

TRANSYLVANIA'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

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When Johnny Comes

A well known civil war song goes: "We'll all feel gay when Johnny comes marching home." After World War I, the boys in khaki marched in and were given a big ovation and honored. World War II G.I. Joes were driven in in Cattle trucks, but still were honored, sent to college if they wished and given a fairly good start. Korean fighters were lost in with the World War II veterans. Now the young men who have been fighting, living, existing in a war that is not a war are flown in on big planes and few people but family and friends hear about their honors or their wounds.

What does the community do for these young men who are returning home after their tour of service? I am not considering the parades or long speeches, but the everyday things of living. One young man I know came home to find there was no housing for him and his family. Another was discouraged about getting a job. After many tries he decided to go back to school in order to get different training. Still another family was disrupted by the fact that the young man was on "speed". His wife called in all upset because he was so suspicious, so fine with the children one time and beat them the next time he saw them. At first he refused to go for help, then he got a prescription for "speed" and was on that scene again. With familial support the wife finally persuaded him to go in for help and things settled down again. They are still fighting the battle of getting adjusted to family life.

This latter problem is one of the hidden troubles of families who have had a brother or father or husband away in the service. Let me tell you about Susan and Terry. Susan was an orphan raised by her grandparents and she wanted to get away from home. Soon after she graduated from High School she married a class-mate, Terry, who went into the service a week later. Susan gave birth to a son while Terry was in training. On one state-sided assignment she lived with him for a few months. By the time the second child was born Terry was overseas again. Susan was forced to return to her grandparent's home and live in very cramped quarters. The continuing and almost constant quarreling and bickering made it most unpleasant for everybody but the babies, who were happy, contented, well adjusted children.

When Terry returned home they rented a house and Terry, who had received special training in the service found there was no market for his talents. He took a job as a roofer, worked hard and brought the money home. But this did not mean they had a happy home. Susan, who had had all of the care of the children was resentful at Terry's "interference." Terry who had been living in an adult world, a predominantly male adult world, thought the children should behave like adults; and resented Susan's efforts to "hen peck" him. Almost immediately Susan found she was pregnant again.

This couple has many big adjustments to make. Susan has some fears and feelings of anger because of her early tragic homelife. Terry is forced into becoming a father with two children before he and Susan have had time to develop a relationship. And they both have a sense of having "missed out" on things. You can read into this situation many other adjustments the couple will have to make before they can make their marriage a marriage.

What does our community offer the person who returns here? Do we have housing, jobs, moral support for them? Is there a place in our community for the air-bourn-in Veteran who comes back to a changed and changing world? Is your church or service club including these people in? The wounds of the serviceman are not always crippled bodies. Sometimes the psychological scars are more different to live with than the visible scars. How do we feel when Johnny Comes marching home?

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Troop 703 Completes Summer Program With Trip On Keowee

Troop 703 launched its summer program with the Echo-ta District Camporee on May 7, 8, and 9th at Camp Louise. This was followed by a two-night camping trip to the Camp Daniel Boone "Log Rolling" weekend when the troop joined other troops throughout the Council in work projects to ready the camp for the summer season. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Frank Cordell, attended the week-long Junior Leader Training Camp the third week in June.

For their annual long-term camp, the troop hiked from Indian Graveyard Fields to Camp Daniel Boone by way of the Shining Rock Trail. This was done by hiking Saturday afternoon and camping Saturday night at Cherry Point and then completing the trip Sunday morning. The troop then spent a generally rainy week in camp, during which only master fire-builders did any outdoor cooking. The troop defended the Transylvania County honor by winning the Water Meet on Wednesday. (Troop 701, who also hiked into camp, had won the Water Meet for the previous week.) Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Chris Johnson, was tapped out for the Order of the Arrow Honor Camping Society.

Those members of the troop who advanced one rank since January 1st were invited to join the troop staff members in a canoe trip to Lake Keowee. The troop put in where Old Route 11 enters the lake just below Jocassee Dam and canoed about five miles to the New Route 11 Bridge. Since this was a one-day exploratory trip, they started back after lunch and took out after about four hours on the lake. The troop practiced its lake canoeing skills in preparation for next spring's river canoe trip. Everyone slept very well Saturday night.

