

KING STREET

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MONDAY FINDS MERCURY dipping down to about ten degrees after a few days of relatively mild temperatures, and the conversation along the street shifts back to the weather from the war. . . . The prediction that we are entering upon a new fifty year cycle of increasingly colder weather, adds flavor to the conversation around the radistors, and the stoves in the various stores and shops of the town. . . . Some days ago, we were heartened by the news that Charlotte was all iced over, and traffic snarled, in temperatures of 30 degrees, while we were basking in 50 degrees, and not a speck of ice in sight.

LOCAL FOLKS share the district-wide sorrow occasioned by the death of Senator-Elect William B. Reeves, who had been elected last November by a wide majority to represent Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, in the upper house of the State legislature. Mr. Reeves was held in the highest regard by the people of Boone and Watauga county who are grieved at the passing of this able, kind and courteous gentleman. . . . We shall personally miss his occasional visits, his cheery smile, and his pleasant conversation, and the district will be bereft of a wholesome influence in the halls of the lawmakers at Raleigh. . . .

PERKINSVILLE CHURCH starts prayers for peace movement in this locality, and the meetings are being held weekly at different churches. . . . Meeting at Methodist church attracted almost 100 per cent of the local ministers, with some from Blowing Rock. . . . Next meeting to be held with the Lutherans. . . . In a world in which force has become the dominating influence action of the local churchmen is refreshing, and indicates more than a casual belief in the power of the Omnipotent to set things straight in this topsy turvy world. . . . This action of local churchmen is all the more noteworthy since it has been the custom in years past, to invoke the help of the Most High after force, and all other human means, had fallen short. . . . These peace meetings are built upon a faith that the use of destructive human force may be averted. . . .

"YE THAT HAVE FAITH to look with fearless eyes Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife, And trust that out of life and death shall rise The dawn of ample life; Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your heart That God hath given you for a priceless dowry, To live in these great times and have your part! In Freedom's crowning hour; That you may tell your sons who see the light High in the heavens—their heritage to take I saw the powers of darkness put to flight I saw the morning break."

CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE both get down to business, and the President and the Governor speak of more millions and billions, while every segment of our economy wants more and better Federal and State services, a war's on hand, and the small operators of King Street and thousands of other main streets wonder how much more taxes they can pay and stay in the ring. . . . A trip down the stem will uncover every sort of opinion on the State of the Union. They say: "What the heck we do in Korea anyway—ought to evacuate the lads fore they all get killed!" . . . "We oughta smack down a couple or three atom bombs on the Chinese." . . . "Truman's got the whole thing messed up!" . . . "McArthur is Gumming the Works" . . . "Congress ought to stay still and let the Administration alone." . . . "The Administration Ought to Listen to Congress." . . . "The Democrats Are to Blame." . . . "The Republicans Are The Menace to Peace." . . . And so it goes, an infinitum, everybody cussing somebody else, and trying to lay the blame for something. . . . Never has there been (Continued on page four.)



MASS BURIAL—United Nations chaplains read funeral services for those killed in action on the northeastern Korean front lines in a mass burial.

March Dimes Campaign Gets Under Way Monday

Greene Inn Sale May Be Town's Largest

Wilcox Elected C. Of C. Prexy

Herman W. Wilcox has been re-elected president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, while Russell D. Hodges was named first vice-president; Fred Gragg, second vice-president and Alfred Adams, treasurer.

Leo Pritchett, Roy Ruffy and H. Grady Farthing were elected to the board of directors to succeed Fred Church, Guy Hunt and Ira Ayers, whose terms expired this year. Hold-over directors are: Wade E. Brown, Dempsey Wilcox, Clyde Greene, Watt Gragg, Wayne Richardson and Paul Winkler. The new directors were sworn in at the annual meeting Tuesday evening.

Andrew Coffey Funeral Held

Andrew Jackson Coffey, 87, resident of Villas, died last Wednesday at Watauga Hospital; where he had been a patient for three days. Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Boone Fork Baptist Church by Rev. Robert Shore and interment was in that neighborhood. There are no immediate survivors.

