

Soldier Writes About Robberies In County

Dear Mr. Editor:

I feel that the summer people of our county are doing a great injustice to the officers of law; the ones who are on duty constantly to protect them and their property. I refer, of course, only to a very small minority.

Most of our summer residents are very understanding and tolerant. Some of them have had the same misfortune as the ones who are so unhappy with our attempts at maintaining the peace. We don't like for these things to happen any more than they do and I think everyone in the county as well as most of the others who live with us in the summer already know that the police force of Watauga county is doing all in its power to prevent and stop these things from happening.

If this were not true then perhaps Bill (Chief Greene, of Blowing Rock) would be alive today. But Bill was dedicated to his job and gave his life in an attempt to recover something which he might just as easily let slip through his hands. It is because of such an act of courage as this that I can not tolerate such abuse of the law and its enforcers.

A debt of gratitude is owed to Bill Greene by everyone in Watauga county as well as all of those who reside there only in the summer months. A debt which can never be repaid. Bill was a rugged individual with a style all his own. He knew how to handle people and although some didn't appreciate him, I think I can safely say that all respected him and knew

that he would enforce the law to the best of his ability at all times.

Is it possible that there is no crime in Florida? I think not. Is it the people of Watauga county who are to blame for these crimes which happen there? Just take a minute and think about where the merciless killers of Bill Greene came from. Was it Watauga? I answer simply No. This is something that has to be stopped. But the Watauga county officers alone can't do it. They do their part and if some of the surrounding counties would cooperate to some greater extent than they have in the past, we might get some results.

Watauga people are mountain people and for the most part take care of themselves and their own property so they do not have this problem to worry about. Their mere presence is enough to keep potential intruders away.

I am greatly perturbed at their insistence that we get more law enforcers. Two men patrols. Sure, they're good if you've got a city or town of ten or fifteen thousand but Blowing Rock only has a little less than a tenth of that and where do they propose we find the justification to put on the size police staff that the larger towns have? Perhaps they would like to hire some private detectives and send them up to solve the so-called "organized gang of which the culprits are supposed to be free and still functioning."

This ain't the big city and we have no gangs of culprits.

It is only a few as there are everywhere and eventually they will be caught. Let's just hope

that everyone has learned a lesson by the tragic and sudden death of Bill Greene. These people, although they are supposedly paying for their crime or crimes, can never be punished enough to pay for taking the life of an officer of the law. Let us just hope that before anyone else tries anything like it that they will remember where the ruthless killers and raiders are.

Respectfully yours,
J. Perry Coffey.

(NOTE: I am a resident of Blowing Rock, now serving in the Air Force in Michigan.)

Says We Helped In Ski Season

Dear Mr. Rivers:

We want to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your wonderful help during our skiing season and because of this cooperation it made possible a very successful season.

Now we are getting set for the Summer Season and hope that you will pay us a visit during this period and it will be our pleasure to have you as our guest for some of the activities.

Of course we hope that you will be our guest for Skiing in The South when this sport is again open in the winter.

Very truly yours,
M. E. Thalheimer
President
Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, Inc.
March 28, 1963

Angell To Speak At Cove Creek

The Cove Creek PTA will meet Monday night, April 8, at 7:30 p. m. in the Cove Creek High School Cafeteria. Mr. Guy Angell will speak on the Consolidation of Schools.

Faculty Profile

By NANCY PEASE

Often when we think of the teachers at A.H.S. we think only of the math, science, and English teachers. It doesn't hit us until later that there is a band director for Boone's Ambassadors. Well, there is! His name is Mr. G. W. Kirsten, Jr. Mr. Kirsten joined the faculty of A.H.S. as Director of Bands in 1960. Since his arrival the band has flourished—not only in parades and half-time shows—but in classical music numbers also. In 1962 under the direction of this able worker, the A. H. S. band received the rating of "Superior" at the State Band Contest.



