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Bond Election Edition

The Democrat comes out today in the form of a special edition on the bond issues which are to be voted on September 17th, and we are proud that those sponsoring the proposals, and the business interests of the section have relied on the Democrat's zooming circulation, and on its advertising columns to further promote the issues—complementing the coverage which has been accorded all along in the news columns.

A number of page advertisements, with the material coming separately from the school bond committee and from the hospital committee, are being used in the Democrat today, which we think are unusually well done, and impart far more specific information than such ads we have handled in past years.

Readers of the Democrat are asked to peruse these advertisements

carefully, and get all the information they contain, not only as a matter of civic interest, but in appreciation to the many fine business establishments and individuals who have made this type of newspaper publicity available to you.

The proposals are explained adequately, it is felt, in this saturation-type advertising campaign, and there is no excuse for Wataugans not being fully informed of the proposals if they will lend their attention to our pages this week.

Read the Democrat, get the information and be sure to vote. If you haven't voted before, you must register. The books will be open in every precinct again Saturday for the last day. Voters may, in the meantime, register at the homes of the registrars.

26 Millions Come To See Us

Boone, Blowing Rock and Linville folks know that travel is a big industry and that it does a lot for the economy, but when they set about to make figures on the thing, it's hard to arrive at fiscal conclusions.

However, President T. E. Pickard, Jr. of the Travel Council of North Carolina announces the results of the fifth annual travel survey sponsored by the Council, which indicates that twenty-six million out-of-State travelers came to and through the State last year and that they spent within the borders of Tarheelia some 270 million dollars.

The survey also indicated that out-of-State travelers drove nearly two billion miles over North Carolina highways and paid eighteen million dollars in State taxes.

Out-of-State travelers produced

more than one-quarter of total traveling industry receipts of \$925 million in 1962—up five per cent over 1961. Eighteen thousand businesses, it is reported, were engaged in serving travelers, the report shows, and they employed 77,230 persons.

These figures from the survey further pinpoint the gigantic growth of the travel business in the State, and suggest the desirability of providing more and more accommodations for these visitors.

Many local people would likely be interested in having a copy of the Council survey which may be procured without cost from the Travel Council of North Carolina, P. O. Box 2719, Raleigh, or P. O. Box 60, Charlotte.

For Governor

The announcement that Judge Dan K. Moore of Canton will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, and the word from Bert Bennett that he is stepping down from the State Democratic Chairmanship, provided the political news of the last few days, and wherever two or more Democrats have gotten together over the week end have made the substance for the conversations.

There is no word yet as to whether Bennett himself will come out for the nomination, or whether he will throw his support, which would appear considerable, to some one else. Meantime, friends of Federal Judge Preyer of Greensboro have launched a petition-signing campaign in Guilford county in an effort to bring the jurist into the campaign.

And of course there is Dr. Lake, who's considered a candidate already so the waters in the political pot haven't been appreciably cleared as they come close to the simmering point.

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

Child Safety Crusade

Every organized safety movement is deserving of the support of the general public—inasmuch as certain safety is everybody's business.

For that reason, we commend the North Carolina Dairy Products Association upon its Child Safety Crusade, scheduled to get underway Sunday, September 1. As might be inferred, this Crusade is focused on the children, and it is designed to coincide with the opening of the schools throughout the State.

D. W. Greene, the Association president, who is identified with Billmore Dairy Farms, explains: "It is our responsibility to do everything within our power to promote safety.

Our industry is one of the largest users of trucks in the State and nation. Consequently, we stress traffic safety by making our drivers thoroughly aware of their obligation to the general public, and particularly to the children."

It is appropriate that the dairy industry is becoming active in launching its annual Crusade right at this Labor Day holiday time, when the N. C. State Motor Club is predicting that at least nineteen persons will lose their lives in traffic accidents from six o'clock, Friday evening, through midnight, Monday, September 3.



From Early Democrat Files

Sixty Years Ago

September 3, 1903.

Contractor Henry has put in two wind mills at his brick plant, which greatly facilitates the manufacture.

Mrs. Maggie Boyden has returned from Blowing Rock, and we are indeed glad to learn that she is much improved in health.

Jefferson opens a bank with \$20,000 capital on Oct. 1st. If Ashe County can do this what is to hinder Watauga from doing the same? A bank here through which our people could do their business would indeed be a very great convenience.

