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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 when it is lost 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, FEBRUARY 19, 1953.

**Land Of Peace And Plenty**

Beaver Dam township, in the opinion of her residents, is really a sort of second Garden of Eden, and Dean Reese, who was in town the other day, brings out the information that the folks in that area are living in peace with everybody else, and cites in substantiation, the fact that the township does not have even a deputy sheriff.

Mr. Reese says he doesn't know how many years, but it's been several since a minion of the law held out in Beaver Dam, and opines that a man wearing the star wouldn't have a mortal thing to do, 'mongst peoples so neighborly and good as his folks. And that's so.

Beaver Dam has long been showing outstanding strides along agricultural lines, particularly in cattle raising, the growing of beans and other crops, and in soil conservation activities and pasture improvement practices. Her residents have taken full advantage of the farm programs, of the county agent services, and of the good roads, to transform the township into one of outstanding material progress.

Likewise, Beaver Dam folks have been known through the years for their fidelity to religious tenets, and her pioneer citizens have numbered many preachers and lay leaders in the Baptist Church. From early days she has also believed in improved educational institutions, and in every activity which would improve the character of her people.

Beaver Dam township is a high example of what people can do, when they strive for the better things of life. We share their pleasure at the prosperity and general well-being which have crowned their efforts.

**Authors Many Bills**

Representative William L. Winkler, of Watauga, a freshman in the House of Representatives, is offering more bills in the Legislature than any recent solon from this area, and has gained considerable publicity by having presented at least three bills of State-wide significance.

The most controversial of these, the DelVescovo soldier bonus bill was offered Friday, while a few days earlier a bill which would tax beer, wine and whiskey heavier than ever, was placed in the hopper. The proceeds from this bill would help defray the costs of a bonus.

A bill to tax soft drinks one cent a bottle was also tossed in the hopper by Watauga's solon.

On the local side, Mr. Winkler would have the game law changed, so that foxes may be pursued without a hunting license. He would also authorize the Sheriff to enforce the school attendance law, and empower the commissioners to make payment for the special service.

What Representative Winkler lacks in Legislative experience he makes up for in industry, and there is every evidence that he is applying himself studiously to the duties of his office.

**Would Propagate The 'Coon**

The local Raccoon Hunting Club, designed to bring the ring-tailed little fur-bearer back into plenteous supply in these parts, is off to a good start, and a large number of members have signed up. At the same time an order has been placed for a lot of raccoons and hunting should be good in Watauga before long.

To those of us who have watched in sorrow the dissipation of the small upland game animals, the raccoon boys are refreshing. They are actually doing something about restoring one species of wildlife, and thereby setting a pattern which those interested in other fields of wildlife conservation might well follow.

**Letters To Editor**

**Winkler Replies To Advocates 21-Year-Old School Bus Drivers**

My Dear Mr. Rivers:

In order to answer two large petitions for the same purpose—to wit, School Bus drivers, I will answer through your paper, if you please.

To all of you who have your names on the petitions to me, asking for a bill to give us such legislation as would ask for bus drivers for school buses to be as much as 21 years of age and of good character—I will say that I am in sympathy with the move and if all the petitions now in from other sections fail, then I might make a try.

For many reasons, they are turning down all such bills. One is, that it will take so much extra money. Another is that the High School principals want to control the bus drivers.

Just where it will all end up is a matter that can not be figured out just now.

I am pleased to get these petitions and will be glad to work with you on them or any other kind of needed legislation the people of the county are interested in.

Yours truly,  
W. L. WINKLER

Raleigh, N. C.

**Our Early Files**

**Sixty Years Ago**

Items from the Democrat of February 18, 1893.

W. B. Council, Jr., speaks of going north about the 20th. He will be at the inauguration at Washington on the fourth.

R. C. Rivers, N. N. Colvard and others are attending the sale today at the residence of the late Roby A. Thomas.

Capt. Critcher has sent a good lot of mules South by his son, Murray. We understand that J. F. Hardin will assist in selling.

