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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.

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1956

## Safety In Field And Forest

The opening of the hunting season in North Carolina drew a sharp reminder from safety specialists of the N. C. State Board of Health to guard against accidental deaths and injuries from firearms.

Dr. Charles Cameron, Jr., accident epidemiologist of the Board of Health, cited the 50 deaths from firearms in 1955 and the 83 deaths in 1954 as a grim warning of the dangers associated with the handling and use of firearms.

"Throughout the United States in 1955 over 2,150 persons lost their lives from the careless handling of pistols, rifles, and shotguns," Dr. Cameron said. "Over half of these accidents occur in the home and can be traced to improper storage of weapons."

The physician placed particular emphasis on the tragically high toll of firearm accidents among children, adding that over 25 per cent of victims of these accidents are under 15 years of age.

"Guns have great attraction to children, particularly boys," Dr. Cameron said. "Parents sometimes forget that the child cannot differ between a toy gun and the real thing."

The Board of Health passes on these ten commandments of gun safety:

1. Treat every gun with the respect of a loaded gun.
2. Always unload a weapon before putting it away and then store it in a place inaccessible to children.
3. Always carry a gun so that the direction of the muzzle can be controlled even if the hunter should stumble.
4. Be sure of the target before pulling the trigger.

6. Never leave a gun unattended unless you unload it first.

7. Never climb a fence or tree with a loaded gun.

8. Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or the surface of water.

9. Never point a gun at anything you don't want to shoot.

10. Gunpowder and alcohol make a lethal mixture.

Adherence to these rules, agreed to by sportsmen's groups throughout the country, may prevent needless deaths and injuries which could turn your hunting party into a funeral party, Dr. Cameron concluded.

## Vote For Dead Man

Many a candidate's opposition figures him dead before the race starts, and in many areas this is true, politically.

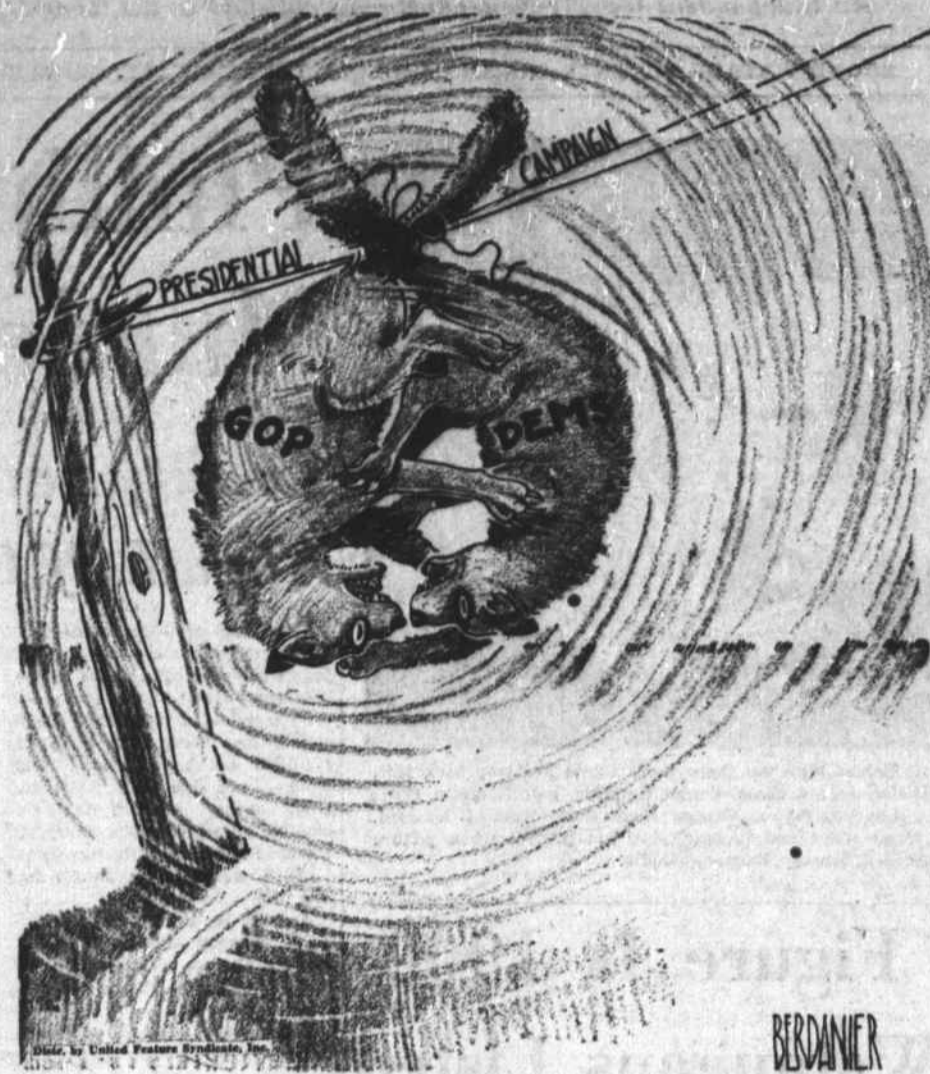
But in Wisconsin the other day a Democratic candidate for nomination for the House of Representatives ran tolerably well although he was literally dead.

