

The Foothills View

"We See It Your Way"

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Measurement Man: Roy Green

Among the three thousand spectators at last Saturday's Gardner-Webb College football game, one was singled out at halftime for appreciation by the college for over four decades' service carrying the measurement chain at G-W games — an honor that would never have come to Roy Green if he had been able to see over some shoulders forty years ago.

"They started playing up here on this rocky knoll, over by the college," he remembers now. "I was so short I couldn't see over the crowd. I started carrying the chain so I could see the ball game."

Roy Green was a young man then. The team was too poor in those Depression days to buy a bus, so he and some of the other townsmen drove the team to out-of-town games

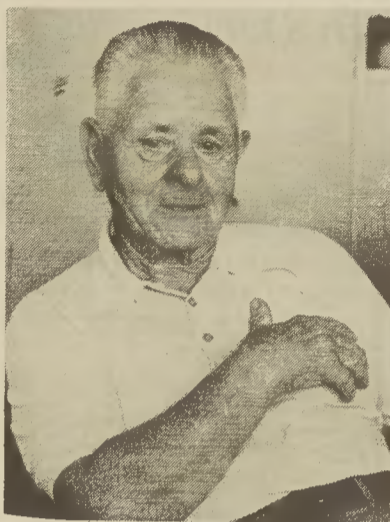
in any vehicle at their disposal. "I hauled 'em around in a '28 Chevrolet," he says, noting, "Now, it wasn't new — it had a little age on it."

But it rattled off to Mars Hill and Belmont Abbey and anywhere there was a game. Once it brought them home from Rutherford College in a foggy winter storm so thick the road and ditch looked all the same. "I had to steer by gee and haw," the driver remembers fondly.

"I had the privilege of visiting about every junior college in the country," Roy says. "We even played Gaffney High School. They beat us about every time."

A college man only by sympathy, Roy Green had dropped out of school in the eighth grade to go to work. "I just had to have a job," he says; "I had to help my mother."

He went to work at Cleveland Sandwich Company in 1927, for \$3 a week. Now almost 70, he's



sales manager and drives a delivery route, where old friends in stores as far away as Asheville look forward to the arrival of "Shorty" and his wares.

"I love my job, always have," Roy says. "I'm on my third generation here. I worked for Mr. B.G. Beason and Jim Beason and now I'm working for Jimmy. I just get up every morning thanking God I'm able to go. And I go to bed thanking him."

Five years a widower,

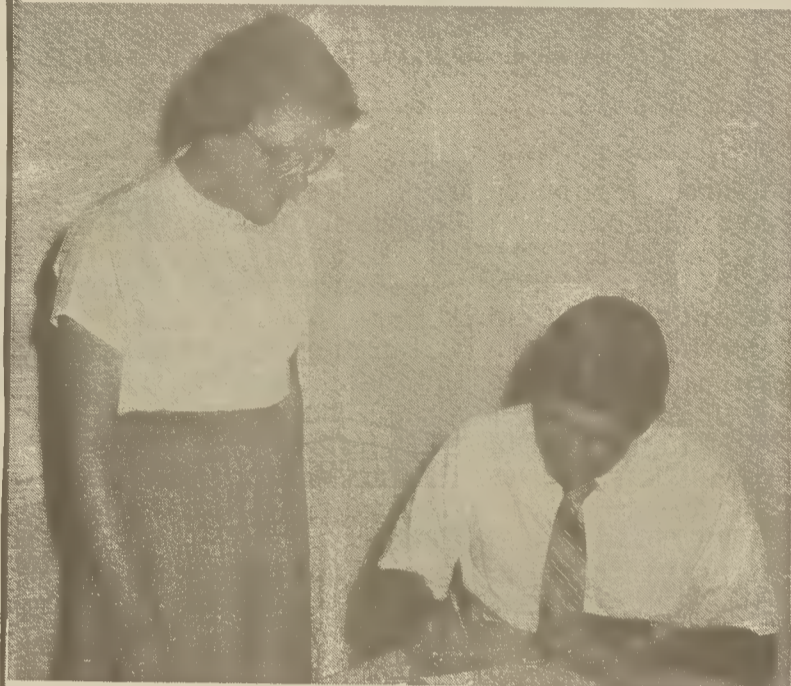
now, he's taught Sunday School and shepherded Boy Scouts and raised five children, four of whom still live near enough to come home nearly every Sunday. "If you come down by the house, down beyond the (Boiling Springs) Baptist Church on a Sunday you'll see 'em there. I cook 'em an old biscuit," he says modestly.

