

# Letters To The Editor

## Students Say Young, Old, Carry On For Late President

Mr. Rivers:  
On a cold January Inauguration Day, the government of a great nation passed into the hands of a generation of young Americans, who were proud to be able to defend and help make their great American Heritage. I am one of those young Americans proud to live in a great nation.

Then, on a Dallas street, November 22, another hate-filled young American killed the youngest president the nation ever had. As we, the young and the old, submit humbly to the will of Almighty God, let us remember that as we all share the guilt it was one person that took the law in his own hands and killed again.

Can we ever forget the manner in which our government acted after the President's death? The men elected to do so took over, there were no street riots, no military power rising up to take over. We were a people saddened in utter disbelief that this happened in America.

I had seen President Kennedy for the first time Monday, November 18, 1963. The people at Miami International Airport were so proud to be able to "Hail the Chief" and hear a promise for a long speech next year which was to be broken on a Dallas street.

We saw the people here mourn: Catholics, Jews, Protestants, the old and the young. We saw the Cuban population place flowers at the Torch of Friendship, which contains the seals of many nations.

Now we should vow and pray to God to remove from our hearts the sparks of hatred that can grow and cause the death of a killer, a president and even a nation, and to guide our new leaders so our great ship of state can sail on. Premier Khrushchev has said we will bury you, as his wife's tears were evidence, a part of the world was buried yesterday.

We, the young as well as the old, will carry on the image of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, a man who wanted to be known as a president who not only prevented war but won the peace. So he will not have died in vain, and this nation or no nation under God shall not perish from the earth.

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November 26, 1963

## Reading Classes At School Are Pleased

Dear Mr. Rivers:  
Our five reading classes at Appalachian High School are thoroughly enjoying the Watauga Democrats which you are sending to us. Every Wednesday, we are the first people in Watauga County to read our county's news, thanks to you! We are paying particular attention to the editorials, and the news pertaining to the schools in our county. Thank you again from over a hundred pupils in the reading classes.

Sincerely yours,  
Bonnie Teague  
Appalachian High School  
Boone, N. C.  
Nov. 22, 1963

## Says Democrat Fair; Lauds Ethics, Decency

Dear Mr. Editor:  
To the best of my knowledge your paper always has been a clean, fair-minded publication free of any attempts to excite the hatred of any one group against another. You merit high praise and congratulations.

Many Americans are beginning to feel that freedom of speech in this country is too often exercised unwisely and viciously. So long as a person confines himself to words instead of lethal bullets he may snipe at any individual elected to high office and it is accepted with complacency, although it may be morally wrong and hurtful to the entire nation. It is to be hoped that these crude, unethical and detestable practices will be tabooed. There is no place in decent society for one who speaks or writes with no aim at constructive criticism, but merely to fan the destructive flames of hate.

There is such a thing as ethics and decency in politics as exemplified by Dwight D. Eisenhower, Richard M. Nixon, Adlai Stevenson and men of that calibre. While they are leaders in the forces of opposition they do not stoop to the vilification of an opponent. They do not speak with disrespect, or strive to engender malice and hatred. They do not instill fear in the minds of citizens, or try to exaggerate false ideas. They do not warp the truth.

This is not the practice of those of small calibre, who indulge in words that inspire irresponsible persons to false words, wrong attitudes and sometimes criminal action. Too many of our small calibre political orators and writers confuse disrespectful remarks and defamatory comments with sensible constructive criticism. Their words are no less detestable than the action of cranks who cast rotten eggs, or spit upon persons who hold, or aspire to hold, high office, where crucial

decisions must be made. Word-aniping, spitting and casting rotten eggs belong to the law of the jungle. But we still have many human jackals who breed packs and seek garbage for nutrition and support.

We have no taut to find with free speech, or a free press, if employed with wisdom, truthfulness and dignity. But there is great need of discretion and decency. There is need of higher standards of ethics in politics and less disgusting, defamatory matter such as was published in the Dallas papers and other papers shortly before the assassination of the late President of the United States. The despicable verbal sniping at such men in high office is an evil that right thinking, fair-minded citizens, should not only frown upon, but openly rebel against with fortitude and determination.

