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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.

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1963

Year-Round Tourist Area

Used to be the Democrat was constantly troubled by the fact that the travel season was so short — that when school time came Blowing Rock summer residents, or most of them, returned quickly to their down-the-country homes, and there seemed to be no way to stretch the short summer season.

We had suggested long ago, a festival of the falling leaves—some sort of activity to bring the people back when the forests colored. But travel was slow in those days, and the autumn didn't bring too great a spurge of travel.

But now with shorter work weeks, with more people having more money than then, and with good roads on every hand, and two-car and even three-car families prevalent, our dreams of other days are being fulfilled.

During the current display of au-

turn's finery, week end travel records are being established. Sunday the roads were filled literally, with travelers, motel operators couldn't fill the demands for their services, and many went home during the night, who would have been glad to stay over to Monday. And with continued dry weather, and the color holding up well, this week is expected to be another tremendous travel period.

When the good fall weather is done, and the leaves are gone, it will be almost time for the ski slopes to be opened, and it is reasonable to suppose that greater groups of winter sports enthusiasts than ever will come to this section. So we're on the golden edge of a year-round tourist business in these parts, the extent of which we couldn't have visualized a few years ago.

Industrial Progress

The new factory of the Blue Ridge Shoe Company is nearing completion and some of the firm's manufacturing divisions are to begin moving into the new building next week, it is said.

Watauga Citizens committees started out Monday, after a kick-off breakfast, to get subscriptions for the bonds, which need to be made in the co-operative financing plan which was worked out. These securities draw 4½ per cent interest, as explained in the prospectus, are completely secured, and represent a good investment, while at the same time providing funds for a needed industrial expansion. It is expected that Watauga County people, in characteristic fashion, will rally to the call, and that the bonds will be subscribed within a reasonable

length of time.

The shoe factory, which is constructed on Greenway Road on a part of the J. S. Winkler old farm, marks another big step on the part of the community in securing payroll calculated to halt the exodus of local citizens to industrial regions in the north, and also to aid in keeping the qualified youngsters at home when they finish their schooling.

A large number of young men and women are being trained in two buildings on the Street to take their places in active production positions as soon as the big plant opens.

Thus, another firm step has been taken in the community, for the well-being of everyone, which will add tremendously to the economic health of the community.

CARE Food Crusade

The 1963 CARE Food Crusade opened last week with an appeal to Americans to send food gifts that will serve to promote lasting benefits for the world's hungry people.

Goal of the drive is to deliver 6,000,000 food packages, at a contribution cost of \$1 per package, as part of a year-long CARE plan to help feed 35,000,000 people in 33 countries. Foods are mainly U. S. Food for Peace donations of farm abundance. The feeding program is the largest in CARE's 17 years of operation.

While emergency aid will be given as needed, most of the food supplies will be used in programs to help people feed themselves in the future, Frank L. Goffio, CARE executive director, explained. He cited these examples:

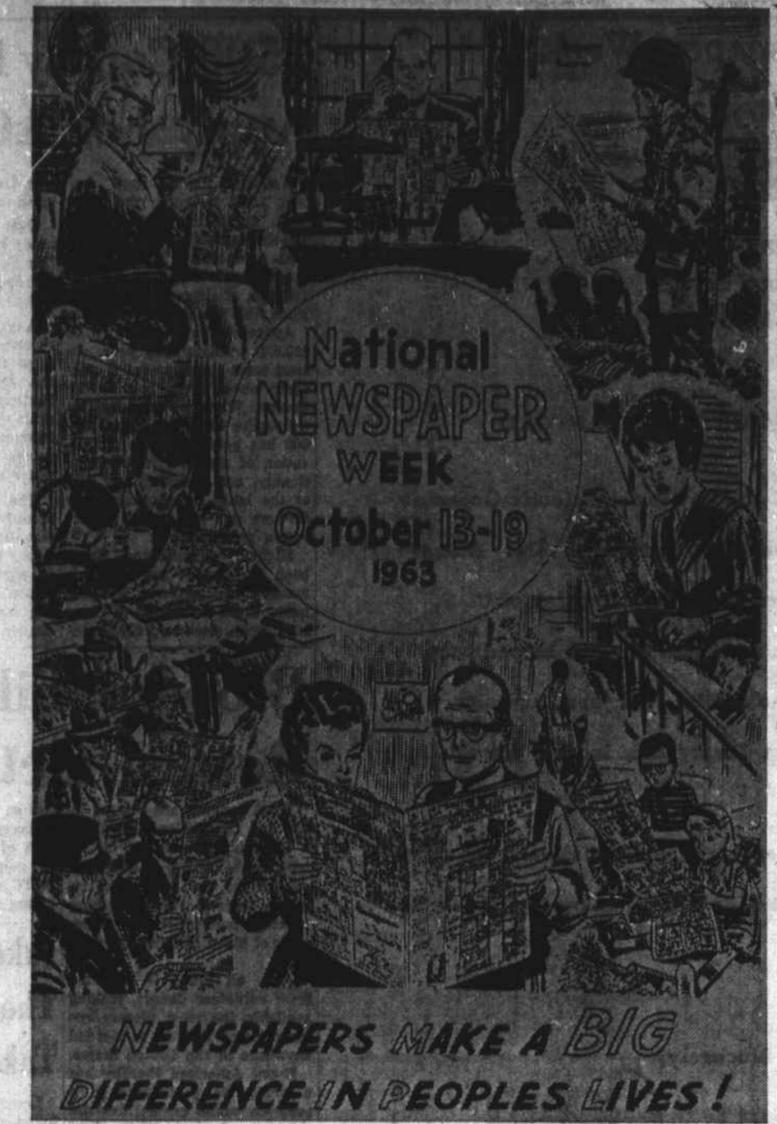
—School breakfast, lunch or milk

programs, to advance the health and education of undernourished children.

—Food as wages for villagers, while they build farm-to-market roads, irrigation systems, fishing boats and similar facilities to increase food production and earnings.

—Food as a stake for refugees resettled on new farmlands, to sustain them until their crops come in, or for unskilled workers while they train for better-paying jobs.

Contributions sent to CARE, 660 First Ave., New York, N. Y. 10016, or its local offices, may be marked for Food Crusade gifts to any of these destinations: Afghanistan, Colombia, Cyprus, Greece, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Korea, Macau, Mexico, Pakistan, Poland, Sierra Leone, Turkey, Vietnam, Yugoslavia.



From Early Democrat Files

Sixty Years Ago

October 15, 1903

Dr. Cottrell tells us that he has two typical cases of Scarlet Fever in the home of Mr. Marion Story at Sands.

W. L. Bryan has been in Caldwell and Wilkes for several days on a business trip.

T. J. Sullivan is now putting the last coat of paint on the residence of John F. Hardin.

The weather continues as fine as can be, and our farmers are making good use of it.

Capt. Lovill raised this year 85 bushels of buckwheat from four bushels sowing.

The demand for houses in Boone is far in excess of the supply.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago

October 16, 1924

Mr. Ira Ayers was operated on for appendicitis at the Banner Elk Hospital Sunday night and is getting on well. His sister underwent a rather serious operation there before he went, and is also improving. Their uncle, Mr. W. R. Gragg and brother, Mr. McKinley Ayers of Boone, have visited them different times since they were taken to the hospital.

Miss Jennie Coffey is preparing for a big improvement on her store property. The building will be widened nine feet, raised another story, the space on the second floor to be used for living rooms which

she will rent for light house-keeping. W. G. Hartzog will do the work and when he is through Miss Coffey will have a modern and sightly building.

The postoffices at Hodges Gap and Horton have been discontinued indefinitely. For the present the mail for both of these will be handled through the Boone postoffices.

Fifteen Years Ago

October 17, 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sapp of Raleigh were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McGuire. Mr. Sapp graduated from the University of N. C. in July and has recently accepted a position with the advertising department of the News and Observer.

Mr. Jim Council, district highway engineer, is a patient at the North Wilkesboro hospital, where he underwent an operation last week. His condition is reported as satisfactory, and he will likely return home within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Teague and daughter, Peggy Joyce, visited last week with relatives in Oak Ridge, Tenn. While away they enjoyed a tour through the Smokey Mountains and spent a day at the Cherokee Indian Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams of Asheville, Mrs. E. S. Coffey, and Mrs. Nell Linney spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Black of Staunton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reece and son, Freddy, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cochrane of Newton, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Moody of Route 2, Chapel Hill, announce the birth of a son, John Richard on October 7, weight 6 lb. 1 oz.

Mrs. Rome Triplett and Miss Ella Daxon of Lenoir visited with Mrs. Frank Estes last week.

Miss Mazie Jean Estes of Mt. Airy spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Jones.

