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## Honoring The Lowly Pone

This is corn bread week in North Carolina, and as a matter of fact, in properly organized Southern kitchens every week and every day, as for that matter, finds the browned product of the stalk and the ear at the dining board.

Governor Sanford in proclaiming corn bread week, says:

"Italy is famous for its pizza, France is renowned for its crepe suzette, the Orient has its chow mein, Latin America has its tortilla, the ancient east had its barley loaf, Germany has its pumpernickel and England has its crumpet. But above all these ranks North Carolina's corn bread.

"In a multitude of varieties, Tar Heel corn meal ranks at the top. It can be baked, fried, steamed, boiled, broiled. It is known in such forms as corn muffins, corn bread sticks,

hush puppies, hoe cakes, spoon bread, and corn-bread, to mention just a few of the tasty and tempting table delights."

Of course there are a heap of wrong ways to make corn bread, but properly fashioned a golden pone is better than cake to a mountain man, who's had a hard day. The observance actually should not be corn bread but in honor of corn—the grain which powered the horses and mules as they built the railroads, the first of the improved highways and moved the dirt for our buildings, which supplies the mush and the grits and the big hominy, and fetches the fat cattle and hogs to the market; brings the succulent roasting ears, the fluffy pop corn, the mountain dew and the fodder for the feed lots.

Pass the corn bread.

## The Many Costs Of Fire

Although fire cost more than \$1.5 billion in losses last year, its most terrible cost is counted, not in dollars, but in human misery.

Fire claimed 11,800 lives in this country last year. Of these, over one-third were children. Many hundreds of fire victims are still recovering from serious, often disfiguring, injuries.

Countless thousands of Americans had payless paydays when a fire interrupted their jobs, and other thousands saw jobs permanently gone when fire wiped out their employers' businesses. Still others will never recover fully from the financial disaster of a home or business fire.

These are heavy costs to pay for an act of negligence or ignorance. Through knowledge and care, destructive fires can be virtually eliminated.

In a program to curtail fire losses, the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have asked local governments, various organizations, and the people generally to join in observing Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12.

The handling of matches and inflammable materials, absence of fire safety efforts in the home, business place, or about the farm, bring untold damages by fire.

At the same time, in this dry fall weather, it is important that we also take care lest our forests are needlessly destroyed. The proper handling of matches and cigarette butts on the part of those who are enjoying the October colorama, are important, lest the source of the fantastic beauty is consumed by flames.

## Parkway Compromise Turned Down

The National Park Service's refusal to accept the North Carolina State Highway Commission's compromise proposal in a controversy over a Blue Ridge Parkway route across Grandfather Mountain, still leaves the question of the missing link in the "scenic" up in the air, where it has been for a number of years.

Commissioner Clifton Benton of Raleigh, in calling attention to the fact that National Park Service Director Conrad Wirth "does not agree with our recommendation and says he cannot go along with it," said this leaves the road location in a stalemate, and adds:

"I'm certainly sorry they won't go along. The Parkway should be completed; this Highway Commission tried to do everything it could to arrive at a fair solution."

He said Wirth "hasn't given us a real good reason for his refusal, ex-

cept that the Park Service thinks the proposed route would be better for the Parkway and the public."

The State Highway official added that the Commission "plans to stick with our guns" and that the location controversy would have to be settled later "by somebody besides us."

Wirth and the mountain's owner, Hugh Morton, have been in a dispute for years, which has stopped the building of the Grandfather Mountain link of the Parkway. The State purchased the right of way for the so-called "low route" a long time ago. The Park Service has held out for a "high route" which Morton contends would spoil the scenic beauty of the massive mountain. Morton agreed to accept a compromise between the low and high routes, which appears fair to us. It should have been accepted, so that the Parkway could be completed, with resultant benefits to everyone.

## TRANSYLVANIA TIMES

### Not By Bread Alone

A new dimension has been added to the practice of medicine. This happened at the most recent annual meeting of the American Medical Association, when the first program on medicine and religion was presented.

This is a direct result of the rapid advance of medical science. New problems and new needs demanding cooperation by the medical fraternity and churchmen have been created. It is recognized, nowadays, that health is affected by physical, spiritual, emotional and social conditions, and that ideal treatment should be directed toward the whole man. The AMA began its efforts to make this ideal of health care realistic by establishing a Department of Medicine and Religion. Ten physicians and ten clergymen were named to provide counsel.

Pilot programs followed, and now this Department is prepared to offer its services to hundreds of state and local medical societies.

The need was spoken in the 17th century, by John Donne, poet, preacher, and patient: "I observe the physician with the same diligence as he the disease; I see he fears, and I fear with him. . . I fear the more, because he disguises his fear, and I see it with the more sharpness because he would not have me see it. He knows that his fear shall not disorder the practice and exercise of his art, but he knows that my fear may disorder the effect and working of his practice."

