

Along The Routes

By JOHN FOLLETT

These last three columns have been about people. That was as it should be. People are the stock in trade of newspapers.

Today I am going to talk mostly about things: watches and door bells and tin cans and bottles and wells. Of course all these things are used by people.

Take the watches first. I am carrying around with me two of the best looking wrist watches you ever saw. One is an original Gruen precision watch, made since 1874 at Time Hill in my own home town of Cincinnati, Ohio. I have a sleek man's watch with a pigskin strap, and a tiny woman's watch with a black silk wrist band. I am eager to show off these watches to anyone who will let me.

For you see The Daily Record will give away a watch just like

one of these to any person who will send in ten annual subscriptions to the paper (or the equivalent in shorter term-subscriptions). These watches are truly beautiful and they bear the Gruen guarantee of supreme accuracy. I hope that a lot of readers of this column will drop me a line and let me show them the watches—then get out and go to work in their spare time to earn one.

The other items on my agenda are personal questions which I want to get off my chest—one trivial, the other two important. Here they are, the trivial question first.

1. Why do so few houses Along the Routes have door bells? I wear out my poor knuckles hammering on doors. I have become a chronic knocker instead of a bell pusher.

2. Why are most of the woods and brooks and other natural beauty spots in this area desecrated by piles of rusty cans, bottles, old motor parts, and other refuse? Are a few people utterly devoid of a sense of decency, or are we so materialistic as not to care that we live in a country of wonderful natural beauty? I'd like to know the answer.

3. Is anything being done about inspection of the hundreds of open wells in this area so as to protect the water users from infection? They say that water is relieved of its impurities by trickling through a few feet of sandy soil, but it is hard for me to see how many of the wells I have observed Along the Routes can help being contaminated by surface water.

I'm not a professional reformer, but I have been a Boy Scout for more years than most people in these counties. To a Boy Scout the last two questions above seem to need answers. Are there answers?

Anniversary Of Scouts Observed

Lillington Girl Scouts are taking note this afternoon of the 40th birthday anniversary of Girl Scouting in America with a special program slated to start at 3:15 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. W. E. Moore, who is in charge of the birthday celebration, has made arrangements to show a film "Friends Across the Seas." The picture deals with Scouting in other lands. Friendship packets will

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SUMMONED to the Winter White House at Key West, Fla., for a secret session described as "important," Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg (left) chats with President Truman on the lawn outside as palm trees form a backdrop. Above, looking tanned and well-rested, the Nation's Chief Executive beams at news photographers.

NEW POW LIST BRINGS HOPE AND JOY TO LOVED ONES



THEIR SORROW SWEPT AWAY by new found hope, the family of Pfc. Oliver B. Munn (above) are shown in their New York home after receiving word that Oliver's name and serial number was on list of U. S. soldiers held as prisoners by the Reds in Korea. Nine months ago they buried a soldier believed to have been their son. At right, Mrs. Kenneth A. Tackus, of Brooklyn, N. Y., leaps with joy after reading in the paper that her husband, Lt. Tackus, is listed as a prisoner. (International)



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Dunn High Band In New Quarters

With better practicing facilities in their new band room, formerly the school cafeteria, the members of the Dunn High School Band are practicing assiduously in order also to be letter-perfect in their parts when they make their next public appearance.

The group will give its next public performance at the Azalea Festival in Wilmington when they will be one of the approximately twenty bands in the long line of march.

"We feel that it is an honor to be invited to participate in this parade," Director W. L. Burrage said, "and, although this is not exactly a competitive event, we want to perform as well as any band in the parade."

The next local appearance of the band will be at the regular April meeting of the Dunn Parent-Teachers Association. The Erwin School band, which is also under the direction of Mr. Burrage, will present a

Bert Alabaster To Attend Meet

Bert Alabaster, owner of the Western Auto Associate Store, will leave Saturday to attend the Western Auto Major Appliance Show to be presented in Charlotte, this Sunday.

Mr. Alabaster said yesterday that the show will exhibit the many improved features of the complete 1952 Wizard major appliance line—including Wizard refrigerators, Wizard gas and electric ranges, Wizard gas and electric hot water heaters, program at the March 25 meeting of the Erwin Parent-Teachers Association.

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NEW YORK — (AP) — Doris Duke Cromwell Rubirosa, one of the world's wealthiest women, made public today the first financial report of a charitable foundation she started when she became of age. The report showed total grants of \$2,639,857.66 to organizations and individuals.

RALEIGH — (AP) — The Federal-State Crop Reporting Service estimated North Carolina cattle population today at record total of 796,000. The number as of Jan. 1 represented a gain of 37,000 in the last year. Value, figured at \$140 a head, totaled \$111,440,000.

Wizard washing machines, Wizard food freezers, and Wizard vacuum cleaners. Purpose of the show is to enable Western Auto Associate Store owners to make early, first-hand selections, and thereby insure stock for spring and summer customers.

"From advance reports and present indications," Mr. Alabaster said, "the 1952 Wizard appliance picture is a bright one. In spite of shortages and other difficulties, Western Auto has forged ahead to improve Wizard Appliances and create new things for better living."

Mr. Alabaster expects to return Monday.

FACES QUIZ IN DEATH OF WIFE



CHAINED TO A BED in a Detroit hospital, Daniel W. Beardsley faces questioning by police when he recovers from injuries received after his auto crashed head-on into another car. The questions, however, will concern the death of Beardsley's wife, who was killed with an auto jack as she left her home to go to work. (International Soundphoto)

STUDY CLUB TO MEET — Lillington's Tea and Topics Club will meet on Friday at 3:30 p. m. at the Teachers' Lounge in the new school class room addition. Due to the illness of the president, Mr. W. R. Canford, Mrs. A. G. Johnson will preside. Mrs. W. M. Bryan will be in charge of the program.

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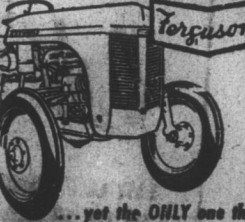
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