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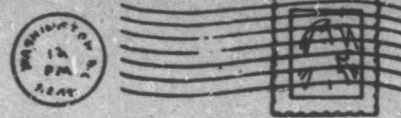
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Letter To The Editor



Dear Editor:

Last weekend our family had the pleasure of attending the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Charlotte which is sponsored by the N.C. Jaycees. As each contestant made her appearance it became obvious to me the places with strong Jaycee organizations by the amount of supporters the girl had. Of all the sixty-two cities and counties across the state Yancey County was one of the best represented.

This group of Jaycees and Jaycettes not only sponsor the Miss Mayland Pageant, they spend many long hours helping prepare their contestant for the N.C. Pageant with enthusiasm and confidence. This provides an unforgettable experience for a girl each year.

The Yancey Jaycees and Jaycettes are also very active in other areas of community affairs and we are fortunate to have such a fine organization in our county.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Earl Young

Dear Editor:

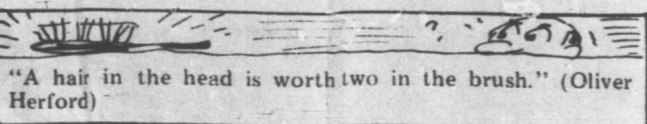
On behalf of the entire Banks family I wish to thank the wonderful people of the Mayland area for the kindness and support they have shown our daughter, Luanne, during her reign as "Miss Mayland".

We are grateful for the tremendous amount of work the Jaycees and Jaycettes of Yancey County did to promote the local pageant and then their enthusiastic efforts to prepare her for the Miss North Carolina Pageant. Luanne's travels and official appearances in Avery County have given her opportunities to work closely with the Jaycees and Jaycettes in Avery. Their care and concern for her reveal the truly fine calibre of individuals who make up the Jaycees and Jaycettes.

We thank the many organizations, sponsoring business firms, The Yancey Journal and WKYK Radio for the fine support of Miss Mayland. We are warmly grateful to the host of friends from the area who went to Charlotte to voice their support of our Mayland contestant.

We are indebted to you, Mayland, for your generosity and warmth you have shown Luanne in her many official appearances this year. Thank you for making this year a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Ben Banks



"A hair in the head is worth two in the brush." (Oliver Herford)

AMY Regional Bookmobile Schedule

The Avery-Mitchell-Yancey Regional Library bookmobile will be visiting the following persons or residences on the Busick and Celso run in Yancey County on Thursday, June 28:

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Anyone else who lives close to these people and who wishes to have bookmobile service, please contact Mrs. Barbara Dupkoski after 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at 765-4673.

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Appalachian folktales are numerous in this region, but they represent a folk division that I haven't attempted to use in this column, primarily because such stories lose a great deal in the writing down.

But when one hears a good teller in action at the local restaurant, drug store, or country store, it is difficult not to try to get his words on paper. The story teller usually swears that his tale is a true one, and if he is a successful teller, he may convince his audience that the events related have just recently occurred when actually he may simply be refurbishing an old story.

For the past several weeks I've been trying to run down a chicken hawk story which sounds as if it may have been used nu-

merous times. Of the dozens of people I have questioned, however, I have found only one person who recognizes it, and he is the person who originally passed along to me.

Joe Miller, a Boone druggist, who also has a keen interest in folklore and folk crafts, tells of the Wilkes County farmer whose flock of chickens had been sadly diminished by a hawk which showed an uncanny ability to swoop down, grab a young chicken in his talons, and dodge the shotgun fire of the outraged farmer.

Finally the farmer became so irate that he swore specific personal revenge on the hawk—shooting would no longer satisfy his need. So he tied a choice pullet to a stake inside a partially suspended cage and wait-

ed for the hawk to claim his victim. The hawk obliged, knocked over the stick which held up the cage, and became the farmer's prisoner.

The farmer then debated the nature of his revenge. His first impulse was to pluck every feather from the living bird and tie it to a stake in the blazing sun. Then he considered the possibility of clipping its wings and talons and tossing it into the pen with his prize fighting cock.

Eventually he came to the conclusion that the only satisfactory measure would be to tie a stick of dynamite to the hawk, toss it into the air, and watch it be blown to bits of nothing by the exploding dynamite.

Private revenge was not sufficient for the farmer, who called in his neighbors and friends to witness the execution of his plan. Putting on a pair of heavy gloves he carefully pulled the offending chicken hawk from the trap and with the aid of the son attached a stick of dynamite to the hawk's leg, trimming the fuse short enough to cause the dynamite to explode shortly after the hawk was given his freedom.

The fuse was lighted, the hawk tossed into the air, and the farmer set to enjoy his revenge. The hawk, as if reading his destruction in the hissing stick attached to his leg, decided to end things his way. Circling twice over the heads of the assembled onlookers, he glided to a perch on the chimney of the farmer's house, while the fuse sputtered and the ground observers ran for cover.

In desperation the farmer, his wife, and son yelled at the hawk and threw sticks and rocks in an effort to scare the bird from its perch; finally a rock grazed the hawk, it flew from the chimney, the dynamite exploded, and the air was filled with feathers and shingles. The revenge was complete but costly. Dejectedly the farmer surveyed a roof from which all the shingles had been leveled to the roof line. From that day forth his chickens fended for themselves.

If there are readers who recall similar tales (or true happenings), I would be pleased to see them and perhaps use some of them in future columns.

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