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## SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN

In our editorial of last week calling attention to the danger our school children are subjected to each day as they walk to and from school along the highway and in which we suggested a safety zone be provided, we have received much favorable comment on the matter. However, there has been no comment from persons in a position to do something about the walk. Our readers are interested in the matter and would like to see some action taken for the protection of their children.

Neglect will sooner or later lead to serious injury or death of some boy or girl, or an adult as many people must walk along the highway in coming to Sylva.

## THE MAINE DISASTER

Already faced with a mounting fire loss for this year this nation takes a serious view of the Maine forest fire disaster of last week when 20 or more persons lost their lives and property damage amounted to over \$40,000,000. Only a few weeks ago we observed National Fire Prevention Week and with this disaster coming right on the heels of the week proves to us that we are going to need more than one week out of 52 to lay stress on fire prevention... we had better make it 52 weeks a year.

This nation had been greatly blessed with, what many of us considered unlimited natural resources, but with a few more wars and our continual mounting fire loss, these resources are going to become limited. Lumber and timber products are now at sky rocket prices. We can ill afford forest fires of proportions of the Maine fire.

## AUTUMN MIRAGE

Spring we may welcome more heartily. Autumn we are the more loathe to let go. The days, shortened by early twilight, become yet more precious, as do most things when demand begins to exceed supply.

Over our autumn impends always that feeling of imminent departure. Autumn is like a short sojourn in some far and lovely land. From every peak we climb, from every tower of momentary delight, from every window looking on the year's sunset—we can see in the darkened harbor the shadow of a great ship. It is built for long and arduous traveling through work-a-day oceans back to a work-a-day world.

No other season builds this strange mirage. Winter, spring, summer, lead each to the very doorstep of the other.

Only from the edge of autumn, standing on gold with deep purple overhead, do we look out as if on uncharted distance. Only here are we touched with the feeling that, come autumn after autumn through a long procession of years, we may not meet this moment again, or ever find this one exquisite promontory.—The Christian Science Monitor.

## A DANGEROUS SPOT

The persons charged with erecting safety signs and guard rails along our state highways have neglected to perform their duty at one of the most dangerous points in the entire system—at the intersection of Highway No. 276 the Pisgah Motor road, and Parkway, at Wagon Road Gap.

Approaching from the Brevard side, the highway suddenly "disappears" into thin air as it makes a 90-degree turn to the left. The drop is several hundred feet down the side of the mountain, and no warning sign or guard rail in sight.

Travel over the route is steadily increasing, and the expense of placing adequate protection on the spot would be

## INSIDE WASHINGTON

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—President Truman employed an old, but always effective psychological stratagem in appointing a citizens' committee to involve a program for meeting the related problems of high prices at home and threatened famine abroad.

With all authorities agreed that foreign needs could not be met without some form of domestic conservation, enforced or voluntary, the president felt the American people would respond wholeheartedly to an "eat less, waste less" appeal from a group representing all fields of endeavor.

The chief executive is said to have believed that such an appeal would earn a more enthusiastic response than would have been the case had he, alone, called upon Americans to eat less.

Observers regard the chief executive's choice of Charles Luckman to head the committee as a singularly fortunate one. Americans love a "success story." Luckman, who at 38 heads the great Lever Brothers soap company operations in the United States, epitomizes the Horatio Alger hero.

On the other hand, co-operation from labor can be expected through inclusion of the AFL's William Green and the CIO's Philip Murray on the committee.

Also represented are spokesmen for agriculture, radio, the movies, women's organizations, government, the publishing business and a variety of other fields.

## DRY PRAISE FOR WET DISTILLER

—The Board of Temperance of the Methodist church, which recently harpooned the moist views of Admiral William F. Halsey, came out strongly the other day for a Colorado distiller.

Strange as it seems, the reason is a simple one. The distiller, Jay Ambrose, has written Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson suggesting that all distilling be halted to help feed hungry Europeans.

Said the Methodist publication, the Clipsheet: "The attitude of Ambrose is commendable."

Ambrose, according to the Clipsheet, believes that a tremendous backlog of whisky exists in the country and that continuing to make whisky of cereal grains is a "needless waste of food."

However, the Clipsheet was unhappy about other angles of the liquor situation, saying: "The country is seriously handicapped by insufficient numbers of freight cars to move steel and other raw materials essential to many manufacturers, and to move crops, and yet the manufacturers of beer are using thousands upon thousands of cars to transport a product back and forth across the country which is causing a perfect plague of crime and disorder."

"Why," asks the publication, "does the government permit these things?"

