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KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

CAME IN SORT OF EASY March came in like a lamb, but before the first day was over, there came sleet and snow and stuff, but we found consolation in the knowledge that it won't be long before springtime is here for certain...

MUSINGS ON SPECTACLES We've mused in this space before on eyeglasses, as such, on the timid little frames the oldsters used to wear, and the big heavy plastic ones which are used these days, and which sometimes make the wearer slightly resemble a famished hootowl...

A-PRIME CONCERN

"More people are concerned about how to live with glasses"—than with possibly anything else. "You begin at once losing your glasses, or your glasses case. In many instances you have 30, 40, 60 years of sorely troubled life ahead of you. You and your glasses and the case make three. Keeping the three together regularly is impossible. Fooling all of the people all of the time would be more nearly possible."

"It is easy to make a resolution which, if kept, would simplify your life by eliminating the almost-continuous hunt for glasses or case. You need only put both where they should be put and remember where you put them. It is preferable, for pursuit of happiness, to put the glasses in the case and put the case in any container or position you may elect, until you need the glasses."

"Arthritis is painful, but so is having to look for glasses, or case, when you are already a half-hour behind schedule and someone who has actual legal authority to expect you to reply courteously is asking you, again, if you are ready to start for church..."

IN DAYS OF OLD

It has been fairly well confirmed that country newspaper columnists hit the jack pot of reader interest, when they talk of the old days... There's just nothing like a recounting of events in the olden times, to sharpen the interest of the folks who, for some reason or other, follow columns such as this...

March Dimes Falls Short Of Goal; Fund Amounts To \$3,372

Receipts of \$3372.08 for the March of Dimes campaign in Watauga county are announced by John T. King, director of the effort. The quota for the county was \$4500, but Mr. King feels that considering the rough weather which occurred during the campaign, and the influenza epidemic which was raging at the same time, that perhaps the returns aren't too discouraging.

Recreation Leaders Discuss Plans For Summer Program

The Boone Recreation Committee met at the High School at noon on Monday, March 2, to discuss plans for the recreation program for the summer.

Mrs. John Hopkins Taken By Death

(From the Washington Star) Washington, D. C.—Mrs. John B. Hopkins, 90, four of whose sons formed one of the first hill-billy quartets to be heard on radio, died Friday after a long illness at her home, 63 Kennedy street N. W.

Born in Stony Fork, N. C., Mrs. Hopkins became a Washington resident 50 years ago. She was the widow of John B. Hopkins, a Census Bureau employe, who died in 1934.

The Hopkins family moved to the Kennedy street home in 1910. The house, one of the first in that section, was then surrounded by pastures. Mrs. Hopkins had seven sons and three daughters, all musical, who used to serenade President Woodrow Wilson from their front porch.

The President, who liked to take regular carriage rides in the neighborhood, was attracted by the twanging of the jew's harp and the hillbilly songs. He would stop his carriage, listen and applaud. Four of the sons—Albert, Elmer, John C. and Joseph—formed a professional group in 1924 known as the Original Hill Billies. They toured the East and the South, made recordings and went on radio in the 1920's. Their career was cut short in 1932 by Albert's death after an automobile accident.

Clyde R. Greene Attends National Washington Meet

A total of 36 merchants and merchants association officials and wives from North Carolina will represent this State at the Thursday, March 5, sessions of the American Retail Federation's annual meeting to be held at the Statler Hotel in Washington on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, it is announced by Thompson Greenwood of Raleigh, executive secretary of the N. C. Merchants Association.

George R. Trivett Claimed By Death

George Robert Trivett of Todd died of a heart attack at his home on Friday, February 27. He was 32 years of age. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 1, at the Stony Fork Baptist Church, with the Rev. H. M. Winkler and the Rev. E. E. Blackburn officiating at the rites. Burial was in the Howell cemetery.

Clarence McGhee Dies At Age 76; Rites Held Tuesday

Clarence McGhee, 76, of Boone, Route 1, died March 1 at the Watauga Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past seven days as the result of an accident in which he sustained a fractured hip. Death was caused by complications, it was said. Funeral services were held at 11 a. m., Tuesday, March 3, at the Friendship Methodist Church in the Bamboo community. The rites were conducted by the Rev. C. R. McKinney, assisted by the Rev. John G. Barden. Burial was in the Friendship cemetery.

Watauga 4-H Groups Map Program As Part Of National Observance

March 7-15 has been set aside as National 4-H Club Week. During this week, 4-H Club members throughout the nation will take stock of what may be needed for the successful completion of their 4-H goals, so essential in the building of sturdy character. It is a "check-up" week a "get-set" week. Moreover, it may be a week when members get together to display what they have accomplished to date, to welcome new members, to exchange ideas, and to inform parents and neighbors regarding the newest developments in their 4-H program.

