

KING STREET

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"DOWN TO BRASS TACKS"
Miss Beatrice Cobb, who in her Morganton-News Herald, expresses keen interest in old mountain expressions, and their origin, publishes the following, which was sent her by a subscriber. We think it will be of interest to those who peruse this corner:

DOWN TO BRASS TACKS—All this quibbling and fooling around gets us nowhere. Let's get down to brass tacks.

In the old American country stores, yard goods were often measured in a by guess and by golly way. From the fingertips of the out-stretched arm to the tip of the nose was supposed to measure a yard. Some progressive stores had two brass tacks driven in the counter top, a yard apart, for measuring such goods. A woman, suspicious of the fingertip to nose system, might demand that the material be measured on the counter, dows on the brass tacks. Cut out the guesswork and get down to something practical.

THREE SHEETS IN THE WIND—Here's old man Brown coming down the block, three sheets in the wind, as usual.

This is a nautical expression which originated in the days of the old windjammers. In sailor's lingo a sheet is a rope attached to the lower part of a sail for hauling and securing purposes. Now if three of these sheets are loose and flying in the wind the sail is useless, and the ship out of control. So a man three sheets in the wind is in a pretty helpless condition, barely able to navigate. Six sheets in the wind, and he's capsized.

TWEEDLEDUM AND TWEEDLEDEE—To many voters, the difference between the Republicans and the Democrats is tweedledum and tweedledee.

Another expression of English origin which goes all way back to around the year 1700. Any little tuneless thing played on a fiddle is called tweedling. You can call the tune tweedledum, or you can call it tweedledee. What's the difference? It's just tweedling any old how. The expression is applied to two things between which there is just the slightest possible distinction—no distinction at all in many cases.

POOR AS JOB'S TURKEY—He was rich at one time; now he's as poor as Job's turkey.

A good old American expression. According to the Bible, Job was about as poor as poor could be. He had one miserable turkey which was so poor it had only one feather in its tail. Job's turkey isn't mentioned in the Bible, of course. The mangy bird was probably too poor to be even worthy of notice.

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH—Here's the dope on the new agreement, straight from the horse's mouth. Horse traders have one certain way of telling a horse's age. Birth certificates and affidavits don't mean a thing. They just force open the horse's jaws and inspect its teeth. The condition of the teeth accurately indicates the horse's age to an expert. So the horse's mouth may be considered the highest authority for the veracity of a statement.

ADAM'S OFF OX—The man is a stranger to me. I wouldn't know him from Adam's off ox.

Another American expression, much used in rural areas. The off ox is an ox team is the one on the far right of the driver, therefore the one farthest away, and for that reason the one least known. So Adam's off ox would be a rather unfamiliar beast to anyone—something totally unknown.

BLOW HOT AND COLD—On the issue of reduced tariffs the Senator blows hot and cold.

This expression from Aesop's Fables wherein a man is criticized for being inconsistent because he blows hot on his hands to make them warm, and with the same breath blows cold on his lip to make it cool. So the meaning of the expression is to be inconsistent and irresolute—to have two different views of a question, like the Senator on the tariff issue.

GO HAYWIRE—When the boss ears how long this job took, he'll go haywire.
Most certainly of American
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Deluge Brings School Recess; Little Snow Here

The Appalachian elementary school closed Friday noon, when word reached Boone that many of the streams crossed by the buses were getting out of banks, as torrential rains fell. During the day 1.59 inches fell, the total for the week being 3.65 inches, according to Dr. Arnold Van Felt, who is Boone's official weather observer. Strangely enough, while Winston-Salem and other points down below were digging out from under an eight-inch blanket of snow Saturday, local snow was a scant inch, and failed to remain on the highways. Transportation was in nowise affected.

Mrs. Dora Phillips Funeral Held

Mrs. Dora H. Phillips, age 78, of Boone and Forest City, died in the Rutherford County Hospital Monday at 7 p. m., following a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at West Jefferson at 4 o'clock Wednesday. The Rev. Thomas Seitz, rector of the church, will be in charge of the service. He will be assisted by the Rev. Joseph T. Shackford, pastor of the Methodist Church in Boone. Burial will be in the Harden family cemetery near West Jefferson.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Paul L. Hoffer, Statesville; Mrs. Margaret Hughes, Boone; Mrs. P. V. Parks, Elk Park; and by three sons, Gill H. Phillips, Boone; Clifford D. Phillips, Forest City; Robert A. Phillips, Black Mountain. Other survivors are 14 grand-children, seven great grand-children, and two sisters, Mrs. Viola H. Hamrick, Forest City, and Mrs. Nellie H. Speers, West Jefferson. Mrs. Phillips, a member of one of the pioneer families of Ashe County, was born near West Jefferson, the daughter of John and Margaret Duke Hardin, and was the widow of Arthur D. Phillips. For many years she lived at Fleetwood, residing in recent years in Boone with her son, Gill Phillips. Since her illness she has been at the home of her son, C. D. Phillips, Forest City.