Dead five days, Kenneth Anderson's name went on the ballot anyway, and his party was notified that if the deceased could poll as many as 2,070 votes, he could name a candidate to replace him in the November election. Actually the lad who'd joined his ancestors, garnered more votes than needed and makes opposition for the Republican nominee.

We'd heard tell of folks being accused of voting from the other shore, but hadn't known before that a dead man could fill a vacancy on a ticket brought about by his own funeral.

## KILKENNY CATS

By Paul Berdanier



## KING STREET

By ROB RIVERS

### HAM AND 'CUE... TARHEEL CHOICES

It's been truly said that when the producer of such a column as this runs out of steam, he can always shift to old-timey tales or to the culinary department. . . . Actually, someone once made a national survey and found that historical data was first choice of the readers of weekly columns and that dissertations on vittles ran a strong second. . . . Anyway, the North Carolina News Bureau says that North Carolinians are partial to barbecue and country ham, and would vote overwhelming for the skilleted and skewered piggy meat if an election could be held to determine their "greatest treat" in the food line. This was indicated from a sampling of tastes among State officials, editors, broadcasters, and hotel, restaurant and food merchandising executives by the State Advertising Division. The straw vote was conducted to compile the latest information on North Carolina's favorite food for a Chicagoan who wrote Governor Hodges that he is writing a story on gastronomic features of all the states for a national magazine.

Responding to the request for the Governor, State Advertising Director Charles Parker stated that the "diversity and multitude of superlative North Carolina dishes makes it impossible to select one." He listed three as follows:

### NORTH CAROLINA COUNTRY CURED HAM

This is a subject to launch the Tar Heel gourmet into superlatives—and words to the wise—because genuine North Carolina Country Cured Hams are like great vintages. Only a small percentage of the State's extensive pork production can attain this exalted estate. Formerly available only direct from farms with an especially gifted ham curer, the art of curing has spread and genuine North Carolina Country Hams are finding their way to wider markets. This ham is no kin to the pink, bland product described in the Tar Heel State as "packing house ham." Its origin is a "smoke house," and its red meat is redolent with the aroma of hickory smoke. Six months is minimum age for these hams, and connoisseurs who like their ham really robust age them with tender care for two years or more. The curing process is similar but there is a difference in flavor and texture of hams from corn-fed pigs, and those fed on peanuts—mostly in the northeastern part of the State. Peanut fed meat is softer. Both types have their loyal following.

### NORTH CAROLINA BARBECUE

This is succulent young pork, slow roasted over hickory coals and hotly seasoned. It served is coarsely chopped, not sliced or ground. It is at its prime when hot off the coals, and is served that way when possible, but it can be refrigerated and sold through commercial outlets. The origin of North Carolina barbecue is lost in ante-bellum lore, but within memory its preparation has been unchanged in the time-honored method.

### TAR HEEL HUSHPUPIES

This is a corn meal bread, deep fried, and equally good with North Carolina barbecue and seafood, of which North Carolina is an important producer. Legend has it that hushpuppies originated in plantation days when slaves cooked corn meal batter in grease remaining in the huge iron skillets in which country ham or fish had been fried, to feed hunting dogs to keep them from barking while their masters feasted.

The straw vote also brought out enthusiastic votes for North Carolina oysters, salt herring, spoon bread, pickles, peanuts, strawberries and unusual sweets.

We've a notion that if some voting was to be done in this regard that Carolinians would cast quite a smattering for polk sallet, turnip greens, black eyed peas and hog jowls, grits and salt pork (hog and hominy), and in these parts cabbage boiled down till its a mite pink, with considerable sow bosom and red peppers included would get something more than honorable mention, 'specially should the votin' be held in cold weather.

