

THE RIVER

Drop,
Drop,
Drop,
Drop it falls
like tears from weeping eyes.

Drop,
Drop,
Drop,
Drop it joins
and runs in tiny rivulets.

Drop,
Drop,
Drop,
Splash it plunges
into small puddles that are gathering.

The puddles brim.
And with a gush flows the glimmering redness like a tiny river
through the roots and rocks and grass.

How long before they stop this flow?
Must it become a Jordan before they know?
Poor dead soldier boy

Yours is a fate, I'm sorry to say,
that is worse than the rest who've died today.
Yes, your life's expended, the dim cause defended,
but none are wise of your gift to them.

Now all is tame where today all was aflame.
Now they've cleaned up the field
of every man who was killed
And packed them off there
into old glory's care.

Poor quiet one
With the others you paid your price when your number came up.
You died just as pained as those they reclaimed.
But in the place where you fell you are hidden too well,
And a presumptive death is no death at all.

"MISSING IN ACTION" will read the call.
"Jordan is a mighty big river," your family will sing.

Henry Church

THE VISIT

Today I went with a friend to visit her great grandfather up near Boone. On the porch of the old house was a yellow leather sofa, piled with newspapers and assorted trash, no longer wanted in the house but still too valuable to throw away. Beside it was a woodbox, filled with pieces of logs and the fragrance of timber and sap. Through the roof could be heard the constant buzz of a drone of bees.

Once inside the house I sat down in a big rocker. The tweedy-textured upholstery scratched the back of my neck. I looked around at Christmas cards tacked to the walls and letters stacked in the window sill and calendars with the months torn off and only the pictures remaining--the collections of a person's life, the dormancy of a lonely, solitary life.

A rusty iron hand pump at the sink was the only plumbing. An electric range looked out of place next to an empty woodbox and a black cast-iron stove on the other side. One spot on the oilcloth table cover was worn, while the rest looked like new.

The living room, seldom used, smelled musty with dust and old books. Coffee-can planters have made rings in the furniture and the dreary plants were drooped over for the lack of water.

"Gramps" proudly showed me upstairs--rooms that had once held his eleven children. Now they were so quiet, dressers and shelves still holding pictures and treasures of the inhabitants. It was as if the occupants had suddenly left and never came back. It was like walking into the past which was a very real part of the present, and strangely enough the only future of an old man.

Anonymous

WCC Students

As a regular part of THE COUGAR CRY, the back page will be reserved for feature articles contributed by the students. This section will consist of such things as poems, short stories, interesting photography, sketches of art work, paintings, unusual hobbies, collections, or projects. If you have any of these articles or others of interest that you would like to share with your fellow students, please feel free to do so. Also, if you know of anyone who might have something to contribute, please let us know. Place your notes or articles in THE COUGAR CRY box in the hall of the Administrative Building.

General Education Requirement Associate In Arts Degree College Transfer Division

Associate in Arts candidates must complete the following General Education requirements in addition to approved electives for a minimum of 96 Quarter Hours credit with an overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C") or better.

SUBJECT AREA	QUARTER HOURS CREDIT
ENGLISH	24
*ENGLISH 111, 112, 113	9
*ENGLISH 211, 212, 213	9
ENGLISH 110 and 200	6
HUMANITIES	12
*ART 111	3
*PHILOSOPHY 111	3
*RELIGION 111	3
*MUSIC 111	3
MATHEMATICS	9
MATHEMATICS 111, 112, 113	9
MATHEMATICS 116, 117, 118	9
BIOLOGICAL OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE	9-12
BIOLOGY 111, 112, 113	12
CHEMISTRY 111, 112, 113	12
P. SCIENCE 111, 112, 113	9
SOCIAL SCIENCE	18
*HISTORY 111, 112, 113	9
*HISTORY 211, 212, 213	9
PSYCHOLOGY	3
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	6
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†ELECTIVES	15-12
	96

*Humanities 111, 112, 113, 211, 212, and 213 may be taken in lieu of these courses.

†Electives should be in area of interest or area of concentration for the Bachelors Degree.

The only allowable exception to the above requirement is in cases where an individual actually obtains entrance acceptance to a four year institution or university prior to registering in Wilkes Community College and a two year course outlined of courses offered at Wilkes Community College is made and signed by an official of the accepting institution.

In such cases the student is accepting full responsibility for the transferability of courses taken at Wilkes Community College.

CLASSIFICATION

Students are classified as full sophomores only after they have completed 48 hours of the 96 required for graduation. This classification of students is at present applied for graduation requirements only and does not apply to participation in student activities.

Working At New Office



COUGAR CRY staff members met October 14 to move into their temporary office.