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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, JANUARY 8, 1953.

Familiar Face Missing

For the first time in 42 years, the House of Representatives got down to the business of organizing, without the presence of Robert L. Doughton, who, on doctor's orders, quit the National Legislature for the more peaceful environs of his Sparta home, and with all due deference to the able young man who takes his seat, it just seems that a whole lot's missing up along the Potomac, since this towering man of the mountains decided to come back home.

Early day experience in school teaching, farming, cattle buying, topped by one term in the State Senate, served Bob Doughton well when he landed in Congress. Through his intimate associations with the people of the district, particularly the mountain section, he knew their needs and their desires well and intimately, and possessed the integrity and honesty to serve them fruitfully. Partisan considerations did not matter to Doughton, as every letter that came across his desk was earmarked for a reply within twenty-four hours, and his concern for the welfare of the people caused him to be returned again and again to the Congress.

Among the many accomplishments of the Doughton career might be mentioned his activity in behalf of the first Federal road program in the Wilson era, his sponsorship of the Social Security laws, the national Farm program, and the building of the Blue Ridge Parkway. His efforts in behalf of the Parkway were so effective that a House resolution was once passed, asking that his name be applied to the national thoroughfare. He worked tirelessly for every measure which he thought would be of aid to the people of his district, and was a tower of strength to President Roosevelt, when the social and economic reforms of the New Deal were being legislated.

Some day, some one will write a book about a strong mountain man, who had faith in a region and its people, and who served them 42 years, unselfishly, faithfully, and fruitfully, and who saw his mountain wilderness develop into a land of happy homes, and independent, happy and cultured people. No man has written his name more indelibly on the record of progress of a great region, than has Bob Doughton. And the gratitude and good wishes of the people are with him as he enjoys rest and repose amongst the lengthening shadows of the hazy Blue Ridge mountains.

Signs Of The Times

Most of the folks in this section of the country, the people who operate the stores and shops and service establishments of a small community are looking forward to the New Year with considerable optimism, and are inclined to believe that "good times" will continue for a year or so, regardless of what course the new administration takes.

This view is pretty well in line with the feeling of some of the best of the nation's economists, and constitutes just about as good a guess as any. But we are impressed with the continued advice to get ready, for the economic hangover is going to catch up with us one of these days.

Personally, we had built ourselves up to a fairly bright outlook for the next year or year and a half at least. Barring an all out war, it is quite likely that the main problem of the Eisenhower administration will be to get the country down from peak defense spending to a conservative governmental basis, without instituting a depression.

We did, however, note with some misgivings, a statement by Senator Taft to newsmen the other day. The Ohioan said, "I think you can say that there will be no difficulty in working out a legislative program to put the country back on the track that we abandoned 20 years ago when the New Deal

came in." Senator Taft, by the very nature of things, has to be a fair-haired child of the new administration. He's the man who controls the Republican and Dixiecratic coalition in the Senate, and without his all-out support the General couldn't get along. But just why he would imply a return to the days of economic ruin right when confidence is so sorely needed, is beyond our ken.

Can You 'Afford' Polio?

The dimes or dollars you give to the March of Dimes constitute the best investment in polio protection an American citizen can make.

By no stretch of the imagination can this uniquely American institution be called a charity. It is, rather, an inspiring example of how enlightened individuals can protect each other and themselves from the bank-rupting assault of an enormously expensive disease.

Even if the Watauga County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis did no more than pay the cost of treatment for every polio patient who needed it, the March of Dimes would not be a charity. If it were, then four out of five patients would be "charity cases."

But your March of Dimes investment does more than pay the treatment bills. It buys and transports iron lungs; it finances the training of skilled professional people; it meets the cost of transportation, salaries and maintenance of nurses recruited for service anywhere in the nation; it finances the most determined scientific onslaught ever waged by volunteers against a disease; through every medium it seeks to inform the public about the problems of polio and protection against it.

All of these are vital services of direct benefit to patients and public alike . . . whether we are well-heeled or down-at-the-heel.

This means that all of us—whether we can "afford" to have polio or not—are investing in our own protection when we join the March of Dimes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Likes The Democrat

Dear Mr. Rivers:
 Enclosed is a check for a year's subscription to the Watauga Democrat.
 From time to time during the past year I have seen a friend's copy, but would like to have my own paper each week.
 I love Watauga County and am interested in all the news. I enjoy King Street—but everyone enjoys that—some weeks it is sheer poetry.
 If I might make a suggestion, a paragraph in the paper each week on the weather might be interesting to former residents and people who like myself enjoy reading of the county happenings.
 With best wishes to you and all the county for 1953. Yours sincerely,
MARGUERITE ALEXANDER
 Hillcrest Manor, Asheville, N. C.

