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**MY VISIT TO A SAW MILL**

(Royster Thurman)

One year when I was returning from Memphis, Tennessee with my aunt, father, and the rest of the family, father asked us if we would like to visit one of the saw mills belonging to the company for which he worked. Of course, we were enthusiastic over this suggestion and wanted to go.

We were close to Asheville when we reached the huge campus of the mill. The mountain on which the mill rested was completely owned by this company. On the yard, or where the lumber stayed, there were millions of feet of lumber, all graded and placed in its special place. There was a log pond where all the logs that came in were placed for a washing and soaking. After a certain length of time they were carried into the mill on an endless chain. Then they reach a man who sends them into the room of the "carriage" where they are cut into lumber as we receive it. When the lumber has been cut it goes down an endless chain where it reaches its proper place according to its proportion and grade. The bad lumber, without the help of man, goes into a chute and then it goes into what they call a "hog" where it is ground up and thrown into the furnace. Then the lumber has to be graded and this takes a very experienced man. If there are flaws in the wood, they are cut out by smaller saws. If the lumber is to be "dry-kilned" it is sent to the kiln or furnace-heated houses.

I have not said anything about the lumbermen themselves. They are a brawny type of people, quiet, strong, and a motley crew. The complete camp was awake before dawn but did not begin work until sunrise. They had put quite a number of stacks of lumber on the field when we left. I enjoyed it very much and think others would do so, too.

**CLOCKS AND WATCHES**

(Nancy Meredith)

Most of us do not know when or where clocks and watches were first made. It is said that the Chinese invented the first clock about 2,000 years before the Christian era. Watches were invented by Peter Hele about the year 1500. Most of us think that clocks are not very valuable, but without clocks we would have to use sun dials, hour glasses, and other things that would measure time. In

olden times clocks and watches were very expensive and they were owned only by the rich people.

The clock is a machine intended to measure time by the movements of wheelwork. The chief parts of a clock are a frame, a train of wheels, moved by weights or a spring and regulated by the beats of a pendulum or by a balance wheel.

Mention of the clock may be found in old chronicles dating from the time of Charlemagne. It is thought that the earliest clocks were the work of the Saracens from whom the art of clockmaking was learned by the monks of Europe. A number of clocks were made for various cathedrals of Europe in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries.

The clock tower of the English House of Parliament weighs thirteen tons and in calm weather can be heard all over London. This clock cost over \$100,000. It is considered one of the most accurate of the large time pieces.

In America, clock making had its beginning prior to the Revolutionary War. The first clocks were tall, eight-day pieces, driven by weights requiring to be wound up but once a week. This style is known as the grandfather clock and it was made entirely by hand. The works were placed in cases varying in style from a rude pine box covered with cheap stain to specimens of the richest cabinet work.

The Swiss watches that are made in Switzerland were made entirely by hand until just a few years ago. People think when they get a small Swiss watch that they are just getting an ordinary watch, but the Swiss watch is a very valuable and expensive watch. Swiss watches especially have retained their reputation for excellence up to the present time.

**WINTER**

(Byron Grandjean)

At this time last year the "Sunny South" was carpeted with white, and we joyously walked over to a nearby hill to try out a homemade sled or a new pair of barrel slats; but all that rolled by, and so did summer and fall, and now winter is here again, but a far different one; no longer do we see snow or hear the shouts of happy boys and girls. So we will probably have to look forward to a rainy winter this year, and hope "Old Man Weather" will say, "Winter with snow next year." Let's hope so anyway.

**NEWS FROM 111**

Room 111 received an invitation to Miss Hanff's wedding which is to be on Saturday, January 30, at 8 o'clock P. M. in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, N. C. Miss Hanff is to be married to Dr. Bonner.

All of us wish Miss Hanff much happiness. We hate for her to leave us, but she won't be far away. Dr. and Mrs. Bonner will live at Guilford County Sanatorium, where Dr. Bonner is resident physician.

Room 111 is not without its share of celebrities. Mary Elizabeth Clark is the sister of Miss Helen Clark, missionary to China and teacher in Soochau University there, and whom Bishop Arthur J. Moore deemed High Point's first citizen in his sermon at M. E. Church, Sunday, January 17.

In a discussion of the January birthdays of the eminent, namely, R. E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, we learned that the flag bearer in General Jackson's regiment was none other than the grandfather of our own Jack Jackson. Jack's family has the battered flag he carried, his uniform, musket, a vest, and a saber which belonged to General Jackson.

And speaking of celebrities, we are prophesying some such eminence for Sonny Gary, who may not cross the Atlantic as did Charles A. Lindbergh, another January born son, but he'll do great things in the field of aviation, we're betting.

And considering the amount of equipment that Jimmy Ellington and Wray Crawford manage to pile up in our windows, we're expecting them to be famous architects, sculptors, furniture designers, or carpenters some day.

Pupils in 111 welcome Miss Whitehead as their new teacher.

**208 Wins By Shut-Out; Lee Brown Is Star Player**

(Edward Knight)

Recently there was a great basketball game, or rather it was great for room 208. The contest was between Miss Brown's room and Miss Moser's room. The score, 8-0, in favor of room 208 showed good playing for both sides. Lee Brown, 208's center, was the star of the game, scoring all eight points. The other 208 players were Fred Lassiter, Eugene Guthrie, Graham Campbell, Everette Grayson and Clyde Eford. For the other team, 203, the players were Holt Hensley, Grady Summey, Stanton Cecil, Charles Saunders and Ray Stutts.

