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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, OCTOBER 14, 1954.

New Elementary School Is Splendid Plant

A trip through the new Appalachian elementary school building is a treat, and a genuine eye-opener to those who don't know too much about the modern educational plant.

Recently Prof. Chapell Wilson took time out to show us through the huge plant, and we were amazed at what we saw. Those who haven't had the opportunity of visiting the Boone school should do so next time there's an open house event.

From the handsomely appointed offices for the principal, back through the classrooms and on to every department, the building is as fully modern as can be built.

Perfectly lighted and beautifully furnished classrooms are particularly interesting to the parents of the little fellows, along with the commodious lockers for the clothing, and self-contained sanitary facilities. Some of the rooms are provided with annexes which are used by observers, who can watch the newest trends in elementary teaching practiced, while the members of the class are unable to see them through the one-way glass.

The elaborately furnished auditorium, with comfortable seats and adequate stage facilities, fills a long-felt want in the grades. A big rumpus room where the youngsters may work off their excess energy on bad days is an innovation, but of principal interest to most of the visitors is the modern cafeteria, which will take care of both the elementary and high school groups. With floors of marble, and with kitchen fixtures of stainless steel, the cafeteria represents the last word in mass preparation and serving of tasty meals. The equipment alone in this department cost more than \$30,000.

Time being of the essence in school activities, as elsewhere, it is interesting to note that one can never be out of sight of an electric clock. All these instruments are synchronized daily from the main office of the building.

An elaborate communications system has been installed, whereby the office is in constant touch with each classroom. Likewise a program being rendered in any one room may be heard by all the other departments of the school by the flick of a switch.

In every department convenient offices have been arranged for those responsible, and every possible convenience has been added to make the plant serve the needs of both faculty and students.

In the decorations, color has been used to the degree that the interior presents a gay appearance, rather than the drab look usually associated with school rooms and their corridors. This should add immeasurably to the efficiency of the teaching staff and to the happiness and interest of the students.

While the school is a department of the College, the city and the people of the surrounding area derive the benefits of the plant, as their children get the advantage of the very finest instruction under the most modern conditions to be provided anywhere.

However, one of the benefits of the plant to the College and the community will come when teachers from over the country will be attracted here in increasing numbers, where they may observe the most modern teaching practices being carried on in a building which is as thoroughly modern as educational leaders and architects know how to build it.

We are indebted to Mr. Wilson for showing us through this fine new educational establishment. It's two and a half acres of floor space provided us with our best look, so far, into modern elementary school development. It comprised a visit into a veritable wonderland, where no expense has been spared in providing the best for a fortunate few hundred youngsters.

Again, when the building is reopened for public inspection, don't miss the trip through.

STRETCH'S SKETCHES
by "STRETCH" BOLLINS

Fluff, Guff, And Stuff

It's time to clean off the pad again, so have a few "summer" items—some 're ours, some 're other people's.

An anonymous editor comes up with the following wall: "Getting out this newspaper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly; if we don't, they say we are too serious. "If we stick close to the office all day, we ought to be out hunting material; if we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. "If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius; if we do, the paper is filled with junk. "If we edit the other fellow's copy, we are too critical; if we don't we're asleep. "If we clip things from other papers, we're too lazy to write them ourselves; if we don't, we're stuck on our own stuff. "Now, like as not, somebody will say we swiped this from some magazine." Which we did.

Heard a man say last week that the sudden cold weather would probably cause an epidemic of sore throats and headaches among the hogs around here. You figure it out, he had to explain it to us.

Although it's a bit difficult to recognize from the weather we've been having, the fall season is now official. "I Love Lucy" and Jackie Gleason have returned to the television screens.

Somebody has figured out that the height of the correctly proportioned human figure is six times the length of the right foot. There will be a brief pause while everybody measures his right foot. (We're supposed to be eight feet tall.)

The person who says, "I can't be lived with until I've had my morning cup of coffee," is probably no ray of sunshine the rest of the day, either.

And was it an error the lawyer's secretary made in typing out the monthly statement to a client, reading: "Bull rendered—\$50.00"??

