

Free Wheeling

BY BILL CROWELL
 J. P. Brady (Franklin Press) calls 'em Notepad Culls which is a good enough way to get going with a review of some gleamings from the Tar Heel weekly press. J. P., who signs his column "By an Irishman called J. P.," was complaining in a recent issue that the proverbial luck of the Irish is pure illusion. "A kid bashed in the side of my wife's car the other day while I had it out," he wrote. "Although I wasn't even in the car (it was parked) I nevertheless had to pay for the damages because of a legal question centering on private parking lots. After this I'm convinced that a runaway Southern Railway freight could knock me down and I'd have to pay for the dent in the locomotive."

Editor Martin Harmon, who advises his Kings Mountain Herald readers to "Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage," offered this paragraph last week: "Lightning is tricky stuff," he starts off. Which is a pretty good intro considering what nearly happened to fellow townsman Fuller McGill. It's the last line of the squib that kinda puzzles us. Anyway, Martin continued: "Fuller McGill, the senior, was drawing water at his farm hog lot and had just turned off the faucet when lightning struck his barn. It was close enough for him to get a considerable tingle off the faucet. But he was unharmed. Fortunately, perhaps, he wasn't standing in water."

To say the least. In the Richmond County Journal Hubert Breeze tells us about "Thrill Hill." Says a carload of boys and girls stopped at a house the other day. One of the youngsters asked a man standing in his front yard the whereabouts of "Thrill Hill." Columnist Breeze continued, "Now the homeowner isn't in the habit of calling the particular hill by that name, but he knew what they were talking about. He supplied directions and they took off. Seconds later he could hear their squeals as they sped over the small hill which residents swear will lift all four wheels off the ground if the rise is topped fast enough."

Hubert concluded the item by saying the homeowner had been the sneaky type, could have telephoned the cops. But he didn't. Sidelights in the Wallace Enterprise had this thought on reporters: "It is true that newspaper people literally 'rush in where angels (and laymen) fear to tread.' But how else, except by being nosy can a reporter get the news?" The column then quoted a bit of whimsy credited to Ted Robinson, "Some day I'll pass by the Great Gates of Gold; And see a man? pass through, unquestioned and bold; 'A Saint?' I'll ask, and St. Peter'll reply, 'No, he carries a pass—he's a newspaper guy.'"

The Cooleemee Journal waxed nostalgic in its 56th anniversary edition. In the lead story, the editors said, "In the old days local talent provided much of the entertainment, which though simple, had its good humor. And some of it had lessons of moral worth. We can shut our eyes and see again a pretty, sweet girl, with long hair, hair, dancing eyes and a golden voice, singing: 'Where is my wandering boy tonight?) where is my boy tonight? My heart overflows, for I love him he knows, O where is my boy tonight? 'Well, my dear girl, if we could communicate with you in the land where you now dwell, we should have to report that your great grandson, watched over by a baby sister, is now singing: 'Where is my mother tonight?) where is my mother tonight? My heart, how it sinks, when I think how she drinks, At cocktail parties and clubs. In its recap of times past, the Journal went on to say, 'Sadly, he oldsters realize that their world

and in local health units will be held on October 6, according to an announcement from the Merit System Council. Claude E. Caldwell, Merit System Supervisor of the Merit System said that applications for these examinations must be on an official form and be in his office or postmarked no later than September 21. Written examinations will be held for the following series of positions: health educators, photofluorography operators, laboratory technicians, nurses, bacteriologists, chemists, sanitary engineers, sanitarians, physical therapists, mobile X-ray technicians, and psychiatric social work supervisor.

Application forms and information about salary ranges and nature of work may be obtained from the Merit System Office and State Personnel Department in Raleigh, or from any local health, welfare or Employment Security Office. Mr. Caldwell said the examinations will be given in Raleigh and in eleven other cities throughout the state if there are sufficient applications to warrant it.

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is gone, and that they have to adapt themselves to the new as best as they can. Neither generation understands the other." Then there's Alan Browning, Jr., who columns for the Elkin Tribune. Frequently, Alan trots out a piece on old time automobiles. In fact he had an auto column last week in which this succinct paragraph stood out: "We think it is nice that they have cars that don't have to be greased, and we are anxiously looking forward to the time when they come out with one that doesn't require gasoline."

Curtis Russ, proprietor of the Waynesville Mountaineer, is somewhat of an auto buff, too. Although last week he itemed a new distance measuring formula apparently originating in the Haywood County area. Said Editor Russ, "Some folks were asking a Waynesville man the other day where he lived. He replied: 'Two beers out.' 'What do you mean by

that?' he was asked 'It is this way. Seems folks buy two cans of beer in town, start driving and drinking. By the time they reach my place, both cans are empty and the cans are thrown on my lawn.' And finally there's this bold faced notice to be found in the Future Outlook, tabloid newspaper published in Greensboro: "Please do not call at the staff's residence to report social news. Call to the office only, unless you have tragic news to report or an advertisement."