Room 208 scored the first shut-out of the tourney by the score.

**YO-YOS WITH US AGAIN**

(Billie Buie)

We are about to enter another yo-yo season. The yo-yo companies are sending men from the Philippines to show tricks. They give away booklets when you buy one. All ten cent stores and drug stores have a good supply of them. Almost everyone in school comes out every afternoon taking a yo-yo from his or her pockets. But we must not devote all of our time to yo-yo's. We must be surie to get our school work up.

**ART APPRECIATION**

(Iris Mae Boyles)

Mrs. Moffitt's home room studied art about two months. Each person in her home room gave a talk on the picture he had been assigned. After every picture had been reported on, Mrs. Moffitt let the boys and girls in her room study the pictures for their spelling. She then gave a test on the pictures and artists.

Many people made good on the test and very few failed.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Fralley Mitchell	Feb. 2	Patricia Steede	Feb. 1
Billy Briggs	Feb. 9	Sarah Hutchins	Feb. 23
Edward Linthicum	Feb. 10	Raford Wheat	Feb. 29
Wilhelmina Carter	Feb. 16	Howard Elliott	Feb. 17
Hazel Sommer	Feb. 19	Wayman Leftwich	Feb. 10
Virginia Lassiter	Feb. 21	Sybil Lowder	Feb. 11
Lloyd Hepler	Feb. 23	Eugene Powell	Feb. 16
Emily Ruth Spradley	Feb. 26	Annie Ruth Bell	Feb. 1
Dorothy Samuels	Feb. 27	Bobby Conrad	Feb. 4
Horace Teague	Feb. 27	James Smith	Feb. 13
Bell Glover	Feb. 8	Reid Marsh	Feb. 20
Ione Smith	Feb. 24	Betty Mae Johnson	Feb. 28
Mary Clodfelter	Feb. 5	Lois King	Feb. 13
Cathryn Vail	Feb. 23	Carl Turnage	Feb. 20
Mary Ann Thomas	Feb. 7	Rebekah Conrad	Feb. 1
LeRoy Fraley	Feb. 16	Ruth Hicks	Feb. 16
Mary Elizabeth Hauser	Feb. 20	George Brown	Feb. 2
Dorothy Thomas	Feb. 9	Mildred Woodell	Feb. 4
Olean Hucks	Feb. 6	Alsrow Durham	Feb. 17
Ernest Gill	Feb. 19	Lela Pearl Knok	Feb. 13
Bristowe Pitts	Feb. 14	James Beddington	Feb. 22
Marguerite Byerly	Feb. 25	Margaret Lee Blackard	Feb. 11
Jack Hicks	Feb. 15	Lucille Lax	Feb. 15
Earl Frazier	Feb. 13	Lois Farlow	Feb. 12
James Fritts	Feb. 14	John Haworth	Feb. 2
Geraldine French	Feb. 4	Billy Kivett	Feb. 26
Donnie Jones	Feb. 7	Joel Robbins	Feb. 9
Lloyd Underwood	Feb. 22	Frances Coppridge	Feb. 6
Raford Coggins	Feb. 27	Mildred Garrison	Feb. 24
Frank Hunsucker	Feb. 7	Mabel Faircloth	Feb. 22
Paul Johnson	Feb. 21	Charles McPherson	Feb. 18
Lois Swaim	Feb. 14	James Bolton	Feb. 16
Johnny Thomas	Feb. 14	Alec Drakos	Feb. 24
Hallie Peatross	Feb. 21	Sarah Sloan Ray	Feb. 5
Margaret Slack	Feb. 21	Ruby Kivett	Feb. 15
Jerry Hyder	Feb. 24	J. D. Lowe	Feb. 18
Houston Calhoun	Feb. 23	Edith Greene	Feb. 23
Maurine Sykes	Feb. 22	Evelyn Ethridge	Feb. 14
		Mildred Scoggins	Feb. 10

**OUR PLEDGE TO OUR COUNTRY AND TO JR. HI.**

(Margaret Causby)

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America And to the republic for which it stands,

One nation indivisible, With liberty and justice for all."

What is this? This is our pledge to our free country and our republic. In union there is strength. That is what we mean when we say, "One nation indivisible." The United States cannot be divided. It is a free country and republic. You might say "What do the stars and stripes stand for in our flag?" The thirteen stripes stand for the first thirteen original colonies and we have forty-eight states so we have forty-eight stars. As our country grew a star was added

to the flag for each new state. So now our great country stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. Just as we pledge to our flag, so should we pledge to our school. We all love the school we attend as well as the country we live in. We should respect our school as well as our country.

Here is a pledge to our school, Junior High:

"We pledge allegiance to Junior High, And to the work for which it stands, To study well, to play with fun and fairness,

To make ourselves true Americans.

Room 202 is proud of the record of one of its members, Lloyd Underwood, who has never been tardy or absent from school in all the years since he first began. How many more boys and girls among us have the same record?

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