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The Long-Hair Craze Is Not New

By Clint Fuller

Tennyson once wrote: "How many a father have I seen, A sober man among his boys, Whose youth was full of foolish noise."

How many fathers have said to themselves how glad they are that their young son could not get a peek at old pop's report card? How many more are happier still, that junior cannot know of their own youthful follies?



These thoughts, and others like them, are brought to mind by the pictures accompanying this article. These are photographs of Mr. J. Robert Weathersby of Bunn. One shows Mr. Weathersby when he was 15 years old, and with long hair.

While this could well be a picture of most young boys today, it was taken in 1904. The other picture shows Mr. Weathersby at the manly age of 21, in 1910. His hair was shorter. The young ladies in his life, undoubtedly, liked it better that way, both he and them having grown more mature.

The popular long hair found on most "in" boys nowadays is proving a most unpleasant thing among parents. One needs only to mention the subject and many will bend an ear on how troublesome it is to get junior to the barber shop. Once there, one must envision a weary barber tackling the monumental task of shearing enough off junior's bangs to suit mama and

leaving enough to suit junior. Franklin County has not escaped this nation-wide fad. Indeed, from the looks of things, one would think it could have gotten its beginning here.

One mother reported that while she deplored the long hair on her son, her daughters defended him whenever a barber shop was mentioned. The girls reported that the "sweet young things," junior's age, think it's "cute." Therein may lie the secret. Boys are going to do what girls think are cute. Don't the girls?

If the young girls should suddenly decide that long hair was out, there would be a run on the clipper parlors unlike anything since the ladies started objecting to the tickling of mustaches some years ago.

There is a thing among some fathers, which must to a degree, restore their own assurances of maturity. Reports of some having forcefully taken their offspring to the hair clippers and having the golden locks sheared all but completely off, have made the rounds.

Some more moderate papas are going through the measuring stages. This is when the hair is allowed to grow just so long and no more. These seem to be in the majority, if one counts heads around the county.

The fad seems to be more prevalent among the sub-teens and teens. Few are noticed below the ages of eight or nine or over the ages of twenty-one. There are some exceptions, of

course and a great deal of them in the larger cities. Fortunately the boys in this area have steered clear of the beards.

Properly dressed and groomed, a youngster doesn't look too bad with the long locks, although most of us would prefer them with shorter hair. But uncombed and improperly dressed youngsters might appear "cute" to their girl friends, but to no one else.



Perhaps the best advice on the matter comes from Mr. Weathersby himself. Even at the young age of 77 years, Mr. Weathersby says, "Leave the teen-ager alone. You can't make anything else out of them."

And if our memory is anywhere near as good as his, we know this to be true. When we were a teen-ager (centuries ago), who could tell us anything? It is a part of growing up. Adults must discourage any extremes on the part of our youth, but as Mr. Weathersby so aptly puts it, "What else can we make of them?" And besides, far too soon, they'll be over twenty-one.



Miss Tucker And Mayor Peoples

Teen-ager Prompts

Louisburg To Observe "Bells For Freedom"

Through the efforts of one Louisburg teen-ager, the Fourth of July will be observed here this year in a somewhat different manner than in the recent past. Letters to The Franklin Times and WYRN Radio and to Louisburg Mayor V. A. Peoples from Miss Tucker Meyer,

rising senior at Louisburg High School, started what is fast becoming a town-wide effort, headed by the teens, to celebrate the Fourth by ringing the "Bells for Freedom."

From Miss Meyer's efforts has come the appointment by Mayor Peoples of her as Committee Chairman for the "Bells for Freedom" Committee. She is to organize the rising seniors and recent graduates in the community, with the full aid of the local newspaper, radio station and the town of Louisburg and stage a bell-ringing observance on July Fourth beginning at 2 p.m. and lasting for four minutes.

Also through the efforts of Miss Meyer and her friends, citizens are being asked to display the flag on the Fourth and to read their Declaration of Independence on that day.