Weaving Classes

Watauga Handcraft Center resumes its schedule from January 9, for the spring term. Weaving classes meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 to 4:30. So many have been interested in evening classes that classes will be held Fridays from 4:30 to 8:30. Miss Elizabeth Lord, director, stated. These classes will continue into the spring. Students are welcomed to enter at any time.

Navy Enlistments

Lieutenant Commander W. G. Wright, officer in charge of the W. Va. recruiting area, announced today that the rumor the navy is not accepting applicants for enlistment in the navy is unfounded and false. It is further stated that enlistments in the navy are wide open at the present time. It is pointed out that an applicant for enlistment in the navy must not have received his pre induction notice from his draft board. Any member of the naval recruiting service will be glad to answer any further questions which may arise.

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS IS ELECTED FOR BOY SCOUTS

Annual Old Hickory Council Meeting Held

The annual election of officers by the Watauga District, Old Hickory Council, was held Monday afternoon at the Watauga Building & Loan office. Present besides local Scouters was Joe Edwards, field Scout executive of the Old Hickory Council.

H. Grady Farthing, past district chairman, presided over the meeting. Officers elected included: Mr. Farthing, district chairman; Dr. Lee Reynolds, vice chairman; James Leek, district commissioner; Dr. O. K. Richardson, member of the council executive board; Clyde R. Greene, Council vice president.

Committees were appointed as follows, the first named being chairman: Organization and Extension: Jim Taylor, Dell Richardson. Leadership and Training: Stanley A. Harris, Stacy Eggers, Jr., Fred M. Gragg.

Advancement: Dr. Reynolds, Wade E. Brown, Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr. Camping and Activities: Howard Cottrell, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Hale Vance.

Health and Safety: Dr. W. M. Matheson. Finance: Alfred Adams, Cecil Miller, Mr. Greene. Publicity: Joe C. Minor.

The January district meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, 7:30 p. m., immediately following Rotary meeting, at the Skyline Restaurant. A report on the recent fund raising drive will be given by Mr. Adams. The Camping and Activities committee will tell what the Watauga Scouts will be doing this year.

Plans are being made by the local Scouts and all Scouts in the Nation for Boy Scout week which is to be held February 6 through the 12. The Scouting anniversary is February 8. There are four troops in Watauga county in actual operation, holding a meeting each week. They are Troop 109, of the regular Boy Scouts, Dr. Reynolds, Scoutmaster; Troop 114 at Sherwood, Coy Bingham, Scoutmaster; Explorer Squadron 100, Crayte Teague, squadron advisor; and Cub Pack 41, Dr. Wayne Richardson, cub master. Four other troops are in organizational procedure, with others planned for the county.

County Tutors To Hold Meet

A county-wide teachers' meeting is scheduled to be held Friday evening January 12 at 7:30 at the Appalachian High School Auditorium. Students from the Appalachian High School will appear in a program of music, and the principal address will be by Mr. Leo K. Pritchett of Appalachian College. It is requested that there be a full attendance of the teachers of the county.

Many Attend Rites Of Senator Reeves



BY-PARTISAN RIDE—Traffic mix-up in Washington caused Sen. Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) to seek a ride with Democratic Vice-President Alben Barkley.

West Jefferson Solon Dies; Burial At Whitehead

Funeral services for State Senator William Bower Reeves, 72, of West Jefferson, were held Sunday afternoon at the Spar-a-Baptist Church and burial was in the Liberty cemetery at Whitehead.

Rev. Howard J. Ford of Elkin, a former pastor of the Spar-a-Baptist Church conducted the services. Large crowds gathered to pay their respects from this entire section of the State, a number of Boone leaders attending. Senator Reeves had for many years operated a store and had served as postmaster at Whitehead in Alleghany county and had an interest in theaters in Sparta, Elkin and West Jefferson. In recent years he had operated an insurance agency and a monument business in West Jefferson.

His first entry into politics came this year when he made a successful race for State Senate, representing Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties. He carried all three counties by a big majority. Senator Reeves is survived by two sons and a daughter, Ben Reeves, Sparta, Dr. Bower Reeves, Elkin, and Mrs. Russel W. Barr of West Jefferson with whom he had made his home since the death of his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Fender Reeves ten years ago. Surviving also are two brothers, Emmett Reeves of Laurel Springs and Rev. George Reeves of Spartanburg, and a sister Mrs. Cynthia Tulbert Reeves of West Jefferson.