So we return to the ancient injunction—man does not live by bread alone.

## 'If Any Man Can Show Just Cause...'



## From Early Democrat Files

### Sixty Years Ago

October 8, 1903

School opened at the Academy Monday.

Another baby girl at the home of John S. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Linney have been on a visit to Taylorsville for the past week.

J. C. Fletcher was at Mountain City, Tenn., this week on legal business.

Mrs. Lelia Winkler is off on a visit to relatives in Caldwell and Catawba counties.

Mrs. Sallie Reeves and little daughters of Blowing Rock spent Saturday night in town.

It is really amusing to see what "slick" advertisers some men are when it costs nothing.

Miss Lily, daughter of Thomas Greer, of Middle Fork, had the misfortune to break her arm last week.

Mr. W. C. Coffey has purchased and is removing the heavy plank fence from around the public square.

The weather permitting, Mr. Henry hopes to finish moulding

the bricks for the new school building this week.

There will be a teachers' meeting at Storie's Barn next Saturday, for Blue Ridge and Blowing Rock townships. Let all that can attend.

Mr. L. P. Greene of Sugar Grove, and Miss Sallie, the beautiful daughter of Mr. Calvin Long, of Adams, were married this week. May their lives be long and prosperous.

### Thirty-Nine Years Ago

October 9, 1924

Mr. W. H. Gragg has installed a radio receiving set, the only one in town, in his beautiful home. It is working charmingly. The most entertaining thing to Mr. Gragg so far was a speech Tuesday night by a Congressman in Washington (he got to the instrument too late to catch his name) on "Americanism," which he says was the finest thing he has ever heard.

During the fine fall weather the building program in Boone is being pushed to the utmost, and with a few more pretty days, all the brick buildings at least will be enclosed and work

can proceed on the inside without interruption.

Miss Bernice Cook left last week for Surry County where she has taken the principalship of a school near Mount Airy. Here's wishing for the young lady a successful year's work.

Mayor Hahn and family returned Tuesday from a few days visit to their former home in Gastonia and other towns beyond the Ridge.

Mr. S. F. Moody of Roan Mountain has moved back to his old stamping ground at Vilas. We welcome him back.

The H. M. Lewis property, consisting of a large lot with a 12-room house on the Blowing Rock Highway just east of the Training School property, has been sold by Mr. H. W. Horton, the local real estate dealer, to Mrs. Bernice Cook of Blowing Rock, RFD. Mrs. Cook expects to move to Boone some time this winter or next spring.

Miss Virginia Coffey visited Miss Edna Davis at Todd last week.

Mr. Grover Walters and family of Blowing Rock visited his sister, Mrs. J. D. Coffey, Sunday.

### Fifteen Years Ago

October 7, 1948

Mrs. Charles Lewis is visiting for a few weeks with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James O. Hill of Lansing, Mich.

Miss Carrie Lee Farthing, who has been teaching English at ASTC, has entered Duke University where she is working toward her doctorate.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Hill of Lansing, Mich., announce the birth of a son, Raymond Scott, September 28. Mrs. Hill is the former Miss Ruby Johnson of Sherwood, N. C.

Mrs. Louise Andrews of Long Island, N. Y., formerly Miss Royster Barnett, is visiting for several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Barnett. Her husband will join her here in two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Horton of Farrell, Pa., are spending two weeks with Mr. Horton's brother, Don J. Horton and Mrs. Horton at Vilas, and with other relatives in the county. They are accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. R. L. McCurdy of Midland, Mich., and her daughter, Martha Jan.

Mr. Fred Farthing and son, Freddie Gray, of Wytheville, Va., were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Winebarger and family.

Eddie Norris of Beaver Dam spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Greer and Harold Greer returned to Lenoir Monday where they have employment after spending the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Greer.

Barbara Jones, Barbara Bingham, Betty Barnes, Jo Ann Hartley, Jossan Aldridge, Patricia Aldridge, Neva Norris, and Faye Hollars were chosen cheerleaders in a pep meeting held in chapel Friday.

# KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

You-All Come . . . Pretty Soon

The autumn color spectacle is sweeping across and down the hazy slopes of the Blue Ridge, and those who want to take a look at the fall fairyland should plan to come this week end when the colors should reach their peak. . . . There was heavy traffic last week end, and the forests were beautiful, even though most of the oaks were still green. . . . The maples and the gums and the birches and the poplars supply the fiery crimson and the great splashes of old gold, while the pines and hemlocks add their evergreenery and life to the great crazy-quilt of the dying leaves, spread in soft folds of color and brightness over hill and dale and hedge and fencerow.

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October . . . Indian Summer  
"O, suns and skies and clouds of June,  
And flowers of June together,  
You cannot rival for one hour  
October's bright blue weather."

