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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 . . . But Anderson Danner used to say as he warmed his feet before the open fire in the old Democrat building, en route to Dock "Moss' " for shoe thread time, that perhaps the returns and other things: "When she comes in like a lamb, she'll go out like a lion." . . . So if the old Civil War veteran was right \$1222.36, churches \$166.79, busi-we'll have rough going later on, ness firms \$202.50, clubs \$44.00, we'll have rough going later on, and an Easter storm and every-

MUSINGS ON SPECTACLES We've mused in this space before on eveglasses, 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 . . . And we've also talked of the problem of finding one's "specs", when there's work to be done, the thing's are gone, and we're totally incompetent . . . In this connection, Miss Beatrice Cobb, in her Morganion News-Herald, offers the following from the pen of Mr. Tom Wallace, editor emiritus of the Louisville Times, which might be of interest to those who've had trouble with elusive lenses.

A-PRIME CONCERN "More people are concerned about how to live with glasses' -than with possibly anything

"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, expect you to reply courtequely is asking you, again, if you are ready to start for church . .

People who suffer heart disaffairs, and seek spiritual consolution But like others, they cannot find their glasses, or they cannot find the case when they have found their glasses. . . .

"There are various places in and about which are suitable for laying your glasses in seats on the Hill Billies established what planes or trains, even buses, a safe place for a moment. The fiddling on radio. They took the train may be 100 miles or the air-on Station WRC-at 11 p. m. plane 1,000 miles from the point and played request numbers until at which you remember that you 2:30 a. m. intended letting your glasses rest for a moment.

"Once upon a time there was a man who actually never lost his President Charles G. Dawes visglasses once. He didn't wear

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 follow columns such as this . . . So when the folks came to congratulating the Chamber of Commerce, 'course our thoughts went back to the days established, before the twenties roared in, and when the leaders of the day gathered down at the Critcher hotel.

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

March of Dimes campaign in Wa- \$82.81; Cove Creek Elementary, tauga county are announced by John T. King, director of the ef-

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 was raging at the same aren't too discouraging.

The schools of the county contributed \$1327.67, special events personal contributions \$408.76. It \$5.00; Three Forks Baptist, \$39.45; might be noted, however, that Stony Fork Baptist, \$12.82; Perknany personal contributions were tendered through the schools.

Following is a break-down of the fund, as regards schools, theran, \$3; Bairds Creek Presby-

\$112; Green Valley, \$166; Valle Crucis, \$84.32; Parkway, \$88.63; Boone Demonstration, \$513.52; Blowing Rock, \$107.80; Bethel, \$60.58; Appalachian High, \$41.77; Mabel, \$70.23, for a total of \$1,327.67.

Special events - Lions club stand, \$185; Quartet singing, \$418.31; mother's march, \$322.60; WATA request program, \$52.50; Appalachian YWCA, \$94.37; Cannisters, \$120.58; parking meters, \$29, for a total of \$1,222.36.

Churches - Advent Christian, insville Baptist, \$80; Mt. Pleasant Lutheran, \$16: Mt. Zion Luterian 10.52, for a total of \$166.79

Recreation Leaders **Discuss Plans For** Summer Program

ee met at the High School at gram for the summer. R. W.

Mrs. John Hopkins group along with Jack Groce, Taken By Death

Washington, D. C.-Mrs. John B. Hopkins, 90, four of whose sons formed one of the first hillbilly quartets to be heard on radio, died Friday after a long illness at her home, 63 Kennedy

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

Four of the sons-Albert Elma professional group in 1924 known as the Original Hill Bil-

career was cut short in 1932 by Albert's death after an automo bile accident. In a national fiddling contest in the Capital in the early 1920s. was then a record for sustained

Heard that same night was Kate Smith, Washington singer who was unknown then. Vice

The Kennedy street hom was Washington's Meeca for the old-time fiddlers. Mr. Hopkins built an old-fashioned organ; another son, Will, was a ragtime pianist, and a surviving daughter, Lucy, is solist at the Brightwood Methodist Church

ited during the program.

Added to her numerous family of musicians were the roomers about the time of World War I. Many of these, in later years, returned on visits to the home.

Surviving are two sons, John 248 Park avenue, Takome Park, and William S., Boone, N. C.; two daughters, Miss Lucy Hopkins of the home and Mrs. George Black, 5516 First street N. E.: 13 grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren.

The Boone Recreation Commit- cuss plans for the recreation pronoon on Monday, March 2, to dis- Watkins, new member of the committee was welcomed ot the papular ASTC footballer who has been selected to direct the program for the summer. In addition to these two members, the ittee now consists of Miss Gail Clay, Dr. Herbert Wey, and

Rev. J. T. Shackford.