Alfred Mordecai  
Winston-Salem and Blowing Rock.

## November Time Of Memorable Dates

Dear Editor:

Dates to be remembered in November: Will Rogers born November 4, 1879; John Philip Sousa born November 6, 1854; Harrison fought battle of Tippecanoe Nov. 7, 1811; Montana entered union Nov. 8, 1889; the great Boston fire November 9, 1872; U. S. Marine Corps founded Nov. 10, 1775; Veterans' Day Nov. 8, 1954; Robert Louis Stevenson born Nov. 13, 1850; first horse drawn street car in N. Y. Nov. 14, 1831; Pike's Peak discovered by Zebulon Pike November 15, 1806; United States recognized USSR Nov. 16, 1933; Congress held first session in Capitol building Nov. 17, 1800; United States adopted standard time Nov. 18, 1883; Lincoln's Gettysburg address Nov. 19, 1863; North Carolina entered Union Nov. 21, 1789; President Franklin Pierce born Nov. 23, 1804;

President Zachary Taylor born Nov. 24, 1784; Army War College established Nov. 27, 1901. Thanksgiving day for all our blessings Nov. 28; President John Fitzgerald Kennedy assassinated Nov. 22, 1963, making four of our presidents who have been assassinated while in office. Lincoln being first, assassinated April 15, 1865; John A. Garfield, Sept. 19, 1881; William McKinley Sept. 6, 1901; then our youngest president ever elected and also the youngest to die. John F. Kennedy, Nov. 22, 1963. Because of his youth and social and financial background, he had so much to live for, not to mention his lovely family. This date will go down in history as the saddest event ever recorded.

We truly hope that the guilty party who committed this dastardly crime will most swiftly be brought to justice.

Yours,  
J. C. Church  
72 Johnson Ave.  
Uniontown, Pa.  
November 23, 1963

## Col. Shook Pleased At Airport Prospects

Dear Mr. Rivers:

It was a pleasure for me to read in your paper the plans for a joint Boone-Blowing Rock Airport. Being a native of Watauga County, I have long been interested in the establishment of an airport to serve the Boone area.

The establishment of an airport near Boone will help the community attract both tourists and business. The proposed size of the airport runway, 4600x200 feet, will accommodate up to and including the DC-3 type aircraft.

Consideration should be given to providing cars for rent. I am sure you will have a large charter business.

Again, my congratulations to the Watauga Democrat and the many far-sighted persons behind this important project.

# Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER  
(N. C. State College)

The miracle of blooming plants at Christmastime is wrought by your commercial flower grower and your florist, who carefully bring a great variety of plants into bloom for you—cyclamen, azalea, poinsettia, chrysanthemum, begonia and many others.

As gifts, flowering plants are perfect. As business gifts they are colorful and long-lasting. As gifts for family and friends, they express your holiday message with feeling and meaning. As hospital gifts, they always give the patient a lift he or she will not soon forget. Whatever you do, don't forget the shut-ins.

As decorations, flowering plants add a little something special to Christmas festivities. Use a single plant most anywhere in the house. If you have a stairway, place a plant on each of the three lower steps as a friendly welcome to entering guests. Group several on a tray for a focal point. Add one or two to a collection of green plants for a splash of color.

A handsome holly arrangement around a candelabrum with red candles will be an eye-catcher on the mantle. This same idea will look pretty on a chest top or buffet setting. Try a wreath of green and cones around a wall clock. Or use the wreath alone over the mantle, on a wall, door, or hang in a window.

Bouquets of bright red carnations will add a festive touch to table tops. Mass some Christmas greens in large containers to add touches of greenery

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19 November, 1963

throughout the house. Decorate banisters with swags of evergreens. Attach cones or balls or ribbons for a real flashy touch. Frame the front door with garlands of greens across the top and down the sides. Place cone clusters on the corners.

For a dramatic and timely centerpiece, arrange several cut poinsettia blooms with greens in a shallow bowl. Or, if you would rather, ring the bases of bright Christmas candles with holly and greens. Put three or more down the center of the table. A holly wreath might be placed on the back of each chair with place cards attached to the tops of the wreaths.