The Franklin Times will run portions of the Declaration in Thursday's issue and WYRN Radio will broadcast excerpts from the Declaration plus the ringing of the bells for four minutes on the Fourth.

Miss Meyer's letter refers to an article in the June issue of Reader's Digest which suggests the idea of the bells.

"The hour is late, but Louisburg still has time to get on the 'bell-wagon' this year and to ring out the old version of the freedom that is in such ferment all across our United States," Miss Meyer stated in her letter.

All churches, including those in the county, are being requested to cooperate in the bell ringing. Churches in town will be contacted by the Committee.

Radio News Director Asher Johnson told Miss Meyer, "This is a wonderful thing," referring to her actions and her assurance of the assistance of a number of local teen-agers. To this statement Mayor Peoples and Times Editor Clint Fuller added their hearty agreement.

The Mayor is expected to issue a Proclamation later this week calling for the observance and praising the Louisburg teen-agers for their patriotism.



Abandoned Well Filled

State Highway maintenance crews promptly filled the abandoned well along N. C. Highway 56 this week, following pictures of the hazard which appeared in last Thursday's issue of The Franklin Times. The uncovered well was reported to The Times by Louisburg Town Councilman S. C. Foster, who



had discovered it some time ago. Times Editor Clint Fuller expressed the newspaper's appreciation for the quick action by county highway maintenance officials in doing away with what, as he termed it, "could have been a tragic trap for some unsuspecting youngster."

Investigations Being Held In Weekend Robberies

Franklin County Sheriff's officers are investigating three break-ins which occurred over the weekend, according to reports.

Duke's Farm Equipment garage was entered sometime Saturday and officers were checking leads and getting fingerprints Sunday. Deputy Raymond Wilder conducted the investigation at the garage located just off N. C. Highway 561, three miles east of Louisburg.

Deputies Dave Batten and Tom Powell were investigating break-ins at Cattle's Service Station-Grill on U.S. Highway 1 near Youngsville

and entry of the office of Dr. Durwood S. Stallings, Jr. on U.S. 64 at Pilot.

Nothing was reported missing from the Doctor's office and only vending machines had been entered in the other two places, according to reports.

Other news from the Sheriff's Department discloses that Sheriff Joseph W. Champlin is expected to return from a hospital confinement today. The nature of the Sheriff's illness was not announced. Jailer W. L. Faulkner was back on the job following an absence due to a head injury which hospitalized him for several days.

Bunn Lions Celebrates Charter Night

Lions from nine cities in North Carolina, their wives and friends gathered in the Bunn School cafeteria last Saturday night to take part in Charter Night for the newly formed Bunn Lions Club.

The 35 charter members of the Bunn club became the 37th club in District 31-G, Lions International. Rolesville became the 36th club Friday night.

Over a hundred people joined the Bunn Lions in the celebration of the presentation of the charter. Officials of Lionism came from as far away as Burlington to participate in the program.

Gene Mullen, president of the new club, presided. The principal speaker was Judge Coleman Cates of Burlington and

District Governor Frank O. Kemp of the sponsoring Zebulon Club presented the Charter.

Mullen read a letter of congratulations from headquarters of Lions International. The incoming president of the Zebulon club presented the Bunn club with a dog and gavel.

Judge Cates, himself blind, spoke on the work of Lions Clubs in aiding the blind and said, "The Lions do more work than any other civic organization in the world. Lionism means sort of religion; we believe in freedom, liberty and justice for every man as long as it does not interfere with the welfare of the majority."

Judge Cates, introduced as

"Mr. Lion of the 31-G District," also gave a brief history of Lionism. He told the audience that there are Lions Clubs in 132 nations with around 800,000 members. Of the 15,000 clubs, 1,600 are in District 31-G, according to Judge Cates.

He also spoke on the Lions work with Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw, N. C. and his own project, Camp Dogwood, a recreation project for the blind.