Dr. J. B. Council, of Salisbury, joined his family in Boone Monday, and will take a few days rest here. He is looking well, his health is fine and we hope for him a pleasant visit to the home of his boyhood.

While logging on Monday evening, friend Joe Winkler had the misfortune to get the thumb of his right hand most cruelly mashed—in fact it was almost ground to pieces. The wound was dressed by Dr. Cottrell and he hopes that amputation will not be necessary.

Citizens of the town now

have a great opportunity to help build up the place by selling as reasonably as possible lots to those who may desire to locate among us. Yes, sell them cheaply and give all good citizens who desire to make our quiet little village their home a hearty welcome.

It seems that real estate is steadily, yes, rapidly enhancing in value in this vicinity. Judge Council sold a tract of land this week lying at the foot of Howard's Knob to Mr. E. J. Council at \$25 per acre, and old open land at that. The land, of course, is worth all it brought.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago

September 24, 1924.

Mesdames Tracy Council and J. F. Hardin are spending the week in Charlotte with relatives and friends.

Mr. James Council of Roseman, N. C. was a week end visitor at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cranor of North Wilkesboro are guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Critcher.

Mr. Bennett Elliott of Vilas, a respected citizen, died at his home last Saturday and was

buried Sunday afternoon. Mr. Elliott had been in declining health for some time, but the news of his death came as a shock. He was a splendid man.

Work in every department of the Daniel Boone Hotel is progressing rapidly, and as smoothly as one could expect. Brick masons, tanners, carpenters, plumbers, and electricians are all on the job. It has quite a business-like appearance.

James C. Rivers, who for the past eighteen months has been located at Brighton, a suburban town of Denver, Colorado, in the newspaper business, has returned to Boone, and his many friends and acquaintances will be glad to learn he contemplates making his future home somewhere in this part of the Southland. Jim has been doing some acceptable work on the Democrat this week of which we are most appreciative.

Fifteen Years Ago

September 2, 1948.

Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brabham of Gaffney, S. C. and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coffey of Manning, S. C. were recent guests at the home of Mrs. E. S. Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mast of Alameda, California announce the birth of a daughter, Juline Margerite, August 13th. Mr. Mast is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mast of Valle Crucis.

Major John H. Thomas left on Tuesday for Raleigh, where he is permanently employed with the mechanical inspection department of the State division of motor vehicles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tatum and daughter, Carolyn, of Chapel Hill are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Tatum. John is a student at the University of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Cooke of Arlington, Va. are spending this week with Mr. Cooke's mother, Mrs. Lona Cooke of Blowing Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Triplett of Lenoir and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Triplett of Baylor College, Waco, Texas spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moretz.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Castle of Miami, Fla. recently purchased a farm from Mr. H. W. Horton on Winkler's Creek. They plan to build a home next spring.

Supt. B. L. Smith of the Greensboro city schools, is spending this week in the home of Dean and Mrs. J. D. Rankin and Professor E. J. Abernethy.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Gragg of Ft. Bragg spent the week end with Mr. Gragg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg.

Miss Betty Fiquett is visiting Miss Helen Underdown at the Rivers Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Puckett and daughter, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Mary Sergeant and children of West Virginia were visitors at the home of Mr. I. J. Bingham last week.

Mesdames W. J. Kelsey, Virginia Dare Strother and Joe Conderman left Monday for Fenland Handicraft Center, where they will attend the workshop sessions of the craft education program of the Southern Handicraft Guild being conducted for the next two weeks.

We have a contemporary down in South Carolina known as The South Carolina Magazine. We came across a recent copy and noticed that it was Volume Nine Number Four.

In The Air . . . Chill Of Finality

The schoolbells peal forth in chill air soon to be whetted by the freezing winds to a razor edge, the katydids and other harbingers of the strange dying days of summer emit their rasping notes, the frost flowers bloom along every fence row to bring their blues and purples, yellows and great dusty lavender masses of blossom to the countryside; picnickers from down state eye the bluish, hazy peaks for the last time and sadly pack their baskets, as an occasional maple on high, rocky terrain shows the first gold and crimson in the outreaching fronds of the great forests.

IT HAS BEEN A GOOD SUMMER, and there are lots of people still in the high reaches of the Blue Ridge, but with Labor Day gone, and the schools opening, the first hint of the fading, lonely days of the autumn have been sounded. . . . Some of the summer residents of the area are now packing their bags, and getting their houses ready for closing, but week end travel will be strong right on through the fall, especially during the peak of the color in mid-October, or maybe sooner if the dry weather continues, and there will be a great revival of interest when the freezes come, and the snow covers the ski slopes, and the winter groups come to breeze down the mountains on the slippery silvers and to socialize by the great fires when the day is done.