Sandwich Named For English Earl
 How did the sandwich get its name? Historical sources say that the word "sandwich" originated during the time of John Montagu, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, who was well known in England during the 18th century because of his fondness for gambling. At a long gambling session, the Earl ordered a servant to bring him meat between two slices of bread so he could continue his gambling. Many stories trace the origin of the sandwich back before the time of the British earl - as far back as to the pre-Christian era when certain priests are said to have spread wafers with honey and eaten them. In any case, sandwiches have been around a long time; and today they help satisfy the appetites of millions.

With back-to-school lunches to prepare now, there will be many sandwiches to prepare and the mother will probably be having sandwiches for lunch too. Turkey sandwiches are mighty versatile fare especially with turkeys reasonably priced. The mingled flavors of sandwiches go-

thers highlight turkey in many delicious ways. Slice it, dice it, or chop it, but always use generous portions of tender roast turkey in every sandwich creation. For school, you can mix deviled ham and mayonnaise and spread on the bread. Then add a slice of roast turkey.

Wagon wheel sandwiches are party-time favorites. To prepare, cut slices of bread into circles. Spread one side of each slice with butter or margarine. Add sliced roast turkey, cranberry sauce and lettuce to half of the buttered bread slices, and close with the remaining circles. Cut nippy cheese slices into circles and small stripes. Arrange them on top of each circle sandwich to resemble the hub and spokes of wagon wheels. Serve wagon wheel turkey sandwiches with western-style barbecued beans and plenty of cold delicious milk.

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Mechanical harvester, used in tobacco farming research at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's Avoca Farm project in Bertie County, is shown making its next-to-final pulling from flue-cured test plots operated in conjunction with North Carolina State College. Note the reciprocating knives, set at an angle to control the area of plant stock to be stripped.



Progress of automated bulk curing of machine-picked tobacco is inspected here at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's Avoca Farm by (left) D. Rice Allen, leaf department manager, and Kenneth H. Hoover, director of research. The palletized curing barn is loaded directly aboard a mechanical harvester, then carried on a special trailer to the heating unit, where 10 barns in tandem equal the capacity of a conventional 20 x 20-foot curing barn.

Intensive Tobacco Field Experiments Conducted By R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Research scientists of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and North Carolina State College Thursday described as "eminently worthwhile" the first season of intensive field experiments at their Avoca farm project. In conjunction with North Carolina State College and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, the company is exploring ways to help tobacco farmers improve their practices in growing, harvesting, curing, and preparing tobacco for the auction markets.

During 1962 it devoted 15 acres to experimental flue-cured tobacco production, and plans to materially increase the acreage next year. Harvesting of the experimental plots now is near completion, and a variety of curing and handling procedures are under way. Special attention in the first year of experiments has been given to mechanical combining and loose-leaf curing. The curing is done both in portable barn units which are loaded directly aboard the harvesting machine, and in modernized versions of the traditional barn into which automated heat and humidity controls have been built. For comparative studies, the Reynolds Tobacco and State College scientists also take a portion of each stand of experimental tobacco and cure it in conventional barns with the conventional stick for hanging.

Detailed studies of cost, time and manpower requirements are being accumulated on each alternate procedure for each of the production phases. After the tobacco is cured, the Reynolds and State College researchers are subjecting it to various methods of conditioning and holding, against the time it goes to market, and are exploring a variety of new systems for packing loose-leaf tobacco for presentation on the auction floor. In addition to preparation of sheet-bundles, the loose leaf is being tested in bales and also by loading in containers offered for study by other individuals and companies. The mechanical harvesting machine which the company bought and used in the experiments this year is prototype developed by North Carolina State College agricultural engineers, as are the Hassler bulk curing barns, in which the conventional, stick and stringing procedure is replaced by metal racks into which tobacco leaves are laid and spiked into position. Labor at the curing barn is reduced from seven or eight persons to three in a Hassler barn operation, the scientists said.

Company officials said no analysis of its studies is available now, but that results will be available later for reporting to farmers and other interested persons through State College and Agricultural Experiment Station sources. To check the progress of the experimental work and see the first lots of leaf obtained from comparative curing barns, the project recently was inspected by two members of the Reynolds Tobacco board of directors, Kenneth H. Hoover, director of research, and D. Rice Allen, head of the leaf buying department. They were accompanied by Charles M. Sprinkle, co-ordinator of agricultural research.

Merit Exams Offered October 6 Three Types
 RALEIGH, N. C.: Merit examinations for a number of professional positions in the State Commission for the Blind will be held on October 6, according to an announcement from the Merit System Council. Written examinations will be held for physical restoration nursing supervisors and rehabilitation counselors. Claude E. Caldwell, Merit System supervisor, said application for these examinations must be made on an official form and must be in his office or postmarked no later than September 21. These forms and information about salary ranges and nature of work may be obtained from the Merit System Office or State Personnel Office in Raleigh or any local health, welfare or Employment Security Office. The examinations will be offered in Raleigh and in eleven other cities in the state if there are sufficient applications to warrant it. RALEIGH, N. C.: Merit examinations for a number of professional positions in the State Department of Public Welfare and the local welfare offices will be held on October 6, according to an announcement from the Merit System Council. Written examinations will be held for case workers, supervisors, and

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