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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, MAY 9, 1963

## To Make The City Clean

The annual cleanup campaign is in progress in the city and already a good deal has been done to improve the looks of the place.

Citizens are being admonished to mow the lawns, clean up vacant lots, remove buildings which have passed their years of usefulness and have the litter which normally accumulates in the wintertime hauled away.

W. R. Winkler, owner of the old courthouse corner, where the walls of the old building had been pulled down a long time ago, has contributed greatly to the look of the Street by having the debris taken away and the lot brought down to King Street level. On Rivers Street Mr. Herman Wilcox has removed the old Critcher warehouse. Both these gentlemen deserve commendation for making such important contributions to a

clean town.

With indications of a record enrollment at Appalachian College for the summer term, and prospects that the number of summer tourists may be greater in Boone and Blowing Rock than has even been known, Boone should put her best foot forward and have a clean face when company comes. Besides the home folks enjoy tidy premises, clean back lots and clean streets.

Those who have trash to remove may call the city hall, where some trucks have been made available for hauling away the rubbish.

The committee, the city, Chamber of Commerce and citizens generally are anxious that there be complete cooperation in the cleanup effort this year.

## For Better Living

For many years, this newspaper, with hundreds of other newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations throughout the country, has joined in the annual salute to the brand-name manufacturers of food and furnishings. These are the manufacturers who form a hard-core team of private enterprise boosters—who get their kicks—and their profits—from making their products just a little bit better than their competitors.

This competition among manufacturers is the force which has given America the highest standard of living in the world. There's no other country where the average homeowner—not the rich, mind you, the average, middle-class, middle-income citizen—has the advantages, comforts

and conveniences of the American home. There's television—big and little, color or black-and-white; there are stereo and hi-fi; there are the automatic sewing machine and automatic drill; there are the frost-free freezer and the frozen foods to put into it; there are the dishwasher and the vacuum cleaner and the station wagon; there is the well-dressed and tastefully furnished home filled with well-dressed and well-groomed people; there are the products which help to keep us young and the products to make us healthy.

These products and this standard of living would never have happened without the honest desire of a manufacturer to be the best in his field. A brand-name manufacturer proudly places his name on his product!

## Freedom Savings Bond Drive

The Treasury Department is conducting a Freedom Savings Bond Drive which started on May 1 and will continue through the Fourth of July and every American is urged to buy at least one bond during the period. In line with the sales campaign, President Kennedy makes this statement:

"Because each one of us has a personal responsibility to help preserve freedom and to build a just and enduring peace, I heartily endorse this Drive and ask all Americans to enlist in the cause of freedom by buying Savings Bonds.

"More than \$46 billion worth of Series E and H Bonds are now owned by millions of American families, many of whom are adding to their holdings each month. The success

of this uniquely American program rests largely on the efforts of volunteers who bring the advantages of Savings Bonds to the attention of their fellow citizens and who recognize the importance of widespread ownership of Savings Bonds to a sound and growing economy.

"Although volunteers will spearhead the 1963 Freedom Savings Bond Drive, I hope all will follow their leadership. And I urge every American family to buy United States Bonds to the limit of its ability—particularly between now and the Fourth of July. This Independence Day will therefore have greater meaning to all who through their purchase of Savings Bonds will also have a greater, more tangible share in America."

## Knowledge Is Everywhere

(The Nashville Banner)

Don't for a moment imagine that knowledge dispensed abroad, as in have-not lands by energetic people working at it, is without its reciprocation. Anyone believing that now stands corrected by a little item in the Peace Corps Volunteer:

"A volunteer in India will have nothing but male children if the prophecy of villagers in Gagan Pahad comes true.

"Larry Caskey, an agricultural extension worker from Bryson, Tex., was asked to perform a peja, or ceremony, to celebrate the laying of a chicken-house foundation.

As instructed, he took off his shoes and squatted on the ground."