Our Early Files

Sixty Years Ago
October 11, 1894.
Capt. E. F. Lovill, who is on duty for Uncle Sam at Thief River Falls, Minn., has returned and will remain until after the election.
Married at Trade, Tenn., on the 4th, Mr. Joseph Hodges to Miss Belle Presnell, both of Watauga County.
Married at Foscoe on the 4th, Mr. John Fox to Miss Jodie Shook, Rev. Monroe Gragg officiating.
The following attorneys from other counties are attending the court here this week: Folk and Wakefield of Caldwell; Todd, Bower and Blackburn of Ashe and Linney of Alexander.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago
October 14, 1915.
Miss Florence Reid, one of the faculty of the A. T. S., is with home folks in Morganton for a few days rest.
Dr. Dula of Lenoir filled his engagement in Boone last Monday and he reported a good business.

Contractors Ed G. Farthing and Joe C. Hodges began some considerable changes on the residence of Attorney Frank A. Linney Monday.
The Industrial School at Valle Crucis opened last week with splendid prospects for the year, there being a number of new students and many former students returning. Miss Allison of S. C. and Miss Coates of Ga., are new teachers, while Miss Holmes and Miss Hickok have both returned for the year.

Fifteen Years Ago
October 12, 1939.
Harry Hamilton's Watauga 4-H boys again took top honors in Asheville's fat stock show last week, claiming the grand champion steer, the reserve champion and gathering in 31 of the 78 prizes offered in the different competitions.
The stores of the city are to close Friday afternoon when Western Carolina's football aggregation comes to Boone to engage Coach Flucie Stewart's Appalachian Mountaineers in the second home game of the season.
Harry C. Martin, former newspaperman and operator of a resort hotel at Blowing Rock, died there Friday morning of a heart ailment. He had been ill since Monday.
Adolph Hitler last Thursday asked for European peace, but added if the Allies rejected his "outstretched hand, this statement will have been my last." "Then we shall fight," he went on, and pictured the new war as one certain to bring unprecedented horror to the world.

Letter To Editor
Woman's Club Says Newspaper Aid Vital
Dear Mr. Rivers:
At the regular monthly meeting of the Boone Junior Woman's Club there was quite a discussion concerning the many ways you and your fine paper have helped the club. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on to you the appreciation of the entire club for your generosity, not only in publicity space, but for donations and other support you have always given us.
We are certain that the projects which we have undertaken could never have been successful without your wonderful cooperation, and we want you to know we are very grateful.
Very truly yours,
ELSIE ERNESTON
Corresponding secretary, Jr. Woman's Club.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT
Our commercial crop of strawberries is planted in late winter or early spring so that the plants set will develop a good bed of runner plants during the growing season which will produce next year's crop of berries. However, for the home garden it is practicable to plant strawberries in the fall. By fall planting you will get berries only from the plants you set; they will not make runner plants this late. For this reason the plants should be set much closer together—not more than 12 inches apart—and it will take a great many more plants than for spring planting. You may have difficulty obtaining plants this early, but plants set now will become established and give you better plants and a better crop next spring than from plants set later. The Albritton and Massey varieties have been very satisfactory, especially in Eastern and Piedmont, North Carolina. Do not plant everbearing varieties except in the mountain areas. They have not been generally satisfactory in the eastern areas.
If you have an established strawberry bed and have not fertilized the plants this fall, do so at once. Use any good garden fertilizer at the rate of 3-4 gallon to one gallon per 100 feet of row, depending on the fertility of the soil. If the rows are narrow, the fertilizer may be drilled in on each side of the row. If the beds are wide, broadcast the fertilizer over the plants at a time when the leaves are dry and immediately brush the fertilizer off of the leaves. This fall application is very important for Piedmont and mountain areas because it is the lost fertilization during this season. In the Coastal Plain areas another similar application should be made in December or early January.
If you are growing Boysenberries or other types of dewberries, the grass should be cleared out of them and the vines straightened out on the ground so that they can be easily gathered up and tied to stakes or wires in the spring. If any new plants are desired for spring planting, throw a shovelful of soil over the tips of the vines. They will form roots and buds during late fall and may be cut from the vine and planted in the spring when the vines are tied up.

CORDELL HULL, 83
Cordell Hull, Secretary of State for twelve years in the Cabinet of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and whom Roosevelt once called the father of the United Nations, celebrated his 83rd birthday on October 2nd. Mr. Hull retired from the Cabinet on October 2, 1944 for what he thought was a rest, but he never went back to work. He is at present a patient in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md.

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TRAFFIC DEATHS DOWN
August was the eighth consecutive month in which traffic deaths were fewer, according to the National Safety Council. At the end of August, 1953, traffic deaths totaled 24,290. At the same time this year they were 22,780—a decrease of 6 per cent. August's toll of 3,330 was the lowest for the month since 1950 and 10 per cent less than August, 1953.

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