The program of the past two summers were outlined for Mr. Groce. The need was stressed for a thorough program inclusive of all age groups, and, so far as possible, inclusive of all recreational interests natural to our section and community. Such an extensive and inclusive program, it was further pointed out, would depend for success upon the ability of the director to secure coluntary assistance and direction of the several areas of the program, and committment from such volunteers to specific responsibilities in the program. Even then, success of the program rests upon full parental cooperation.

Coach Watkins gave assurance take regular carriage rides in the of his willingness to assist in the neighborhood, was attracted by program by relating some of his the twanging of the jew's harp physical education students to the when you are already a half-hour and the hillbilly songs. He would program for securing their esbehind schedule and someone who has actual legal authority to plaud.

stop his carriage, listen and apsential field work. Miss Clay explore willingness to explore in the Friendship cemetery. possibilities of providing the coler, John C. and Joseph-formed lege pool for use of town children on certain days. Dr. Wey reminded the group of the present arease may arrange their temporal lies. They toured the East and rangement of the Monday and the South, made recordings and Thursday evening and Sunday went on radio in the 1920's. Their afternoon recreation period in the high school gym provided for the community under supervision by the high school and assured of his desire and willingness to assist in any way needed to ensure a worthy program for the community. Mr. Shackford, who was re-elected chairman of the coming year, assured the group that the Ministers Association was as National 4-H Club Week. Dur- ed by club members and agents. Miss Rebecca Bingham from strongly behind their program ing this week, 4-H Club members A calendar of other 4-H high- Boone will be a candidate for and would extend their full cooperation.

tion for his selection to lead the 4-H goals, so essential in the program for the summer and in- building of sturdy character. It 4-H members throughout the nadicated his feeling that the achie- is a "check-up" week a "get-set" tion will take part in their respecvements already made in past week. Moreover, it may be a tive church programs, 4-H club years could be extended into a week when members get together girls will give dairy foods demonyet larger and fuller one. Reports to display what they have accom- strations on the county and dis were turned over to Mr. Groce, plished to date, to welcome new along with proposed plans for members, to exchange ideas, and June 8-13 is 4-H Club Camp Week lines of development of the sum- to inform parents and neighbors to be held at Camp Schaub in mer's work, and it was stated that regarding the newest develop-a meeting would be called as ments in their 4-H program. Waynesville. This year Watauga camps with Person and Wayne soon as Mr. Groce had had time. Here in Watauga County on counties. It is hoped that apto do some planning and study- Saturday night, March 7 at 7:30 proximately 35 boys and girls

the Town Council for their deci- opening day of National 4-H Club 25 is State 4-H Club Week to be tests will be held in the spring. sion to enlarge their suport over week observance. 4-H members held in Raleigh on the campus of Boys and girls are urged during last year's effort and assume full and their parents are invited to N. C. State College. 4-H boys and National 4-H Week to set goals

Clyde R. Greene **Attends National Washington Meet**

A total of 36 merchants and merchants association officials and wives from North Carolina Primary By Assembly Act 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.

Clyde R. Greene is attending from Boone as guest of the State merchants organization.

Greenwood reports that 34 other state merchants associations are cooperating with the ARF, the national retail organization, in the luncheon and banquet on Thursday.

President Eisenhower will be principal speaker at the luncheon, while all members of North Carolina's Congressional delegation have accepted invitations from the N. C. Merchants Association to attend the Congressional Banquet to be held in the Presidential Ballroom of the Statler Hotel on Thursday evening at

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

He is survived by four brothers, Thomas, John, and James Trivett, all of Todd, F. P. Trivett, Climouth, Calif.; and a sister, Miss Ruby Trivett of Todd.

Clarence McGhee Dies At Age 76; Rites Held Tuesday

Clarence McGee, 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.

Mrs. Myra M. McGee, two sons,

E. E. Blackburn officiating at the rites. Burial was in the Howell Dr. Ray Derrick To PTA Plans Open cemetery. Address Regular House; Told Letting C. Of C. Meeting The regular monthly luncheon meeting of the Boone Chamber BidsForNewSchool

of Commerce will be held at the Gateway K and M Restaurant at noon on Tuesday.

Palmer's Photo Studio

Mrs. B. W. Stallings, who is chairman of the Year 'Round Clean-up campaign, is sponsoring the program and will have Dr. the program and will have Dr. Ray Derrick of Appalachian State Medical Group Teachers College as speaker.

Dr. Derrick will speak on the conservation of native shrubs and the planned civic development plan that we hope to adopt for Boone in the coming years. Members are urged to attend.

