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Traffic On Blowing Rock Road

Traffic continues heavy on Blowing Rock road, and those who look ahead see the need for a four-lane highway at no far distant date. Even with the most of the summer residents of Blowing Rock gone, travel continues very heavy on this thoroughfare, particularly during the week ends.

The installation of the traffic lights at the intersection of 321, 221 and 106, is making for added safety on the heavily traveled highway, where congestion is particularly bad as far as the golf course. This section of road gets the workers at two of the new manufacturing plants, the golfers, patrons of many motels, restaurants, bowling alley and the like, and the new shoe factory personnel will also use the highway.

The new county consolidated high school may be built, we understand,

near the 105-321 intersection to add further to the traffic problem.

The new hospital, if it goes to the State farm, will get a good portion of its traffic, we would say, from 421.

It is a natural place for industry and for all sorts of business on 321 where the land lays well, and where is located the heaviest-traveled artery, coming in from the South, and it will continue to be the best location for a great many reasons. This being so, it is none too early to set the community sights on procuring highway facilities equal to the traffic load which will be developed in the very near future. And it won't be long, we would think until other traffic signals will have to be added where other avenues intersect this busy stretch of highway.

Farm Income Sets New High

North Carolina farmers received a record high \$1,158.7 million from sales of crops and livestock and livestock products during 1962, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The 1962 cash receipts exceeded the previous record \$1,119.5 million received in 1961 by \$39.2 million, for an increase of 3.5 percent.

Receipts from sales of crops amounted to \$813.8 million, up \$16 million from such receipts in 1961, and sales of livestock and products brought in \$344.8 million, or \$22.9 million more than they did in 1961. Crops accounted for 70.2 percent of the total.

Among major commodities sold during the year, receipts from tobacco, poultry and eggs, dairy products, meat animals, peanuts, soybeans, vegetables, and forest products registered increases — more than offsetting decreases from sales of corn, cotton, small grains, and

minor changes in other commodities.

Tobacco receipts at \$563.4 million were up \$6.4 million, poultry and eggs receipts of \$184.7 million were up \$18.3 million, meat animals receipts of \$88.3 million were up \$2.9 million, dairy products brought in \$70.0 million for an increase of \$1.7 million, soybean sales of \$30.2 million were up \$3.1 million, and \$32.1 million received for vegetables showed an increase of \$4.3 million. Other increases were relatively minor. The major loser was wheat, off \$6.8 million from the \$15.4 million received in 1961. Other decreases were not nearly so drastic.

The drop in the wheat receipts was due largely to participation of producers in the Wheat Stabilization Program for which producers received approximately offsetting payments. Government payments are not included in the figures on cash receipts for farm marketings.

Common Cold And School Absences

The common cold continues to be the largest single factor contributing to the 15.3 days per school year the average North Carolina student is absent from school, according to a study by a leading pharmaceutical company.

Using statistics from the National Education Association, the study reveals that North Carolina ranks 15th in days attended per pupil. The best attendance record for the 1962-63 school year was set by the state of Washington with an average of 10.5 days missed. Utah was second with 11.2. The national average of school absences was 18.9.

Medical surveys indicate that children of elementary school age have five times as many colds as do adults. According to a 1963 U.

S. Public Health Service report, respiratory illnesses were responsible for about two-thirds of school days lost because of acute illnesses or injuries during the 1961-62 school year.

The best defense against the common cold is prevention. Warm clothing should be worn, and good diets planned. Whenever possible avoid contact with a person suffering from a cold.

Medicines, of course, are important. A recent survey by a drug industry publication revealed that only one out of eight home medicine cabinets is fully equipped with products needed in common types of health situations arising in the home, such as the cold.

LENOIR NEWS-TOPIC

Difficulty In College

South Carolina educators, including college officials, are recommending a study of the South Carolina school systems and they declare that "a student from a small high school has more difficulty attaining a (college) degree."

In speaking of drop-outs, Dr. Robert C. Edwards, president of Clemson College, declared that there was a greater number of college drop-outs among graduates of small high schools.

Dr. Charles Davis, president of Winthrop College, said that a student coming out of a small high school "wouldn't have as good a chance as one from a large high

school."

The Clemson College president said that even valedictorians and salutatorians from small high schools have to take remedial work in mathematics.

Not only educators in South Carolina but in many other States are of the opinion that students from the larger high schools are better prepared for college. If they are better prepared for college, doesn't it also stand to reason that they are better prepared for other things? It is apparent that there is more opportunity for all children in the larger consolidated schools.

Weather Report



From Early Democrat Files

Sixty Years Ago

October 1, 1903

A few neat cottages erected in the village for rent would, it seems to us, prove a paying investment. Don't you think so?

