

Fantasia Written Locally Kristina's Trip To The Pink Castle

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On the third Thursday of February Papa Leighbach came home with tickets to Walt Disneyland. Mr. J. Spencer Williams had re-constructed Walt Disneyland as he remembered it from the picture books in the school library. Mama Leighbach, Papa Leighbach, Kristina, Aunt Grace and Cousin Sarah were very happy to have an opportunity to see the newly constructed project at the foot of Grandfather Mountain.

Papa Leighbach gave The Lisenland Sentinel the Make-Believe Tickets, and soon the group was inside the marvelous Disneyland. The Pink Castle had a hall of glistening, gleaming, silvery, shining, mirrors that welcomed the group as they made their entrance. A lovely lady dressed like Cinderella from Fairyland greeted the group. She invited them to a room on the left side of the Castle. The room had magic rocking chairs, small rocking chairs, medium-size rocking chairs, king-size rocking chairs, and great big rocking chairs for giants. The chairs delighted the amazed and surprised group as the rocking chairs swayed mysteriously backwards and forwards. A small chair paused just as Kristina stopped in front of it. She chose to sit in the chair for a while, and almost fell asleep. Papa Leighbach said that it was time for the family to go to a room on the East Side of the Castle. A Jolly Yellow Dressed Green Giant greeted the family as they decided to examine all the tables in the large chandelier-lighted room. The light from the central chandelier glistened like mountains and mountains of brilliant, blue-white diamonds. Beneath it a

long wooden table beckoned to the group. The group set down at the table where a Pink Fairy came and served Magic Chicken Pot Pie. She left a glass of pink lemonade at each place, a magic emerald green salad, and invisible strawberry cream puff desserts. She waved her magic silver and gold wand as she disappeared up The Mystery Stairway upon which she only was allowed to tread.

yellow-lemon snowball, two lime-green snowballs, and orange-flavored snowballs. Kristina chose a yellow lemon snowball, and the slender lady placed a lime-green snowball in Cousin Sarah's hand.

Kristina was finishing up her tasty refreshment when The Palace Band played 'Strike Up the Band'. A lovely lady appeared on the icy-crystal-clear skating arena. She wore a white-satin and ivory-colored ballet dress studded with real diamonds. The crown she wore on her head had diamonds and choice seed pearls from The Cultured Sea. She wore new ice skating shoes which featured blades of platinum, and the shoes were made of delicate white doekin, with angel-hair laces. She skated around the arena in circles, did several hundred figure eights, and then delighted the children by spinning in a circle over a million times. She then produced a make-believe crystal-clear fiddle, and drew applause from the audience as "Hey Diddle The Cat And The Fiddle" appeared mysteriously in red letters across the Make Believe Sky above the Make Believe Skater. A very handsome red-headed Prince, dressed in a diamond-studded brilliant deep-blue tuxedo appeared just as make believe words disappeared into the make believe sky. The pair danced together in make believe round circles, crossed hands and played London Bridge when The Seven Dwarfs came on the ice skating rink to play London Bridge, and then vanished away when the golden yellow magic school bell summoned a group of peasant boys and girls to play Millberry Bush on the icy-white arena. Each peasant girl wore a dress made in Czechoslovakia. Each girl wore a green felt vest with tiny yellow flowers embroidered on the vest. The outfit was accentuated with heavy, white knitted socks from Switzerland. The boys wore ski sweaters of bright-bright blue, and pants of red-red velvet. The Magic Fairy had presented each child with a pair of 14 Karat Golden Skates to wear for this Special Performance. Soon the children had finished playing their games, and The Blue-Blue Fairy came forth with her magic wand. The children formed straight lines and skated away to Make-Believe Land. A Bright-Red-Dressed Fairy then appeared and waved a golden wand studded with white diamonds, and each child in the audience was suddenly holding Make-Believe Ice Cream Cones in all the circus colors and flavors. Kristina took a bite of her delicious pink strawberry flavored, ice cream cone, and the crunchy ruby-colored, grape flavored, ice cream cone disappeared almost as suddenly as it appeared. The Blue-Blue Fairy gave each child a gift of Vanishing Cream that would correct mistakes on arithmetic papers, and then a large tall slender policeman appeared with a large Silvery Police Whistle in the central arena, just as the Blue-Blue Fairy presented each child with a silver miniature whistle of the same likeness. The Blue-Blue Fairy waved her wand and all the whistles blew at the same time signaling that it was time for the children to go to another room. The children made their exit through a crystal-clear, glass horseshoe. The Blue-Blue Fairy stood at the horseshoe, and each child received a small white stain box with miniature horse tucked in rustling white tissue paper sprinkled with sparkling blue-white diamond dust.