Mr. Roby's kindness in fetching us in this dewy-fresh food from his garden. . . . Incidentally, we used to always refer to food from the kitchen garden, as garden "sass." . . . We don't know where the expression started, and it has evidently stopped, for we don't hear it used anymore, except when it appears in this column. . . . There's no such word, so far as we know, meaning food, but it sometimes says what we have in mind, anyway.

Uncle Pinkney

HIS PALAVERIN'S

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where ole Khrushchev ain't bothered to claim his earnings from that stock they give him when he was in this country a few years ago. You will recollect a safety razor company give him 25 shares in their firm, said they wanted him to see how capitalism worked. A few months later a cigarette company bought out the razor firm by trading sock and Khrushky ended up with 6 shares of stock that pays good dividends. This piece in the papers says he won't even answer their letters when they write him to find out what he wants to do with his earnings. It just goes to show that big shots in the Communist Party ain't interested in earning money when they can conferscate it.

Well, Mister Editor, we didn't git much done at the country store Saturday night, special at the national and United Nations level. Most of the session was took up by the fellers extending their sympathy to Ed Doolittle in his family troubles. Ed come in complaining he was all wore out from mopping floors, scrubbing wood work, washing windows and other such tomfoolery that nobody but a woman could think up.

Ed told the fellers he would admit house cleaning in the Spring was a good American custom, was probable invented by Martha Washington, but his old lady was the only woman in the country that done it again in the Fall. Furthermore, allowed Ed. he had give up fussing with his old lady on this Fall cleaning business. He said he figured the day after he was married 40 years ago that if he ever got in the last word with his old lady, he'd have to outlive her and write it on her tombstone.

Clem Webster was of the opinion that maybe Ed was taking the wrong attitude in these matters. He said it hadn't been more'n two Sundays ago that his preacher told the congregation marriage was a 50-50 proposition. But Ed didn't think much of Clem's remarks, said Clem's preacher either didn't know nothing about wives or he was powerful ignorant in fractions.

Personal, Mister Editor, between me and you, I think house cleaning twict a year is Un-American, unhealthy, and unnecessary and ought to be agin the law, but I didn't take no part in the argument on account of not wanting any quotes to git back to my old lady. And I don't consider Clem an authority to speak on the subject. My Pa told me onet you could size up a marriage by looking at a fellow's barn. If the barn was bigger than the house, the man was wearing the pants, and vice-versa. Clem's barn is smaller than his house, and furthermore, it's painted green. When you see a barn painted green you know somebody's old lady is picking the colors and wearing the pants.

Yours truly,
UNCLE PINKNEY

People We See

OSCAR L. COFFEY, whose friendship we have enjoyed for so long, hands us five dollars to be used on the restoration of the old Shulls Mills school house, where he started his education a long time ago. . . . Mr. Coffey, who was formerly a Clerk of the Superior Court of Watauga County, who has been in the mercantile business, and engaged in other activities, is retired, and enjoys visiting with his many friends along the Street. . . . A man of uncommon good humor, he laughs easily, and we never miss many opportunities of stopping and having a hurried session with this good citizen, whose friendship has always been a source of great pleasure to us.

WILLIAM B. AUSTIN, of Jefferson drops by for one of his infrequent visits, and tells of the progress in the good county of Ashe. . . . A friend of ours since the days when he attended Appalachian Training School and lived at our house, it is always a pleasure to talk to Bill. . . . One of the leading lawyers of this entire area, he also takes a great interest in all public affairs; has represented his county in the Assembly, and presently is President of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, which has done so much for this part of the country, by making electric energy available for our residents and for the industrial enterprises which have sprung up in the counties served by BREMCO. . . . We've promised ourselves to visit with Bill some afternoon, and renew acquaintances in Ashe. . . . In the push of the working week, few of us take time to do the proper amount of neighboring. . . . We aim to do better.

From The Garden

ROBY WILSON, a good friend of Zionville, brings us a good mess of cornfield beans, at just the stage of perfection—with the bullets large but tender, and some ripe, red tomatoes. . . . He must have heard we gave up vegetable gardening in late years. . . . At any rate we appreciate greatly