## Stretch's Sketches

By "STRETCH" ROLLINS



With Fall's advent new shows adorn

The TV screen once more—

A while, at least, no more to mourn,

"I've seen that one before!"

### The Saga Of Miss Agatha, The Perennial Commercial

Re-runs of shows you may deplore

On summer television—

But must we hear forevermore

Miss Agatha's decision?

At tennis, swim, or auto ride,

The young man would romance her—

But first the sponsor must provide

The smoke that brings her answer!

In olden times he had to gain

His lady fair's permission—

But just to share the cigs, it's plain,

Is now the sole condition.

And that's the story they present

On film to make us try some—

To create in each one a bent

To rush right out and buy some.

So now I've memorized it all,

It holds no more surprises,

But (funny thing) I can't recall

The brand it advertises!

Ads pay the freight, could video

Exist without them? Never!

But 'though some come (and even go)

This one goes on forever!

Fall brings its changes to the screen,

New shows are on the air—

But never changing, still are seen

That same "Live Modern" pair!

Yes, summer's gone, but still we find

That question haunts us yet—

"Miss Agatha, do you mind

If I light a cigarette?"

## From Early Democrat Files

### Sixty Years Ago

September 17, 1896.

Rev. J. G. Pulliam left Tuesday for Smithfield where he will spend a few days. He took in the Bryan speech at Hickory last night.

Robert K. Bryan who has been in Asheville for a number of months, is visiting his parents in Boone this week.

Dr. R. D. Jennings will be at the residence of Mr. John F. Hardin during court and will be prepared to do your dental work. The skill of the doctor is unsurpassed.

We are sorry that we failed to get the resolutions adopted by the Republican convention on last Saturday, in which they denounced the Populists in the strongest terms.

Ad. Fat as a Pig: J. J. Scroggs of Sidon, Miss., says: "Our little girl, 9 months old, was in a very low state from summer complaint and Germetuer made her fat as a pig."

Thomas Bingham declared in his speech Saturday for the McKinley tariff law to be enacted.

### Thirty-Nine Years Ago

September 20, 1917.

Active work was begun on the boys' new dormitory at the A. T. S. this morning. The structure will be an imposing one, and the site being ideal it promises to be the beauty spot of the entire school plant.

The physical development of the students is being looked after closely under the direction of Miss Butler, for the girls, and Prof. Greer for the boys.

Miss Josephine Lovill entered Davenport College last week and her brother, Little Bill went to Greensboro, where he will spend the winter at the home of his aunt, Mrs. James Brawley, and attend school in the prep. department of the Normal College in that city.

On last Friday evening when the news reached Boone that Mr. James C. Harmon of Sugar Grove had passed away, expressions of regret and genuine sorrow were heard on every hand, many of our people never having heard of his short illness, which lasted for only a few days.

Blowing Rock item: Cabbage hauling seems to be the order of the day right now. Quite a number of wagons passed through today en route to Lenoir, Hickory, Newton, Morganton and other markets.

### Fifteen Years Ago

September 18, 1941.

Messrs. R. D. Hodges, James Bussy, Lyle Cook and Neal Goodnight, students at the National Business College, Roanoke, Va., were visitors in the community over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weston left today for California on a business trip, which will necessitate their absence from the city for several weeks.

Ray B. Harrill, Appalachian football player of last year, is now with the State highway patrol, and is getting his initial experience in Ashe county under Patrolman Thomas.

Rev. D. M. Wheeler of Live Oak, Fla., is spending three months in the county. He brings news of the death by drowning of his 17-year-old son, Raeford, which occurred in the Swannee River August 16.

Mr. W. R. Winkler, local Buick and Studebaker dealer, spent last week in Atlanta at a dealers' meeting at which were shown for the first time the 1942 automobiles.

### Director Of Folk Festival Lauds

### Position Of Watauga Democrat

Watauga Democrat:

The participants, the audiences, and the Daniel Boone Folk Arts Council, of the 1956 Folk Arts Festivals would like to thank you for your interest in our summer programs—and especially for your good editorial on The Folk Festivals published July 28.

Our goal in presenting these "old ways" of the Southern Appalachian Mountains—the genuine cultural traditions of our people—is the preservation through living uses of a rich spiritual heritage which can, once it becomes known, add immensely to a lively joy in all the arts of living.

We know that you share with us this vision: that, eventually, these festival events might set a ferment working in many hearts and minds—a leaven that would create certain uplifting recreational forces in our corner of these hills until "the world beats a path to our door."

With best wishes from us all,  
RICHARD CHASE  
Director of the Boone Folk Festivals.

