



**Brady's
BLARNEY**

By A Brady Called J. P.

Even after "growing up" with my three-year-old boy (and that can prepare you for an awful lot) I'm still amazed at the unvarnished candor of children.

A few mornings back, at the ridiculous hour of 6, I had the most eerie feeling as I slept; a feeling that I was being watched. I managed somehow to raise

(and it took super-human effort at that hour) an exploratory eye lid and pierce the gloom of the bedroom with a bloodshot orb.

I was right. I was being watched.

Standing there in the half-light of dawn was the above mentioned three-year-old boy, a look of intensesness on his cherub face as he studied my time-etched countenance.

Seeing my half opened eye, he addressed me thusly:

"Daddy, guess what I've named it."

"It" proved to be a stuffed animal of some type. He shoved it toward me.

I resigned myself to this intellectual challenge.

"What," I asked sleepily, "have you named it?"

"I call it 'Spinach,'" he disclosed.

"Why," I said, rising to the occasion with what I considered noble patience, "in the name of common sense did you name it 'Spinach'?"

"Because I don't have one named that," came the frank reply from the cherub in pajamas.

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Ashe County was the state-wide winner in the 1955 County of the Year in Rural Progress contest.

So, without further ado, we'll put on our braggin' cap and declare that it took a little bit of Macon County to help do the job.

That "little bit" of Macon County is in the person of A. B. Addington, the farm agent in Ashe and chairman of the county's Farm, Home, and Community Development Council. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Addington, who certainly need no further identification around here.

As the wheelhorse of his county's active rural program, Mr. Addington turned off the honor with characteristic modesty.

... Whatever our accomplishments are, they are due to cooperation all along the line—among leaders and families in all communities and the ready response of all agricultural workers serving Ashe's rural areas."

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With thanks to Alderman Sam Gibson for the idea, I would like to submit the name of Bidwell Street in Franklin as the most self-sufficient four-tenths of a mile around.

To back this up, here's a list of Bidwell residents and their occupations:

Virgil Meadows—filling station, coal dealer, stone dealer, and trucker.

Bruce Palmer—chickens and feed.

Hall Callahan—dry goods.

Dr. E. W. Fisher—physician.

Carl P. Cabe—newspaper linotype operator.

Mrs. Carl P. Cabe—secretary.

J. L. West, Jr.—florist.

Cary Patton—plumber.

Bill Phillips—contractor.

Theo Kiser—taxi owner.

Clarence (Red) Nolen—electrician.

Paul Plyler—insurance salesman.

Henderson Calloway—assistant postmaster.

Harold Welch—hosiery plant employe.

Guy Wilson—furniture and appliances.

Paul Potts—funeral director.

Holland McSwain—educator.

Charlie Bradleys—boarding home.

Mrs. Beth Guffey—school supervisor.

Howard Barnwell—coach.

Mrs. Fred Arnold—teacher.

Fred Arnold—mining executive.

Dick Angel—mica miner.

R. D. Carson—grocer and feed dealer.

Frank Dean—telephone company executive.

Walter Dean—banker.

Mrs. Clarence Nolen—beautician.

Curtis Pearson—dry cleaners.

Mrs. Curtis Pearson—cafe operator.

George Scott—forest service employe.

Mrs. R. M. Rimmer—dining room hostess.

Dan Stewart—hosiery executive.

The Rev. R. J. Hahn—minister.

R. L. Tallent—construction worker.

Charles Conley—automobile dealer.

Robin West—power company employe.

Ross Lunsford—painter.

North Carolina's 1956 allotment for wheat is 283,395 acres, compared to over 10½ million acres for Kansas, the largest wheat-producing state.

WORKMEN ARE SHOWN HERE installing the hardwood floor in the new Franklin High gymnasium. Sanding the floor is now under way and painting is expected to begin by the weekend, according to E. J. Whitmire, of Macon Construction Com-

pany. He said a delay in tile delivery is holding back completion of the toilets and locker rooms. The high school hopes to play at least two basketball games in the new building in early March.

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