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of March 3; 1019,
The basis of our government being the opinion of the ptople, the very first objective ahould be
to keep that right, and were it left to me to deelde whether we abould have a government with out npwspapers, or newspapers without overument, 1 should not hesitate a moment to choose
the latter. Dut, Ihould mean that every man should receive these papers and be capable of the itter. put ishould mean that $e$.
reading them "- Miomal Jeffernon.

BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1959

## Weed Market Good

Word is that the burley tobaceo market opened on an extremely happy note, since price.records on the local floors were broken, and a new era of bigger checks for the farmers was started. The local tobacco market is one of the things in the community which perhaps is all too often taken for granted,
and its worth to the local economy is and its worth to the local economy is
perhaps obscured by newer ventures. perhaps obscured by newer ventures.
The local market came about as most The local market came about as most
other things in the community have other the united, dogged determination of
local people, who put the money on the local people, who put the money on the
line to build the first warehouse, who line to build the first warehouse, who
succeeded, against odds, in getting the buyers needed, and made of the town the initial burley market in the immediate area.
It's one of those things to which the citizens can point with a prideful finger as the trucks continue to come in strings
with the golden weed and as the auctions continue and the price gro
ter in an expanding economy.

Not long after the market was es tablished here it was bought by Mr
R. C. Coleman, and he and his assoc R. C. Coleman, and he and his associit a standout place to sell burley tobacco. The Messrs Coleman are farmers themselyes and therefore can see the
farmer's side of the deal more clearly. Thus they are anxious at all times for the grower to receive the largest pos sible amount from his weed.
The Boone market is our own market, founded by our own folks, and we are
glad it is doing good and procuring the glad it is doing good and procuring the
best prices in its history. Burley season in Boone is reflected in good business along the street as large amounts of the money are channeled directly into the bioodstream of local trade. The market is a great thing support of all as it continues to make support of ail as it conged contribution to the progress its enlarged contribution to the progress
of the county and the area roundabout.

## Wataugan At Smithfield

Of interest in connection with the Ap-
palachian High. School-Smithfield football game for the State AA championship, which will be played in Boone Sreer Glenn, Watauga native, will be present, since he has been principal of
the Smithfield Schools for 27 years. Greer, in a letter to the Democrat, calls attention to the fact that Smithfield hasn't lost a game for-the past
three years in regular season play, and three years in regular season play, and
remarks that "naturally we are proud remarks that "naturally we are proud the record that Appalachian High Schoo has made," and adds, "when I inished ligh School there at Appalachian Train-
ing School in 1922 I had almost no idea what I would do in life. A variety of what I would do in life. A variety of work, a decision I have no cause to re-
gret. This is my 27 th year as principal of the Smithfield Public Schools. We have a fine town and a fine rural community from which we draw more
than one-third of our school population,
which now numbers approximately 1800 in the elementary and high school de-
partments. Our faculty consists of 68 partments. Our faculty consists of 68
loyal and dedicated teachers. May I loyal and dedicated teachers. May
congratulate the Boone High School for the fine record that its football team has made. I am happy that we are play-
ing such a fine team for the State chaming such
plonship."
We are happy to have heard from Greer Glenn, whom we've known all these years, and who, we beileve, was
the first principal at Cove Creek High the first principal at Cove Creek High
school, before it was officially accredited, eyen. We welcome him and the other fine Smithfield citizens to our community, and while we're betting on our Blue Devils and cheering 'em on,
right down to the last minute, we are right down to the last minute, we are
happy that they are to be hosts to these happy that they are to be hosts to these
visitors. Meantime, let's all turn out for the
big game Saturday, and show our boys big game Saturday, and show our boys
we're behind them strong, meantime we're behind them strong, meantime extending a good mountain
our friends from the east.