J. F. Hardin sold three two-year-old heifers for 3 1/2 cents a pound, which brought him nearly \$100.

Prayer meeting at the Methodist Church each Wednesday night.

Heaviest frost of the season on Tuesday morning.

Mr. W. C. Coffey is delivering lumber with which to repair his building on the lot near the Baptist Church.

Mr. Thomas Sutherland of Sutherland, N. C., spent a few days last week in Boone and vicinity, it being his first visit here for 15 years. He is enjoying good health now and though he has passed his three score, ten and six years, is still lively as a boy. He returned home Monday.

Contractor Henry is getting on well with the brick for the Training School building. He had fine success with the first kiln burned, and is burning the second which contains about 100,000. If the weather continues good, he will soon have the bricks made.

The Training School for Teachers, the public school, and the Academy will all open next Monday. Truly this is rapidly becoming an educational center.

Prof. Fancum was down from

Thirty-Nine Years Ago

October 2, 1924

Mr. Butler Thomas left for Miller's Creek, Wilkes county, last Monday to superintend the packing of the fruit from the Doughton Shuford orchards there. Caring for it is quite a job as we are told the crop is very heavy and the apples unusually fine. In the large orchards, the Stark's Delicious predominate.

Mr. H. W. Horton is rushing work on his summer home here, preparatory to leaving for his winter home at Miami, Fla., early next week. He is trying

to get it enclosed and his furnishings stored there before leaving.

Messrs. Poly Wyke and John Sherrill are delivering material for a large work shop to be erected on South Street just opposite the Hahn Furniture Co.

Mr. J. S. (Smith) McBride of Sherwood was operated on for appendicitis at the Watauga Hospital last night. As we close our forms we learn that he is getting on well.

Mr. W. H. Gragg, who has been spending nearly three weeks in Miami, Fla., is expected to arrive this afternoon.

Mrs. H. J. Hardin was in to see us yesterday and said that her daughter, Mrs. H. Grady Farthing, who recently went to Raleigh with her husband, who is in the A&E College in that city, underwent a minor operation a few days since, but is convalescing rapidly.

Mr. Howard Holshouser and Miss Mabel Williams, both of Blowing Rock, were married in that place today on the 26th. Their many friends and the school, their Alma Mater, wish for them the very best in life.

Fifteen Years Ago

September 30, 1948

Miss Rebecca Moose has returned to Raleigh to resume her studies at St. Mary's.

Mrs. Rob Rivers left Wednesday for Washington, D. C., to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rivers.

Miss Betty Ruth Austin and Miss Edith Odum, teachers at Leaksville school, spent several days at their home.

Messrs. L. W. Beach and Grady Beach of Richmond, Va., spent last week with relatives in the county.

Mrs. C. C. Farthing and Miss Ruth Farthing are visiting Mrs. Farthing's mother, Mrs. Jones, in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Bingham, Jr., left Sunday for Hampton, Tenn., where they are employed as teachers in the Hampton High School.

Mrs. Herman Wilcox, who was severely injured in an auto accident some weeks ago, is improving nicely and able to be out now.

Mrs. J. W. Deal and daughter, Sandra, of Philadelphia, Pa., will spend three months with home folks while her husband is making an Atlantic cruise.

Schools in Rockingham county were suspended last week because of polio. Miss Roberta Critcher, teaching at Draper, spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Critcher.

Mr. Ray Farthing and Mr. Ted Hagaman played in the band at a ball game in Asheville last Saturday, and spent the week end with Edwin Troutman at Canton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hodges have returned to their home in Raleigh after a month's vacation at Boone. Mr. Hodges is a student at N. C. State. They were accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Finley P. Hodges, who plans to spend two weeks at their home.

Miss Janice Ray Swift was awarded first place in the Western District section of the 4-H Dress Review held at Lenoir, Tuesday, according to Miss Betty Matheson. She will now enter the state contest.

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

The Cars . . . 1964 Models

The new model automobiles are prettier and no doubt better than ever before, and we enjoy seeing them. . . The simple, straight lines of last year are largely continued as opposed to the various twists and turns the chrome body finish took a few years ago. . . The manufacturers, we are told, follow closely the notions of their customers in body designs. . . They are to be commended for the beauty of the new vehicles, and upon the fine dealers they have in Watauga County to handle these quality machines.

AUTOMOBILES have come a long way, as have all machines. . . The miraculous, smooth flow of power from the quietly humming motors, the ease of power steering, and the smooth quick stops power brakes afford, are particularly appreciated. . . And no longer does one have to have a quart of oil with each tank of gasoline as used to sometimes be the case, but can drive thousands of miles, actually, with the same lubricant in the crankcase. . . At the same time the finish, inside and out, of the new cars is elegant and one can travel five hundred miles at a time without undue fatigue. . . One seldom sees a motorist having tire trouble on the highway, motor failure seldom plagues us, and we wouldn't have thought, a few years ago, that a motor car would ever reach this high state of perfection. . . Local dealers are inclined to the notion that another banner automobile sales year is in the cards, and we believe they are right. . . Meantime be sure to see the fine new cars which are now being shown. . . Your friendly dealer will appreciate your visit.

