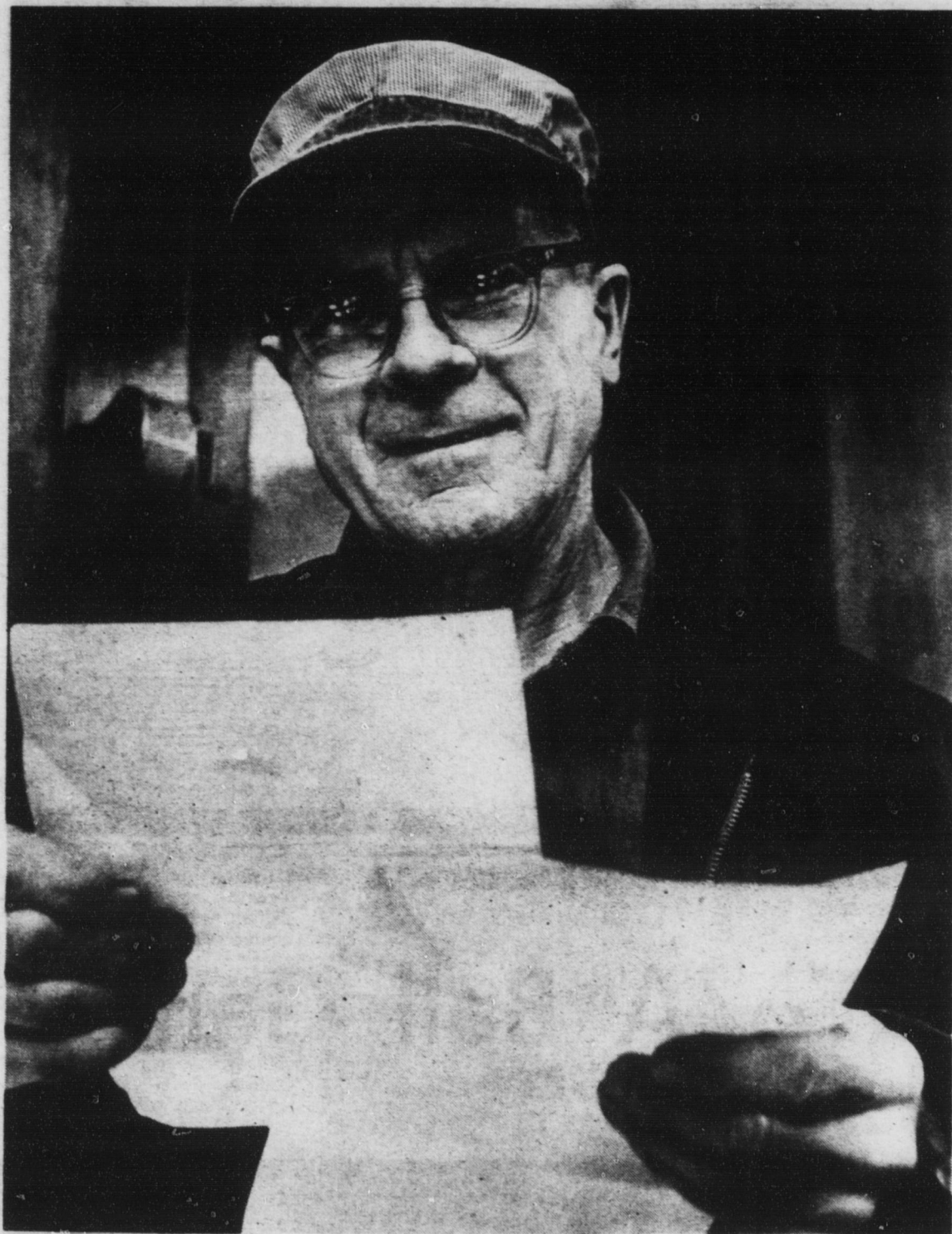


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C. H. Wetmore

53 Years On Staff

Mr. C. H. Wetmore, Woodleaf Correspondent, has been writing the "Woodleaf News" for the Journal for the past 53 years.

"It all started when I was about 12 years old", said Mr. Wetmore. A big smile came over his face as he continued, "I wrote a letter to Santa Claus and the late Mr. Sell printed it in the paper. He told me to keep on writing and he would send me the Journal free."

Mr. Wetmore, "Hebo" as he is known to his many friends, was raised on a large farm in Woodleaf. As a boy, he would accompany his mother to Cooleemee to sell produce to the local grocery stores.

He says he doesn't have much of a garden now - only one and one-half acres.

At the age of 17, Mr. Wetmore worked in the old Drug Store. "I was Dr. Hoyle's chief soda jerk", he laughed. He also worked a while for Erwin Mills before finding a home with Southern Railway where he was employed for over 48 years. He retired from the railroad two years ago, but still enjoys traveling by train.

