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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, SEPTEMBER 9, 1954.

The Hunting Season And Farmers' Problems

With the approach of the hunting season the farmers are busily engaged in many sections in posting their lands against the Nimrods, and a continuous stream of the landowners is visiting the Democrat office to get the no-trespass signs.

We have talked to a large number of these farmers about their problems with the gunners. Most of them say they don't want to be unreasonable with the folks who go to the fields and forest in search of the diminishing squirrels, and the furtive Bob Whites, but that "a group of folks from Boone" continually sweep over the countryside, covering every inch of the terrain and garnering in just about every living creature during the foray. But what is causing the main trouble among the farmers, aside from the slaughter of the birds, is the wanton destruction of wire fences by the folks who are alleged to carry wire cutters, freeing the herds and the flocks and causing the landowners a lot of trouble and work in addition to expense. As one fellow said: "Wire is high, fencing is unpleasant, and we can't afford too much extra payoff with diminishing farm prices!"

But most of the folks, we find, wouldn't be mad at a fellow who'd come along and shoot a cottontail or so, and maybe for the record ask the taxpayer if he'd mind. You know after all, he owns the fields and the forests.

Church Memberships Reach Highest Peak

The religious life of the United States is in its healthiest condition in history, according to recent figures on church membership.

The United States, it is learned, now has more church members, more Sunday School attendants, more churches, more ministers and priests than at any time in the history of the nation. Likewise church contributions have reached record heights and church construction has expanded eight-fold within fifteen years.

The Yearbook of American Churches points out that six out of every ten persons are on church rolls. Percentage-wise, it is 59.5 as against 49 per cent in 1940.

The nation's religious population of 95,000,000, has broken down into three faith groups, shows: Protestants 55,000,000, Roman Catholic 31,000,000, and Jewish 5,000,000.

The Baptist are the largest Protestant groups. The 25 bodies total 17,990,613. The 21 bodies of the Methodist Church total 11,641,891. The largest single Protestant church is the Methodist Church with 9,151,524 members. The Southern Baptist Church is second with 7,883,708, and the National Baptist Convention third with 4,526,847.

The Primal Forces

(New York Times)

Wind is one of the great primal forces of this earth, invisible and only approximately predictable. Man lives with it every day of his life, and most of the time he lives comfortably and in reasonable safety; for wind is only air in motion, and that motion is usually moderate. But now and then that moving air can become terrifyingly turbulent. Great winds rise and sweep across vast distances with awesome power and destruction. Then we know the force of the tornado and the hurricane.

Since time began, the winds have constantly been shaping the earth's surface, creating its weather, moving the waters across the face of the globe. Water, another primal element, the flowing stream, the lapping tide, the drifting cloud and the hovering fog, is of itself something man has always lived with, and probably knew intimately in the begin-

ning. A waterless earth would be as uninhabitable as an earth without the air, which is the substance of wind.

But when the winds rise in violence, the water itself becomes a partner in the lashing march of destruction. Set a great wind behind a wave and the shoreline is battered and beaten, and all in its path is at its mercy. Load a swirling wind with drenching rain and the sheer weight of driven water is all but irresistible. Team these two primal forces and the power of man is dwarfed.

We live with wind and water—we could not live without them—but we sometimes forget that they are forces beyond our leash or calculation. Then we face a hurricane, and we know them for what they are, and we reappraise man's power, for a little while, and have a sense of awe and of wonder and of humility.



New Name, Same Color

We have been reading a book, an accomplishment of which we are moderately proud in this age of television and other attractions and distractions.

It is not a new book. In fact, it was published in 1924, and is a compilation of editorial opinion on various subjects in sentence and paragraph form gleaned from the leading newspapers of the day. It is called "The World's Best Epigrams."

One section is devoted to Bolshevism, which is merely the old name for Communism, and we are going to list a few of these quotes in the interest of disabusing anyone's mind of the possible notion that fighting Communism originated with Senator McCarthy or any other present-day demagogue. We are taking the liberty of substituting the word "Communism" wherever the word "Bolshevism" appears.

A "Red" sunset in Russia would be a promising weather forecast.—Wall Street Journal. The Communists may not be strong on providing food for Russia, but they are experts at making a hash of things.—Columbia (S.C.) Record.