Others on the program included: Lion (Rev.) Howard Silver of Bunn; Lion Leon Jones, Lion (Rev.) D. P. McFarland, Toastmaster of Raleigh; President Frank Wall of Zebulon and Nell Kemp and Dorothy Ellington who presented the entertainment. Mullen, in accepting the

Charter from the District Governor, stated, "It is a great pleasure as President of the Bunn Lions Club to accept (this charter) on the club's behalf and to express the gratitude we feel at officially becoming a member of the fine family of International Lions Clubs."

In addition to Mullen, other officers of the new club are: Decimo Gay, secretary; Wilbur Green, Tail-Twister and W. H. Kelly, Lion Tamer.

Past District Governor Littlejohn Faulkner of Wilson and Green acted as Tail-Twisters at the Charter Night celebration, charging a quarter to everyone not wearing a toupee.

Clubs represented at the affair were: Burlington, Wendell, Franklinton, Youngsville, Raleigh, Zebulon, Henderson, Rolesville and Wilson.

Dirksen On Vietnam

Everett Dirksen, Senate Republican Leader has informed President Johnson that Congress wants more answers to what's happening in Vietnam. The Illinois Republican proposed a bipartisan White House briefing for congressional leaders.

On Federal Workers

The Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures has reported that 33,454 government civilian workers have been added to federal payrolls during April. Total workers now total 2,644,244, a 1 per cent increase over March.

Boxscore

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. Monday, June 27, 1966:

KILLED TO DATE 729
KILLED TO DATE LAST YEAR 654

Joyner Edges Strickland In Harris Runoff



Incumbent Joseph W. Joyner edged Karl Strickland in Saturday's runoff in Harris Township for Constable. Joyner polled 166 votes to Strickland's 151, according to unofficial results of the balloting.

Attends School At 117

Chattanooga, Tenn. -- Born a slave, about 1849, Mrs. Mary Walker is attending school. She attends classes provided by the Chattanooga Area Literacy Movement. Mrs. Walker has learned to read, write script, add and subtract since 1964, and enjoys reading her Bible and newspaper daily.

Smart Policeman

Chattanooga -- When police Capt. Bill Nelson came upon a house being ransacked by burglars, he raced to the back yelling, "I'll cover this door." He yelled the same at the window, then went to the front door and ordered them out or he'd turn the dogs on them. The burglars fled out with their hands up.

Joyner led a three-man field in the May 28 Primary, polling 260. Strickland was second man with 199 and Elmo Cash polled 99.

Harris Township voted 543 in the May Primary and Saturday's 317 fell short of the almost record turnout in May. In the runoff between Joyner and Cash in 1964, the Township voted 462 giving Joyner 243 to Cash's 219.

This was the only voting in the county Saturday.



4 H'ers Leave For Camp

Forty-three 4-H members left Monday morning for a week of camp at the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center at Reidsville, N. C., according to C. T. Dean, Jr., County Extension Chairman. The Franklin County group will be camping with a similar group from Nash, Granville, and Vance counties.

4-H Camp provides an

opportunity whereby club members may become better acquainted with each other and the 4-H program in general, said Dean. The camp program is a cooperative project with members sharing together work, recreation, athletic events, classwork, tours, nature study, evening programs and vespers - all planned to provide opportunities for the

social development of the individual member. Dean said that Mrs. Polly O'Neal, Asst. Home Economics Extension Agent, and Jimmy Stephenson, Asst. Agricultural Extension Agent, accompanied the group to camp. The club members will return to Franklin County Saturday, July 2.



Lions Get Charter

Principals attending the Bunn Lions Club Charter Night celebration last Saturday night are shown above. Pictured left to right, Judge Coleman Cates of Burlington, featured speaker; District Governor Frank Kemp of Zebulon who presented the new charter to club President Gene Mullen, and at right, D. P. McFarland, Toastmaster of Raleigh.