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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.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1952.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Says Watauga Democrat Constantly On Side Of People

Dear Bob:
I am writing you concerning the paper which you edit and to tell you something that I have felt for a long time but which I have never put into words.

I sincerely feel that your paper has done much to improve our small community. I feel that you have constantly been on the side of the people and that you are to be congratulated on the fine work you are doing.

What prompted me to finally write this letter was the fine editorial which you had in the paper this week concerning the "Swimming Hole." Reading your article made me feel very good to know that you and many others are genuinely interested in the welfare of the young people of our community. I am not so old myself but that I would like to take a swim occasionally if we had a swimming pool.

Again I say, congratulations and more power to you in your fine paper.

Sincerely yours,
HERBERT WEY

Visitor To City Grateful For Aid Tendered At Horn

Dear Editor:
While in your fair city Saturday night, August 2, attending the drama, "Horn in the West," I became ill and had to be taken from the theatre. And by the time we reached the top steps several ushers and patrolmen were there to assist my husband in getting me out of the crowd, and doing everything possible to make me comfortable. And the nurse whose name I believe was Mrs. McDaniel, was most kind and courteous, and stood by until I was able to return to my seat.

My husband and I shall always be grateful to all those wonderful people for their kindness to us in a time of need.

Boone has always been my favorite mountain city, and I am sure will always remain so.

Yours truly,
MRS. J. FRANK SHUFORD
Lincolnton, N. C.

Wilcox Thanks Those Who Helped Provide Editors' Picnic

Dear Mr. Rivers:
I wish to express to The Watauga Democrat and everyone who had anything to do in connection with our wonderful Press Picnic, my personal thanks. There has been no end to nice letters and editorials from all over the State in response to this fine deed of kindness. Without the fine assistance of the ladies and men who spared nothing to make these people welcome, it could not have been so successful. A big thanks.
HERMAN W. WILCOX

BORROWED COMMENT

(Winston-Salem Journal)
"Dull week—no convention," said a man on the hot streets of Winston-Salem the other day. "Yeah," said his companion, yawning. "Dull week."
It's just possible that many viewers and listeners missed almost as much sleep as did the delegates to the Democratic and Republican convention in Chicago last month. And it's just possible that the show was better before a TV screen than it was on the floor of the International Amphitheatre.

From the seats of the delegates and the alternates—as from the pressbox—it was impossible to see perhaps more than one-tenth of the proceedings (the speaker, one's close neighbors), and in the almost continuous noise, it was often impossible to hear anything at all. But the ubiquity of TV and radio carried the home audience to the heart of things—into caucusing delegations, into the roll calls, up on the rostrum, backstage, into the corridors and rooms of the amphitheatre.

Thus the broadcasters, in one sense, may have labored too well. They may have made the conventions better shows than they actually were. Within themselves they were often dramatic and gripping, but there were also long periods of dead dullness. During such times the participants and spectators in the hall had to sit there and take it. But TV and radio established such mobility that they could wander at will, selecting the unique or the dramatic to fill the hours of inaudible oratory or weary waiting. So many a delegate or spectator returned home and was surprised when his friends said, "I saw you on television."

But whatever distortion there was is small price indeed to pay for the tremendous public interest generated in the oratory, the adoption of a platform, the voting, the nomination of candidates. The period after the excitement and long hours of the two conventions may now seem dull, but the interest is there, and it is likely to continue. The result, one can hope, will be a record vote in November. The delegates were going about our business in Chicago, and it'll be our business to finish their work for them on election day.

THEY SAY . . .

HARLAND CLEVELAND, assistant Director for Europe of the Mutual Security Agency: "United States military and economic aid to Europe must continue indefinitely unless present world conditions change substantially."

AVERELL HARRIMAN, candidate for Democratic presidential nomination: "Anybody who proposes to cut taxes this year is either ignorant or dishonest."

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, candidate for Republican presidential nomination: "Every individual who looks forward instead of backward is young in spirit."

DR. H. PULLAR-STRECKER, Superintendent, British mental hospital: "She (woman) may have less need to fly to alcohol since she is the stronger sex."

JOHN STIENBECK, author, writing to Ezio Taddai, a Communist writer in Italy: "The germs that the United Nations are dropping in Korea are little pamphlets. These contain the most dangerous and communicable germs in the world: the truth."

Winkler Is Given Post On Highway Safety Group

W. R. Winkler, Winkler Motor Company, has been named to serve on the Highway Safety Committee of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, it was revealed last week by T. A. Williams, Greensboro, chairman of the committee.

In making the announcement, Williams pointed out that Mr. Winkler will represent the dealers in Watauga county in the planning and promotion of a program designed to increase highway safety.

At their recent convention, the members of the dealer association unanimously adopted two resolutions, relative to highway safety, which were presented by the safety committee. They endorsed a State financed driver-training program in the high schools, with cars to be furnished by the dealers. At the present time, a number of North Carolina dealers do lend new cars without cost to the schools. The assembled dealers also went on record as favoring a workable vehicle inspection law.

