miller nor Perry were thought to have suffered any injuries of consequence. State highway Patrolmen Parker and Roberts were near when the accident occurred and stated that they had just given Miller a citation for faulty lights, but had agreed to let him drive on in. One light on the truck was burning, but couldn't be dimmed, and young Perry stated that he was blinded by the glare. No charges were brought by the officers in connection with the crash.

Miller and Johnson, it was stated, were returning from Winston-Salem with a load of saw mill equipment when the accident occurred. Mr. Johnson was a farmer, 25 years old, and was said to have been unmarried. No funeral details had been arranged this morning at press time.

LAST RITES IN RALEIGH FOR J. M. BROUGHTON U. S. SENATOR

Carolina Statesman Dies in Washington from Sudden Illness; Legislators, Congressional Leaders Pay Last Respects.

Washington, March 6—Senator J. Melville Broughton, of Raleigh died this morning about 8:45 o'clock of a heart attack at the Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., after showing on the eve of his death the same courage, the same faith, that characterized his great career in public life. He was 60 years old.

Sudden death snuffed out the life of the State's new junior Senator on his 66th day as a Senator, with his wife and partner, at home and in public life, Alice Wilson Broughton, at his bedside.

Broughton was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1910 and studied at Harvard Law School. He formerly taught school and was a reporter on the Winston-Salem Journal.

In addition to his three sons, Broughton is survived by a daughter, Alice. Broughton a devout man who for more than a quarter of a century taught a Bible class at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh, turned to his wife on his deathbed and told her, "I'm not afraid to die. You must carry on for the children."

Hours later, Mrs. Broughton was carrying on for their children, as she proceeded to get in touch with their children and to make funeral arrangements and other decisions.

The death of Broughton came as a distinct shock to official Washington, only a few people having known that since his campaign to win the senatorship last year and since an attack of virus flu in January, he had been in a weakened condition and had experienced some heart trouble.

This morning, early in their apartment at the Wardman, Broughton was stricken. An ambulance from Bethesda Naval Medical Center was called, and it left the hotel for the hospital, with Broughton on a stretcher and Mrs. Broughton at his side, at about 7:35 o'clock. The run to Bethesda required 20 minutes, and Broughton was rushed inside for emergency treatment.

The junior Senator had developed a rheumatic heart condition since January when he had a virus attack, and it soon became apparent that death was at hand. It was then that he smiled at his wife and told her, "I'm not afraid to die." In a matter of minutes, he had passed away.

In the office of the naval medical center, Mrs. Broughton carried on courageously as she signed the necessary papers. (Continued on page 5)

Official Vote Gives Dries 12 to 1 Lead

Final official returns from the beer and wine election of last week indicate that the dries won more than a twelve to one victory over the relatively few who endorsed the legal sale of the malt and fermented beverages.

The figures indicate that 4,317 voted against the legal sale of wine and 357 for. On the beer issue the results varied little: for beer 377, against 4,304. Boone and Blowing Rock were the only townships casting an appreciable vote for the legal sale of the alcoholic drinks, and in both these precincts the dries won handsome majorities.

The official results of the voting by townships, follow:

Bald Mountain—for wine 1, against wine 92; for beer 1, against beer 92. Beaver Dam—for wine 9, against wine 385; for beer 9, against beer 385. Blowing Rock—for wine 77, against wine 132; for beer 78, against beer 130. Blue Ridge—for wine 2, against wine 191; for beer 2, against beer 191. Boone—for wine 122, against wine 429; for beer 131, against beer 419.

Brushy Fork—for wine 16, against wine 314; for beer 17, against beer 314. Cove Creek—for wine 8, against wine 704; for beer 8, against beer 704. Elk—for wine 16, against wine 129; for beer 16, against beer 129. Laurel Creek—for wine 2, against wine 229; for beer 2, against beer 229. Meat Camp No. 1—for wine 12, against wine 359; for beer 13, against beer 358. Meat Camp No. 2—for wine 1, against wine 52; for beer 1, against beer 52. New River—for wine 42, against wine 408; for beer 42, against beer 407. North Fork—for wine 7, against wine 67; for beer 7, against beer 67. Shawneehaw—for wine 7, against wine 150; for beer 7, against beer 150. Stony Fork—for wine 18, against wine 325; for beer 27, against beer 352. Watauga—for wine 16, against wine 325; for beer 16, against beer 325. Totals—for wine 357, against wine 4,317; for beer 377, against beer 4,304.

FARTHING AND GRAGG AGAIN HEAD LOCAL BLDG. & LOAN

Annual Stockholders Meeting Hears Story of Progress of Building and Loan Association; Directors, Other Officers Named.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, the secretary made a full report of the activities of the organization during the year 1948, which indicated that the institution had enjoyed one of its most prosperous years, had built 100 homes, made modernization loans on 33 and made a number of business property and purchasers' loans.

The stockholders were highly pleased with the report and there was a general prediction of continued good business for the association during the present year. A tentative group insurance plan for the employees of the association was approved and routine business matters disposed of.