America needs little red school houses, but not little "red" school teachers.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

There are six million families (1924, remember) in the United States who own their own homes. This is an anti-Communist argument in a nutshell.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

The red turns pale when put next to the long green.—Washington Post. Communism is the theory that tramps are trumps.—Washington Post.

Red Russia has abolished God, but God is more tolerant.—Greenville (S.C.) Piedmont.

Reduced to its simplest form, Communism is merely a lazy man's envy of the prosperity of a hustler.—Kansas City Post.

Trying to get the Soviet Government into any sort of working agreement recalls the late Colonel Roosevelt's simile of "nailing cranberry jelly to the wall."—Chicago Daily News.

The government continues to give plenty of rope to the Reds, but it is not bestowed in the right place or manner.—Columbia Record.

1924? Yes, but everyone of them could have first appeared in yesterday's newspapers.

Our Early Files

Sixty Years Ago

September 13, 1894.

T. J. Coffey & Bro. have a good supply of school books.

D. Jones Cottrell opened school at Linville Tuesday of this week.

The lumber wagons continue to haul to Elk Park.

B. J. Council has sold his house and lot in town to J. F. Hardin. Mr. Council will build near J. F. Hardin's residence.

County Superintendent W. M. Francum wishes to say to the school committeemen that the Board of Education approximated the school funds at the September meeting and found that each pupil will draw 90 cents for the scholastic year 1894.

The bridges on the new turnpike are about completed and the entire road will soon be finished. Capt. Coffey has done a substantial job and we feel indebted to him for having such a magnificent road built.

Fifteen Years Ago

September 14, 1939.

Canada formally declared war on Germany today, following Britain into the conflict by a week to the day.

Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Glenn had as their guests last week Mrs. Glenn's sisters, Mrs. George D. Judy and Miss Mae Lawrence of Cincinnati.

Rev. Paul R. Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., Mrs. Caudill and two children, were recent visitors with Mr. Caudill's brother, Mr. J. V. Caudill.

Mr. David P. Allison's latest book, "Welded Links," was published September 1 by the W. B. Erdman Co., and will be on sale within a few days.

Indirectly but definitely, President Roosevelt served notice today that Germany would not be permitted to seize any British or French territory on this side of the Atlantic.

A special train carrying officers and directors of the Linville River Railway Company came to Boone Monday and the group went to Blowing Rock where they spent the night.

James T. Gross, age 45, World War veteran and secretary of the Watauga county elections board, died at the Veterans Hospital in Johnson City, Friday. . . . Mr. Gross had never been in good health since his active participation in the World War. . . .

Mrs. Mary Jo Sims

Funeral Today

Graveside services for Mrs. Mary Jo Hatley Sims, who died Tuesday, September 7, in Camden, S. C., have been scheduled to be conducted by Mr. H. Ernest Shoaf at the White Springs cemetery Wednesday at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Sims, the widow of Mr. Hamp Sims, is survived by two sons, Howard Sims, Washington, D. C., and Troy Sims, Tennessee; a daughter, Mrs. Hamie Brown, Camden; and four sisters, Mrs. Kizzy Coffey, Linville, Mrs. Lillie Coffey, Lenoir, Mrs. Leona Gragg, Blowing Rock, and Mrs. Minnie Sides, Hickory.

Clergy To Meet At Valle Crucis

Clergy of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina will gather at Valle Crucis church school Monday through Wednesday (Sept. 13-15) for the annual clergy retreat.

The Rev. A. Donald Merrix, rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Macon, Ga., will be retreat master.

A retreat for laymen was conducted at Valle Crucis this week by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Franklin.

Wataugans Buy Savings Bonds

Watauga County people invested a total of \$37,353 in United States Savings Bonds during the period from January to July, 1954, said Mr. R. M. Lineberger of Greensboro, deputy director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division for North Carolina, when he visited Boone recently.

The quota for the county this year is \$124,000, he said, of which 30 per cent was bought during the first half of the year, placing Watauga County 36th in the state on a quota basis.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index rose for the third straight month from mid-June to mid-July. This increase amounted to a tenth of one per cent and was due mainly to higher prices resulting from the drought.



JULIA ANN, six-months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Proffitt, route 2, Boone, N. C.—Photo PALMER'S STUDIO.