Chairman Williams indicated his pleasure at Mr. Winkler's acceptance of this appointment and expressed the hope that his committee, working with other new car and truck dealers and the people of North Carolina, will be able to provide some answer to the problem of increasing highway accidents.

Greene To Aid Congress Race

Clyde R. Greene, of Boone, and Republican leader in the State, last week was chosen to serve on the state campaign committee to work for the election of Republican candidates to office in the November election. Mr. Greene was a delegate to the recent National Republican convention in Chicago.

KING STREET

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HAD TO COME

We had a feeling that there would be some smart crack following our endorsement of the "Horn in the West" information booth down twixt the Bank and Joe Todd's, and sure enough the wise one sidled up, and agreed and suggested: "You're right, it's a good thing, and adds a lot to the convenience of the visitors to the city, but everytime I view it from the east or west I am always reminded that a set of crecents used to always embellish buildings of such a size . . . It's the finishing touch, you know."

Cuban inventor gets patent for clock that talks.

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Windy Gap News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller of Cardview, Tenn., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Harmon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Poul Trivett of Indiana spent last week visiting Mr. Trivett's father, Uncle Joe Trivett.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon of Cambridge, Mass., are visiting home folks here.

Miss Edith Lee Harmon is on the sick list.

Miss Ella May Harmon and Viola Harmon are visiting friends at Banner Elk.

Mrs. Eloise Holloway of Johnson City, Tenn., spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Edmisten.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Edmisten have returned to Cleveland, Ohio, after spending a two-weeks vacation with home folks here.

Mrs. Ollie Presnell has returned to her home here after spending several months in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hagaman of Michigan are at home on a short vacation.

Masonic Meeting

Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. and A. M., will hold regular stated communication Friday night. Work in the 3rd degree will be administered.

VFW Meeting

Watauga Mountaineer Post No. 7031 will hold its regular meeting Thursday night at 8:00 o'clock. All members and eligible members are urged to attend.

Forty-two per cent of North Carolina's total corn acreage was planted with hybrid seed in 1952, as compared with 38 per cent in 1951.

"Paul Said to Mr. Ed:"



Customer: "Are you sure that stuff will grow hair?"
Barber: "Am I sure—do you see that hair brush? Until some of this hair grower got spilled on it last week, it was just a ping-pong paddle."

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| SUNDAY—AUGUST 17 Night And The City with Richard Widmark Gene Tierney ADDED: CARTOON | Monday and Tuesday August 18 and 19 When I Grow Up with Robert Preston Bobby Driscoll ADDED: CARTOON |

The Saucers

After five years of varying reports on flying saucers, the air force says it's still checking into these tales of strange objects buzzing through space, and has come up with the information that the things are traceable to natural phenomena, and do not constitute a menace to the nation.

Objects seen recently on radar screens "probably were air disturbances and reflected light resulting from an unusual heat wave." About 2,000 reports have been analyzed, the air force says.

But the same night the air force made its statement a fellow comes along and vows that an oversize saucer swept low over his car at terrific speed and the rush of air almost swept his car from the road. He said the object was a yellow-green streak about 400 feet long.

And then comes the guy down thisaway who saw one alight and a little guy two and a half feet tall emerge. He spoke to the strange midget, and spoof, the whole business disappeared. And so it goes, as the tales multiply, and with them the fears and superstitions of the folks.

Strange Reasoning

South Carolina Democrats have agreed rather overwhelmingly to recognize the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket as the party offering, and to place the names of the national candidates on the State ballot under the Democratic label. This is what was wanted in the matter of the famous loyalty fracas in the Chicago convention.

Those in South Carolina who oppose the national ticket wanted to place the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket in the Democratic column. They will vote for a Republican, in other words, if he's labeled a Democrat. Which adds up to saying, "Be glad to have a glass of buttermilk if you's label it wine."

Can't for the life of us see why those who are fond of Eisenhower, or at odds with the Democratic nominees, can't vote Republican. A change in the label certainly won't alter the political affiliation or the political reasoning of any candidate.

New Political Faces

Watauga county people, who know Governor Gordon Browning and like the Tennessee Executive, regret that he was beaten in the elections last week in that State. Frank G. Clement, 32 years of age, carrying the blessing of the Crump machine, defeated the incumbent by a considerable margin.

At the same time Crump-backed Senator Kenneth McKellar, 83, dean of the Senate, went down before a near-landslide for Representative Albert Gore.

People who follow the course of national politics find little to regret in the defeat of Senator McKellar, who was seeking an unprecedented seventh term. It appears rather fitting that he should be replaced by a younger man, unattached to the Memphis machine, which had grown unpopular in the sister state in recent years.

The tendency in Tennessee is toward younger leaders in the Democratic party, and there is every evidence that this political change is to be felt in other southern States, where youth must take a strong hand in government if the system is to endure in the tomorrows, when the aging leaders have gone away.

America is big, strong, powerful and red-blooded. It cannot be served by those who follow the chaffs of years gone by. It must progress through the strength and intellects of the young . . . those whose eyes are turned toward the dawn of brighter days, and who have the courage and vitality to lead in days of national distress . . . when those who are silhouetted in the glow of life's sunset too often see only gloom and despair.

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