One's Blessings

Dr. J. C. Canipe, whose friendship we have cherished since he came to Boone a great many years ago, visited with us on the Street, and comments on good health, which he lists as one of the greatest blessings of the Omnipotent. . . "Good health," quoth the eminent minister of the Gospel, "good sense, good religion and good friends make a good life." . . . To which a fervent amen is in order.

Here And There

A break in a water main in the middle of West Howard Street was noted by an A & P employee Friday evening at six o'clock. . . He telephoned the city hall, members of the water department responded at once, and the break was all mended within a three-hour period. . . saving the loss of a lot of water, which could have been ill-afforded during the extremely dry weather which was prevailing. . . Those who keep the public services functioning, by working night or day, deserve praise for their fidelity to the public welfare.

"TEMPTING TRUCKLOADS of apples and cabbage," says the Hickory Record, "are beginning to arrive at Hickory and area food markets from the mountains," and are hailed as "sure signs of fall." . . . Farmer reminding us of the days when he hauled apples and potatoes and cabbage to Lenoir in a covered wagon, and sometimes ventured as far as Hickory which took about a week for the round trip. . . The old provision box sometimes ran a little low, he said, before he got back. . . Now he can run a truckload of fresh mountain produce down to the Catawba metropolis any afternoon, and come on back home, without even having worked up an appetite. . . "But," said the old timer, "there was a lot of fun around the campfire at the foot of the mountain at the Nelson place, and at Bailey's Camp, when a group of the watoners got together for the night."

TRAFFIC LIGHT at the junction of 321-221 and 105 one of the best things the Highway Department has done in the interest of travel safety. . . We and members of the local highway department had shared an uneasiness about the intersection. . . After the traffic survey was arranged at this point, it was only a short while until the traffic control system was approved and placed in operation.

SHERIFF CHECK and his deputies continue to make

war on the lads who improvise the whiskey distilleries from steel oil barrels, and concoct the "sugar head" in the laurel thickets of the highlands. . . We wouldn't have thought that so much moonshining was going on, now that legal booze is so readily available. . . that is, before the Sheriff seized a half dozen of the illicit plants. . . He and the other members of his office are being justly congratulated for their diligence in enforcing the prohibition laws.

Uncle Pinkney

HIS PALAVERIN'S

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where 1964 will be a busy year for the post offices in the nation. This item says they'll be 34 U. S. Senators and 435 House members running for reelection and they'll mail free approximate 25 million pieces of political mail to their constituents. They just have it toted to the post office and postmasters all over the country has to see that it goes to ever "patron" on the rural routes and to them having boxes. It will cost the taxpayers, this item says, \$1,500,000 to handle this political mail. Of course, in these days and times a million and half dollars is peanuts to the folks back home paying the bill. But they was one angle to this news item that bothers me. How come them Congressmen don't make the Washington post office come after this mail instead of taking it themselves?

And I was reading another interesting piece from the General Service Administration that was dealing in orbit figners. This Government agency says the United States owns around 3 billion documents that is classified as secret and confidential. It was pointed out that this means we got at least one secret document for every man, woman, and child in the world. These so-called secret documents has to be kept in special spy-proof cabinets and the General Service Administration estimated it will cost \$12 million in the next few years just to make normal replacements of the cabinets.

Senator Byrd of Virginia was illustrating the other day how we git so many secret documents. For example, last year the Congress passed a law that private shipyards had to git at least 35 per cent of the repair work on Navy ships. The Navy shipyards, wanting to hog all the business, spent \$197,000 of the taxpayers money to git a consulting firm to analyze the costs. The Navy was certain the figners would show they was doing the job cheaper than the private shipyards. But the figners showed private shipbuilders was doing the job much cheaper. Well, the Defense Department immediate classed the survey as top secret. The cat was let out of the bag when a reporter on a Baltimore paper accidental got hold of a copy and his paper printed it on the front page. Furthermore, when the thing got a little fresh air, it was discovered that the private shipbuilders had conducted the same survey for \$20,000.

I reckon it would be a sight in this world how many of them 3 billion documents was put in the secret department to keep the taxpayers from knowing the truth. I always thought Government secrets was things we didn't want the enemy to know but it looks like them bureaucrats in Washington has got the taxpayers classed as Enemy Number One.

Yours truly,
UNCLE PINKNEY.