The telegraph line from Boone to Blowing Rock has not been in running order for some time owing to the fact that during the recent cold weather a number of the jars in this (the Democrat) office burst and communications have been entirely cut off. The line is now in good condition, however.

**Thirty-Nine Years Ago**

February 19, 1914.

Miss Verlie Winkler left the latter part of last week for Charlotte, where she has taken a position in a millinery establishment.

Miss Cole, of New Hampshire, a member of the faculty, gave an interesting talk on "Charity" to the student body of A. T. S. on Tuesday. It would be well to consider her advice along social lines.

Rom Lovill, a student at the Patterson school, came over Sunday and remained till yesterday with home folks. He is highly pleased with the school and is getting in splendid work.

Postoffice Inspector Dawson, of Maryland, who conducted the civil service examination here on Monday, was billed for Newland yesterday, but owing to the fearful weather he called it off by wire, and left Wednesday morning on his return, going by way of Blowing Rock.

A nice boundary of timber on the State lands near the village will be manufactured into building material in the near future, a large amount of which—framing, ceiling, flooring, etc.—will go into the construction of the large brick dormitory to be erected at the Training School during the summer. Messrs Moretz and Hartzog will move one of their steam mills on the property by the first of March. They have taken the contract from the stump to the finished lumber.

**Fifteen Years Ago**

Items from the Democrat of February 24, 1938.

Mr. Russell D. Hodges, prominent Boone business man and for the past eight years chairman of the Republican executive committee of Watauga county, told the Democrat that he expects to retire from the chairmanship when the county convention meets early next month.

Clyde R. Greene was re-elected president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at the meeting held last Thursday evening while A. D. Wilson will continue as vice-president, Wade E. Borwn, secretary and D. L. Wilcox, treasurer. A board of directors was named, consisting of L. T. Tatum, Charles Rogers and Russell D. Hodges.

Workmen have been busy for the past several days thoroughly remodeling the Spahnour Store, making changes in display cases, tables, etc., which will add much to the convenience of the establishment.

The voters of Blowing Rock will go to the polls April 12 to determine whether or not that town will issue \$85,000 for the expansion of the municipal water system and for sewage disposal facilities. Mayor D. P. Coffey is of the opinion the election will carry.

**Picked Up**

Danger Signal  
(Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel)

President Eisenhower and others responsible for the policies of his Administration may well be seriously concerned about declining farm prices. If history repeats, the first danger signal of a general recession or depression is the falling price on farm products.

That was true during the Hoover Administration more than 20 years ago. Farmers were the first to feel the effects of the terrible economic debacle that brought our country to the brink of ruin in those days.

It has always been true that when farmers have received good prices for their products the whole country has been prosperous. It has likewise been true that when the bottom has fallen out of agriculture, it has fallen out of everything else. If the Government is going to prevent another Great Depression in the years ahead, it will have to help keep our farmers from going broke.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President: "So long as the spirit of freedom lives in youth, the future is one of promise."

You go up in life and you come down. And it's a tossup on which trip you meet the nicer people.—Morroe (Iowa) Mirror.

**Washington Notes**

**BOND SALES RISE**  
The Treasury has announced that sales of United States savings bonds in January exceeded redemptions by \$69,000,000, and were fourteen per cent above sales in January, 1952. In January, 1952, redemption exceeded sales. In announcing the total, Deputy Treasury Secretary W. Randolph Burgess, ascribed the gain, in part, to intensified promotion of the payroll savings plan.

**U. S. GETS REFUND**  
The L. B. Smith, Inc., industrial firm has refunded \$1,500,000 to the Federal Government. A spokesman says the money was saved by reducing the cost of repairing 1,500 trucks and savings made in parts. The refund was entirely voluntary on the part of the private company.

**U. S. EXPORTS HOLD**  
The Department of Commerce says that U. S. exports in 1952 were about the same as those of 1951. The total indicated exports in 1952 are \$15,167,000,000, compared to 1951 figures of \$15,032,000,000.