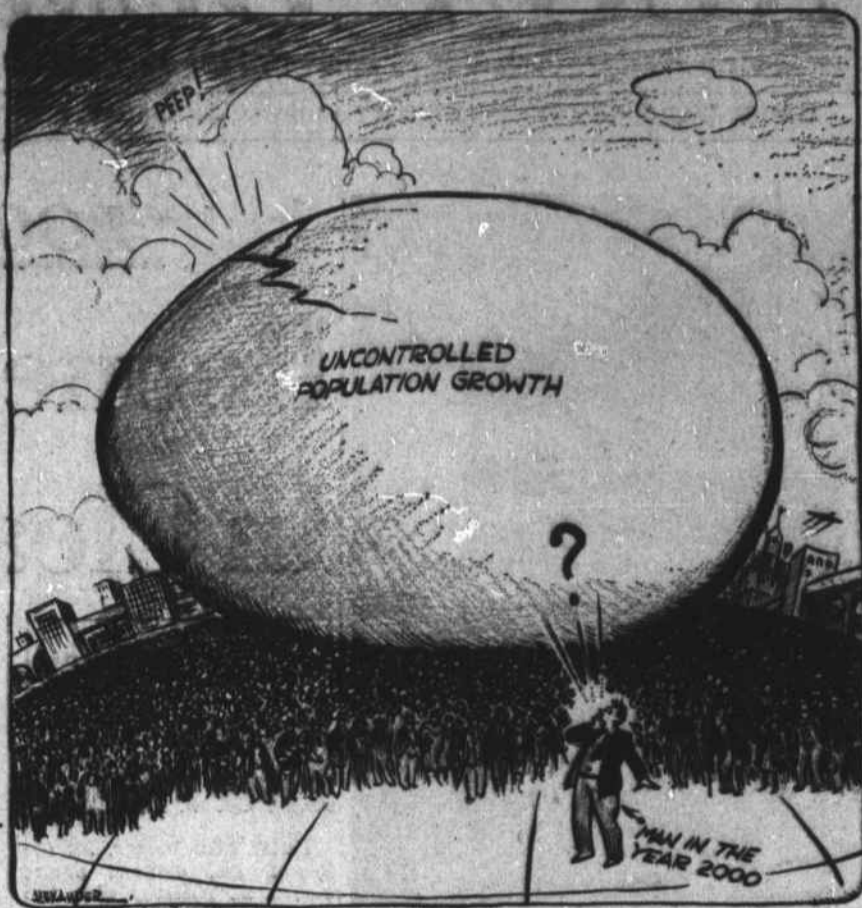
So far, so good.

"I was asked to wash a stone, put tumeric powder on it, and apply six red spots. I burned some incense, too. Then I was asked to break a coconut on the stone with one blow," he said.

"The coconut split on his first try, inspiring the forecast promising him all sons."

Truly, knowledge is everywhere. Instruction is where you find it.

## The Egg And I



## From Early Democrat Files

### Sixty Years Ago May 7, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sherwood, of Cove Creek, left for the State of Washington last week. Hope they will succeed well in their new home.

T. S. Coffey is off on a visit to Hickory this week.

Mrs. W. R. Lovill is spending a few days with her parents at Sutherland.

Roby C. Green, son of R. A. Green of Blowing Rock, left for Missouri last week.

Hon. R. Z. Linney was in town a few hours Monday on his return from his "lodge" on the mountain.

Mrs. Malinda Horton, who has spent the winter with relatives in Virginia, has returned to her home on New River.

B. R. Bryan has accepted a position with a lumber company at Elizabethton, Tenn., and left for that place on last Saturday.

Attorney L. D. Lowe purchased the Z. B. Buchanan property at Blowing Rock that was sold at the court house door on Monday.

We are pained to say it, but unless the reins are drawn a little more tightly on some of the younger boys of this village and surroundings, a hard future is certainly in store for them, and many sad heart aches for those nearest and dearest to them.

An agent for a steel bridge company from Chattanooga was in town Monday. He is anxious to trade our people a few spans of an old bridge that has been, for the Lord only knows how long, in the waters of Chuckey River. He only estimates the cost at about \$2,000 per span. GeWhiz!

On last Friday evening the dwelling of our old friend J. Wesley Holsclaw, of Hagaman, together with its entire contents, save one bed, was destroyed by fire. The post office that was kept in the building was saved in the main. Mr. Holsclaw is one of our best citizens, an old Confederate veteran, and this loss to him is almost irreplaceable, and we think it is the imperative duty of our people to help him liberally in rebuilding and furnishing a home.

Thomas Hines, who has been in a furniture factory at Hickory for a while, is on a visit to home folks near town.

### Thirty-Nine Years Ago May 8, 1924

Dr. P. C. Jurney of Iredell county spent a few hours Sunday with his sister, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, returning to his home in the afternoon.