Vacations In Florida

Dear Robert:
 On our vacation in Florida. Be here perhaps two or three weeks longer. So very sorry about the fire. Please express our deepest regrets, and assure all concerned if the Chamber of Commerce can be of any help, to call on us.

Would like for you to publish enclosed telegram from Mr. Carroll. I noticed Mr. Martin had a nice editorial in last Sunday's paper on our proposed power dam project.

Personal regards,
HERMAN W. WILCOX
 2738 Florida Ave., Tampa, Fla.
 (Enclosure)

Herman Wilcox,
 President Chamber of Commerce
 Boone, N. C.

We are appalled by the disaster to your fine community. May your citizens have every success in overcoming the loss and making new progress in 1953.
 Wallace Carroll,
 Journal and Sentinel,
 Winston-Salem, N. C.

They Say . . .

HARRY S. TRUMAN: "I've been working for seven-and-one-half years, walking a tight rope, keeping us out of war—keeping communism from over-running the free world."

MARTIN P. DURKIN, Secretary of Labor-designate: "Let us remember, as we pray for peace, we must work for it and earn it."

BILLY GRAHAM, evangelist, in Korea: "On the front lines I never saw one pin-up—but I did see hundreds of Bibles and Testaments."

VANESSA BROWN, movie star, former quiz kid: "Brains are no handicap to a girl—if she keeps them well hidden behind a plunging neckline."

DON HARTMAN, movie executive, speaking of film industry's troubles: "Why should people go out to see bad movies when they can stay home and see bad movies on TV?"

DR. NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, New York preacher: "The American people are so tense and keyed up that it is impossible even to put them to sleep with a sermon."

REV. JOHN T. PETERS, Presbyterian church official: "The City of New York has more alcoholics than church-going Protestants."

REV. HERBERT FEZORK, seminary president: "The complacency with which the average American is observing the obvious connections between politics and big crime is amazing and disturbing."

NEWS ABOUT OUR Servicemen PROMOTED

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Hodges, Route 2, Boone, were recently notified that their son, David R. Hodges has been promoted to the grade of Airman Second Class.

They were notified by John MCM Gulick, Lt. Col., USAF, commander of 614th Air Base Squadron, 6147th Tactical Control Group, APO 970.

Said Col. Gulick: "We can all take pride in his (Airman Second Class Hodges) achievement and the knowledge that he has demonstrated abilities worthy of significant recognition."

AT PARRIS ISLAND

Parris Island, S. C.—Marine Private First Class James L. Parsons, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parsons, Todd, N. C. was promoted to his present rank when he graduated from "Boot Camp" at this East Coast Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

8 MONTHS IN KOREA

With the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.—Army Sgt. Clint E. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aud L. Ward, Sugar Grove, N. C., recently completed his eighth months in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division.

The 7th has fought continuously in Korea since its landing at Inchon in the fall of 1950. During its two years of combat in the mountainous terrain the division has battled in every sector of the peninsula. Elements of the 7th were the only U. S. forces to reach the Yalu River.

Sergeant Ward, a section chief in the 48th Field Artillery Battalion's Battery B, entered the Army in January 1951.

WITH FIRST DIVISION

With the 1st Cavalry Div. In Japan—Pvt. Lee R. Miller, whose brother, Grant Miller, lives in Triplett, N. C., has been assigned with the 1st Cavalry Division.

Veterans of the Korean conflict are giving intensive field training to the new replacements in the unit on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. The division spent 17 months in the combat zone before rotated out of the line last December. Miller entered the Army last May.

Observer Corps Being Organized

There will be a meeting in the basement of the Baptist Church in Boone at 1:30 in the afternoon of January 12th with officers of the United States Air Force for the purpose of organizing a badly needed ground observer corps in Watauga county. At this meeting a sound film will be shown outlining the work of the observer corps. This film will be entertaining and instructive.

Mayor Winkler has stated that the ground observer corps, with the work of the local unit of the Civil Air Patrol, will be the only civil defense unit operating in this county at the present, and he stresses the importance of the work and urges all interested citizens to attend.