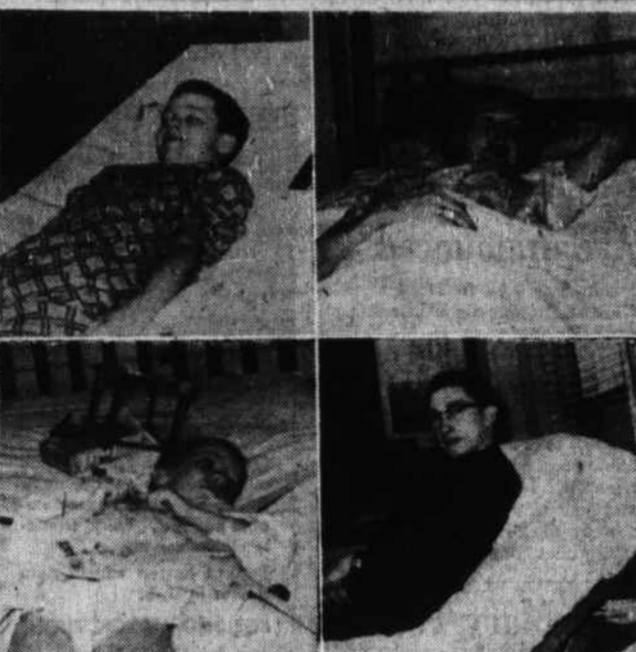
Last Rites Held For Mrs. Norris

Mrs. Victoria Ellen Norris, 80, of Boone, RFD 2, died Saturday. Funeral services were held Monday at the Hopewell Methodist Church. Rev. Roy Lockridge was in charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. Ernest Stephens, Rev. Arlie Moretz and Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Norris joined Sutherland Methodist Church early in life. Later she removed her membership to Hopewell, and was active in church activities until ill health prevented her attendance. She was married to Tom Norris May 18, 1890. To them were born ten sons and daughters, all of whom survive: Lawrence Norris, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Julia Eggers, Trade, Tenn.; Bynum Norris, Boone; Carl Norris, New Albany, Pa.; Clifford Norris, Princeton, W. Va.; Mack Norris, Lenoir; Mrs. Mary McNeil, Mansfield, Pa.; George Norris, Boone; Clint Norris, Coval, W. Va.; Mrs. Goldie Hilton, Richmond, Va. There are 32 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. There is one brother, Emmet Norris, Mountain City, Tenn.

Mrs. Ernest Hicks Succumbs In Ohio

Mrs. Ernest Hicks of Fresno, Ohio, died at the home Monday morning, following an extended illness, relatives here were advised. Funeral arrangements were not learned. Mrs. Hicks was the former Miss Gladys Setzer of Boone, and had lived in Ohio for seven years. The husband, ten sons and daughters survive. There are two sisters, Mrs. Bill Klutz and Mrs. Allen Adams of Boone. The mother, Mrs. Emma Setzer, also of Boone, survives.
New railroad freight rate rise hinges on wage talks.



WATAUGA COUNTY POLIO PATIENTS—These young victims of polio are shown as they rested at the Greensboro Convalescent Center. They are left to right, top: Jimmy Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl V. Greene of Stony Fork; Carlene Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cluster Hicks of Vilas; bottom: George Greene, a brother of Jimmy; and Dennis Ruppard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toy Ruppard, Blowing Rock. The local March of Dimes will help support these children during their recovery from the disease. Mrs. Ralph Tugman, chairman of the 1954 March of Dimes campaign, issued an urgent appeal to all Wataugans to send in their donations to this worthy cause, so that their recovery may be assured. Two patients from the county at the Asheville hospital where polio patients are cared for, and three patients returned home from the hospital just last month, Mrs. Tugman said. The above photographs were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tugman recently when they visited with the Watauga County patients.