Scouts participating in the event were Frank Cordell, Brian Echols, Glenn Hittel, David-George Johnson, Steve Hinkle, John Mann; Kevin Norris, Kelvin Smallwood, Chris White, John Winston, Junior Assistant Scoutmasters Greg Winston and Chris Johnson, Assistant Scoutmaster John Sanderson and Scoutmaster Dick Gustafson. The trip was made possible with the help of adults such as Earle Johnson, Erwin Hittel, Frank Guest, Don Jennings, Harry Ashworth, Jim Morrow, Loren Brown, Bill Leonard and Jim Anthony.

George Snelson Dies In Florida

George L. Snelson, 69, Lake Yale Retreat Mobile Homes, Eustis, Fla., died Aug. 26th in a Eustis hospital.

A native of Brevard, he was a resident of Eustis, Fla. 13 years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Brevard, and was a retired steamfitter. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge F&AM Nelms Lodge No. 323 of Smyrna, Ga., and the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local No. 150, Augusta, Ga.

Survivors: widow, Betty; daughter, Mrs. Anita Wright, Tavares; brother, Ralph, Brevard; nine sisters, Mrs. Daisy Aiken, and Mrs. Ruth Patterson, Hendersonville, N. C.; Mrs. Katherine Hamlin, Mrs. Christine Costner, and Mrs. Ann Young, Asheville, N. C.; Mrs. Rose Wingfield, Eustis; Mrs. Marcia Pearce, Orlando; Mrs. Fair Summers, Cameron, S. C., and Mrs. Mollie Fearing, Lexington, Mass., several nieces and nephews, and two grandchildren.

Zeller Kennedy and Hamlin Funeral Home, Eustis, was in charge of arrangements.

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College Students!

In early September The Transylvania Times is planning to carry a story listing as many college students from Brevard and Transylvania county as possible.

If you are a college student already, or if you're entering college this fall for the first time, drop us a line, giving us the inside information.

Please list your name, your parents' name, address, the college or university that you plan to attend, etc.

We'll be delighted to hear from you.

Address the information to The Editor, The Transylvania Times, Box 32, Brevard, N. C. 28712. Thanks!

Jaycees To Have A Big "Give-Away" This Fall

The Brevard Jaycees are kicking off their fall "give-away" this week.

Someone will win a Variety Shopping Spree consisting of \$100 worth of clothing from Patterson's, \$100 worth of groceries from Community Cash and 100 gallons of gasoline from Hubbard's Esso.

The awarding will be held at the Brevard vs. North Buncombe football game on September 24th. "You do not have to be present to win," the Jaycees say.

Contact any Jaycee for tickets. Donations are one dollar.

Smokey Says



What's my message?

Seven Students From County Awarded Degrees At WCU

Seven students from Transylvania County were among 337 students at Western Carolina University to receive degrees at summer commencement ceremonies recently.

Two of the seven students received their degrees with academic honors.

They were Sherry Fendley Waldrop (Mrs. Larry Richard) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Fendley of 309 Park Ave., Brevard, who was awarded the bachelor of science in business administration degree magna cum laude (with great distinction), and Sandra Carolyn Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bradley of Penrose Rt. 1, who received the bachelor of science in business administration degree cum laude (with distinction). Mrs. Waldrop majored in marketing and Miss

Bradley majored in accounting.

Others from Transylvania County to receive degrees were:

Shirley B. Crawford of 201 Southview Dr., Brevard, who majored in middle grade education; Paul Larry Evans of Brevard, who majored in middle grade education, and Evan Stroud Flynn of Sapphire Manor, Brevard, who majored in educational administration. All three were awarded the master of arts in education degree.

Barbara Susan Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Earle Johnson, Jr. of 109 Minor St., Brevard, who majored in marketing; and Paul Wayne Smithey of Pisgah Forest Rt. 1, who majored in management. Both received the bachelor of science in business administration degree.