## So This Is New York

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Like everything else, the political pot here is boiling, but in New York this time, it is more of a simmer. For one of the few times in our history, this state and city figured little in the national conventions. Harriman and Wagner were both beaten and the four nominees selected are from the Middle West, South and West. The most New York did was furnish a lot of television and talk. Even now, sentiment seems divided here and party lines are crossed, mentally at least. Replying to my question regarding who were her selections for the Presidency and Vice Presidency, one lady remarked, "Eisenhower and Taft-aver!"

With my ambling pal, Ray Erwin, I went over to the old West Side to look at some well-known animals. These are two wolf-hounds named "Baron and Lady Wolfeschmidt" and they live in an apartment along with their proud owners, Berne and Mrs. d'Essen. Yes, they have a back yard to run in but when we sat down, both of these slender, stream-lined canines came over and paid their respects. White and aristocratic-looking, the baron and his lady have appeared on 99 television shows now, Berne told us, including those of Steve Allen, Gary Moore and Art Linkletter, as well as in 78 fashion shows and in the movie, "The Eddie Duchin Story." You see, the d'Essens make a specialty of training and furnishing animals for advertising purposes, and we were duly and somewhat confusedly introduced to Deborah, a great Dane, Dinnie, an English sheepdog, T. S. Elliot, a Yorkshire terrier, Victoria, a 2-

year-old Kangaroo who jumped all over us, Linda a white Peruvian Llama who was hand-raised on a bottle in this city apartment and who appears in many cosmetic ads, and Wimpie, a cute Australian marsupial that looks like a small bear. In paying attention to these interesting animals, it was hard to pay respects to our hosts who say they have the happiest family in town.

The globe-trotting George Pickwick—his the local attorney—just got back from England where their name was at home with that of Charles Dickens, and were telling me of their experiences. It seems that they dined in the House of Commons with the Lord Chancellor, David Maxwell-Fyfe, and George fully expected this dignity to quiz him about American laws. Instead, the famous Britisher looked seriously at his visitors and asked, "Oh I say, have you seen the Broadway show, 'My Fair Lady?'" And when they nodded, the Lord added, "Well, Rex Harrison, its star, is my brother-in-law."

There's a song about autumn in New York and it's coming true. Along the avenues the leaves of the remaining trees twirl in the crisp breeze, turn golden and then flit gently to the teeming sidewalks where they are crushed under a million feet. The sky at late afternoon is more rosy across Central Park and the hansom cabs put on their scarfs now and then as they whisk visitors and other dreamers across the picturesque expanse. Heavier shoes and clothes give a more somber (Continued on page six.)

## State Geography Tricky

"There are a lot of funny things about the geography of North Carolina," Lynn Nisbet says, and points out that Murphy, the county seat of Cherokee, is closer to the capital cities of five other states than to Raleigh.

Lynn digs deeper into geographical facts and asks:

Did you know that Wilmington is west of Rocky Mount and south of Spartanburg?

Did you know that Marion is farther west than Mountain City, Tennessee?

## Governor Writes

Dear Mr. Rivers:

The "Watauga Democrat," as a member of the North Carolina Press Association, is rendering signal service to its community and State in publishing the series of advertisements about our industrial development program.

I am happy to see the space donated by the "Watauga Democrat" and other 161 members of the Press Association (with circulation over 1,250,000), as it helps our program greatly.

This is a fine public service by the Press, and is in keeping with its leadership not only for industrial development but toward improving our economic position in every respect. I predict these ads will create great popular interest.

Sincerely,

LUTHER H. HODGES

Governor, State of North Carolina.

## South's Greatest Resource

(Raleigh News and Observer)

In a day of accelerating demand for water, Governor Hodges gave wise counsel to his fellow Southern governors at White Sulphur Springs when he declared that "our philosophy must be one of sharing an abundance—not a shortage of water."

All those interested in the development of the South should realize the imperative significance of the fact that the South, with thirty per cent of the nation's population and twenty-five per cent of its industrial production, has forty per cent of the nation's water but effectively uses only four per cent. The effective use of its great water resource is the best basis for hope of continuing Southern develop-

ment.

In this part of the world we have long taken water resources for granted. Some property owners have polluted the water resources of all the people. Some have resisted public efforts to develop and conserve our water resources. But it becomes increasingly apparent that if States and communities are to flourish, there must be local, State and national planning for water development. And the South, which has the greatest potential resource in this most precious commodity, should lead the way in developing this basic essential of industrial and every other kind of advance.