Mr. Andrew Watson of Marion, Va., was in town Saturday to visit his brother for a short period. He also visited Blowing Rock. He was well pleased with the improvement of Boone, and more especially with the new State highways.

Mr. Ray Mast of the Silverstone section and Miss Pauline Greer of Zionville were happily married at the state line on the Tennessee side on April 29. Rev. R. C. Eggers performed the ceremony.

Mr. Robert Richard, who has been in the hospital nearly a year, visited his people here last week.

Mr. Wade Norris, one of our neighbor boys is right sick at the home of Mr. J. L. Harkle-road, where he has been working for the past year.

Contractor Will Hodges with a good crew of masons is now putting brick in the walls of the Dixie Theatre building, and it looks as if with favorable weather conditions the job will be done in record-breaking time. Mr. Wade H. McGhee is busy on the construction of the new filling station near the Watauga Bank.

Mr. S. F. Horton spent the week end in Greensboro, attending while there the Carolina-Virginia baseball game.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Collins and family with several other friends, went to the Grandfather Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Coffey of Linville was here on business last week.

Mrs. M. A. Wright is visiting her son in Caldwell.

It was thought that the apple crop was going to be a failure this year but now the prospects are bright for a good crop in this part of the county.

Mrs. John G. Eller of Purlear, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Younce for a few days.

### Fifteen Years Ago May 6, 1948

Mr. Earl Pennick spent the week end in Palmetto, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Winkler and Mr. H. Grady Farthing are in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Kimball of Dayton, Ohio are visiting Mrs. Robert Lewis.

Mrs. Gertrude Leary of Greensboro, spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. L. L. Bingham.

Mrs. J. L. Reece has been confined to her home for the past week with laryngitis.

Mrs. Fred Hodges of West Palm Beach, Fla., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hodges, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Matheson of Mooresville, and Mrs. H. Coleman Payne of Taylorsville visited with Mrs. F. A. Linney last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Whiting have returned from Bradenton, Fla., to spend the summer at the Harris cottage, Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Mildred Eggers of Winston-Salem was a week end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eggers.

Mr. Gene Bingham of State College and Mrs. Gene Bingham of A. S. T. C., spent the week end with his mother.

Mrs. J. A. Harwood and granddaughters, Sue and Jerry, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. A. Idol of Boone, Route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mast, who have resided in Mountain Home, N. C., for the past year, have returned to their home in Valle Crucis where they plan to stay indefinitely.

Donald V. Greene, boatswain's mate, 1st class, U. S. N., son of Wade Greene, of Stony Fork, is serving with the Charleston Group, Atlantic Reserve Fleet, at Charleston, S. C.

Mr. Ralph Winkler, chairman of the Committee of the Grandfather Mountain area of the Parkway Commission attended Parkway meetings in Asheville and Waynesville last week. This was in connection with making the Grandfather Mountain area a part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

# KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

We go away infrequently, but when we do spend a few days away from our desk, we are happy to get back and to tackle the accumulation of chores which have been waiting for our attention. The automobile was leed over on the first day of May when got an early start for Columbia, Missouri, where Rachel is attending the noted School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. . . . It was nice that the heater was working good on this May day, but we were down out of the hills before the ice and snow had begun to melt from the hood and the trunk lid. . . . Then the weather was good and cool enough for a mountain man's comfort.

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### In Passing . . . Some Scenes

—The beautiful farm lands of east Tennessee, and the busy towns, which, big or little, can't be bypassed.

—Sprawling Nashville, with her State Capitol perched on a hill like a great pillared castle.

—The big dams in Tennessee and Kentucky which have provided great power resources and playground areas for masses of people.

—Having delicious catfish and hush puppies at a neat roadside restaurant, where we'd eaten on a number of occasions, and talking to the folks in the locality about the angling in the nearby reservoir. . . . The bass grow big, they say, in the deep, greenish waters, and it's fun to hook the big uns, "but for the table everybody in these parts uses the cat."

—Fort Campbell, astride the Tennessee and Kentucky line, stretching its endless acres along the four lane strip lined with liquor stores, various concessions and soldiers wanting a ride.