Mother's March, Ball Climax March Dimes

A Mother's March Friday night, and the annual March of Dimes Dance Saturday will wind up the month's activities in connection with the 1954 campaign for the March of Dimes. Mrs. Ralph Tugman, chairman, announced this week. Two thousand dollars had been reported collected early this week, to be used in the fight against polio, with other sources still to be heard from. Last year over \$3,000 was raised, and Mrs. Tugman expressed a desire to exceed that amount by more than \$1,000. The Quartet Singing at the Courthouse and High School Saturday was responsible for \$326.76, and a singing at the Mt. Vernon Church raised \$25 for the fund. Mr. Allen Gragg, a committee member for the Quartet Singing, stated that 12 quartets and trios were present to sing Saturday night. The Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring the Mother's March and persons desiring to contribute Friday night are urged to leave their porch lights on from 7 o'clock until a club members picks up the donation. The dance Saturday night is sponsored by the Forty-Nighters, with music by the Rhythm Swing orchestra. Advance sale of tickets indicate the dance will be a big boost to the Dimes campaign. Mr. Joe Crawford, member of the sponsoring club for the dance, said those attending the dance may expect good dance music by the orchestra. Admission is \$1.00 per person, and tickets may be secured from any member of the Forty-Nighters.

Feeder Calf Sale In Boone Retained

The farmers of Watauga and Avery counties elected to hold a feeder calf sale in Boone in 1954 at the close of their meeting January 20. In voting the Boone sale the producers turned down a suggestion by the Extension Animal Husbandry Department, State College, and N. C. Department of Agriculture Livestock Marketing Specialist, who proposed a joint sale with West Jefferson. They gave as their reasons for this proposal the fact that the Boone sale had never sold more than 225 calves in any sale, order buyers would go where the largest number of calves were offered for sale. There is also a larger yard at West Jefferson. Local producers stated that there would be additional drift in taking calves to West Jefferson, trucking expenses would be higher, and time consumed would be greater. They also felt that more farmers would sell calves in the sale at Boone. Growers present pledged an all out effort to get 400 to 500 calves for the Boone sale. The Boone Livestock Market volunteered to provide more pens and to put water and feed racks in all pens. The committee elected to arrange for the sale and help separate the calves and buyers were as follows: Lester Carroll, B. W. Stallings, R. G. Shipley, Henry Taylor, Tom Lawrence, Tom Ward, A. W. Greene, D. T. Barnett, Charlie Clark, Russell Farthing, Lynn Norris, Howard Gragg, Billy Cooke, and Wade Tugman.

Series Of Meetings Aid Local Farmers

A series of special farm meetings will be held at the County Courthouse in Boone on February 15, 16, and 17, it was announced this week by L. E. Tuckwiler, Watauga County Agent. Meetings will run all day for each of the three days with different subjects discussed each hour. These meetings are planned to get the very best leaders from the College, Experiment Stations, and Specialists. Each team will spend one half day in the county and then go to another county. The subjects listed by Mr. Tuckwiler for discussion at this time are as follows: Monday morning, Feb. 15—Outlook to date; fertilizers, weed control. Monday afternoon—Dairy feeding, raising dairy calves, farm machinery, how to buy and use. Tuesday morning, Feb. 16—Tobacco problems, economical feeding, work simplification. Tuesday afternoon—Beef cattle and sheep, hogs—\$11.00 per hundred, pastures and silage, forage crop diseases. Wednesday morning, Feb. 17—Poultry—selecting chicks, care of eggs, poultry marketing—eggs and poultry. Wednesday afternoon—Vegetables, a tip-top home garden, irrigation, small fruits, vegetable diseases and insects, roadside marketing.

Highway Construction Is Accelerated In Watauga

Bloodmobile Gets 126 Pints Of Blood On Visit Monday

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 126 pints of blood from local donors during its visit here Monday, according to M. Eber Hudson, chairman of the Watauga Chapter of the Red Cross. A total of 134 prospective donors reported to the Boone Baptist Church, where the Bloodmobile was stationed from 11 a. m. to 5:30 p. m., Mr. Hudson said but some of these were rejected as a result of the physical examination. Local members of the "Gallon Club" (persons who have donated a total of eight pints or more to the Bloodmobile on its several visits) include Leonard Eury, Milliecent Honeycutt, Preston Mull, and Mike Harrelson. They will receive honorary certificates from the American Red Cross signifying their membership in the club.