When the Leighbachs, Cousin Sarah, and Kristina had finished eating, The Pink Fairy came again with her magic wand. The dishes vanished into thin air, and checkerboards appeared like magic on the table surface. Brilliant multi-colored checkers, some red with glistening blue and white diamond dust appeared when The Pink Fairy waved her wand to the left. A second wave of her wand to the right brought forth black checkers with golden yellow and deep-green diamond dust. The group played checkers until Papa Leighbach glanced at the tremendous six-foot high Kuck-Koo Klock on the Palace Wall chiming out the eighth hour. A blue bird of happiness came through the door with a large 8 in her beak. She bowed eight times, and millions of imaginary lights floated into the castle ballroom. Promptly at eight o'clock the group went into the East Ballroom to see the ice skaters. A beautiful, slender, lady wearing a 14 Karat Gold Crown, and dressed in aqua-velvet evening wear, came by with a tray made of ebony and ivory slabs. She served each child a tasty, colorful snowball. The tray held rosy-red strawberry snowballs, a



JAYCEE VISITOR—Jack L. Brantley of South Carolina, vice president of the United States Jaycees, visited in Boone last week. He met with local business leaders at a morning coffee. With Brantley (center) are Walter Broyhill and Jim Hastings of the Boone Jaycees. Hastings is president of the local club. (Staff photo)

Deep Gap Native Manager New Credit Assn. Facility

John E. Yates, a native of Deep Gap, has joined the staff of the 10-county Winston-Salem Production Credit Association as manager of the new branch office in Boone.



JOHN E. YATES

A. P. Snow, general manager, said the new Boone office opened Monday on a fulltime basis with quarters in the Professional Building on West King Street. The office will serve farmers in Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Caldwell counties. The cooperative, with headquarters in Winston-Salem, extends agriculture credit for any "worthy" purpose and currently has loans outstanding to its farmer-members totaling \$6 million. It deals primarily in short and intermediate term loans.

Yates announced that Mrs. Lois Oliver Thomas of Route 1, Zionville, will be secretary in the Boone office. Office hours will be 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

Yates is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Yates. After graduating from Beaver Creek High

School, he entered Lees McRae College and was graduated in June, 1968, from East Tennessee State University with a degree in business administration. He was reared on a dairy and livestock farm.

Snow said the PCA board "considers the association fortunate to have in this branch office a man who knows agri-

culture in this area and who is known by many people in the four counties being served by the Boone office."

Paul J. Vestal of Wilkes County is president of the association. W. H. Hardy of Surry County is vice president. Other directors are H. G. Thacker, of Forsyth County, C. A. Lewis of Stokes County, Dale W. Thomason of Yadkin County and Ronald V. Willard of Davidson County. William W. Critt is assistant secretary-treasurer and assistant general manager.

The association also serves Forsyth, Surry, Davidson, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin counties. Another PCA branch office is located in Yadkinville.

Driveway Paving Swindle Related

If it was a driveway-paving swindle, it has left the county and maybe even the State of North Carolina.

They would tell a prospective customer "they have to pay their men tonight, then pull out and leave," the Sheriff said. The last word he received was that the pavers were headed for Virginia.

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll said Monday he recently received information that a quick-pay operation was at work in Ashe County and could be on its way to Watauga.