## Less Tar and Nicotine

Cigarette manufacturers have redueed, in many cases "significantly", the tar and nicotine content of bot their plain and filter tip brands in the last
year, says the November Reader's Diges
The new study, "The Search for 'Saa-
er' Cigarettes" by Lots Mattox Miller er' Cigarettes" by Lois Mattox Miller and James Monahan, also describes sev-
eral recently introduced brands as "an eral recently introduced brands
entirety new class: low low-tar."
entrely new class: low low-tar."
"Older filtertip brands," they report "are not the same cigarettes they were a year ago. They are milder, better
filtered, lower in tar and nicotine. And, filtered, lower in tar and nicotine. And,
it the promise pays off, they may be it the promise pays off, they may
the 'safer' (but not yet safe) cigarette the safer (but not yet safe for
"Last year the smoker who wanted a low-tar, high filtration cigarette had only four brands to choose from. . Today
there are 15 brands which deliver 20

## American 'Meetings'

| Americans of our times are the "meet- | with the voice of democracy. |
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| gest" people ever to have lived on this | For millions of people on earth, such |
| th. Sometimes it seems as though, | a thing is not possible because the all- |
| any given night, half of the adults | powerful state forbids it. For other mil- |
| the United States must be attending | lions, this kind of free assembly is sim- |
| me meeting or other-Parent-Teach- | ply not done because it is outside the |
| s, community improvement, Cub par- | framework of custom and tradition. |
| ts, or what have you. | Not an meetings are fruitful; some |
| This penchant for gathering to do | appear to be a pointless waste of time. |
| ctive good has often been the tar- | But when free men get together of their |
| of ridicule. It does have its comic | own free will to raise questions and seek |
| ertones. Yet the hard core of fact is | answers, it is not a thing to be scorned. |
| when American men and women | For this is growth at the gassroots of |
| mble in their thousands of yolun- | democracy. |
|  |  |

miliigrams of tar or less per cigarette smoked.
Nicotine is reported reduced "signiflcantly" in four brands with smalier reductions in moth other brands. The
writers report changes in every one of the American cigarette's componentstooaceo, flavoring, paper, filter tips.
The changes, the writers say, "offer genuine hope for the eventual
of the tobacco-health problem
Ventilation of cigarettes by the use of porous paper has helped cut the tar porous paper has helleed "The new high.
content of the smoke.
porosity papers became available last porosity papers became available last
spring," to make possible the new low low-tar brands. But they were also applied to
some of the older brands. some of the older brands.
or new flavoring "mask the baceo flavor" in some brands.


## Just One Thing After Another

By CARL GOERCH



who has no bread.
We throw our eig

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { the center of the table and each of } \\
& \text { us eats the esame amount of bread. } \\
& \text { Mr. Jones, however feets like a } \\
& \text { cheap skate for eating our bread. } \\
& \text { He reaches into his pocket and } \\
& \text { finds that he only has eight cents. }
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
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& \text { us } \\
& \text { Mr. } \\
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& \text { He } \\
& \text { finds } \\
& \text { So } \\
& \text { table } \\
& \text { me: }
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& \text { Hinds that he only has eight eents. } \\
& \text { So he pitches them out on the } \\
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\end{aligned}
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tween the two of you."
Now then, the problem is how
mueh should you-who had five
mueh should you-who had five
loives of bread-get of these eight
pannies, and how much should I
-who had three loaves-get of
who had three loaves-get of
that sum.
You ought to be able to figure
You ought to be able to figure
it out in just a few minutes, so we
won't insult you by giving you the
answer. Anyway, you'tl know when
you
Miss Jean Riley of Burlington
gends us the following news item,

suddenly, something hit Dr. Ayer
line. He stood up in the boat and
line. He stood up in the boat and
started wrestling with the fish. started wrestling with the fish.
Once or twice it could be seen
near the top of the water, and ot
lie said it was the biggest rack lie said it was the biggest rock he
ever had seen. The doctor handled his line
skilfully. Closer and closer to the boat he brought the big fish. Ollie
was wild with excitement, shoutwas wild with excitement, shout-
ing advice and suggestions to the And then, Just as Dr. Ayers haa
suceeeded in bringing

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { table and he says to you and to to } \\
& \text { me: "Thats all the money I have } \\
& \text { fellows; divide it properly be. }
\end{aligned}
$$ suceeeded in bringing the fish

alongise and just as he had sunk
a a gaff-hook through its gills, the
rock gave a tremendous wigle and
succeeded in freeing itself from the hook. That was too much for ollie,
Staring at his companion in utter Staring at his companion in utter
consternation, and complete dis.
approval, he yelled out: "Hell
afire, preacher! Is that the best approval, he yelled out: "Hell
afire, preacher! Is that the best
you can cuss? Mr. Allen Sawyer of Asheville
writes in to let us know that he has a neighbor whose name is Mr .
Hooper Hooper.