**IKE SIGNALS IGNORED**  
The recent pleas from President Dwight D. Eisenhower have failed to slow down the tax-cut drive in the House of Representatives. Chairman Daniel Reed, of the Ways and Means Committee, is going ahead with bills designed to give tax relief this year, some on July 1st. The New York Republican had announced prior to President Eisenhower's speech calling for a balanced budget first and lower taxes second that he would do everything possible to bring about immediate tax relief. Prospects for passage of Reed's tax-cutting bills appear to be good but, chances of passage in the Senate are not thought to be as bright.

**Commerce Group**

**Inducts Officers**

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ures and keep abreast of legislation as never before," he said.

He laid the responsibility for the conduct of our local government and that of our county, state and nation at the door of every individual, and exhorted each of us to "think straight and vote intelligently," not merely against something or somebody, but for a constructive program of government at all levels and the men who are best qualified to carry such a program forward. He said in effect, "Don't blame our elected representatives and officials when things go wrong, because we put them there."

A master story teller, the speaker used penetrating wit and illustrative anecdotes as effective weapons to drive his points home, and it is not to be doubted that he achieved his avowed purpose of "making you think."

In business transacted at the meeting, the annual financial report was read by the secretary, Mrs. Roberta Ray, in the absence of Paul Winkler, who with L. H. Smith composed the auditing committee, and Alfred T. Adams submitted the recommendations of a special committee on the publicity campaign of the chamber for the year. The annual report of the president and secretary, setting forth the aims and achievements of the chamber during the past year, was mimeographed and inserted in the programs printed for the occasion.

The entertainment highlight of the evening was a piano and vibraharp duet presented by Mr. and Mrs. Max Raines of the Appalachian State Teachers College music department. The versatile couple rendered selections ranging from "boogie-woogie" to the Sabre Dance, and including both popular and semi-classical numbers.

The food committee of the Woman's Club who prepared and served the sumptuous repast was composed of Mrs. Gordon Winkler and Mrs. Wayne Richardson, co-chairmen, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Mrs. James Winkler, Mrs. Hale Vance, Mrs. Herman Eggers, Mrs. Roy Harmon, Mrs. Homer Brown, Mrs. R. E. Derrick, Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. J. C. Yoder, Mrs. Wiley Smith, Mrs. Claude Norris, Mrs. Raleigh Cottrell, and Mrs. J. H. Parke.

Adlai Stevenson, defeated presidential candidate of the Democratic party says the party is no weaker as a result of the defeat by Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower. The former Governor of Illinois says the party needs young men, new ideas and a general refreshing, but is as strong as ever in principle and tradition.

Saving seed from home gardens in North Carolina is discouraged because climatic conditions favor the development of seed-borne diseases.

**KING STREET**

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ous best . . . And this is important: 'Whammo' spelled backwards is 'ommahw' . . . We'll relax again as justice is about to prevail and the sweet young thing is being saved by the dashing lad from the plains, when a fellow with a wriggling little mustache, might offer something of this sort: "Are you a stinker? Why, pray tell, do you want to be thataway? Folks don't want to smell you . . . take Zero . . . no stink, no mess, no tell-tale circles on your clothing . . . Be secure . . . not for just a day, not for just a week, but always . . . Soap and hot water are so messy and ineffective and old-fashioned . . . Be safe . . . smell sweet once, and you'll never slip in a bath tub again! . . . But we like the commercials, and the stuff in between, and wish to heck everybody had one of the things!

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**U. S. JOBS DROP**  
Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia reported that the number of civilian government jobs dropped 38,880 between July 1st, 1952 and January 1st, 1953. The number has declined for five months in a row.

**WORLD BANK IN BLACK**  
The World Bank earned \$7,639,743, on all operations, in the last half of 1952, an official announced recently. The bank made six loans in the period—to Australia, Columbia, Finland, Iceland, India and Peru.

**39 TOMBSTONES DESTROYED**  
Key West, Fla.—Two men, described by officials as "sadistic monsters," raided the city cemetery recently and pulverized 39 tombstones, worth \$38,000 with a sledge hammer. The marauders eluded a police cordon thrown around the historic old cemetery.

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