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KING STREET

MONDAY FINDS MERCURY es after a few days of rela tively 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 older weather, adds flavor to the conversation around the radiators, and the stoves in the varous stores and shops of the town . . . Some days ago, were heartened by the news that Charlotte was all iced over, and traffic snarled, in tempera-

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 strict-wide sorrow occasion urteous gentleman . . . We shall personally miss his oc-casional visits, his cheery smile, and his pleasant conver-sation, and the district will be bereft of a wholesome inmakers 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 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

YE THAT HAVE FAITH to look with fearless eyes Beyond the tragedy of world at strife, And trust that out of life and

The dawn of ample life; Rejoice, whatever anguish rend That God hath given you for

death shall rise

a priceless dower, To live in these great times and have your part

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 nesday, Thursday and Saturday and State services, a war's on been interested in evening classes hand, and the small operators of that classes will be held Fridays King Street and thousands of from 4:30 to 8:30, Miss Elizabeth other main streets wonder how Lord, director stated. These 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 doin' in Korea anyway-ought to evacuate the lads fore they all get . . . "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" ... "Con-gress ought to stay still and let Democrats Are to Blame."

an infinitum, everybody somebody else, and try-. . . Never has there been

ROB RIVERS tures of 30 degrees, while we were basking in 50 degrees, and not a speck of ice in sight.

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

stead Is Sold By

Coe

Mr. Jerry Coe, of the Tri-

County Realty Company, an-

Inn property in the heart of the

business section of the town, to

Mr. S. E. Phillips of Brownwood,

and states that the new owner of

the valuable property will build

business structures thereon for

While Mr. Coe is not at liberty

to divulge the price paid for the

property, he believes it to be the

largest single transaction in the

The property, opposite the Daniel Boone Hotel, is the

ancestal home of Dr. B.

Dougherty and his sister, Mrs. R.

M. Greene, and has been occupi-

ed for more than fifty years by

vacated the place some weeks

ago, and are spending the win-

Sells Top Crop

resident of

LOCAL MERCHANT GRADUATES-Mr. R. C. Rigde

Greer, manager of the local Dixie-Ho

dent, is shown awarding certificates of merit to a graduating mer held at Hotel Hickory, Hickory, N. C., recently, Mr. T. M. eer, manager of the local Dixie-Home Store, sealed fifth from the

Henry Younce

Younce.

2,078 pounds of tobacco

Sugar Grove, broke former re-

cords on the Boone tobacco mar-

ket last Thursday, when he sold

\$1264.82, of an average of 61

cents for the entire crop. The

the farm of Tom Lawrence, oc-

cupying only nine-tenths of an

Besides the crop which made

rental purposes.

history of the town.

ter in Greensboro.

Henry

acre of land.

Greene Inn Sale May Taylor Asks For Help Be Town's Largest with the opening date of the Hale Vance.

Wilcox Elected C. Of C. Prexy

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

Agricultural and industrial projects were adopted at the last meeting of the Chamber.

Andrew Coffey Funeral Held

Andrew Jackson Coffey, 87, resident of Vilas, died last Wednesday at Watauga Hospital; 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 reumes its schedule from January 9, for the spring term. Weaving classes meet on Tuesday, Wedmore and better Federal from 9 to 4:30. So many have 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 he rumer the navy is not accepting appliis 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

Republicans Are The navy must not have received his see to Peace." . . And so it pre induction notice from his navy must not have received his draft board.

Any member of the naval re-

cruiting service will be glad to answer any further questions which may arise.

1951 March of Dimes only five days off, Jim Taylor, county campaign director, today called upon all residents "to join the Old Dougherty Homeall-out drive for funds needed to stem the rising tide of polio." "The 1951 March of Dimes be

gins next Monday," Mr. Taylor weeks. But in that short time we can help thousands upon thousands of polio patients for whom recovery is measured in be given by Mr. Adams. terms of ten or twenty or fifty weeks, if not longer. I think we owe them the two weeks of our own efforts. It is little enoughif we can save some child from a lifetime of paralysis."

The county office disclosed more than 100,000 people were stricken by polio in years '48-50, with four out of five of them receiving help in whole or in part from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, on whose behalf the March of Dimes is conducted.

"Last fall", Mr. Taylor said, "the National Foundation ran outof epidemic aid funds and had to wood, Coy Bingham, Scoutmastupon whatever chapters er; Mr. and Mrs. Greene. They were still solvent to bolster its central epidemic emergency account, on behalf of chapters Richardson, cub master. whose resources had been wiped Four other troops are out. From May through August of last year, chapters were drawing \$1,000,000 a month from the epidemic aid fund."

> of the fight against polio. The March of Dimes most important job is to support scientific research aimed at finding a preventive or cure for polio, and to underwrite programs of professional education designed to provide for more skilled hands.

"Every dime, every dollar Auditorium. premium weed was grown on given to the March of Dimes," history on the local market, Mr. and give again, on behalf of all College. Younce sold another crop grown those children and adults who It is requested that there be a on his home place for \$448.25 or look to the March of Dimes for full attendance of the teachers an average of 54 cents a pound. help when polio strikes."