Mr. Wetmore is married to the former Leitha Peeler of near Granite Quarry and will soon be celebrating their 43rd anniversary. They have six children and nine grandchildren.

GOP Women Meet

The Davie County Republican Women will hold their regular meeting on January 27, at the Court House in Mocksville at 7:30 p.m.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens Club will hold their regularly scheduled meeting Monday, January 27, at 10 a.m. at the Cooleemee Recreation Center.

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Journal Puts Cooleemee On Newspaper Map

The pictures of the Cooleemee Senior Citizens Club, taken by Photographer James Barringer, were judged the best feature pictures published in a weekly newspaper in North Carolina last year.

Barringer took the pictures at a costume ball, and the Journal used three pages of pictures. One page showed the King and Queen of the Valentine's Party, the second page showed the happy expressions of the club members and asked the question, "What in the World is So Funny?" The next page showed Senior Citizens' men dressed as women.

Said the judge: "What in the World is So Funny?" was a feature that is bound to make the reader join in the fun.... The pictures were just plain human interest, unposed and provocative. The Cooleemee Journal did a fine job."

USE OF PICTURES

The Journal had to enter several editions of the paper to compete in the best-use of pictures category and all papers were judged on the overall use of pictures in the several issues.

Said the judge in selecting The Journal as best in the state for its use of pictures:

"The Cooleemee Journal used a variety of subjects and poses at different angles to do an outstanding job. They did not hesitate to blow up pictures where recommended for better usage. Pictures in the Journal helped the paper achieve an excellence that most papers in such small towns cannot achieve because of the lack of straight news"

BIG CELEBRATION

The Journal crew - Hayden and Marlene Benson, Gerry and Jim Hurley, Barbara and Jim Barringer and Haden Hurley - went to Chapel Hill and had a ball.

The Journal suite was directly across the hall from the Charlotte Observer suite and we rubbed elbows with all of their well known writers and even the owner, Jim Knight. We couldn't help but get in a few digs that the Cooleemee Journal won more awards than the prestigious Observer.

The Observer managing editor said his writers must have gone through '68 writing like the Baltimore Colts played on Super Bowl Day. And the way Marlene talked up Cooleemee and the Journal, you'd have to figure her for Joe Namath's sister.

Just for good measure, "Mole" Spry came over to help us celebrate. What Marlene may have forgotten to tell about Cooleemee, Mole let 'em hear it.

Winners of the North Carolina Press Association's 1968 awards for excellence were:

OVER 20,000

Editorials - Wallace Carroll, Winston-Salem Journal.
Feature Writing - Sally Smith, Charlotte News.
News Reporting - Bill Williams, Gastonia Gazette.
Sporting Reporting - Bill Ballenger, Charlotte News.
Sports Features - Bill

Ballenger, Charlotte News.
Feature Pictures - Don Hunter, Charlotte News.
News Pictures - James P. Barringer, Salisbury Post

UNDER 20,000

Editorials - Roy Proctor, Thomasville Times.
Feature Writing - Helen Arthur, Concord Tribune.
News Reporting - Joan Graves, Goldsboro News-Argus.
Sporting Reporting - Durward Buck, Morganton News-Herald.
Sports Features - Eugene Price, Goldsboro News-Argus.
Feature Pictures - Woody Peele, Greenville Daily-Reflector.
News Pictures - Charles Sauls, Richmond Daily Journal.

WEEKLIES

Best News - Bertie Ledger, Advance.
News Coverage - Eden News.
Feature Writing - Transylvania Times.
Editorials - Havelock Progress.
Best Column - Tom Boney, Alamance News.
Best Feature Pictures - Cooleemee Journal.
Best Use of Pictures - Cooleemee Journal.
Best Advertising - Watauga Democrat.
General Excellence - Watauga Democrat.

SEMI-WEEKLIES

Best News Story - Chapel Hill Weekly.
News Coverage - Stanly News & Press.
Feature Writing - Fred Morgan, Stanly News & Press.
Best Column - Charles Deal, Newton Observer.
Feature Pictures - Waynesville Mountaineer.
Use of Pictures - Chapel Hill Weekly.
Best Advertising - Morehead City Times-News.
General Excellence - Smithfield Herald.

Holy Cross Youth Sunday

The Holy Cross Lutheran Church will observe Youth Sunday on Sunday, January 26, at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Special recognition will be given to the young people as they serve the congregation in special areas. The sermon entitled "Youth In Action" will emphasize the importance of young people participating in the life and work of the church.

'Stone' Opens On Saturday

The Stone Coffee House at Cooleemee Methodist Church will be open Saturday night.

Miss Easley, Davie County librarian, will play the guitar and sing and the Rev. Ralph Eanes, formerly of Oak Grove Methodist Church, will be the guest speaker.

The Stone is open from 7 to 11 p.m.