

Reflections

by
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WHO DUN IT?
There's a mystery around Black Mountain that Ben Ivey means to solve if it takes all winter. He's looking for the man or woman who mailed him a special letter from Raleigh in regards to his house and the new interstate which will come close to his present home.
First I heard about the case directly was one day last week

when Ben confronted me with an innocent question: "When have you been to Raleigh?"
It didn't take long for me to reply that I had been to Raleigh only once since school opened and that was several weeks ago.
A few minutes later he asked again and in a more pressing tone: "Are you sure you didn't

was happening and then asked the young son, the only one home:
"What time did your mother say she'd be back?"
"Well, she's gone somewhere but I don't know where. She'll be back after awhile."
But the inactivity in the kitchen and the empty house didn't look very much as if the lady of the house could be expecting guests for supper. But he was sure that she was the one who had called and asked him out for supper Sunday evening.
But the more he thought about it the more convinced he was that something must be wrong. And then something his wife said to him that afternoon when he visited her in the hospital took on more and more importance. His wife had asked him if he was going to the home of a member of his flock which was entirely different from the one which he sat and waited on with growing suspicion that his wife might have been right.
Convinced that he must be in the wrong pew, he called the home of the other member and was quickly assured that she was expecting him for supper and that they were now waiting on him.
The minister who has not revealed this or told it to a soul quickly left the house after giving the young man present strict orders to keep the incident a secret.
SGT. YORK
It is highly flattering to have Graham Buckner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Buckner of Swannanoa "claim kin with me."
As Graham put it: "You and I might be just a little bit akin."
Well, Graham was right but now that the late Frank Buckner is not around to run out the family tree ad put all the uncles and aunts in their proper places, I couldn't prove it if I had to.
But Grant had until recently a relative who was one of the most decorated and best known heroes of World War I. He was Sergeant Alvin C. York who killed and captured an entire German machine gun company in France near the

close of WW I. For this feat he became the most decorated hero any nation had in the war.
A biography of the famous doughboy which I read some years ago said that his ancestors moved from the North Fork of the Swannanoa River in East Buncombe County prior to the Civil War to Fentress County, Tennessee.
That being the case the next time I see Graham I intend to claim kin with him. I'm glad I know some famous people.
BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE
Several years ago I wrote in Reflections that the schools of Buncombe County had no business trying to compete in the Blue Ridge Conference with Canton, Waynesville, and Brevard.
Reasons given were that these schools draw their players from a much smaller area which permits them to practice and gives them many advantages, no transportation problem, etc.
Results of the past few years have convinced everyone that the large consolidated schools belong in a conference of their own. Come next fall this will be a reality. Owen and Hendersonville have been admitted to the Tri-County Conference and will start play next fall.
Enka, Brevard, Canton, Waynesville, and Asheville High will form a new 4-A conference in this end of the state.
In the Tri-County with Owen and Hendersonville will be East and West Henderson, Bethel, Erwin, North Buncombe, Reynolds, T. C. Roberson, and Edneyville.
This is a tough league and no one should get the idea that Owen won't have to go all out to win the Tri-County. You can count on your fingers of one hand the members of this league that we have defeated during the past three years.
It that proof enough?

A meeting was held Thursday, October 22 in the school cafeteria after school. David Faucette, vice-president, presided.
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Becky Allred gave a report for the Service Projects Committee. She told of the projects that various clubs in the state had sponsored. We discussed the need of some of these projects at Owen. We did not decide upon any certain one for this year. The Nominating Committee Chairman, Linda Jones, reported that her committee had nominated David Faucette for the vice-presidency of the State Beta Club. The club will vote at a later date.
COUNTY FUTURE TEACHERS
Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. the Buncombe County Future Teachers of America held its first meeting of the year in the S&W Cafeteria in Asheville. Fifty-two members were present. After we had dinner in the Pine Room, the county president, Becky Sluder of Erwin, who presided, announced that she would be running for presidency of the state club at the FTA State Convention in Greensboro on November 14. Owen members pledged their support. Owen members present agreed to take the next county meeting. At this time plans for this meeting are indefinite.
HOMECOMING
Owen beat T. C. Roberson Friday night in the homecoming game. The weather was cold, but this only added to the excitement of the game. We were all stunned by the beauty of the homecoming court as they walked into the heart-shaped formation made by the band. The junior varsity representative was Linda Stokes, and the band representative was Jean Bashaw. The court included Ann Graham, Janice Wheelon, Collette Summit, Connie Nichols, Nancy Jo Martin, and Brenda Williams. A more beautiful Queen than Barbara Boone could not have been chosen.
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 - Helped secure \$5 million authorization for Robbinsville-Tellico Plains Road. Construction to start this fall.
 - Secured approval of Forest Service road from U.S. 64 to Whitewater Falls.
 - Forest service road from Rosman in Transylvania to Woodrow in Haywood.
 - Has supported legislation and taken positive action to speed up construction of WNC Interstate Roads.
 - Supporting Appalachian Development program, which includes 142 miles of new roads and highways for WNC.

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Eight little free workers thought this country heaven
But the government took over the railroads, then there were seven.

Seven little free workers—till the miners got in a fix.
Uncle said coal's essential and took over leaving six.

Six little free workers 'till the day did arrive
The steel mills too were federalized—then there were five.

Five little free workers—but the farmers are free no more
The farms have been collectivized—that leaves only four.

Four little free workers till the government did decree
All must have free legal advice—then there were three.

Three little free workers—the number is getting few,
But with government groceries selling food—then there were two.

Two little free workers—our story's almost done,
With clerks at work in federal stores—that leaves only one.

One little free worker—the reporter son-of-a-gun
Mustn't criticize government—so now there are none.



Ten little workers—but they are no longer free
They work when and where ordered, and at a fixed rate you see,
And it all could have been prevented if they'd only seen fit to agree
And work together instead of saying "it never can happen to me!"

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Owen--Lites

By
Grover Farr

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FHA RALLY
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PSAT
Tuesday morning saw the auditorium filled with college-bound juniors and seniors who sat "a row apart and a seat apart" for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). Our guidance counselor, Miss Joan Hanlon, administered the test. The test took two hours.
T. C. ROBERSON PLAY
Tuesday afternoon, a group of five T. C. Roberson students came to Owen and gave a play about the relationship of the community to its schools. The students were accompanied to Owen by their principal, Mr. Guy Ensley. The public was invited to the play and several parents attended.
The actors and actresses were excellent. Ron Moser was the narrator. The other members of the cast were Barbara Kimsey, Pam Volkert, Baxter Graham, and David Cunningham.
The students were picked by Mr. Charles Starns, who teaches speech and drama at Roberson. I heard only favorable comments from the students after the play. The players commented that they enjoyed performing at Owen more than anywhere they had given the play.
Wednesday afternoon, we had a pep rally for Friday night's homecoming game. The band started things off. Then came the individual introduction of the Varsity football players. Coach Bill Stanley explained some of the plays used by the Warhorses as members of the team demonstrated the plays. The band then gave us a sample of the half-time show. I couldn't tell which was the louder—the tapping of feet on the bleachers or the music as the band played everybody's favorite — "Java." The cheerleaders then led us in several yells before we stood to sing the Alma Mater.

BETA CLUB.
I believe that this year is going to be one of the most active years in Owen's history