GORDON A. NASH



FRANK J. PRINDL

Nash, Prindl To Lead State Clinic Bands

Plans are now complete for the All State Band Clinic (Northwestern Division) which will be held on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College Friday and Saturday, January 29th and 30th. Two concerts will be given, one by the Junior High Band at 4:00 p. m. on Saturday, and one by the Senior High Band at 7:30 p. m. Both concerts will be in the auditorium of the Fine Arts Building. The public is invited to attend both concerts.

Conducting the Junior High Band will be Mr. Gordon A. Nash, chairman of the Department of Music of Appalachian State Teachers College. Mr. Nash is originally from Lewis County, Kentucky, where he attended public schools. From there he went to Eastern Kentucky State College, where he received his A. B. degree in 1938. Following his graduation he was public school music teacher and band director in the Evarts, Kentucky schools, and also was brass instructor at the Steven Collins Foster Music Camp. In 1937, Mr. Nash came to Boone to organize the high school band and to teach public school music. The following year he organized the college band and orchestra.

He is a member of a number of professional organizations, including the North Carolina Bandmasters Association, of which he was secretary last year; the North Carolina Music Educators Association; and the North Carolina Education Association. He serves as chairman of the North Carolina Music Commission of higher education, which is a part of the Music Educators National Conference.

Mr. Nash has served as adjudicator for numerous district contests, and is in demand for band clinics throughout the state and surrounding states. Conducting the Senior High Band will be Mr. Frank J. Prindl, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the Concert Band of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. After graduation from Milwaukee's West High School, Mr. Prindl entered Milwaukee State College, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Education in 1937. He also holds the Master of Music degree from the University of Arizona where he held a teaching fellowship from 1937 to 1939. At Arizona, Professor Prindl was assistant band director and instructor of brass instruments. From 1939 to 1944 he served as director of bands and assistant professor of music at Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois. He has done post graduate work at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York.

State Auditor To Speak At Meeting Of Boone Lions



HON. HENRY L. BRIDGES

Hon. Henry L. Bridges, State auditor, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Boone Lions Club, which will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel, Tuesday February 2, at 7:15.

Mr. Bridges will use as his topic of discussion "The Distribution of State Money." Born in Franklin County, North Carolina, Mr. Bridges is a graduate of Mars Hill and Wake Forest Colleges. An attorney, he is a member of the Greensboro Bar Association, and was formerly Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of Guilford county. He is active in the Masonic fraternity, and is a Shriner. He is a veteran of World War II, where he served as a Captain. He is a member of the board of Trustees of Wake Forest College.

Lytle To Speak To Pomona Grange

R. G. Lytle, general manager of the N. C. Milk Federation and chairman of the State Grange Expansion Program, of Greensboro, will address the Pomona Grange of Watauga County, Thursday night January 28 at 7:30 at Beaver Dam Grange. All Grange members throughout the county are expected to attend this meeting. Mr. Lytle is a dairy expert and a very able and magnetic speaker. The Grange expansion program will be discussed.

Northwest Carolina Highway Group Meets Tonight

The newly-organized Northwest North Carolina Development Association is scheduled to hold its kick-off meeting Thursday, January 28, at 8:30 p. m. at the Y. M. C. A. at Elk. Attendance of about 300 civic, business and professional leaders and officials is expected from the nine-county area at the dinner meeting, including a delegation of twelve to fifteen persons from Boone and Watauga County. Archie K. Davie of Winston-Salem, general chairman, has announced that Dr. Mark Depp, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, will be the featured speaker. In addition, plans of the general organization will be submitted. The association is devoted to promotion of industry, community development, tourist travel, and recreational and agricultural development in Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey counties.

Weather

By ARNOLD VAN PELT
The 3.65 inches of rain which fell this week beginning Wednesday and lasting through Saturday was the high point of Boone's weather. The temperatures remained mild as a whole.
Max. Min. 6 p.m. Date
35 22 26 Jan. 17
45 15 34 Jan. 18
58 31 49 Jan. 19
55 45 50 Jan. 20
54 47 52 Jan. 21
50 31 35 Jan. 22
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Precipitation:
Jan. 17—0.05 inches
Jan. 21—0.80 inches
Jan. 22—1.59 inches
Jan. 23—1.26 inches; 1 inch of snow and sleet.