Annual Old Hickory Council Meeting Held

The annual election of officers the Watauga District, Old Hickory Council, was held Monday a ternoon 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

Officers elected included: Mr. Farthing, district chairman; Dr. Lee Reynolds, vice chairman James Leek, district commissioner; Dr. O. K. Richardson, mem ber of the council executive board; Clyde R. Greene, Council vice president.

Committees were appointed as follows, the first named being hairman:

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. Park-

er, Jr. Camping and Activities: How ard Cottrell, R. D. Hodges, Jr.,

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 said, "and lasts a little over two 18, 7:30 p. m., immediately fol-

lowing Rotary meeting, at the Skyline Restaurant. A report on the recent fund raising drive will of offerings was heavy. Some clans state that by the time an The Camping and Activities

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

niversary is February 8. tauga county in actual operation. Although demand has been holding a meeting each week, steadily increasing since the care little for a special election They are Troop 109, of the regular Boy Scouts, Dr. Reynolds, Scoutmaster; Troop 114 at Sher- son. The practical top price,

Explorer Squadron Crayte Teague, squadron advisor; and Cub Pack 41, Dr. Wayne Four other troops are in organ-

Patient care is but one phase County Tutors To Hold Meet

ing is scheduled to be held Fri- 266,393 pounds at an average of day evening January 12 at 7:30 \$48.72. at the Appalachian High School

Students from the Appala-Mr. Taylor said, "is needed as chian High School will appear in never before, if we are to win a program of music, and the out over polio. I am sure Wa- principal address will be by Mr. tauga county citizens will give, Leo K. Pritchett of Appalachian

of the county.

NEW SLATE OF Many Attend Rites BOY SCOUTS Of Senator Reeves



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 markets reported blocked sales broken by Friday and light ommittee will tell what the deliveries.

Most heavy volume grades sold at average prices \$1.00 to take his seat by the time the \$4.00 per hundred above quotations the week before Christmas. Good red leaf and tips were which is to be held February 6 \$5.00 higher. The most affective longs to Ashe county this year, through the 12. The Scouting an- increases were in low and fair and local Democratic leaders are qualities which constituted There are four troops in Wa- about 75 percent of all offerings. als in the sister county. Informamarkets opened, gains made this week were the best of the sea-109, most markets but individual would be the man to call the baskets of top quality lugs and special balloting, and so far as flyings sold as high as \$68,00 for is known here, he hasn't receivthe first time.

Gross sales for the three-day izational procedure, with others period January 3-5 amounted to 56,705,831 pounds and averaged \$51.46 per hundred. This was \$2.40 above that established the previous week of sales. On January 3, slightly over 1914 million dividual markets averaging up old, died suddenly at his home 27, while they were in Florida to \$59.19. Season gross sales

through January 5 totaled 355,-There was a largey percentage

of fair and good offerings mar-keted and less low quality and nondescript. Bulk of sales consisted of low to good leaf, low and fair lugs, flyings and tips and nondescript. Deliveries to the associations

under the Government loan pro-(Continued on page four)

Speculation As To Senator Reeves Seat

The death of Senator W. B. Reeves, of West Jefferson, has brought considerable specula-Senatorship in the district composed of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, where the late Jeffersonian elected last November. It would appear that under

the law the vacancy in the Senate can be filled only by a vote of the people, but local politielection is called, the registration books held open for the required time, etc., the newly-elected man would scarcely get present session would adjourn.

Under the county rotation system, however, the seat beawaiting the action of the officition is that Ashe county leaders at this time, but it has not yet been learned what the action of the State administration will be. however, remained at \$66.00 on Governor Scott, presumably special balloting, and so far as ed any recommendations as vet.

Dies Suddenly

at Sugar Grove Sunday, Mr. Farthing had not been ill and a ture was saved, but information been the cause of his death.

the church cemetery.
Survivors include the widow,

one son and three daughters: Harold Farthing, Sugar Grove; ing, Sugar Grove and Miss Mary Nell Farthing, Granite Falls.

James Allen Is Taken By Death

James G. Allen. 57, of Romin ger, died at the Baptist Hospital Sunday and funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the Glenwood Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn. Interment be-ing 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, Lex-ington; Mrs. G. N. Macon, Miss Pansy Lee Allen, Kingsport; Mrs. H. L. Galloway, Indian Springs, Tenn.; Mrs. Claud Eg-gers, Lexington.

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 Sparia Baptist Church and burial was the Liberty cemetery al Whitehead.

Rev. Howard J. Ford of Elkin, former pastor of the Sparta Baptist Church conducted

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 White head 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.

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.

He pointed out the Federal Government might need the equipment to clear air-strips or for other work.

Speagles Lose Home In Christmas Fire Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Speagle

years contents by fire on December A small amount of the furniheart attack is believed to have is that the loss ran into perhaps Funeral services were held was commission for the house Funeral services were held was occupied temporarily by Mr. Tuesday at the Bethel Baptist and Mrs. Frank Wells, who dis-Church by Rev. Ed Farthing and covered the fire after it had gone Rev. H. Crisp and burial was in beyond control. The cause of the fire had not been determined.

PLANT "ALUMNI"

Plants, on the verge of expan-Miss Irene Farthing, Bristol, sion to take care of defense or-Tenn.; Miss Carrie Lou Farth- ders, 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 reemployment in the event of a severe labor shortage will provide a manpower pool for fu-ture needs.



A county-wide teachers' meet-