## Thieves Take \$650 From Local Grocery Store

Boone police are still investigating a break-in which occurred at Thrift Food Center on East King Street last Monday night, in which thieves got away with about \$650 in cash.

The thieves apparently entered through the rear door, breaking the lock, and took the money from the cash register. Nothing else in the store, as far as could be ascertained, was touched.

## GOLDWATER'S SUPPORTERS

Senator Goldwater said he will not call off supporters' efforts to enter Presidential nomination delegates in the April 28 Pennsylvania primary.

Goldwater hasn't made any announcement of his intention of seeking the party's 1964 Presidential nomination and said he could not control his supporters.

# About Your Home

We are told that often the things we did not accomplish take more out of you than the things we did. It is possible that doing, not too much but too little, can cause collapsing fatigue at the end of an ordinary day.

For example, you plan a project and hope to get it done but never get around to it. The incidental activities that took its place can make you very weary. There is a very important and necessary feeling that comes with attaining private daily goals.

Have you ever noticed how the days get away from you when you put your list of stimulating and necessary extras at the bottom of your desk drawer. Don't let this happen, as it is the kind of frustration that wears you out. This is a very easy trap for the housewife to fall into. It takes all the pleasure out of home-making.

Try making a list of the activities around the house that you would feel proud to be doing. Assign to each day one of these projects or a part of it. It is sometimes necessary to take a long-range view of cer-

tain projects. Learn to be happy if you are working toward a goal. It may be a beautiful yard, an attractively decorated home or the ability to sew with skill.

Take into account your minimum daily requirements in housekeeping, and add to these necessary basic activities something you really have been "wanting to do." Give this firm precedence over any incidentals.

One of the most valuable lessons you can learn is to plan your day instead of letting your day plan you.

## Burley Sales

(Continued from page one) price support loan program in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Missouri, had taken in an average of 36 per cent of sales.

The Virginia Burley Tobacco Growers Association had taken in from 40 to 45 per cent of sales. The Burley Stabilization Corp. which administers the Tennessee and North Carolina programs, had taken in more than 12 per cent.

## Telephone Talk

by  
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Your Telephone Manager



THE BELL SYSTEM IN DISNEYLAND! This fascinating combination is open seven days a week to visitors at Walt Disney's famous showplace in Southern California. "America the Beautiful" is a 15-minute Walt Disney movie that provides a scenic tour of the U. S. from California to New York. The movie is shown in the Circarama Theater where 11 projectors are synchronized to show a full circle picture that literally surrounds the viewers! At the entrance to the theater is a Bell exhibit entitled "Family Jones and Their Telephone," a history of the telephone since its invention in 1876. If you plan to go to California . . . don't miss Disneyland and the Bell Telephone exhibit!

WELL, DOGGONE! There's a new and practical fashion for lost pups . . . a tag in the form of a locket that opens to reveal the pooch's name, address and phone number. And there's room for a dime to telephone the owners and report the whereabouts of the lost pet. Next time your phone rings, if it's a dog calling don't hang up. He may be yours.



TELEPHONE FIRST! Whatever you're planning . . . a trip, a party, a visit with friends . . . it's a good idea to begin with a phone call. Making advance plans, letting folks know your arrival time, discussing party arrangements . . . they're the considerate way to handle things. And so quick, so easy, so efficient—by telephone!

THIS WILL BE A VERY SPECIAL THANKSGIVING. The world has come a bit closer to the goal of universal peace. Each year America reaches new levels of prosperity. Space miracles crowd the skies . . . and the headlines. While thanks for many blessings are being said all over our country, your friends at Southern Bell join in wishing you and your family a happy, bountiful Thanksgiving Day.

# Notice Town of Boone Taxpayers

Pay Your 1963 Taxes In December For Income Tax Deduction

Pay In January To Avoid Additional Cost

A penalty of 1% will be added to 1962 taxes on February 2, as provided by law. Prompt payment will save you money.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Town of Boone

H. G. THOMAS, Tax Collector

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