

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Blowing Rock Mayor
Lauds Democrat, Rocket

Dear Bob:
I want to extend congratulations to you for receiving the awards so justly due a paper of the high caliber of the Watauga Democrat.

Also want to thank you for the wonderful job Nell Greene and yourself are doing for Blowing Rock with our newspaper, the Blowing Rocket.

With best wishes.
Sincerely,
R. B. Hardin, Mayor
Blowing Rock, N. C.
February 4, 1966.

Mr. Robert Rivers and Personnel:

Please accept my congratulations upon your recent awards of your newspaper. I think it was rightly deserved and I'm glad it could be you who received it.

I have told so many folks how I enjoy your paper and have for the many years since 1916. Every opportunity I have had to buy a copy I have availed myself the pleasure, and now that my friends have sent me a subscription for the past 6 years I have really enjoyed it. It makes one feel that they have visited the town all over again and renewed friendships. It is such a friendly coverage. In my imagination I can see places and its people doing chores and going along with the business routine and school life.

Let me say I am truly happy that the Watauga Democrat of so many years was and still is one of the best and most up-to-date weekly papers I know of. Many are the times when we should have sent our congratulations, but neglected to do so. All good wishes for future success.

Sincerely,
Ennis R. Mickey
Winston-Salem, N. C.
February 3, 1966.

Dear Bob:

I was thrilled to learn of the awards you and the other Democrat workers received. It has been my opinion for years that the weekly was virtually in a class by itself in the state. I was glad to see that my judgment has been proven sound.

For quite awhile my thought has been that the time has arrived for you to at least become a bi-weekly publication and I look forward to those forthcoming Announcements of Importance you mentioned in your editorial.

All that snow, wind and low temperatures up there have kept us interested for days. How nice it would have been to be in Boone sitting, at least part of the time, in front of a fire on the hearth.

Our snowfall amounted to about six inches and there is still quite a lot of it around and temperatures stay low. The thermometer reached 4 above zero on two different occasions. That kind of weather kind of hurts the pride of the people who have been here a long time, but just why it should I don't know.

Every good wish to you and your family. We're glad your wife is home again.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. O. L. Brown
Charlotte, N. C.

Gentlemen:
We enclose check for renewal of our subscription to the best weekly in the U.S.A.

And our hearty congratulations to the entire Democrat force for winning five prizes in the recent survey of the newspapers.

May we wish you continued success. Needless to say we enjoy the Democrat more every year and have been subscribers for onto forty years.

With personal regards to the Rivers family.
Sincerely,
Oliver and Wilma Robertson
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Rivers:
I read with a great deal of joy in both the Winston-Salem Journal and the Watauga Democrat the recognition of the excellence of your publication. I congratulate you and am happy for you.

It was my intention to come by and do this in person, but somebody keeps ordering snow, wind, and low temperatures, so I shall let our esteemed Uncle Samuel do the job.

Very sincerely yours,
Herman Eggers

Has Good Words
For Friendly Town

To the Editor:
Just a word of praise for your lovely town. We had the pleasure of living in your wonderful town from the first day of Oct. 65, till Dec. 29th. We have never seen a more friendly place. In fact couldn't realize there was a place in this selfish world like your town.

Wishing to town of Boone, N. C. the best of every thing in the coming years.
Respectfully yours,
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowlin

Route 2, Box 376
Newport, N. C.

Says Jack Guy Has
Helped His People

Dear Editor:
Mr. Jack Guy, the manager of Guy's Folk Toys, has visited homes with a friendly appearance. He has helped to sell the toys they make and encouraged them with their work.

It is certainly very nice to have someone to help the people like he does. Our appreciation to Mr. Jack Guy. He is always welcome in our homes.

Mountain Folks
Hattie and Idar Presnell

Registration For
Saturday Classes
Set For March 12

Registration for graduate students planning to take work in Saturday classes during the spring quarter at Appalachian State Teachers College will be held from 10 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, according to announcement by Dr. Cratis Williams, dean of the graduate school.

Classes will begin the same day and eight other Saturday classes will be held during the spring quarter. By attending the Saturday classes, graduate students may earn three quarter hours of credit and three weeks of residence. As much as 18 hours of work earned in Saturday classes may be applied toward the master's degree.

Classes are available in business education, chemistry, education, English, industrial arts, mathematics, music and sociology.

Information and registration forms may be obtained from the Graduate Office and assignments may be obtained after Feb. 21.



RIME OR HOARFROST—commonly known as ice on the trees—coated Rich Mountain above Boone last week. Many say that the lacy frosting is a sign of a mild winter, despite what groundhogs say. (Staff photo)

Four Selections To Be Played By
Noted Symphony February 15th

Four selections have been chosen for presentation by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra in its appearance at ASTC on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Performing under the direction of Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, the orchestra will present a program consisting of the Overture from "Ruler of the Spirits" by Carl Maria Von Weber, suite from the Pantomime, "The Miraculous Manderin" by Bela Bartok, "Iberia" from "Images" by Claude Debussy (Iberia in three parts), and Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Opus 73, by Johannes Brahms.

