

Illinois Man Writes Of Liking For Boone

Mr. Monroe Heggland, Libertyville, Ill., has sent the Democrat a copy of an open letter which he has written to Mr. Stanley Harris of the Chamber of Commerce, in which he expresses enthusiasm for the fine qualities he has found in Boone and in her people.

The letter follows:
Some time ago you were good enough to send me considerable information about Boone as a retirement spot.
My wife, daughter and I have just returned from a most pleasant vacation in your fine city. We called at your office to thank you for your courtesies but were unfortunate in not finding you in

Your slogan "Everybody Likes Boone" is amply justified, in our opinion. Boone is certainly a pleasant, lively, bustling little town, superbly situated. Our impressions of it and the many fine friendly people we met have made us enthusiastic about settling there within a few years.

Looking at Boone with a stranger's eyes, as we did, two things only occurred to us that we thought would give it even greater appeal. May I take the liberty of mentioning them?

One is a gradual remodeling of the architecture of the buildings in your business section to make them all as attractive as your fine

hotel, your postoffice, and the well-designed building that houses your excellent weekly newspaper "The Watauga Democrat", which we look forward to receiving in the mail each week.

The other thing we would like to see is a large statue of Daniel Boone prominently placed as a feature of the business district, on the plot of ground where your Information Booth now stands. For a city named in honor of Daniel Boone, it seems to us that such a statue would be most appropriate, and would be a tourist attraction. The existing monument to Daniel Boone on the campus does not do justice to the city or its namesake. Perhaps some well-to-do Boone resident could be persuaded to donate such a statue; or else a public subscription could be started for a statue fund. If such a fund should ever be begun, we would consider it a privilege to have an opportunity to send a contribution.

Maybe it is presumptuous of me to make these suggestions, but I venture to hope you will receive them in the spirit in which they are sent.

My best wishes to you and Boone, which I hope will never grow so large it loses its present charm.

The Blade & Ledger

I, as a young man, sold the Saturday Blade & Chicago Ledger on Saturdays. Mr. W. D. Boyce of Chicago was the publisher.

In the last days just before these publications folded up Mr. Boyce made a hunting trip for big game in Africa. Later he made an expedition to South America. He was also founder of the Lone Scouts of America, so that thousands of boys all over the country could join without being in a troop.

He thought boys everywhere should have this pleasure, even if alone. Mr. Boyce, before he ceased publication was getting up in his years. Memory does not serve me now just what or why the reason for the paper to go out of print. It was a dandy publication and often in colors to brighten it up. Both sheets (papers together) sold for only 5 cents.

W. A. WATSON.
Deep Gap, N. C.

Likes Mountains

We have just arrived home from Blowing Rock and Boone, where we spent the month of August. We had a most comfortable and pleasant summer in the mountains.

We moved from the dear old county in 1897, and have watched the progress and growth of the

community during the years—the extension of the telephone systems, the distribution of electricity to most of the homes, the network of good roads which was unthinkable in the early days, and the prosperous and happy people in nearly every section of the county—is the happiest experience we have had in many years.

The rugged mountains hold many attractions for the pleasure seekers, as well as possible investors of capital far greater than the early settlers could dream.

We are always happy to spend what time we can in the "Land of the Sky," among our many friends and relatives.

I am enclosing check for \$5.00, in payment for two years subscription to your wonderful paper, which is the most awaited for periodical which comes into our home.

Sincerely yours,
McCOY MORETZ.
1001 Berkley Ave.
Charlotte, N. C.

TAX CONVICTIONS UP

A record number of Federal income-tax dodgers have been convicted so far this year, according to the Justice Department. A high of 445 tax evaders was convicted during the first six months of 1956—an increase of 56 over the corresponding period of 1955, and was almost three times higher than in the first six months of 1952.

Supermarket building spree is still continuing.

Farmers May Sign

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When the land to be placed in the Reserve is already in an approved vegetative cover, no establishment payment will be made; however, the annual \$10 per acre payment will be made during the term of the contract. In this case, contracts will be from 3 to 5 years. Contracts for vegetative cover practices established under the Conservation Reserve Program will run from 5 to 10 years. Tree practices—10 to 15 years. These practices will be eligible for both Conservation Reserve and annual payments.

According to Farthing, the total payments that may be made to eligible farmers in North Carolina are limited, and for this reason he urged farmers who desire to participate to visit the county office and sign up as soon as the county announces the opening of the program.

MECHANIZED 'MULE'

One of the more spectacular developments at the Army's center at Fort Knox, Ky., is a vehicle, known as the "mule," which can climb a 72-per cent grade with a load of 1,000 pounds. The "mule" is designed so the driver can dismount, swing controls to the side and crawl along fairly well protected from enemy fire while carrying supplies to the front lines.

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