MR. GEORGE KIRSTEN
Appalachian High School.

Mr. Kirsten is married and has children. He lives on Route 2, Howard's Creek, Boone.

Mr. Kirsten received his secondary school education in New Jersey. He studied at the Earnest Williams School of Music, New York University, University of Michigan, Davidson College, Lenoir Rhyne College (B.A.), and Appalachian State Teachers College (M.A.).

Some of the places where Mr. Kirsten has directed bands are West Orange High School (N.J.), Lenoir High School, Glen Rock High School, and

the Metropolitan Opera House. Mr. Kirsten states that his hobbies are photography, swimming, and listening.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Nancy Ward of Banner Elk; the widow, Mrs. Dolly Ward of Banner Elk; three daughters, Mrs. Daley Presnell and Miss Lillie Mae Ward, both of Banner Elk, and Mrs. H. C. Presnell of Glen Alpine; one son Glenn Ward of Banner Elk; four sisters, Mrs. Norman Watson and Mrs. Philmore Presnell, both of Banner Elk; Mrs. George Presnell of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mrs. Carl Lackey of Lenoir; two brothers, Ed Ward of Hudson and Frelan Ward of Elizabethton, Tenn.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 29, at 10 a. m., at the Liberty Methodist Church. Officiating were the Rev. Elliott Hayes and the Rev. Roby Painter. Burial was in the church cemetery.

William Ward Taken By Death

William Carl Ward, 63, of Route 1, Banner Elk, died Wednesday, March 27.

Surviving are the parents; one sister, Janice Greene of the home; two brothers, Johnny and David Greene, both of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Watson of Boone, and the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Greene of Boone.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 27, at 4 p. m., at the Laurel Springs cemetery. The Rev. Raymond Hendrix officiated.

Life would be more sensible if people were more sensible.

Greene Infant Rites Are Held

Patice Dianna Greene, 7 day old daughter of John and Patsy Watson Greene of 801 East King Street, Boone, died Tuesday, March 26.

Surviving are the parents; one sister, Janice Greene of the home; two brothers, Johnny and David Greene, both of the home;

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preliminary instruction for the past week.

Heading the training operations is Mike Bordieri of one of the company's New Hampshire divisions. "We are teaching the techniques of hand sewing at the present time," Bordieri commented Monday. He said that it takes about two weeks to learn the process thoroughly and sometimes as much as six months to become proficient in the skill.

"A skilled hand sewer can turn out about 22 to 24 pairs of shoes a day," Bordieri said. "It's a slow process, even for the skilled laborer."

Trainees are salaried during their induction period. Three were receiving full-time instruction Monday; ten more men will be called by the company within the next week, Bordieri said.

He added that it is possible that a few women will begin training within the week. The women will specialize in the operation of fitting room sewing machines.

Eventually there will be 150 men hired as hand sewers, the New Hampshire official said.

Northwest

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gible to compete. The entry deadline is May 1. Accomplishments for this year will be retroactive to Nov. 1, 1962, and will run to next Nov. 1. Each competing community will report to the association by Nov. 15.

Reports will be reviewed by a committee of judges, and visits made to high-scoring communities. The \$1,000 prize will be awarded, along with other Northwest development project awards at the annual meeting in December.

Similar improvements have been included in the association's general community development program for the past 10 years. Bolton said the new drive, for villages and towns, will supplement the work already well advanced in rural communities.

There are 34 map-designated villages and towns in the 11 counties of the Northwest. Other settlements interested are invited to apply for consideration in the new contest.

Reports from all counties at last week's meeting here indicated that approximately 130 rural communities (including some small towns and villages) will participate in the established community development program this year. The area has a total of approximately 260 communities of all categories—farming, rural non-farm, and small towns and villages.

Committee members and extension workers from the various counties reported growing interest in the general development program—which includes a multitude of projects affecting virtually all phases of community life.

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—PAUL & RALPH

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