Mrs. Rimmel Porter of Cherryville spent last week end with her sister and mother, Mrs. Nell Linney and Mrs. E. S. Coffey.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley G. Hartzog and son, Gordon, visited Mt. Mitchell National Park last week.

Mrs. Myros H. Wright and little son, Hans, of Mineral, Va., visited Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed G. Farthing, last week.

Misses Unadell and Ernestine Norris spent last week end in Asheville visiting with Miss Jessie Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul DuPre of Mt. Airy were week end visitors with Mrs. DuPre's mother, Mrs. Jennie Critcher.

Just One Thing

By CARL GOERCH

There are times when my wife comes forward with some sound, common-sense advice. Such was the case the other evening when I was bewailing the fact that I was getting worse and worse at remembering names and faces. Here's what she had to say:

"If a stout woman greets you and then censures you for not remembering her, tell her that you failed to recognize her because she has lost so much weight. And if the same thing happens with a skinny woman, tell her that you weren't exactly sure about her identity because she has put on eight and looks so much younger."

Sounds as though it ought to work.

The names of towns in North Carolina are always inquiries to our desk. This week Mrs. G. A. Link of Lenoir writes in and wants to know where the two towns Conover and Maiden, located between Lenoir and Charlotte, got their names.

No one seems to know exactly how Conover got its name. As I recall, however, there's a town in Europe, either in Spain or in Italy, which is known as Conova, and I've heard the name of Conover comes from that.

Maiden was named for the Maiden Iron Forge which was located there many years ago. The iron forge was named for Maiden Creek. At the headquarters of the creek lived two maiden women—old maids in our modern way of expressing things—and they're the ones who gave the name of the creek, to the iron forge and later to the town.

Little tidbit of information you might not have heard: At Salisbury, in the National Soldiers Cemetery, are buried 11,700 federal soldiers who died in Salisbury prison during the

AFTER ANOTHER

Civil War. Among them lies Robert Livingston, a son of David Livingston, whom Stanley sought in Darkest Africa."

Ever wonder what the best-sellers were of a few years back?

We came across an advertisement placed in the Rowan Whig & Western Advocate on June 29, 1855 by the J. H. Emms Book Store there and the following books were listed as the "TOP TEN."

1. Life of P. T. Barnum, written by himself, in one volume.
2. My Courtship and its Consequences, by H. Wikoff, a most interesting book.
3. The Lamp Lighter, or Uncle True & Little Gerty. This is the most original, interesting and entertainingly told tale that has lately appeared!
4. Alone, by Marvin Halland, of Richmond, Va.
5. Fashions & Famine, by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens.
6. May & December, a story of wedded life in two volumes, \$1.75.
7. Nellie Bracken, by Ann Chambers Bradford.
8. Few Nights in a Bar Room and What I Saw There, by T. S. Arthur.
9. Miss Leslie's Lady's House Book, a manual of Domestic Economy.
10. Life of Lafayette by Headley.

One of our friends in Durham posed this little problem the other day:

"You've got a certain number of dollar bills in your pocket, and I've got a certain number of dollar bills in my pocket. If I were to give you one of my dollars, you would have twice as much as I have. On the other hand, if you were to give me one of your dollars, we'd both have the same amount of money. How much money have we got?"

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

Newspaper Week . . . Time Of Reflection

National Newspaper Week, as is the case with anniversaries, and other mileposts, which are generally noted in the business community, is as good a time as any to offer some sort of salute to the press generally—specifically to make some comments as to our own continuing efforts in the small-town newspaper field. . . . It may be, that with our 75th anniversary and all, we have tended to "talk shop" too much lately. . . . This has not been in the sense of beating one's chest or puffing away at one's horn, but in calling attention to the part our home-town newspaper plays in the general scheme of things . . . all in a feeling of humility and of pride in that which has been accomplished along our Street and in our County, and of the part we have been privileged to play in the magnificent cultural and business growth of the area.

MEMBERS OF THREE GENERATIONS have, and are working on the Democrat — through thick and thin, through a series of wars, including the two big ones—through the Cleveland panic and the Hoover depression, in the skimpy days before the first great war; in the imaginative days of the New Deal, the high prosperity of the Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, the Democrat has carried on, as the mirror of the town and the county, whose growth it has paced, along with the college and the farm neighborhoods round about.

