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"The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right, and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate a moment to choose the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of reading them."—Thomas Jefferson.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1953

Indispensable Man

The Democrat has called attention time and again to the self-sacrificing group which constitutes our fire department and how on many occasions these patriotic souls have literally prevented the town from burning down. In this regard the following from the Spring Valley (Wis.) Sun is good:

"It takes a special kind of slaphappy individual to be a volunteer fireman. A fireman ruins twenty-eight bucks worth of clothing, catches pneumonia, and suffers the tortures of the damned, for which he gets three grudging bucks from the village board, plus a lot of free advice about how he could have put out the fire in half the time. It doesn't make much sense. But if it weren't for impractical souls who risk their necks and ruin their wardrobes without much reward, villages like Spring Valley would have burned to the ground many times."

Dink Berry

The publisher of the Democrat shared the grief which was occasioned in this locality by the death of Dink Berry.

We had known Dink for most of our hectic life, had "set down on a log," so to speak, with him many times, and discussed the birds and the flowers, and the growing things—the sort of topic Dink was interested in, and knew a lot about. We always derived considerable consolation from these sessions with Dink, who after all, lived might close to the fundamentals, and studied more about the moon phases, and where the sign might be, and the time when a crop should be planted, than he did about international politics, atom bombs, and Red spies.

Our deceased friend hadn't traveled far on the road of academic learning, but he'd found out a lot during his lifetime. He seemed to have the knack of living happily, of taking the bad breaks philosophically, and of enjoying the good luck which came along, which add up to a good deal more than most folks have found out.

We wish he could have stayed.

ARTHUR W. RADFORD, Admiral, N. S. N., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff: "There has been no reduction in the truly vast military force with which the Soviet Union continues to threaten the free world."

Snow... Not Much

The kiddies, and the grownups, for that matter, who had set a good deal of store by the prospects for a white Christmas were disappointed with the Monday night and Tuesday morning precipitation, and it now appears unlikely that the ground will be covered Christmas day. But there's always hope in Boone for a change away from the expected.

Seems that it has been a good while since we had a big deep snow for Christmas, day, and as for that matter on any other day.

The last knee-deep, traffic-snarling, snowing-under we remember was about March 1940. As we recall 'twas a beautiful snow, most of which fell during moderate temperatures, and laid a while before the wind started. 'Course it couldn't be compared with the rip-roaring downfall of March 1936, when the big snow was accompanied by a northwest gale and zero temperatures. One has to have a fair recollection of 1917-18 to find anything on a par with the '36 storm.

STRETCH'S SKETCHES

It Could Be Verse

By "STRETCH" ROLLINS
It may seem to you and me that Christmas is literally rushing toward us with the speed of jet propulsion, and there isn't nearly enough time left to do all the things we'd planned. But to a small boy, its approach is snail-like, and every day of the week before Christmas is a separate eternity.

Following is my conception of what an impatient little boy, whose newly-acquired halo is becoming a trifle irksome as he yearns to return to normal, might write in a second letter to Santa Claus about long now:

SECOND LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus: Please don't be mad 'F I write you one more letter; Just thought you might be kinda glad To hear my 'havior's better.

But Santa, hurry up and come, I'm tired o' bein' good! It's oh, so very wearisome Just doin' what I should!

I mustn't that an' mustn't this, An' other things I must, Or Christmas joys I'm sure to miss— I'm 'most about to bust!

I have to wash behind my ears, An' shine my shoes an' such, An' do my chores an' dry my tears 'F I hurt myself too much;

An' make my bed up ev'ry day As neat as any pin, An' not be cross when I'm at play If I don't always win;

An' never pull the ol' cat's tail, Or climb the big oak tree, An' never in my lessons fail To make at least a "B."

An' not draw pictures on the wall, An' not pull sister's hair, An' not make anybody fall On skates left on the stair;

An' not track mud an' not make noise An' not make baby weep— An' not do ANYthing all boys Do 'cept when they're asleep!

An' that's the way it is, Saint Nick, From early morn 'til night; I hafta act just like I'm sick— Can't even have a fight!

So Santa, dear, please start your trip Real soon, or—though it's shockin'— I'm awful 'traid I'll make a slip 'Fore time to hang my stockin'!

