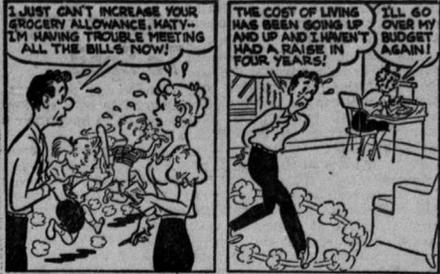


HERALD COMICS

Life With The Rimples



By Les Carroll



His Newspapers And Wheelbarrow Keep "Shorty" Huffstetler Busy

R. L. (Shorty) Huffstetler, Kings Mountain native now of Winston Salem, was subject of a feature article in the Winston Salem newspaper, "Twin City Sentinel."

The story was written by Ed Campbell, staff reporter, and appeared with three-column picture under the heading, "Well Done, Little Man."

Article on Mr. Huffstetler follows:

He was a little man with a big problem.

Laid off from his job in the textile mill, he had his family's welfare to see to.

So the little man came out of Kings Mountain with his wife and two small daughters.

He came to Winston-Salem, got himself some wood and a bicycle and put himself together a wheelbarrow. It was 1948.

For the next two years he and that wheelbarrow were partners against the problem. They were in business together, selling candy.

All the better known nickel bars were their line, and together they went about here, or set up to sell on the corner there, in the downtown business area.

Problem Licked Pretty soon the little man and his confectionary on a wheel had the problem licked and though he was still the same height — all 4 1-2 feet of it — maybe he felt a bit bigger inside.

This was R. L. Huffstetler 13 years ago. But the name won't mean much to most of the folks around here. What else would they know him by but "Shorty?"

Today, things are different for Shorty Huffstetler. For one thing, he's older — 61. And one of those small children, Bertie Lee, has grown up, is married and living with her airman husband in Massachusetts.

The other, Margie, 15, is still living with Shorty and his wife, Goldie, at 125 E. Ninth Street.

Different Job The job is different, too. In September of 1950, Shorty traded the candy bars for newspapers and is now distributing and selling them for the Winston-Salem Journal and Twin City Sentinel.

Shorty uses a metal, two-wheeled cart to carry the papers. It's a modified version of the wheelbarrow that served him so well when he was selling candy.

Shorty had to have a new vehicle when he took on the newspaper job. He found a second hand wheelbarrow and worked on it until he got it like he wanted it. He put two bicycle wheels on this one, so the weight of the heavier newspapers would be better distributed and easier to push.

"The old one I had was too weak to carry papers," he said.

Early To Rise Shorty gets up in the very wee hours six days a week, taking only Saturday off. Though in a different line of work, he has all the qualities of a good postman. He's on the job through rain, sleet, snow and the muggy, hot days of midsummer.

He recalls the big snows last March as "something terrible. The cart got mired down and I finally had to leave it and carry the papers in my arms. I fell once."

When it's wet, Shorty has a canvass he spreads over the top of the cart to keep his papers dry.

At the newspaper building at 4 a. m., Shorty picks up his papers, puts them in his cart and begins making his rounds. He leaves papers at each of the

Don McNeil; Marilyn Van Derbur, Miss America 1958; Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America 1959; and Nancy Jane Fleming, the current Miss America.

Highlights of the night's festivities on WSPA-TV will include the "grand parade" of contestants representing each state; specialty acts performed by the finalists; the contestants' swim suit promenade; personality competition; interviews with former Miss Americas; and the crowning of Miss America 1962 by the reigning queen.

This broadcast, climaxing four nights of competition for scholarships and national fame by beauties representing all 50 states, will culminate in an on-the-spot selection and crowning of a new "Miss America."

From obscurity she will become, in one flash, a household name. Fifty million people will watch her enter this magic world between the hours of 9:30 p. m. and 12:00 midnight, on WSPA-TV Channel 7, and the CBS Television Network.

By Sunday morning, the media of American communications will have put her name and face into every American home. Within a year, she will have appeared publicly all over the country and have made more money than the average American earns in 20 years. For in that split moment on Saturday night, she will cease to be Mama's darling, Daddy's best girl, or the popular campus favorite, and will burst across the land as Miss America.

The Camden, N. J., board of elections ended one of the fringe benefits for its 29 employees; they removed bottles of free aspirin. It seems that the employees used 5,500 aspirins last year.

At 2 p. m. Shorty is back at the newspaper building again to pick up the afternoon papers when they come off the presses. He starts distributing to the racks again.

When he has the racks filled a second time, Shorty, who guesses he walks about 10 miles a day, pushes his cart and his remaining papers to the P. H. Hanes Knitting Co. plant at the corner of Sixth and Main Streets. He gets there in time to sell them to employees who begin leaving the plant at 4 p. m.