Special Vote Needed For Senate Vacancy

Burley Prices At Record High

Average prices by grades for Burley tobacco were at the highest levels of the season the first week after the Christmas holidays, reports the Federal-State Market News Service. General quality also improved slightly as compared with the previous week of sales. As a result of better prices and quality the weekly general average was one of the highest on record. Volume of offerings was heavy. Some markets reported blocked sales broken by Friday and light deliveries.

Most heavy volume grades sold at average prices \$1.00 to \$4.00 per hundred above quotations the week before Christmas. Good red leaf and tips were \$5.00 higher. The most affective increases were in low and fair qualities which constituted about 75 percent of all offerings. Although demand has been steadily increasing since the markets opened, gains made this week were the best of the season. The practical top price, however, remained at \$66.00 on most markets but individual baskets of top quality lugs and flyings sold as high as \$68.00 for the first time.

Carl Farthing Dies Suddenly

Carl Howell Farthing, 57 years old, died suddenly at his home at Sugar Grove Sunday. Mr. Farthing had not been ill and a heart attack is believed to have been the cause of his death. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Bethel Baptist Church by Rev. Ed Farthing and Rev. H. Crisp and burial was in the church cemetery. Survivors include the widow, one son and three daughters: Harold Farthing, Sugar Grove; Miss Irene Farthing, Bristol, Tenn.; Miss Carrie Lou Farthing, Sugar Grove and Miss Mary Nell Farthing, Granite Falls.

Highway Equipment Given Disaster Role

Raleigh—The State Highway Commission, in time of disaster would turn over its heavy equipment to Federal or city governments as needed, Commission Chairman Henry Jordan declared last week.

Jordan said he had been asked by Asheville City Engineer John Walker if the city of Asheville could have the use of commission equipment in time of disaster. After consulting Commission Attorney R. Brooks Peters, Jordan said the commission's equipment definitely could be used under such circumstances.

Speagles Lose Home In Christmas Fire

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Spangle of Route 2, lost their house and contents by fire on December 27, while they were in Florida. A small amount of the furniture was saved, but information is that the loss ran into perhaps five thousand dollars. The house was occupied temporarily by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells, who discovered the fire after it had gone beyond control. The cause of the fire had not been determined.

PLANT "ALUMNI"

Plants, on the verge of expansion to take care of defense orders, are turning to their files of former employes as "gold mines" in recruiting skilled workers to fill jobs created by mounting defense requirements. Polling of "alumni" to determine how many are interested in re-employment in the event of a severe labor shortage will provide a manpower pool for future needs.

James Allen Is Taken By Death

James G. Allen, 57, of Rominger, died at the Baptist Hospital Sunday and funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the Glenwood Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn. Interment being in the city cemetery there. Rev. Raymond Hendrix of Boone was in charge of the rites. Five sons and four daughters survive: George, James Allen, Jr., Kingsport; Robert Allen, Rominger; Vernon Allen, Lexington; Mrs. G. N. Macon, Miss Pansy Lee Allen, Kingsport; Mrs. H. L. Galloway, Indian Springs, Tenn.; Mrs. Claud Eggers, Lexington.



LOCAL MERCHANT GRADUATES—Mr. R. C. Rigdon, vice president, is shown awarding certificates of merit to a graduating class dinner held at Hotel Hickory, Hickory, N. C., recently. Mr. T. M. Greer, manager of the local Dixie-Home Store, seated fifth from the left in the front row has just completed his eight weeks of training, in order to meet the requirements of large stores today, Dixie-Home stores through their many training programs and schools, have provided young people the opportunity of earning while learning. On the job training has provided many with new skills as well as complete new vocations. In twenty weeks one can acquire a skilled trade as a meat cutter, or in less time, learn the fundamentals of produce merchandising. Checker and grocery training, as well as managerial training, schools are provided for all positions.

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