The board of directors re-elected H. G. Farthing, president of the Association, A. W. Smith, vice-president; W. H. Gragg, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Mable Bingham Brown, bookkeeper.

The Board of Directors is composed of the following: A. W. Smith, C. M. Critcher, R. L. Bingham, H. G. Farthing, W. H. Gragg, Walter H. Greene, Howard Holshouser, Howard Mast, Bob Rivers and Dr. W. M. Matheson.

Jerry M. Cooke Is Dead at Age of 88

Jerry M. Cooke, pioneer resident of the Beaver Dam section, died at the home at Sugar Grove, last Friday, from a lingering illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bethel Baptist Church Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. Robert Shore and Dr. Wiley Smith conducted the services, and interment was in the church cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant taking care of the details.

Agnus G. Dowling Dies in Washington

Angus Gabriel Dowling, former resident of Winston-Salem, died suddenly Monday morning, March 2nd at his home at 1615 Kenyon Street, Northwest, Washington. He was 39.

He was born in Ozark, Ala., June 1, 1909. He moved to Washington eight years ago, where he was a salesman.

Mr. Dowling is survived by his step-mother, Mrs. H. O. Dowling of Washington; his wife, Mrs. Alma Goff Dowling; four sisters, Mrs. Gertrude D. Kelly, Mrs. Helen D. McChesney and Miss Jeanette Dowling, all of Washington, and Mrs. Carolyn Hile of New York City, and a brother, Horace O. Dowling of Boone.

Red Cross Starts Annual Fund Drive

The American Red Cross Annual Roll call began March 2. Mr. C. H. Kirkman, local assistant County Agent, is county chairman of this drive. Rev. Mr. J. K. Parker, Jr., is chairman for Boone.

The quota is \$1,271.00. Of this amount 37.4% or \$475.00 will be retained by the Chapter; the remaining 62.6% will be used for national Red Cross.

To date the total received is \$81.00 from the few who have reported.

Gordon Nash Quits Post at Appalachian Resident of County Home Dies at Age 77

Mr. Gordon Nash who recently resigned his post at Appalachian College, is now educational field representative for the Bradt-Spark Music Co., Winston-Salem.

Mr. Nash and family have established residence at 1188 Jefferson Avenue, Winston-Salem.

Hospital Goal Reached; New Project Launched

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Watauga hospital, held last Friday, a number of matters pertaining to the operation of the hospital were discussed. Representatives of the State Board of Health recently inspected the hospital and reported everything in good condition except the kitchen, which they report to be totally inadequate even for present needs. It will be necessary, they say, to enlarge and re-equip the kitchen throughout in order that it may meet the requirements of the health department.

Plans and specifications are now being prepared by the health department to meet these requirements. It is estimated that the cost will be about ten thousand dollars.

It was reported that slightly over twenty thousand dollars, the amount originally set as a goal, has been subscribed and most of it paid in. This was for surgical equipment, beds, mattresses and supplies for the surgical service which is now being rendered by the hospital. In view of this added expenditure which it is necessary to make to meet the requirements of the health department, the trustees decided to continue the campaign for funds with the hope that a great many of our citizens of the county who have not subscribed to the fund might now see fit to do so.

A registered dietician has been employed and has supervision over the preparation and serving of all food. Many favorable comments have been heard from patients over this improved kitchen service.

Dry Forces Call Mass Meeting

Sunday afternoon, March 20th the dry forces of Watauga County will meet at the tabernacle in Boone for the purpose of formulating some plans that may further the best interests of the citizens of Watauga County. Among the speakers who have been invited to address the mass meeting will be Judge Webb of Shelby and Judge Hayes of North Wilkesboro.

Bookmobile Stops For Week Given

The Watauga County Library Bookmobile will make the following stops next week, weather and roads permitting: Wednesday, March 16: Shulls Mills, Shore's Filling Station, 9:30 a. m.; Shulls Mills, post-office, 10:00 a. m.; Foscoe, N. F. Church's Store, 10:30 a. m.; Grandfather School, 11:00 a. m.; Valle Crucis, Howard Mast's Store, 1:00 p. m.; Matney, Gilbert Edmisten's Store, 2:00 p. m.; Dutch Creek, home of Mrs. Lester Welch, 3:00 p. m.; home of Mrs. Agnes Welch, 3:15 p. m.; Clark's Creek, home of Mrs. Robert Greene, 3:30 p. m. Thursday, March 17: Elk school, 10:00 a. m.; Triplett post-office, 11:00 a. m.

WATAUGAN WINS IN EGG CONTEST

Joe J. Wellborn, of Stony Fork won the five-county egg show held in Lenoir Tuesday afternoon and received for a prize 50 baby chicks. There were 16 entries from Wilkes, Catawba, Caldwell, Watauga and Burke counties.