Wife Is Blind It's around 5:30 p. m. when he starts for home, with the cart still in tow. He puts the cart away and goes into his house to have supper with his daughter and wife, who is blind.

Shorty is in bed at 8 p. m. so he'll be fresh for his 4 a. m. date with the morning newspapers next day.

He distributes around 1,100 papers during a good day's work, 600 papers in the morning and 500 in the afternoon.

Once, last September, he and his cart were in a collision. "I was selling a paper at the parking lot across from the hotel (Robert E. Lee), beating my gums, not watching what I was doing, and turned my cart around into this car that was coming into the lot. Some of the paint was knocked off the car and it cost me about \$10 to settle up."

Shorty has missed, according to his own recollection, only about 20 days out of the 11 years he has been employed with the newspapers.

"I keep healthy by keeping at it."

Sometimes now he gets tired, particularly in his legs, but he says, "I've always been able to find the grit to keep going. I think I can go five more years at least."

Freshmen Arrive At Gardner-Webb For Fall Term

Boiling Springs — Around 250 boarding freshmen arrived on the Gardner-Webb College campus yesterday (Monday) to begin the first leg of their college education. Returning along with the freshmen were around 50 professors and staff members, some of them fresh from summer school, a few with advanced degrees completed during the summer months.

Included in the students arriving on campus were a few transfer students.

Today, tomorrow, and Thursday will be devoted to orientation and freshman testing.

Friday sophomores will register, and Friday afternoon and Saturday morning freshmen will go through the lines to get classes arranged for Monday's first classes.

On Thursday night, Sept. 14, the students will enjoy the first big social event of the year — the faculty-student reception, held in O. Max Gardner Memorial Building.

A total enrollment of around 600 students is expected this year about the same as last year, when a peak enrollment was reached. A total of 590 students finally registered for classes last fall, including about a score of special students, most of which were in the field of music.

A total of 640 students registered during the year at the Baptist junior college, counting transfer students and students entering for the first time with



AT LACKLAND AFB — Airman Floyd E. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd O. Morris, 303 Waco Road, Kings Mountain, has completed his initial course of Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been selected to attend the technical training course for Aircraft Control and Warning Operator, at Keesler AFB, Miss. He is a graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

the second semester that began in mid-January.

Registrar Dorothy W. Hamrick has reported that all available dormitory space for men and women students has been taken, with 136 girls boarding and around 212 men living on campus. Attic space could be provided for 15 or 20 more, should the need arise.

The remaining almost 300 students are commuters from Cleveland and neighboring counties, two or three dozen riding the bus from Gaston County.

Three French campers pitched their big yellow tent in the hills of England and left for a nearby town. When they returned, they found that someone who had made off with their tent and equipment. After two days of searching, police found their entire camp right where they had left it. It was they who had been lost.

A New York man received an expensive car for his birthday with a card saying, "May you always be as happy as you are today." The greeting did not come true, however. He was arrested by police on charges of sending himself stolen goods — namely, the car.

Gardner-Webb Alumni Meet

Boiling Springs — Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association officers and directors met recently at the College and mapped plans to organize 12 Alumni Association chapters by Homecoming, Oct. 28.

Initial steps were also taken to celebrate Founder's Day and Homecoming on the same day. In previous years, Founder's Day has been observed on Friday, a day earlier.

Twelve key alumni will be na-

med by the directors and officers, working with a faculty-alumni committee, to spearhead the chapter organizational work. Chapters are to be established in the 12 most populace alumni areas.

The Rev. T. W. Estes of Forest City is president of the Association, the Rev. Wilson Padgett of Shelby is vice-president, and Mrs. Nancy A. Griffin of Boiling Springs is secretary-treasurer.

An effort will be made to contact other colleges for information on how to organize alumni chapters.

Special Founders-Day - Homecoming events include a meeting

of the officers and directors that morning, a banquet at 1 p. m., attended by relatives and descendants of the original board of trustees of the College, older faculty members, older alumni, and officers and directors of the Alumni Association.

A campus tour at 11 a. m. will precede the banquet.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a talent show, with alumni and students participating, will be held, followed by the annual barbecue at 5 p. m.

Homecoming events will be climaxed with the Gardner-Webb vs. Wingate football game at 8 p. m. in the new Shelby High School Stadium.

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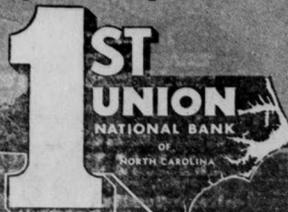
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