## SOME LOCAL HISTORICAL SKETCHES

## From Early Democrat Files



KING STREET
By ROB RIVERS
Adlai And Luther

## Ranning Good

 Adlai Stevenson, quadrennial candidate for the Presidency, Wh's maybe just one convenpion away drem to the White House, and Governor Luther Hodges, who always wins, got a big boost for President and Vice-Presidentof the United States. .. And it wasn't in North Carolina that the thing happened. ... And Hodges had made a speech to 130 big business leaders when the suggestion was made that the United States couldd't do better than to give the nod to Gov-
ernor Hodges and former Governor stevenson. . . . Whereernor Hodges and former Governor shevenson. at and giv Governor Hodges a solid round of applause.

Which is heartening to those who have the notion that the man from Ilininots and the man from caroina couin
first in the grand nationals following the voting in 1000 . first in the graid There's just one catch to the ling, he foiks wiss business men and the banquet was spread in Zurich.
Makes us think of Cooge Lovill, who had a powerful inter est in politics and who could do a right good piece of work Cooge and a friend were traveling down the old Boone Trall highway, and Cooge conceived the notion of asking his quaintances along the road how they'd like to yote for the friend for Sheriff of Watauga county. .. Cooge reported a cool reception, plumb cool, he said, but he kept ro thaw and he found some folks who were agreeable to his man. last he knocked on the door of an unlighted house, late at
night, and the man came to the door, invited the travelers in, night, and the man came to the door, invited the travelers in,
and wanted to know their troubles. . . Cooge explained, and and wanted to know their troubles. ... Cooge explained, and
the guy said, "What the heck you want to wake me up about
a thing like that? I can't vote for him." . . Cooge labored a thing like that? I can't vote for him." the point and added, "Some of your neighbors say they're for
him.". "Well, what of it?" the sleepy householder queried him "They live in Wilkes county, too".

Violence In The News . . A Bright Spot Picked up a daily newspaper the other day, and noted that
the front page headlines ran strongly to violence. They were: the front page headlines ran strongly to violence. They were.
Mother Beats Three Children To Death; Burning Huse Explodes, Two Killed; Man Kills Two Grandchildren, Takes Own Life; Little Girl Kills Baby Sitter; Cousin Accused of
Kidnapping; Carbon Monoxide Sends 500 to Hospital; Big Kidnapping; Carbon Monoxide Sends 500 to Hospita; ; Bai
Cargo Plane Plows Into Houses; Pilot Injured, Three Bail

But right down in the lower right hand corner, in small letters, was the heartening news of the day, which shone through the big black heaalines teling of mans innumannt growing out of the age of wheel and jets and the like.
The little headine, with the hope and promise and the assurance that there's still good will and love, said simply:
"Look, Younguins, Santa's Coming to Town!"

And In A Weatern . . A Line Stood Out In the course of tv addiction, one looks at a lot of western pictures, which in the old Saturday night movies we referred to as "shoot 'em ups." . . We've argued that these films are and banquet halls, and big business offices. . . . Invariably built around the old frontier saloon where heavy drinking men fight and kill, they strikingly show the deadly effects of lingering beside the bar, and the big-time gambler, who rules the range, and who aims to take over the ranch from the helpless old man and his daughter, usually winds up in the
hoosegow, or being escorted by a tall, straight-shooting marhoosegow, or being escorted by a tall, straigh
shal to the knotted end of a swinging rope,

## shal to the knotted end of a swinging rope.

Law and order and human decency always triumph in these simple sagas of the old West. . . .The other night, there was a mighty range war going on in one of these films, with water rights providing the spark which brought fisticuffs, gunslinging, arson and no end of evil. ... A little girl, bashfully twisting a pig tail, uttered the oniy worgs we remember, which
add up to a tolerably good sermon in a mighty small package: "Pop, hate haint never done nobody no good."

## Uncle Pinkney