Mrs. Minnie Triplett Dies on Wednesday

Mrs. Minnie E. Triplett, 46, resident of Deep Gap, died last Wednesday at Watauga Hospital, and funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon at the Stony Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Grady Hamby and Rev. J. Younce were in charge of the services and interment was by Reins-Sturdivant. The husband, Ben Triplett, presently employed at Dell, Mont. survives.

County Health Problem Topic Of Farm Bureau

Ladies' Night Held By Rotary Club

The weekly meeting of the Boone Rotary club was held Friday night at the Skyline Restaurant. The Rotary Ann's had charge of the program. Mrs. Priscilla Mast gave a humorous detailed report on the activities of the Rotarians who attended the Rotary Convention in Asheville.

Mrs. Mayo Cooke, local ventriloquist, with her "Charlie McCarthy doll" gave a very entertaining performance. Betty Ellis sang two solos, "Slow Boat to China," and "Somebody Stole My Gal." She was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Dot Casey, who also played "Carolina Moon" on the piano.

Coker Triplett Has Batting Average .256

Coaker Triplett, Boone's gift to major league baseball and the Philadelphia Athletics in particular, heads into the 1949 campaign with a lifetime major league batting average of .256, the April issue of "Baseball Digest" reveals.

"Safety" Is Topic Of Boone Lions

The Boone Lions club met Tuesday night, March 1, at the Daniel Boone Hotel dining room and were shown two films on highway safety by Roger Parker, State Highway patrolman. The program, of which S. M. Ayers had charge, was on "Safety."

Coach E. C. Duggins, of Appalachian State Teachers college, spoke on the "Safety Idea" in school and pointed out the responsibility of parents in helping carry out the safety program.

Lion Ayers gave figures on various accidents that have happened in the United States recently. Frank Coffey, a scout and Safety Patrol member, gave a talk on the local Safety Patrol, pointing out some of the duties of the various posts at school. The patrol is sponsored by the Boone Lions club.

Chief of Police Verne Greene gave a report on fireworks and commented on the decrease of accidents attributed to fireworks in this state since a ban was imposed against their use, sale and manufacture.

At a called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Watauga County Farm Bureau, in the Skyline Restaurant, March 7, the township representatives started the ball rolling for an all-out movement to improve county health. This move came as a result of the interest of the Rural Health Committee of the State Medical Society and the Good Health Association.

Some months ago Watauga county was selected as an area to demonstrate what rural people can do for themselves to improve living conditions, after the local medical society and public health department representatives had indicated their interest and cooperation. Further interest has been created through Home Demonstration clubs, civic clubs, and the public schools.

First on the Monday night meeting was a report from the State Farm Bureau meeting in Asheville given by Mr. Clyde Green. As a member of the State Resolution committee, Mr. Green stressed the emphasis placed on rural health in the resolutions unanimously adopted by the bureau. Mr. Green brought out the importance of other resolutions regarding roads, electricity, and telephone lines in improving the health of rural people.

Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., chairman of the Rural Health committee of the local Medical Society, brought the group up to date on the rural health movement in North Carolina and announced that he and Mr. Green would attend the Second Annual Rural Health Conference to be held in Chapel Hill on Friday. Doctor Perry introduced Miss Charlotte Rickman, field representative of the Good Health Association and the State Medical Society, who spoke briefly on the importance of communities working together in solving health problems.

Mr. Wade E. Eller, sanitarian, gave the group the benefit of his experience in traveling through the entire county, bringing out both good and bad conditions observed in his work.

Dr. G. K. Moose, chairman of the Watauga County Hospital Board, emphasized the interest of the hospital in a rural health program through which the hospital might better serve the entire county.

Mr. W. A. Smith, county supervisor of Farm Home Administration in Watauga county, expressed interest in the program and pledged his support. Mr. Smith said that he felt that almost every family in Watauga county is concerned over some health problem, and many of these problems could be solved if brought to the attention of the individuals.

Miss Madeleine McCain, health educator, reported on her activities in promoting rural health. She brought out some of the individual interest of county citizens in various health problems. Miss McCain related development in the county-wide high school rural health essay contest sponsored by the Health and Welfare Commission.

DOWN AT JOE'S Barber Shop, where there's a lot of talk, and where funny little things take place, a college professor was getting his shoes shined, ... the dingy shine boy had evidently had good luck that day, the tips perhaps had been a bit more generous than usual, anyway as the strip of flannel oscillated over the brightening leather, he just had to break forth into song ... couldn't stand it any longer ... The song with the mournful intonations which might have originated during the servitude of his forefathers, caught on ... the Doctor of Philosophy couldn't think of anything to be down-hearted about either, and added his mellow basso profundo to provide a uniquely beautiful barber shop ballad, which slowed down the shaving and the clipping just a trifle, but elevated the spirits of both the patrons and the tellers of the tall tales ... and they grew happy ... a snatch of song, like a winsome smile, is contagious.

"MAN IS KING in his own home," quoth the radio commercialist. "When he comes in he's the high priest of the castle, don't you forget that, and he will love you more and more as you dish up those fine fluffy rolls, baked with Green." (Continued on page 4)