Helen Hunt Jackson must have bugged or horsebacked into the Blue Ridge mountains to write these four lines. . . . October is the bright highway from summer into winter. . . . The bracing days, with a sort of smoky haze in the air, came to be known as Indian summer, because at this season weather conditions were uniformly favorably for forays into the white settlements. . . . It was traditionally a time of good hunting and of laying in the winter's meat from animals fat from the acorns and the chestnuts which fell like rain onto the floors of the forests. . . . October brings the golden pumpkins, and the fat possums and the sweet taters and the biting promise of the snows and gales of wintertime. . . . But it brings joy to the traveler, and late business to the motels and shops of the highland region, with its fleet beauty.

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What The Weather's  
Going To Be

Since Uncle Dick Colvard quit his earthly travels, we've been hard put to get the dope on how thick the possum's fur is, and the other signs which are supposed to give a mountain man a peek into what the whimsies of the weather are apt to be, come winter time. . . . But an old and weathered Cherokee Indian, who lives at a place called Suit, says "we're going to have one of the worst winters in years." . . . He says the ears of corn are covered with thick husks, that there's a "sight of mast," the groundhogs are carrying an uncommon amount of fat, there are plenty of hickory nuts, walnuts and acorns and the bark of the trees is thicker than usual. . . . John Parris, who writes for the Asheville Citizen, and who's our sort of a newspaperman, says the skin of the apple and the onion can also give a body a clue to what sort of winter is coming up. . . . A tough apple skin is said to be an especially bad omen, and foretells frigid weather in the days to come. . . . Also when squirrels appear busier than usual with their laying in of nuts, one needs to be in good shape with the fuel man.

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About People

HERMAN W. WILCOX, the aggressive Boone Chamber of Commerce President, has agreed to give the Democrat a column every week, containing civic and tourist notes, and figures, as well as timely comments by the popular civic leader. . . . We are indebted to Herman for resuming his column, as a regular exclusive part of the Democrat, whose readers will enjoy and profit from this continuing feature. . . . Herman has done a remarkable job with his Chamber of Commerce and Horn in the West activities, and never misses an opportunity to promote the Holiday Highlands.

HALE VANCE'S happy smile and pleasant treatment of his customers at his recapping plant on North Depot Street. . . . Mr. Vance's son, Phil, has been an important factor in the popular business enterprise, and is one of the leading young men of the community. . . . Active in civic affairs and in organizational work, he is also a good business man, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank. . . .

Like his father, Phil has an outgoing personality, is gracious, and has developed wide friendships in this area.

ED CULLER, meticulously sweeping trash from the Street. . . . A retired employee of ASTC, Ed can't quit work and is a valued addition to the Town Street force. . . . He and the other town workers are doing a splendid job. . . . The Street is consistently clean.

MAYOR BROWN, who's touring Europe, sends card from Moscow, with picture of Red Square. . . . "Greetings," he says, "trip half over—a great experience." . . . We're glad Wade could make the trip and are looking forward to other letters for publication.

## Uncle Pinkney

HIS PALAVERIN'S

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was discussing the changing times. The Republicans claimed they were changing for the worse and the Democrats was allowing as how we never had it so good. Zeke Grubb, that votes both ways, depending on how farm prices is looking at election time, was setting as the Judge.

Ed Doolittle, that wears Abe Lincoln's picture in the back of his pocket watch, said things had hit the bottom and any change afore 1964 would be down hill. He told the fellers even the Federal highway signs was getting so complicated since we crossed the New Frontier that a one-gallus man couldn't tell if he was going or coming. He reported he went on a fishing trip last week and coming back they got on one of them new Interstate highways and they was a sign about ever mile to "Keep Off The Median." He said they stopped a patrolman and ask him what it meant and he told 'em it meant they didn't allow no messing around in the middle. Now there, claimed Ed, was a good Republican, a feller that give it to you so's you could understand it.

Clem Webster, chairman of the Democrat delegation, argued that these things was caused by a population explosion of automobiles, that politics didn't have nothing to do with it. Fer instant, he said we now got drive-in banks, drug stores and such things that makes traffic very confusing and calls for a heap of signs.

Judge Zeke didn't pernoctate sentence either way, but it looked like he was leaning a little with the Republicans. He said he was reading where a writer feller named Burke Davis had saw this sign at a street corner:

RIGHT TURN ONLY  
Except 9 a. m. & 4 p. m.  
Ever other Wednesday  
Except during PTA Meeting  
ON ODD FRIDAY, Left only  
Furthermore, stated Zeke, traffic problems didn't have nothing to do with drive-in banks. Zeke allowed as how he was reading that the cashier could git a look onet in a while at the cars the bank owned.

Bug Hookum said he didn't know if we was going uphill or down hill but ever time he come to a curve in the road he run into more taxes, more red tape, and less rights.

Personal, Mister Editor, I didn't git in the argument one way or the other on account of I ain't got no money worries at the moment. I have run complete out of money.

Yours truly,  
UNCLE PINKNEY