—Glad to see Paducah's Holiday Inn near the end of a long day, and to rest and have dinner at the hospitable hostelry, where 80 more units have been added since last summer. . . . Irvin S. Cobb made the city famous with his gifted pen, his long cigar, and his recipes for all sorts of libations. . . . The soaring bridge over the mighty Ohio, bearing Cobb's name, and leading into Metropolis, Illinois, which should have been wider.

—Enough Southern Illinois acres lying fallow to feed another world.

—The many old and faded small towns in Illinois farm areas, and a lot of people at work on the vast plantations.

—Across the Mississippi on the Jefferson Barracks Bridge, and on through the fertile countryside to our destination in the central part of the State, where the Holiday Inn serves grits for breakfast, as a matter of course, same as the deep South. As a matter of fact that area was settled largely by folks from Tennessee and Kentucky, is known as "Little Dixie," and is famous, not only for its educational institutions (two colleges and the University), but for its Boone County ham. Flat county corn (bottled), is also tended with the care of Southern hill people.

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### The Postman . . . Takes A Walk On Vacation

Like the postman who takes a walk, we spent an afternoon at the school of Journalism, where Mr. Price, who teaches advertising, took time off and showed us around, introducing us to a great many of those who are employed there. . . . We wound up in the printing department, where six linotypes grind out the slugs for a standard daily newspaper for the community, as well as for the University newspaper, and the linotype school has six more machines. . . . A completely modern plant, painstakingly arranged, form the newsroom, editorial department, advertising department, composing room and on to the rotary pressroom and mailing department, the plant would do credit to any community. . . . We stayed there until the sixteen pages had been made up, the mats rolled, the big press plated and rolling, and haven't had a more pleasant afternoon—just as good as working. . . . And of course gathered a good deal of information as to how other folks meet the same problems we face.

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Journalism Week  
It was Journalism week at Columbia, and the Missouri Press Association, which main-

tains elaborate quarters in the J-School building, was holding its sessions. . . . Mrs. Rivers, Rachel, Martha Hall of St. Louis and I attended the J-School banquet that night, and had a grand time. . . . Merri-man Smith was the principal speaker at the session over which Dean English presided, and other noted newspaper people appeared on the program during the week. . . . Mrs. Rivers has attended three of these functions. It was our second. . . . We always have a good time in Columbia, visiting with Rachel and her friends, and enjoying the splendid hospitality of the town. . . . One objection, the place is too far away. . . . But after we're rested from the long drive, we are again anxious to go.

## Uncle Pinkney

HIS PALAVERIN'S

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I been in a state of shock all week over a item quoting a official from the U. S. Department of Education. It seems the experts has started teaching a new system of arithmetic to the school youngsters. They ain't got it going in all the schools yet, the piece says, but by 1965 they hope to have the old system done away with complete and the new one installed all over the country. I read the piece 6 times, Mister Editor, and on the last time around I knowed me or them was crazy and, natural, it had to be me. They got the Constitution and the Administration on their side and, like the feller said, you can't beat city hall.

In the first place, the experts is doing away with the "Tutem System," which is the two times two is four system. They say this ain't true of you use "Base Seven." I reckon Base Seven is a first cousin to Third Base or Cloud Nine or somepun. Anyhow, Base Seven and Tutem is in conflict. It says so right on the front page.

Furthermore, they allow as how it ain't important in this new arithmetic to know what a circle is, the main thing is to know "what happens when the circle loses its roundness."

And in this new system of arithmetic fer the school kids of 1965, they won't be no such thing as a line. It will be knowed as a "set of points standing shoulder to shoulder."

And they put the stopper in the jug by announcing the days is about over fer adding, subtracting, and dividing. Under the new system these items will be called "intersection, union, and complementation."

I recollect complaining a few year ago when the schools slowed down on teaching reading, writing, and arithmetic, and started giving courses in hair-do, folk dancing, and flute-playing. I just didn't know, Mister Editor, when I was well off.

But I reckon, like this piece says, the next generation has got to have a "Univac mind" to keep pace with space. In another 20 year, when a feller wants to call up his wife at the factory where she's working, he'll have to dial 863-2540 and tell 'em its Social Security 243-48-9595, Internal Revenue Service 44-07-3037, IRS 43-610-5745, please. And a feller can't handle that situation with the kind of arithmetic we got now.

I started to report these matters to the fellers at the country store Saturday night, but I got to figuring it wasn't no use in having everybody going crazy at the same time, at least not till 1965.

Yours truly,  
Uncle Pinkney

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