HOME LOANS

To Buy, Build, or Re-Finance FHA, 100% GI Loans up to 25 or 30 Years at 4 1/2% Interest SEE US COE INSURANCE AGENCY 217 E. MAIN BOONE, N. C.

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News of Servicemen

RUFUS EARP FINISHES ARMY COURSE

Camp Gordon, Ga.—Pvt. Rufus A. Earp of Vilas, N. C., will graduate this week from the Power Equipment Maintenance Course, one of the many courses offered at The Southeastern Signal School, Camp Gordon, Ga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Earp, Route 1, Box 83, Vilas.

During his training, Pvt. Earp received a technical education worth thousands of dollars. He will now be reassigned to an active unit of the United States Army.

ARLIES MAINS SERVING IN KOREA

3d. Div., Korea.—Cpl. Arlies Mains, son of Mrs. Florence Mains, Tamarack, N. C., is serving in Korea with the 3d Infantry Division.

The "Rock of the Marne" division, which saw bitter fighting in the Iron Triangle and at Outpost Harry, is now training as part of the U. S. security force on the peninsula.

Mains, a member of the 64th

Tank Battalion's Company C, entered the Army in March 1953 and arrived in Korea last October.

CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

The American Bar Association committee, holding that the investigative power of Congress should not be tampered with, recommended changes in the rules to protect the rights of witness and third parties and to have committees, not individual members, conduct inquiries.

Mixed schools to open this fall in "border" states next month.

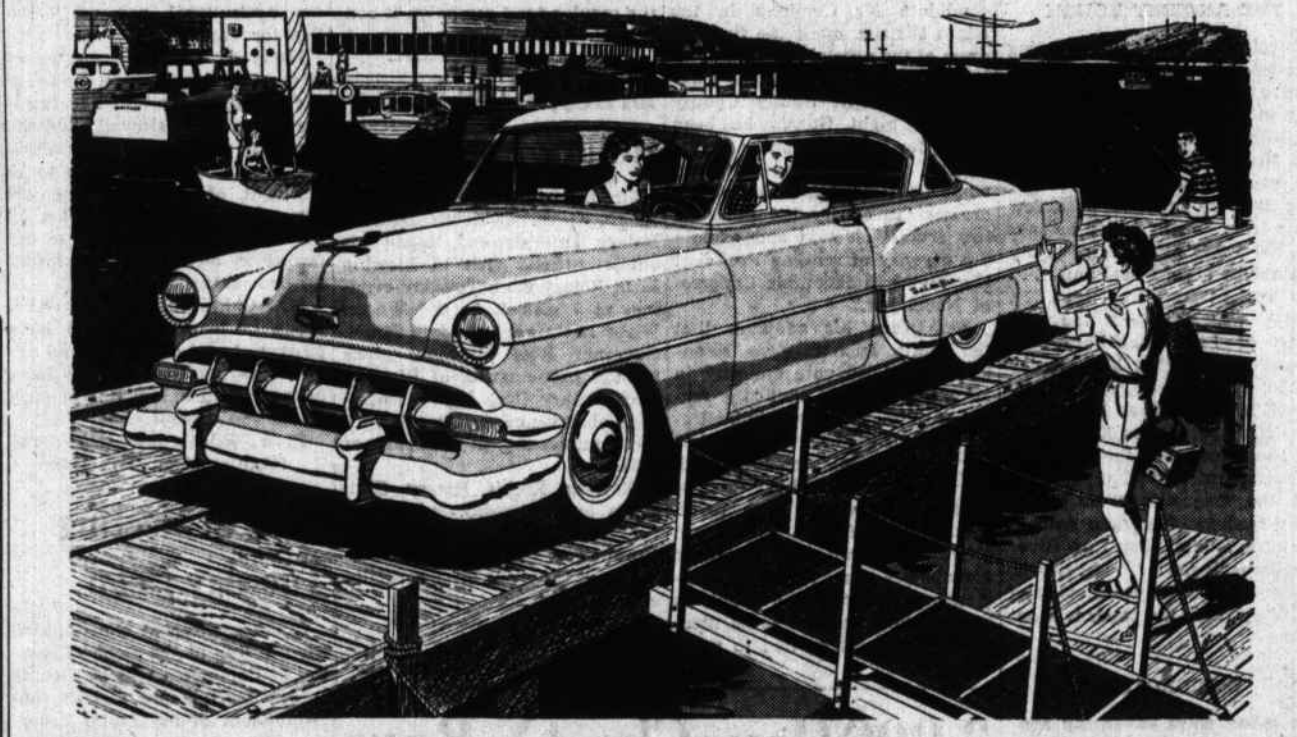
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Open Now Every Night