He checked around the county and found one instance where a \$275 check had been given in advance of the promised work. About \$100 paving was done before the crew cleared out, and the Sheriff further stated that Georgia license plates were

seen on the trucks. Contacted Monday, an associate editor of the Galax (Va.) Gazette stated that an unidentified paving company was at work in his area. Mark Waits added, however, he had heard no complaint and at that time had received no notice from law officers to alert the public to a swindle.



AT GRANDFATHER—With the coming of the fall color season tourists as well as area residents venture closer to nature. Pictured is Martha Johnson and nephew Timmy Thomas of Newland trying their luck at photographing Mildred, the tame, wild bear at Grandfather Mountain.—Photo Hugh Morton.



IDLE REGISTRAR—Mrs. Jack Henson, registrar in Cove Creek precinct, spent a quiet Saturday as registration opened in advance of the Nov. 4 school bond and local option sales tax elections. Since a new registration was begun last summer for all Watauga voters, slightly more than one-half the number of normal voters have bothered to register again. Mrs. Henson reported the day netted her precinct a total of 21 voters. (Staff photo)

Watauga Voters Slow To Register

Watauga County's pre-election voter registration slipped off to an apparent slow start Saturday.

Registration will close on Saturday, Oct. 25, in preparation for the Nov. 4 election on the county school bond issue and the local option sales tax.

The Watauga County Board of Elections office on Tuesday had reports from only four precincts on Saturday's registration activity. They totalled 84 new voter registrations from these precincts: New River No. 1, 41 voters; New River No. 2, nine; West Camp No. 1, 17, and Brasley Fork, 17.

Under new state law, an entire new voter registration list was called for in Watauga County last summer. The

law called for a loose leaf permanent registration system that replaces previous voter lists.

Only persons who have registered during the special registration period last summer and since will be able to vote in future county, state and national elections.

Registration books will be open in the precincts on two more Saturdays, Oct. 18 and 25, Saturday, Nov. 1, will be challenge day. Precinct books will be open from 9 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

In addition citizens may register any day this week and Monday through Friday next week at the Board of Elections office in the courthouse from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., regardless of which precinct they may live in.

Total registrants in the new registration, as of Friday, Oct. 10, was 4,545 voters, just over half the number voters cast in the 1968 Presidential election.

STUDY ON HEALTH AID
The Health Administration is considering a national health insurance program in which most, if not all, Americans would take part.

Secondary Road Standards Set Up

The State Highway Commission has adopted revised secondary road standards, slightly changing the minimum requirements for including roads and subdivisions streets on the Secondary Road System. The Commission took the action by adopting a report from its Secondary Roads Committee, of which David Parnell of Robeson County is chairman. Under state regulations, roads are added to the secondary system after they meet specified minimum requirements, thus qualifying them for maintenance by the state. The committee raised from four to five as the minimum number of families on a road one mile or less before it can

qualify as a state secondary road.

It also placed a minimum of four homes for one-tenth of a mile before adding a subdivision street to the system. Previously the number was two.

Assessment of property owners for paving was raised from \$1.10 per lineal foot to \$1.50. There were also slight changes made in the "point" system used to qualify a road for inclusion into the system. Each home on a road will now count five points, instead of the previous two, and larger businesses will mean more points than businesses with less than five employees.

The new criteria will be effective January 1, 1970.

Antenna Windshield Is One Of Auto Innovations Of '70

The antenna windshield, which gives an automobile radio reception without the conventional antenna rod, plays an expanded role in the styling and motorist convenience of 1970 models just unveiled by auto manufacturers.

The windshield, which serves as the car's only antenna, had been an exclusive feature of one automobile manufacturer but, with introduction of the new models, now is available on a

number of other automotive lines.

Widespread acceptance and increasing popularity of the new glass represents a triumph in auto glass mass-production technology for Libbey-Owens-Ford Company, the world's largest automotive glass manufacturer and a prime supplier of the antenna windshield.

Development of this windshield followed more than 12 years of testing in cooperation with automobile manufacturers.