JACQUES FATH, Parisian designer: "It's not just American women who make mistakes in dress, even French women can be wrong."

MISS KATHLEEN WATTS, psychologist: "Experiments made with 700 students at British universities proved beyond doubt that men are the more intelligent sex."

Lawrence Sells Top Burley Crop Of Week

Tom Lawrence of the Cove Creek section had the prize tobacco crop last week. On eight-tenths of an acre, Mr. Lawrence produced 2,162 pounds which sold for a total of \$1,374.88 for an average of \$63.60 per hundred. Not only Mr. Lawrence, but everybody connected with the warehouse is happy to see a farmer produce such an excellent crop and especially glad to see him get such an excellent price.

Merchants Association awards Saturday afternoon were as follows: \$20 went to Fred Welch, Banner Elk; \$15 to Paul Clem, Grand Boulevard; \$10 to Clarence Bailiff, Heston, N. C.; \$5 to Wilson Hollar, Route 1, Boone.

At the warehouse Monday morning Henderson Barnett, Rt. 3, Abingdon, Virginia, drew the top prize of \$20; W. R. Presnell of Ralph Harmon, Sugar Grove, \$10; and L. C. Osborne, \$5. \$50 will be given away next Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock on the square, and \$500 will be given away Christmas Eve, December 24, at 2 o'clock on the square.

Every farmer who brings tobacco to the warehouse is eligible to participate in the Merchants Association prizes at the warehouse, and every person visiting a store in Boone is eligible for the afternoon prizes next Saturday and the big prizes Christmas Eve.

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About Your Home

EGG COOKERY—A pinch of cornstarch and one of powdered sugar added to the yolk of the egg before it is beaten will keep an omelet from collapsing.

To keep yolks of hard-cooked eggs bright, clear, and light around the edges, avoid over-cooking.

The secret of all egg cookery is low temperature.

Egg yolks will keep for several days in your refrigerator if you cover them with cold water.

Whites of eggs are more easily separated from yolks when the eggs are cold; egg whites beat up to more volume if they are at room temperatures when beaten.

A stirred custard is done when it coats the spoon; plonger cooking will not thicken it but will cause it to curdle.

To divide an egg evenly when the recipe calls for only one-half egg, beat the whole egg, two tablespoons of the mixture is equivalent to one-half egg.

If a portion of egg yolk accidentally falls into the white, a cloth moistened with cold water and touched to the yolk will remove it, or a piece of the shell touched to the yolk will remove it.

B-47 Stratojet bomber flew from England to McDill Air Force Base, Florida, 4,480 miles, in 8 hours, 53 minutes.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO TOWN OF BOONE TAXPAYERS

If you pay your 1953 Town Taxes before January 1, 1954, you are permitted to deduct the amount in filing your income tax by both the State and Federal Governments. This also applies to delinquent taxes paid before the above date.

Delinquent taxpayers will shortly receive statements showing taxes owing plus penalties due. Action will have to be taken to collect these unpaid taxes. Please come to the office and make settlement without further cost.

J. E. CLAY, Tax Collector

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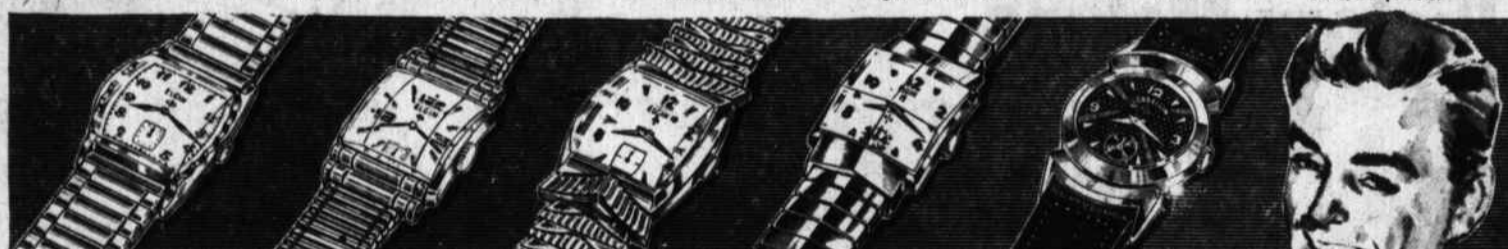
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