The orchestra will present its concert in the Health and Physical Education Building at 8 p. m.

The Minneapolis Symphony now is in its 62nd season and its fourth with Skrowaczewski at the helm. He follows such distinguished conductors as Eugene Ormandy, Dmitri Mitropoulos and Antal Dorati.

A native of Poland, Skrowaczewski is 41 years of age. He formerly was director of the National Philharmonic of Poland and has conducted extensively throughout his native land and in France, Italy, England, Austria, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, the Soviet Union, South America, Mexico, Israel and the United States.

He was born in Lwow, Poland, and he received his early musical training in the Conservatory of the Lwow Music Society as a student of piano and violin.

He received his diploma from the Lwow Academy of Music in 1945 and went on to study composition with Roman Palaster and conducting with Walerian Bierdziejew at the State Higher School of Music in Krakow. From Krakow, he went to Paris with a fellowship from the Ministry of Culture and Art.

He won international recognition as a composer with his "Prelude and Fugue" in 1947 and the same year he won first prize in the Karol Szymanowski competition with his "Concert Overture."

In the season of 1947-48, Skrowaczewski was conductor of the Wroclaw Philharmonic Orchestra and in 1948 he was appointed conductor of the National Philharmonic in Katowice. He became conductor of the Krakow Philharmonic in 1955 and in 1956 he won the international competition for conductors in Rome. From 1957 to 1959 he conducted the Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra.

Skrowaczewski was invited

Legion, Auxiliary
To Have Fri. Meeting

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet at 7 p. m. Friday, Feb. 11 at the Legion Hut.

C.A.B. urges safety changes in 727 jet.

Heart Month
Is Proclaimed

The briefest proclamation to support this important drive with their gifts and volunteer service.

Wade E. Brown, Mayor of the Town of Boone

Co. Agent's
Column

By L. E. TUCKWILLER
County Extension Chairman

"Not too much elaboration is required when you're dealing with a complex of diseases responsible for about 54 per cent of all deaths in the nation," said Mayor Brown. "Beyond this, these same diseases afflict on the average one of nine citizens, and are a prime source of economic hardship."

The proclamation's text follows:

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart and circulation constitute our Number One health enemy; being responsible in this community for more deaths than all other causes combined and causing widespread suffering and economic hardship;

AND WHEREAS, the Number One defense against these diseases is your Heart Fund. Therefore, I proclaim February to be Heart Month within the jurisdiction of my office, and call upon all our citizens

The special burley tobacco meeting covering such topics as varieties, fertilizer, topping, disease and insect control, will be held in the County Courthouse in Boone Thursday morning, Feb. 18, starting at 10 a.m. Harold Ross, Assistant Extension Professor of Agronomy, and F. A. Todd, Extension Tobacco Disease Specialist, will assist with the meeting.

Tobacco yields in 1965 were off some in Watauga County, and one probable cause of this was the black root rot disease. The specialists will have suggestions on ways to control this disease.

Since tobacco is a leading cash crop in Watauga, all growers will want to attend this meeting. Bring your neighbors with you.

Orders for strawberry and blueberry plants are coming in slowly. If you want to pool your order with us, please let us know the number and kinds of plants you want as soon as possible. We want to place the order for blueberry plants by Feb. 15 so we can get the varieties we want.

Bethel 4-H Club
Has January Meeting

The Bethel 4-H Club held their January meeting at the home of the leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sherwood. The meeting was called to order and the girls and boys started work on jewelry boxes, which will be finished at the next meeting.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments and two members were appointed to serve refreshments when the club meets on Friday, February 18.

Mrs. Thomas
Is Appointed
At Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, N. C.—Dr. Garvin announces the appointment to the staff of the District Health Department Mrs. Nancy Thomas as Public Health Nursing Supervisor on the Tuberculosis Project. Mrs. Thomas will assume responsibility for assistance with and direction of the tuberculosis program in Caswell and Person Counties and the Hillsboro area of Orange County. She was formerly employed by the Watauga County Health Department.

Mrs. Thomas resides at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.



Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducting Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

Jean-Pierre Filipinetti, driver of a \$14,000
Mercedes, test-drove a '66 Ford.

His opinion: Ford rides quieter.



Ford's Quiet Man here he discusses a '66 Ford 4-Door LTD with Jean-Pierre Filipinetti at the castle which houses the famed Filipinetti collection of over 80 classic autos.

"It's incredible," said M. Filipinetti, "the Ford is quieter."

"The quiet, it's tremendous," continued M. Filipinetti, "it's incredible that you could build a car so luxurious as this at such a price." Ford's amazing quietness is the result of deep-down quality and engineering excellence.

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