L-O-F provides the new windshield's radio reception capabilities through microthin antenna wires between the laminated part's two glass panels. Two lengths of 5-mil-thick wires are extended from the bottom center of the glass up the center and halfway across the windshield top. A lead is installed at the windshield molding for connecting the wires to the radio.

The antenna windshield is made with a small half-moon cutout in the laminated part's outer glass panel. This cutout, not visible when the windshield is installed in the car, hides a tab which joins the antenna wires to a lead to the radio. This joint is specially designed for sturdiness, ease of installation and weather resistance.

VALUE IN BOOKS

FULLMAN, WASH.—Tim Pierce, 7, was looking through an old book his mother purchased years ago when he found a loose picture in the book. His mother noted it was the picture of Ben Franklin in the center of a \$100 bill. A banker assured them the 1934 Federal Reserve note was real.

POTCORN CAUSES DIVORCE

LITTLETON, COLO.—Mrs. Oscar Kirkpatrick was granted a divorce because her husband ate popcorn in bed. Leaving her husband eight years ago, after 20 years of marriage, she told the judge she didn't mind her husband eating popcorn in bed but she couldn't stand the noise he made chewing it.

Problem Of Drug Use In State Centered On Dread Marijuana

It's strange what just a few years have done to some words in our language. There was a time when Mary Jane was a candy, tea was a drink to be brewed, grass was for mowing and joints were dens of iniquity or elbows.

Now, Mary Jane, tea, grass and joint are code names for a ticket into an ancient land of dreams. All of these names are applied to marijuana.

The problem of drug use among youngsters in North Carolina has focused on marijuana. This is the drug that is generally used for experimentation and many health officials believe that marijuana is just the beginning of a long, long trip into drug land.

Just for the record, let's take a look at what the U.S. Depart-

ment of Health, Education and Welfare says about marijuana. In a pamphlet recently published, the nation's top health agency says:

"Working with man-made tetrahydrocannabinol (one of the active ingredients of marijuana), a leading scientist recently found that high dosages of the drug brought on severe reactions in every person tested. The National Institute of Mental Health Study also showed that psychotic reactions sometimes occur, for unknown reasons, in some individuals who take smaller amounts."

"The scientist observed that a dose equal to one cigarette of the United States type can make the smoker feel excited, gay or silly. After an amount equal to four, the user notices

changes in what he can perceive. He reports that colors seem brighter, his sense of hearing keener. After a dose equal to ten cigarettes, other reactions set in. He experiences visual hallucinations, illusions, or delusions. His mood may swing from great joy to extreme anxiety. He may become deeply depressed, or have feelings of uneasiness, panic, or fear."

With that in mind, if you get an urge for a Mary Jane, perhaps you would be a lot better off if you tried the candy variety. In fact, the whole country would be better off if we went back to mowing grass, brewing tea and avoiding the joints.



A BROKEN TIE ROD was blamed for throwing this car out of control Saturday night, but the driver, Ronald Stephen Wyatt of Route 1, Sugar Grove, miraculously escaped injury. After the car went out of control it turned over across US Highway 321 from Ward's Grocery. Mr. Wyatt is seen at right. (Staff photo)

BREMCO Given Recognition

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation has received special recognition at a ten-state regional meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The Cooperative won a award for working with the NRECA International Programs Division and the U. S. State Department's agency for International Development in training electric cooperative leaders from developing nations.

Three delegates from India studied Blue Ridge Electric's operations during July. The information they obtained during their stay is to be applied in developing and operating electric cooperatives in their home countries.

Blue Ridge Electric has been involved in this NRECA-AID program since 1962 when C. E. Viverette, general manager of Blue Ridge EMC, worked in Bolivia providing technical ad-

vice and assistance in the development of a rural electrification program there. Since that time the cooperative has assisted in training 30 people from nine countries, the latest being a group from India in July this year.

The award is the third received by the cooperative, and was presented before representatives of rural electrification systems serving over 1,000,000 consumer-owners in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Maine and Vermont.

ON SAVINGS BONDS

The House Ways and Means Committee has approved legislation to increase the interest rates on United States Savings Bonds from 1.25 per cent to 3 per cent.