Watauga Would Be Given Primary By Assembly Act



TRI-COUNTY CHAMPS—The Cove Creek High School basketball squad, pictured above, retained its Tri-County Conference crown by defeating Jefferson High, 44-42, in the tournament finals here Monday night, February 22. The Cove Creek cagers, who have won 46 straight games and need only four more wins to set a state record, will enter the district eliminations at North Davidson High School on Thursday. It is predicted by local fans that they will annex the district title and go on to the state Class A tournament to be held at Winston-Salem next week.

Dr. Ray Derrick To Address Regular C. Of C. Meeting

The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Gateway K and M Restaurant at noon on Tuesday. Mrs. B. W. Stallings, who is chairman of the Year 'Round Clean-up campaign, is sponsoring the program and will have Dr. Ray Derrick of Appalachian State Teachers College as speaker.

Correction

In the obituary of Mr. A. W. Smith, which was published last week, the names of two sisters and a brother were unintentionally omitted from the list of survivors. They are: Mrs. A. J. Combs, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. E. C. Hodges, Fresno, Ohio; Charles Smith, Weippe, Idaho.

PTA Plans Open House; Told Letting Bids For New School

Meeting at the high school on last Thursday night, with Mr. Wade E. Brown presiding, the PTA executive committee approved plans for an open house to be held at the high school on March 23, at the demonstration school March 24, from 2:30 to 4:00 in the afternoons. The grade rooms and the teachers will be in charge.

Medical Group Holds Meeting

The Ashe-Watauga Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the Gateway Cafe on Tuesday, March 3. Following the luncheon, the president, Mrs. Robert Garvey, conducted a brief business session.

Medical Group Holds Meeting

In spite of inclement weather, attendance was good. Those present included Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Mrs. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., Mrs. William M. Smith, and Mrs. R. H. Hardin, all of Boone; Mrs. Dean Jones, Mrs. L. L. Long, and Mrs. R. C. Ray, of West Jefferson; Mrs. Charles Davant and Mrs. Robert Garvey of Blowing Rock.

Winkler Would End Pow-Wows

Democrats and Republicans would nominate candidates for county office in Watauga county, by direct vote, under the State primary law, according to a bill introduced in the Legislature by Representative W. L. Winkler. Candidates are now being named by conventions. The local Republican solon also introduced measures which would let the voters elect the tax collector and tax supervisor. These officials are presently appointed by the county commissioners. In a third bill Rep. Winkler set a schedule of fees for services performed by the Watauga Sheriff, as follows: warrants \$2.50, capias \$2.50, subpoena \$1.50, claim and delivery \$3.00, civil summons \$2.00, bonds \$1.00, and summons jurors \$1.00. The bill was referred to the committee on local government. Referring to the bill for a county primary, Representative Winkler said: "It seems like a popular move. Of course, you can never tell. Folks might change their minds and decide they want to pick them by county convention, after all."

Mrs. Mary Moore Dies In Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro, Feb. 24—Mrs. Mary Malinda Feemster Moore, who reached her 87th birthday Sunday, died at 4 a. m. yesterday at the home of a stepdaughter, Mrs. M. W. Beach, in Wilkesboro. Mrs. Moore had been in invalid following a fall seven years ago, when she sustained a broken hip. Born in the Bullock's Creek community of York County, S. C., February 22, 1866, Mrs. Moore was a daughter of Joseph E. and Arminta McClure Feemster. She was married to William T. Moore of York, S. C., who died in 1928. Mrs. Moore was a member of the First Baptist Church in York. She had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Beach for several years and came with them to Wilkesboro in December.

Puerto Ricans

The ratio of Puerto Ricans to other inhabitants of New York City has risen nearly 1 to 20 as a result of the flow of migration from Puerto Rico in the past several years. This is a 53 per cent increase since the 1950 census and has brought the city officials many problems which are difficult of solution.

BOND CASH-INS

The public is cashing in savings bonds at a slower rate than expected, but faster than Congress provided for, according to the Treasury, which had asked for a \$55,300,000 appropriation to service the debt for the fiscal year ending next June 30. Congress trimmed that to \$51,000,000, largely on rounds that funds estimated for processing savings bond redemptions were too high.

DESERTERS

In connection with the recent disclosure of the fact that the armed forces are experiencing an increased number of men who go A. W. O. L. from training camps, it is said that these men, once apprehended, are being flown directly to Seoul, Korea, for front line service. Two transports are kept busy feeding at-tempted deserters into combat.