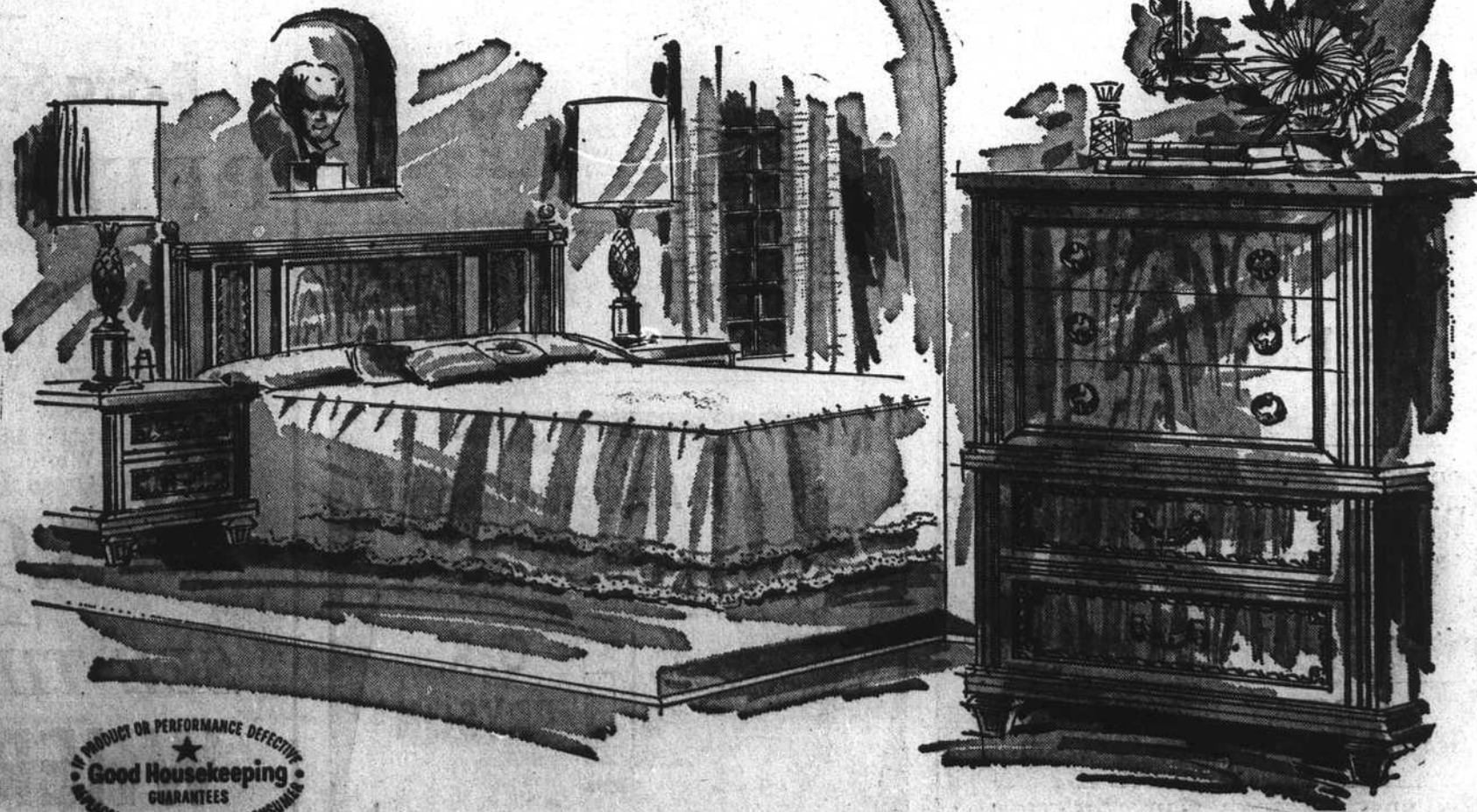
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