



Brady's BLARNEY

By A Brady Called J. P.

Doesn't it seem a little ridiculous for this country to explain, in great detail, how it plans to send a rocket to the moon when it hasn't yet figured out how to get a satellite rocket more than four feet off the ground?

—jpb—

A pre-season joke making the rounds said the Baptists had outlawed Santa Claus.

Why?

Because he has a reindeer named "Dancer".

—jpb—

While we're discussing the Jolly Fellow in the Red Underdrawers, they're telling the story about Santa stopping the little boy on the street uptown and asking him what he wanted for Christmas.

"Good gosh!" the boy exclaimed. "Don't tell me the post

office lost my letter."

—jpb—

My radio voice (news broadcast each Wednesday at 4:40 p. m.) leaves much to be desired. It took only one recording to convince me that my Southern drawl is flatter than last week's ginger ale.

The clincher came one day this week, however, when a little girl in a local store kept looking at me and smiling.

Finally, her mother caught up with her and said, "Yes honey, you're right. That's the man on the radio who sounds like Chester."

Chester being, of course, the slow-talking sidekick of Matt Dillon, the frontier marshal of the TV program "Gunsmoke".

—jpb—

As has been my custom for

several years, I run a chronology at the first of the year of events and incidents that took shape within the rules of this column in the past 12 months. So, here's 1957's contribution to history:

JANUARY: Filling station operator, C. M. Byrd, observed several black eyes sported by local males and wryly observed, "They all must have been riding the same mule." "Uncle Bob" Davis passed on some sage advice in prose: As you wind your way through life, friend, no matter what your goal, keep your eye upon the doughnut, and not upon the hole . . . a local fellow who invested in one of those gas-saving devices ended up having to install a bucket on his gas tank to catch gasoline overflowing . . .

FEBRUARY: Town Clerk C. O. Ramsey was telling about the fellow who was asked, "Do you owe any back house rent?" To which the fellow replied, "Goodness no! We haven't had a back house in years — we use modern plumbing." . . . appears the ELKS have taken over the new building on Main Street. The sign man neglected for several days to install the B . . .

Have you seen the new pencils used by some of the town's secretaries. They're inscribed, "Sincerely Yours, Elvis Presley" . . . ladies' hats are the topic, and a heated one, it developed . . .

MARCH: Carroll Gibson, a

ruby mine owner, took his first —"and last"—airplane ride to Toccoa to have a ruby appraised . . . J. L. West, Jr., determined to win something in a give-away, registered not only the members of his family, but his Beagles . . .

APRIL: As proof that Spring has arrived, Policeman Homer Cochran asked, "Know where a fellow can swap some long handled underwear for a good straw hat" . . . at the N.C.E.A. birthday party at Franklin High, this column's author was tagged as "Mr. Brandy" . . . Franklin Photographer J. C. Crisp is a "furriner", born in Japan, North Carolina that is . . .

MAY: A ruby lost by Brady's Blarney several months turned up at Roger Sutton's cleaning establishment . . . an individualist is a fellow who intentionally tosses away the chewing gum and eats the wrapper . . . Mrs. Claude Leatherman decided it was Kilroy who made the mysterious footprints in the flint rock on Ellijay . . . Tax man Jack Powell's daughter was disappointed after a visit to the prison camp. "We saw the bloodhound," she reported. "But he didn't bleed" . . . a former Franklin pastor, the Rev. J. Bryan Hatchett, led a successful crusade to break up bootlegging in Commerce, Ga. . . . Hall Callahan suffered for three days in the same suit of clothes while on a trip. His

shaving bomb discharged accidentally in his suitcase . . .

JUNE: After umpteen years, a 'door knob was installed on the back door of the courthouse . . . remember when you were a kid and you used to hobble around half the summer on your toes because of stone bruises on your heels? . . . Waitress Martha Jones got the following note from a large family of travelers: The food was delicious, the service divine. But I'll have to be a cheap skate, with a family like mine! . . .

JULY: County Commissioner W. E. Baldwin passed along a Back Seat Driver's license, issued by the State of Nervousness, Bureau of Nuisances . . . Bob Moore, coach of a Little League team explained, "One mistake we've made . . ." . . . was showing up for the game," finished Dr. G. R. McSween . . .

AUGUST: Brady's Blarney goes to New York, where it is subjected to a number of adventures, including a woman who walked into the men's room in a filling station in South Boston, Va. . . . Harley Lyle recalled his younger days of derringdo when he jumped from an airplane to collect a \$5 bet . . . I turn down rich food with the explanation that "I have to watch my figure." And from a far corner comes the voice of my wife, saying: "Yes, watch it grow, and grow, and

grow . . ." you-all is plural, not singular as voiced by Yankee mimics . . .

SEPTEMBER: Two assistant extension agents, Mrs. Mabel Swan and Kenneth Perry, are mistaken for mother and son . . . Gene Pannell and some of the boys help out family in need . . . Doug Simpson has "snake" trouble, thanks to the strategy of Red Stewart and Tommy Jenkins . . . Jim Hilton tells of a man who woke another man up at 4 a. m. to bum a cigarette and then commented, "Don't see how you can make a living sleeping all day" . . . the Rev. Don Langfitt discovered that his antique "sewing cabinet" was really a liquor cabinet and he decided to post a sign on it declaring, This Is Not A Liquor Cabinet. Ed Williams offered the most direct approach of, This Is A Sewing Cabinet . . .

OCTOBER: A little girl came home from Sunday School filled with glowing reports of the lesson about "Moses and the Pills". Her parents finally saw the light dawn when the little girl related how Moses went up the mountain and came back with a bunch of tablets . . . after 25 years, Supt. H. Bueck found it hard to keep from saying "Murphy schobls" over the telephone . . . After a trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Tom Setser's little daughter tearfully reported: "You said we were

going to see der rabbits and we never did." . . .

NOVEMBER: Paul Hightower's comments about a motel near Franklin without a bathroom door, only a curtain, started off a good time that finally ended with everyone being paid again . . . John Archer's dog, "Binky", is combed out of his food by a mutt named "Fiji", when Claude Bolton and Hunter Galloway decided to help out . . . a child is an object standing between an adult and a television set . . . R. D. Carson decided the county rural awards banquet was better than "Gunsmoke" . . . Bryan Setser was "slit" by rumor . . .

DECEMBER: "Please," said Congressman George Shuford, when asked if he had anything to say to a voter . . . Blarney's lookalike, Frank L. Ramsey, reports having a little trouble . . . a screech owl takes over florist J. L. West's truck . . .

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