WE ARE GRATEFUL that we are carrying on with vigor and purpose, that our product is enjoying mounting acceptance, and that we have been privileged to publish for more years than have most other families in the area. . . . That we have given ourselves completely to the task of newspapering would never be questioned by those who know us best. . . . The tremendous number of people who weekly express their approval and support of their local newspaper have been a source of pride to us, and have gently prodded us to even greater efforts in our continuing purpose to produce at all times a newspaper of quality, dignity and of value to the people, and to our circulation area.

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"Country" Newspapers

The journals which have been historically known as "country" newspapers (since most of us had our roots in villages of a couple of hundred or so) now number some 9,000, down about three thousand from their high peak, and are the weeklies and small dailies published in the vast network of rural, urban, and suburban communities of 25,000 and less, and which serve some 99,000,000 citizens, or more than one-half the population of the nation. . . . These people have an annual income of well over \$157 billion and account for more than 40 per cent of the country's total retail sales. . . . So vital to everyday living are the better hometown newspapers that they have become cherished members of the family circle. . . . We are doubly appreciative of the many readers who come by to renew, or to buy a copy at the counter, with the words "we couldn't do without it, it has been in our home always . . . we love it." . . . And such words carry away the cares of the long day, and put a new spring in the steps of the boss and others of the staff. . . . Of such intangibles are woven the fabric of content and of business progress and of well-being.

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How We've Seen It

We haven't, as used to be the common thing, attempted to run the town and county . . . or to tell the folks what they should think or do, but have reflected the news and the aims and the purposes of our citizens, and struggled with the needs of our people, as we moved along together to a better and more fiscally fruitful society. . . . We have been treated well and fairly by the fine people whom we love and serve, have enjoyed reasonable success—and have supported every civic, industrial, religious and educational effort, to some financial degree, plowing back into the newspaper and into the institutions of the county the products of our toil. . . . We shall continue to move forward in serving the people of Boone and Watauga county, as your oldest business enterprise.

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Good Wishes
During National Newspaper

Week, we greet you, our good friends, and those whose friendship we covet. . . . We are continuing to expand, and to add new people to our payroll, to further enhance the well being of all. . . . All of here at the Democrat thank you for your graciousness to us through the long years, and for your goodwill and for your patronage. . . . We shall look forward to serving you in the years ahead, and shall wish for all of you the best, as we move along together for the well-being of the area and of our people.

Uncle Pinkney

HIS PALAVERIN'S

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I see by the papers where Senator Symington has popped a question to the Defense Department that calls for an answer. I ain't expecting him to git no answer and I reckon he didn't figger on getting one when he ask it. But it's mighty comforting fer the taxpayers back home to know a U. S. Senator can still inquire about such matters without somebody throwing him out of the meeting.

It has been hung out that the United States has now got stockpiled what is equal to 5 tons of TNB fer ever human being on earth. This comes to around 15 billion tons. Senator Symington says we got enough nuclear bombs to wipe out 2,000 cities of 100,000 population and wipe out not onct but 125 times. He says we've got the bombs in storage to destroy ever city of any size on earth 125 times.

Now what Senator Symington wants to know is why we keep spending \$2 billion a year to stockpile more and more bombs. It has been hinted by some folks in Washington, brave enough to hint about such matters, that the big reason is the uranium mines has got one of the most powerful lobby organizations ever to operate in the Congress.

As a general rule, Mister Editor, I don't go around with murder in my heart, but I might be willing to help pay fer killing everybody on earth onct, but I'm agin spending \$2 billion a year to kill everybody 125 times. Fer all practical purposes, when a feler is dead onct, he is dead. It looks like our standard stockpiling procedures calls fer multiplying our needs by 125 and putting it in the warehouse. And Senator Symington ain't going to come no closer gitting an answer to his question than Senator Williams did a year ago when he ask what we was doing with that \$9 million worth of Chinese feathers we was keeping in storage.

Outside of this question by Senator Symington, they ain't been much in the papers this week to git a feller shook up up any more than usual. They was a couple little items I aim to put on the agenda at the 'country store Saturday night. Fer instant, I was reading where a milkman in England was listed official in Government records as a "Bovine Produce Distributor." I'm shore the fellers will have some comment to make on that one.

And I was reading where them Americans that climbed to the top of Mt. Everest reported they found a breed of lamb on the side of the mountain that could run 30 miles a hour. I was just thinking, Mister Editor, that in this day and age it would take a lamb with that speed to keep close enough to Mary to go over-where that Mary went.

Yours truly,
UNCLE PINKNEY.