Paul Said To Mr. Ed:



OUR SINCERE WISH FOR YOU IS A

Happy New Year

OUR AIM IS TO GIVE YOU BETTER SERVICE IN 1953

Your friendly agent,
PAUL WATAUGA INSURANCE AGENCY
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 J. PAUL WINKLER
 NELLIE MORETZ

KING STREET

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 joys of Christmas and every happiness in the New Year," and our best wishes to the youngsters who wanted a square deal for the whole Claus family.
THE FLU EPIDEMIC
 Influenza and colds and pneumonia have combined to bring illnesses of epidemic proportions to Boone and environs for the start of the New Year . . . Most of the families in the city have one or more cases of one or the other of the ailments, and it is understood that the rural residents are likewise being plagued . . . Some talk has been going the

rounds of closing the Boone schools, but that appears unfounded, as an improved situation seemed to be developing the first of the week . . . The flu, it is said, is of a fairly severe type, reminiscent of the consuming affliction of 1918 and of 1928 . . . We hope the sick folks soon recover, and that the scourge will hastily spend itself . . . We recall the ailment back a few years ago, known as lagrippe, which was corrupted into "the grip", and wonder what became of that aggravation, which was supposed to be whooped-up cold, and which sent most of its victims to bed, right off . . . We also note with pleasure that the croup, which

plagued the youngsters a few years ago, and which often resulted fatally, has taken a back seat in these later years.

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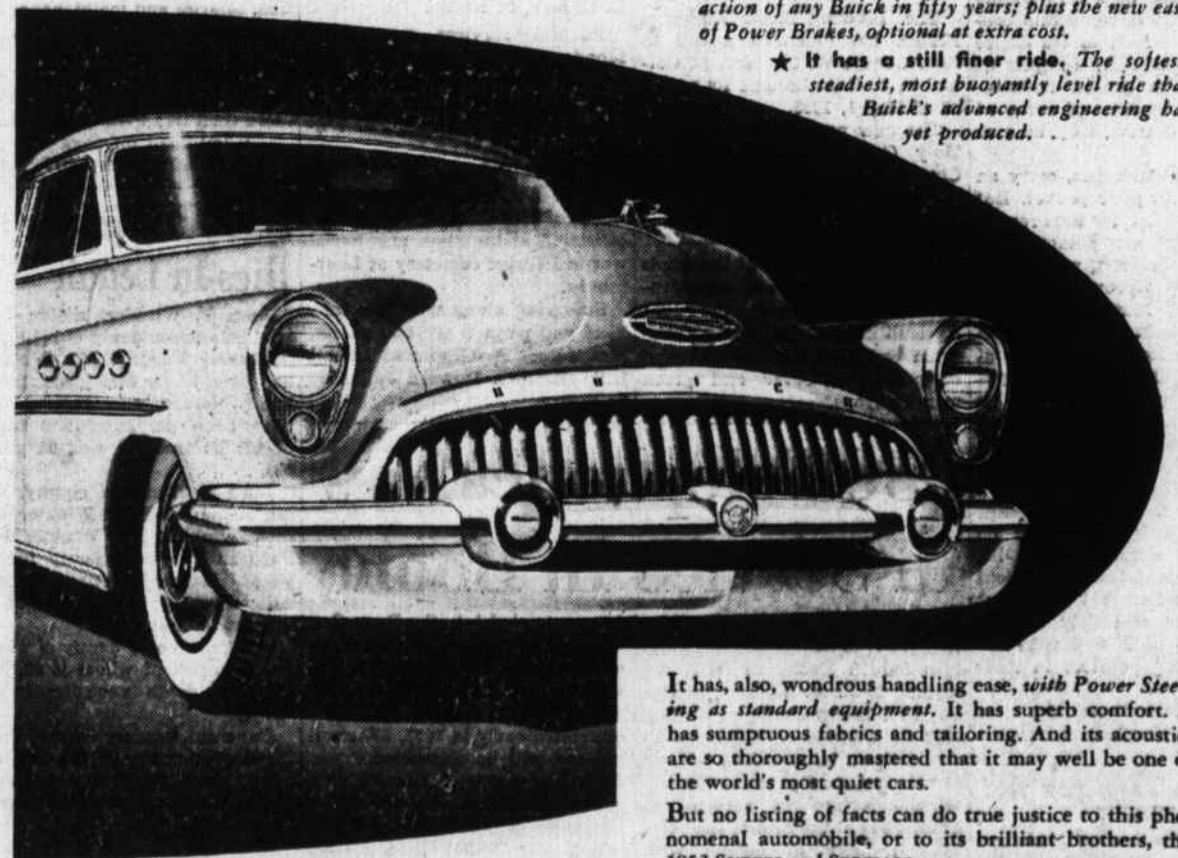
A Good Citizen of Boone

Have you ever thought about the part your Telephone Company plays in the life of this Community, the State and the Nation? Here are some things it does:

1. Pays good wages to its employees—money that is spent largely in the employee's home town.
2. Pays large amounts in taxes that go to support government, education and public institutions.
3. Takes part, both as a Company and as individuals, in many worthwhile civic endeavors.
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