One-Half Mile from City Limits on Old Blowing Rock Road

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You'll always be glad you bought a Chevrolet now! You'll stay proud of Chevrolet's lasting good looks. Other low-priced cars just don't have the air of quality you see in Chevrolet. . . . Andrew's Chevrolet, Inc. NORTH DEPOT STREET

Southern fruit and vegetable marketing co-ops had gross sales of \$156 million in 1953. Nearly 368 million acres of crops were growing in the United States in mid-summer.

Local Realty Values

G. I. and F. H. A. Loans Now Available—Require Small Down Payment

- GOOD 10-ROOM HOUSE—7 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room. Convenient location to college and schools. Priced to sell. One-fourth down, long terms balance. NEW 3-BEDROOM HOUSE, bath, hardwood floors, insulated, full basement, furnace, refrigerator, stove, washing machine, dinette set, all for \$10,000. Located in Daniel Boone Colony just out of city limits (city water). GOOD MAIN STREET PROPERTY FOR SALE—Confidential listing. Will trade for good house or small farm. This property has very desirable location. Suitable for most any type of business. Please don't phone. Information will not be given over phone. NEW 5-ROOM COTTAGE, water in house, 6 acres of land located on good gravel road. Ideal site for lake in front of house. Typical for a summer cottage, trees, natural shrubbery. Priced for quick sale. Owner must move into town. GOOD 5-ROOM HOUSE, basement, forced hot air heat. Large lot located on Oak Street near college. FHA approved. Small down payment. NEW BRICK HOUSE—bath, plastered walls, hardwood floors, hot air furnace. Large lot. Located on Oak Street. 17 ACRE FARM—house, barn, located 9 miles from Boone on the Todd road. GOOD 2-BED ROOM BRICK HOUSE, bath, furnace, large lot, located near schools and stores. Price \$6400. Terms if needed. SELECT RESIDENTIAL LOTS FOR SALE. NEED SMALL FARM—15 to 20 acres—with good stream. GOOD 5-ROOM HOUSE—bath, furnace, and 5 room garage apartment with bath. 1 1/2 acre lot on highway 421 just 1/2 mile west of Boone. Priced to sell. Terms if needed. GOOD 6-ROOM HOUSE, bath, basement, hot air heat. Located Grand Boulevard. Requires small down payment. FACULTY STREET—Good 2-bedroom house, bath, hardwood floors. Electric stove, large lot. Price \$7,500. DECK HILL—Good five-room house, bath, 1/2 acre land, GI loan on property. Down payment \$1,200. GOOD SIX-ROOM HOUSE, bath, hardwood floors, large lot, located on Faculty Street. Long term G. I. 4% loan. \$58 per month, which includes taxes and insurance. BAMBOO SECTION—5 rooms, water, two acres, \$3,000. LOCATED 15 MILES EAST OF BOONE ON HIGHWAY 421—Good 4-room house and bath, barn, chicken house, 19 3-4 acres of good farm land. Price \$5,000.00. Terms if needed. NEAR AHO—Good 28-acre farm with 9-room house. Priced to sell. Terms if needed. FOUR ACRES LAND NEAR BOONE. Good 4-room house with bath, \$1200 down, balance \$25 per month. GI loan. 4-ROOM BRICK HOUSE, hardwood floors, furnace, conveniently located. GOOD 6-ROOM BRICK HOUSE, furnace, large lot. Located Main Street. Will sell or trade for good farm. GOOD BUSINESS LOT located on Main Street. Desirable for any type of business. SHULLS MILLS—Good 10-room house, bath, 2 1/2 acres land. Very desirable property. Terms. DIAL AMherst 4-8258, BOONE, N. C. — 217 MAIN STREET List Your Property With Us for a Quick Sale HAVE DEMAND FOR SMALL BUSINESS—ALSO FOR FARMS Tri-County Realty Co. E. F. Coe, Manager C. M. Critcher