

Cutshall's Grocery: Laurel's Meeting Place



GLENDORA CUTSHALL, who has taught school, worked in a cafeteria, in a lawyer's office and in the office of the register of deeds, in content nowadays to "mind the store." There she

meets everyone in her side of the county — and then some. The store sells licenses for fishing and hunting, making it an essential shopping point for many visitors.

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By VICKIE TWEED
When Glendora Cutshall writes her newsletters for The Greenville Sun from Shelton Laurel, she has plenty to say about the Health Clinic, the residents on the mountain, and the bear hunting and fishing.

But she seldom speaks of the many, many good things that she does for the people who live on the mountain and for the people who visit there.

And there's very little mention of the "footstompin'" good times had at her store, Cutshall's Grocery, when the farmers and residents of the Shelton Laurel area come almost every evening to "pick and grin," to dance and to just plain ole' chew the fat.

She laughed when she spoke about the wingding held at the clinic once, Glendora and her husband, Clarence, who is a farmer, own the house in which the clinic is operated.

It seems that there was so much dancing going on at the wingding — with even the doctors and nurses from the

clinic participating in singing and dancing — that they "danced every bit of grass off the yard."
"There were about 100 people there," Glendora explained. "I guess there were 31 couples dancing at a time — we had loud speakers and street lights."
Not even the fact that she and her husband had to resod the entire yard later could have dimmed that happy memory for Glendora.

And she seems more that happy to welcome the people who make their way to the store every evening about dark to relax, hear some good old-time pickin', and enjoy the homey atmosphere of the store.

"Every night we have a crowd — I guess from about 6 to midnight. The farmers sit around and talk about farming — some of the people dance. We even had a couple of members of the Ottway Five up here to play one Sunday afternoon."

"I remember about two years ago — it came a snow knee deep, and the roads were really slick — but people came all the way from Revere and Big Laurel to the store to make music."

Take for instance, the incident one winter day when the school bus, with a load of students, couldn't continue on its route because the roads were so bad. Glendora kept 31 children at the store, which is also her home, overnight until the parents could pick them up the next day.

"There was a man 65 years old — Dave Roberson of Spill Corn — that's near Big Laurel — that had never had a music lesson in his life and had never owned a musical instrument."
"He took an old \$20 guitar I had, put a screw driver in it and got a Castor Oil bottle and made music with it. He's been offered a job with several Grand Ole Opry stars — plays any kind of musical instrument there is."

And it looks like the music scene on Shelton Laurel will be there for a long time — even the newcomers are taking a big part in the old-time gatherings of pickin' and grinin'.

"There's a couple who come here from Knoxville," Glendora said. "The man will be retiring in two years from UT, where he is a music teacher. They are building a music barn here to teach people to make all kinds of music."

The correspondent is quick to compliment others' projects and good deeds, but there are plenty of things about which she could "toot her own horn."

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Or consider all the folks who stop by the store on their way to unknown destinations and remember Glendora for her good deeds or kind words.

She's received many gifts from all over the world from people who have, at some time, stopped by the store and were impressed with her considerate, easy-going manner.

One of those gifts is a set of space metals. These coins were given only to those who worked at Cape Canaveral when the astronauts landed on the moon, and are not in general circulation.

As it happened, a man went to Shelton Laurel on his vacation with a group of boys from a correction school to do some camping. They stopped at the store, and Glendora gave them several gallons of ice in milk jugs to keep their food from spoiling and made them some sandwiches.

The man was so impressed with Glendora's kindness that he returned the next year, expressed his thanks and gave her the coins.

Glendora also has gifts from Holland, China, Greece, the Bahamas, Spain, Italy, Ecuador and many other places. One of her most prized possessions is a letter opener from Thailand sent to her by Col. Silas Purvis Jr.

NEWCOMERS
According to Glendora, the Shelton Laurel area's population is growing, and many of the newcomers are people who came there to retire.

One such couple, about whom Glendora had many words of praise, is Peter and Paula Gott of New York.

"They built a log cabin up here. The people here offered their help — they offered to loan them a chain saw. But they said they would rather get the pleasure out of using a cross cut saw. So they saved all their logs that way and built their house."

"It is so beautiful, and they did all the work themselves."

They have a studio, and Mrs. Gott makes pottery. They make music — Mr. Gott teaches his son and daughter to pick a guitar and play a violin — they practice for two hours every day."

Glendora spoke of many of the newcomers to the mountain, and added that they fit in to the community real well. The local residents make every effort to make them feel at home, and enjoy giving them tips on growing gardens and crops.

THE CUTSHALLS
Glendora and her husband, Clarence, have two sons, Roy Dale Cutshall of Greenville, and Billy Cutshall of Shelton Laurel. They have two grandsons and two granddaughters.

The Cutshalls attend White Rock Presbyterian Church; also numerous revivals and singings held at various other churches in the area.

Although Glendora tends to the store from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day, she still takes time to do the things she enjoys — like baking birthday, anniversary and wedding cakes for friends and neighbors.

This past summer Glendora canned 500 cans of fruits and vegetables, 10 of which were taken to Mars Hill College where she won first and second prizes in competition there.

At some time is her busy day, she manages to round up the news for her Shelton Laurel column.

"I've been writing for three of four years," she said. "It makes it worthwhile when people tell me they enjoy my column and I get letters from people like Col. Silas Purvis Jr."

"My main problem with writing is that I'm always busy and it's hard to find the time — but I really love writing."

"I would like to say thanks to the many people who write up their news and bring it to me. I have a lot of friends that help me out. Anyone who would like to call to give me news may do so — my phone number is 656-2301."