And he has never quit rooting for the Bulldogs, though several years ago the doctor took Roy and his chain off the field. Now he sits in the bleachers, as an honorary member of the Bulldog Club.

Last Saturday Green reflected on this honor. "I don't know why they're doing this for me," he said quietly. "It wasn't only me doing it; it was Bud McSwain and Mackie Hamrick, Mac Greene, Laddie Joe Winn, I can't name 'em all now."

"I was the one that got the pleasure out of it. I've had my reward."

Constitutional



Boiling Springs Mayor Jimmie Greene this week signed a proclamation declaring Sept. 17 through 23 as Constitution Week. Betty Hamrick, chairperson of the Constitution Week Committee, watches as Greene signs.

Three Bring Home Honors

A Crest Senior High School student and a Shelby Senior High student have received recognition as national semifinalists in competition for the National Merit Scholarship.

Rebecca Loen Proctor, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Proctor of Shelby, has received medals in biology, geometry, chemistry, and advanced English at Crest High.

She is the editor of the school annual, a participant in the Presidential Classroom, and has served in a number of clubs and school organizations.

Rebecca is a member of Poplar Springs Baptist Church and plans to pursue a master's degree in

biology from Wake Forest University.

Nathan Gilliatt, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Lee Gilliatt, Jr., of Shelby, was also a national merit semifinalist.

Gilliatt is state president of the National Honor Society, a member of the Beta Club, variety soccer team, and the Young Life Club.

William Scott Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jones of Shelby was a district finalist in the Optimist Oratorical Contest.

His activities at Shelby Senior High include chief photographer for the annual staff, membership in the Beta Club, and Octagon Club.

Don't Harvest An Accident

President Reagan signed a proclamation making September 19-25 for the nationwide emphasis on farm safety activities. The 1982 theme is, "Make It A Safe Harvest".

Farm work accidents resulted in approximately 1,900 deaths and 190,000 disabling injuries in 1981. This is a reduction of about 5 percent from 1980 figures and 11

percent less than 1971.

Even with this reduction, agriculture still remains among the higher-rate industries for accidents.

Difficult jobs and adverse conditions are a part of farming, but this should not be used as an excuse for poor safety performance. Accidents can be reduced by simple safety measures.

Many accidents occur during harvest time. Following instructions in the operator's manual is a good place to start in preventing accidents.

Unshielded moving parts on equipment sets the stage for catching loose clothing. Most harvesttime amputation injuries are due to trying to unclog a machine by hand while it is running.

Maintaining alertness and reducing fatigue is a safety measure often ignored in the heat of harvesting. Work breaks and proper rest are important to safety.

Cleveland County producers who grow wheat, oats, and barley should become aware and up-to-date concerning varieties.

In recent tests in Cleveland County, certain wheat varieties have

outyielded certain others by nearly 50 percent. Data is also available of variety performance for oats and barley.

Variety selection is perhaps more important than any other grain crop. Mildew and rust diseases are constantly adapting to affect previously resistant varieties of wheat.



A sure sign of the fall season is this scene at Pumpkin Center, N.C. Jack o' Lantern and pumpkin pie lovers will find a large supply but a little smaller size at the tourist center near Chimney Rock.

Take A Bike

The first Cleveland County Humane Society bike-athon will hit the pedals this Saturday at 9 a.m., according to Boiling Springs chairperson Susan Parker.

According to Parker, the bikers, who will raise money for the society by having their mileage matched by donations, will begin at Carter Chevrolet and Shelby City Park. The course will be 8.9 miles. Water will be supplied at checkpoints.

Entry forms may be obtained from Shelby City Park, the Schwinn Shop, Cleveland Memorial Library, or by calling 482-3307.

The Gas House Gang



Five of "the regulars" at the town's not-so-serious business. From left: Bob Beason, Pete White, Charles Hamrick, Johnnie Blanton, and Bill Little.

(Photo courtesy Garland Davis)