Correction

In the obituary of Mr. A. W. Survivors include his widow, week, the names of two sisters Mrs. J. B. Hagaman, Jr. Mrs. Wil- Easter Monday. and a brother were unintention-Malcolm McGee of Boone, Route ally omitted from the list of sur- Hardin, all of Boone, Mrs. Dean tion of last year's Good Friday I, and W. C. McGee of Statesville; vivors. They are: Mrs. A. J. Jones, Mrs. L. L. Long, and Mrs. and two daughters, Mrs. T. L. Combs, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. E. R. C. Ray, of West Jefferson, Mrs. Setzer, Lenoir, and Mrs. Noah G. Hodges, Fresno, Ohio; Charles Charles Davant and Mrs. Robert Ministerial association. Smith, Weippe, Idaho.

last Thursday night, with Mr. March 23, at the demonstration Wade E. Brown presiding, the school March 24, from 2:30 to 4:00 Dies In Wilkesboro

Watauga Would Be Given

proved plans for an open house

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 Mon-

day 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. Front row, left to right: Johnny

Horton, Clay Verne Greene, Martin Banner, John Banner, and George Mast. Back row: Coach John

Bingham, Jimmy Swift, Jimmy West, Douglas Henson, Benny Fox, and Marion Combs.-Photo by

Holds Meeting The Ashe-Watauga Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the 3. Following the luncheon, the March 27 at 7:30 p. m. president, Mrs. Robert Garvey,

liam M. Smith, and Mrs. R. H.

PTA executive committee ap- in the afternoons. The grade mothers and the teachers will be in The nominating committee an-

nounced by Mr. Brown consists of Mr. John Howell, chairman, Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., and Mrs. Lee Reynolds. This committee will report to the next general meeting of the PTA scheduled Gateway Cafe on Tuesday, March for the high school auditorium on

An announcement was made conducted a brief business ses- by Dr. Herbert Wey that an Easter vacation for this school In spite of inclement weather, district has been approved to coattendance was good. Those preincide with the college vacation was a daughter of Joseph E. and
sent included Mrs. R. H. Harmon.
Good Friday noon through Arminta McClure Feemster. She Good Friday

Approval was given a repetiservice for the Boone schools under the sponsorship of the Boone

Mr. Howell stated that the Ra leigh office had approved the letfact that many school bids in rerate per cubic foot below the original rate at which this building was figured offers good prospect that the calculated funds for this building may permit the construction of the entire building according to original plans. He pointed out, however, that much larger funds for the estimated cost of equipment than are now October 1 all 4-H records are in sight would have to be forthcoming to properly equip the new building.

General discussion was held concerning the advisability of continuing the present policy of executive meetings in lieu of generalemeetings of the PTA. Parent opinion was cited. Action was deferred.

In connection with the recent armed forces are experiencing gress provided for, according camps, it is said that these men, service the debt for the fiscal once apprehended, are being flown year ending next June 30, Condirectly to Seoul, Korea, for gress trimmed that to \$51,000,000 front line service. Two transports are kept busy feeding attempted deserters into combat. largely ong rounds that funds estimated for processing savings bond redemptions were too high.

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."
Mr. Winkler, it seems, would

elect the tax officials as a harmony move. "Appointing the tax collector and tax supervisor al-ways creates a row," he said. "This would do away with all that

Mrs. Mary Moore

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

Mrs. Moore had been in invalid following a fall seven years ago, when she sustained a broken

Born in the Bullock's Creek community of York County, S. C., February 22, 1866, Mrs. Moore was a daughter of Joseph E. and 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 Wilkeshoro in December.

Surviving are one son, Joseph S. Moore of Camden, S. C.; one daughter, Mrs. Claude Boulware of Chester, S. C.; two stepdaughters, one stepson, three grandchildren, seven nieces and nephhews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p. m. today at York Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. The Rev. A. A. Hodge will conduct the last rites.

PUERTO RICANS

The ratio of Puerto Ricans 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.

The public is cashing in savings bonds at a slower rate than disclosure of the fact that the expected, but faster than Congo A. W. O. L. from training for a \$55,300,000 appropriation to

Watauga 4-HGroups Map Program ting of bids for the new school building. He emphasized that the As Part Of National Observance March 7-15 has been set aside cluded by group recreation direct-| county attend this short course.

stock of what may be needed for lows: the successful completion of their

ing about the future.

p. m. in the Legion Hut a 4-H from Watauga will attend camp.
A resolution was moved and party or rally will serve as a June 26 is the date set for the carried to extend appreciation to "kick-off" in celebration of the county 4-H dress revue. July 20.

Sheep shearing and other constitutions of the county 4-H dress revue.

throughout the nation will take lights for the coming months fol-

observed May 10. On this Sunday

cost of the program for the com-ing summer. join in a night of fun. The pro-gram will include group songs, may attend from each county in 4-H projects and achievements, devotional grogram, welcome, and the state to take part in this pro- and to strive for greater improve-Milk output in 1952 was 733 purpose of National 4-H Club gram. We hope to have a large ments in their clubs and them-Week. The evening will be con- number of members from this selves.

State 4-H Council president during this week. This is a real hon-

due. In October boys and girls who have raised chickens in the pullet chain will bring 12 of their pullets to be sold at auction. The money from this auction will go

November 7 is District 4-H Recognition Day for county winners and will be held in Asheville. The