SHELTON LAUREL
"This area used to be called Druid," Glendora stated. There were 500 people who worked in the mill, the forests

and on the railroad that was built from the mill to the head of Hickeys Fork, near the head of Viking Mountain.

"The band mill turned out 60,000 feet of lumber per day. Thirty to 40 men worked, sacking lumber in the lumber yard, with hundreds working in the band mill and deep forest."

"Logging camps were placed at the mouth of each creek. Miles and miles of railroad tracks were laid up Shelton Laurel to haul the logs to the band mill at Druid, and on to Union where the lumber was shipped elsewhere."

"I would say the community got its name from the fact that there are so many Sheltons here, and there are so many laruel plants here."

There are a lot of good qualities about our community. We have some fine teenagers, and a lot of them go to college. The young people here have always been encouraged to go to college. I graduated from Laurel High School in 1937. There were 15 in my class, and all of us went to college.

"The people here pull together in times of sickness, and for anyone who needs help. We used to have log rollings, we laid log fences and built barns — and we used to pull fodder."

"I love my friends and all the people here. I live day to day to make new friends and to help people in every way I can."

That's why the road to Shelton Laurel is well traveled and re-traveled, and why the gifts keep pouring in to Cutshall's Grocery — the feelings are mutual for those that come in contact with Glendora.

Free Seeds

The Opportunity Corporation has received a grant from the Western Economic Development Organization of more than \$1,400 worth of seeds and other planting material for disadvantaged families in Madison County. Seeds or seed material for potatoes, beans, corn, onions, peas, carrots, cucumbers, squash and other crops will be available beginning March 17 at the Opportunity Corporation in Marshall.

Village Shoes

Ladies' Boots 25% Off

Men's Insulated Boots

\$10⁰⁰ Off BRANDS INCLUDE - CHIPPEWA, HERMAN AND WOLVERINE

Selected Styles Of Ladies Shoes 50% Off

Table of Children's Shoes 50% Off

Table of Ladies Shoes Reduced To \$5⁰⁰ & \$10⁰⁰

MAIN STREET MARS HILL, N. C.

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
MON-SAT.

MATTRESS SALE

EZY REST.....	\$59 ⁹⁵
TRU VAL.....	\$119 ⁹⁵
BED-O-ROSES...	\$109 ⁹⁵
POSTURE I...	\$139 ⁹⁵
POSTURE II...	\$159 ⁹⁵

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4 SALAD PLATES

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Our Reg. Discount Price \$14.99
Coupon Savings 3.00
Your Price (with coupon) \$11.99

In the pattern of your choice COUPON GOOD THRU 3-15-80

With these **Coupons** Listed Below...

AD EXPIRES 3-15-80

JFG 32 OZ. JAR MAYO 48¢ SAVE 51¢ WITH COUPON BELOW

KRAFT 1/2 GAL. ORANGE JUICE 78¢ SAVE 65¢ WITH COUPON BELOW

***GWALTNEY... BACON 89¢ LB.**

***COUNTRY STYLE CUT-UP... FRYERS 59¢ LB.**

***U.S. CHOICE... BONELESS... TOP SIRLOIN \$2.99 LB.**

STRIP STEAKS 2.99 LB.

LIMIT 2 LBS

***SWIFT PREMIUM... CORNED BEEF BRISKETS 1.99 LB.**

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TENDER CUBED STEAK 2.59 LB.	OSCAR MAYER ALL MEAT WEINERS 1.59 LB.	OSCAR MAYER 12oz. VARIETY PK ALL BEEF 1.99
SELECTO HOT OR MILD SAUSAGE 1.09 LB.	OSCAR MAYER ALL BEEF FRANKS 1.69 LB.	OSCAR MAYER 12oz. PACK LEAN-N-TASTY BREAKFAST STRIPS 1.39
GWALTNEY GREAT DOGS 1.09 LB.	OSCAR MAYER 12oz. BOLOGNA ALL MEAT 1.39	OSCAR MAYER BACON 1.69 LB.
GWALTNEY GREAT BOLONY 1.19 LB.	OSCAR MAYER 12oz. BOLOGNA ALL BEEF 1.49	
GWALTNEY 12oz. SPICED LUNCHEON MEAT 1.49	OSCAR MAYER 12oz. VARIETY PK ALL MEAT 1.89	

SANKA... 8oz JAR FREEZE DRIED COFFEE 4.99

TOWNE HOUSE 16oz. BOX CRACKERS 93¢

GLOVE KIDD... 2 1/2 LB. JAR PEANUT BUTTER 1.79

CORNET... BROLL PACK... BATH TISSUE 1.49

LIPTON FAMILY PACK... TEA BAGS 24 CT. PACK 1.39

WHITE LILY 5LB. BAG... FLOUR 89¢

FINE FARE 48oz. JUG... VEG. OIL 1.59

DUNCAN HINES 19oz. CAKE MIXES 69¢

SHASTA... 2 LITER NO PER. DRINKS 79¢

LAURA LYNN 24oz. LOAF WHITE BREAD 2.99

COUPON SAVE JFG 32oz. JAR 51¢ MAYO- 48¢

LIMIT ONE WITH THIS COUPON AND A #10 ORDER (EXCLUDE SPECIALS). EXPIRES 3-15-80

COUPON SAVE KRAFT 1/2 GAL. 65¢ ORANGE JUICE 78¢

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LIGHT-N-LIVELY 8oz CUP YOGURT 3.89¢

48oz JUG... IVORY LIQUID 2.09

SCOTT BIG ROLL... TOWELS 2.19