**FUTURE ATOMIC POWER**—America's top atomic planners see no hope of utilizing atomic power for international uses any time within the next ten years.

One high Atomic Energy Commission official, with access to every secret detail on the United States atomic program, declares that scientists and others who forecast nuclear power plants within the next three or five or eight years are "unrealistic."

He believes that there is a chance a useable atomic power plant may be developed within 10 years, but even that will be only for a specialized use—for providing the power to operate a submarine or battleship, for instance. The official expresses doubt whether atomic power will ever supplant the hydro-electric plants.

Russian embassy in Washington credits the Russians with the major part in defeating the Japs thus giving us the spectacle of a bench warmer proclaiming himself the most valuable player.

Since time brings all things it is only natural that the hour glass figure would stage a comeback.

If we all do our part to safeguard American liberties that Freedom Train will roll on the mainline forever.

inexpensive as compared to what might easily happen to some motorist going over the bank.—Waynesville Mountain-

## "BOMBER'S MOON"



## The Everyday Counsellor

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Hallowe'en is almost here, and with it comes the time for gay festivities, pumpkins and skeletons, donuts and cider and — sad to say, vandalism!

Hallowe'en originated with the Druids, an ancient Celtic religious order. The Druids believed that on the night of October 31, Samhain, the Lord of Death, called together the souls of all those who died during the past year. The sinful souls were confined in the bodies of goblins, spirits and other spooks, the Druids believed. The goblins and spooks were supposed to practice all sorts of devilish pranks, unless they were controlled. So, as a means of protection the Druids lit huge bonfires to frighten away the evil spirits.

Each Druid community had an altar that was kept burning for the protection of the inhabitants. On Hallowe'en these fires were extinguished and re-lighted. The villagers carried home glowing embers from the altar to kindle fires on their own hearthstones.

Although the Druids abandoned the religious ceremony when they were indoctrinated with Christianity, traces of the old rituals remained for many years. Thus we have the evil witches, the fortunes and spookiness on Hallowe'en.

The Romans added the harvest festival idea to our observance of Hallowe'en. During the Middle Ages other ideas were added, and the custom arose on all Hallow's Eve, the night before All Saints Day, November 1, that the witches and goblins were supposed to be abroad at their work, because they would not have opportunity on the holy festival of All Saints Day.

All these ideas are wrapped up in the American celebration of Hallowe'en. Pumpkins, corn stalks, apples, donuts and cider — these are all traditionally American and traditionally Hallowe'en. The spookiness has likewise remained. Along with it has come a relatively modern idea of carrying off gates, hiding rakes, breaking lights, ringing doorbells, and damaging property. This has brought Hallowe'en into disrepute and has prompted civic-minded men and women to put into practice the saying of Saint Paul, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Thoughtful parents and leaders of young people have realized that party planning is the simplest solution to Hallowe'en vandalism. Spooks and witches can appear at parties, indulge in games, amid decorations with pumpkins and skeletons, and a good time can be

During the molting period of laying hens, it is essential that the diet of the molter contains all the food factors necessary to build feathers and also build back body reserves, as these have been used up by the last year of lay.

## Nell O'Kelly Celebrates Third Birthday

Little Miss Nell O'Kelly, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston O'Kelly, entertained a group of small friends at her home on Cullowhee Road Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her third birthday.

Games were played and refreshments of ice cream, cake, hot chocolate and mints were served by the honoree's mother.

Those enjoying the party were Doris Hooper, Ann Smith, Carl Smith, Verna Kay Popplewell, Rhonda Jane Watson, Helen Metzger, Freddie Brown, Bennie Browning, Max David Barron, Edna Janet Queen, Joan Harrison, Mary Nicholson, Linda Padgett, Jane Hicks Rector, Charles and Johnnie Allen, Roger Montieth, Paul H. Green, Lois Hoyle, Cletis and Juanita Crisp and Patsy Hurst.

The many gifts received were opened following the serving of refreshments.

## John David Stovall

### Honored On Birthday

On last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Raymon Stovall entertained a group of young children, honoring her son, John David, on his fifth birthday. The house decorations were suggestive of the Hallowe'en season.

Several games were played in the yard and Gloria Ann Williams won the prize in the Donkey contest.

The young guests were then invited into the diningroom where they were served cup cakes with the young host's initials, J. D. S. or them pink ice cream, punch and Hallowe'en candy. The table was centered with a white birthday cake with pink trimmings and candles. Hallowe'en motifs completed the decorations.

The guests were Jane Long, Patsy Dills, Jenny McGuire, Lynda Henry, Sharon Henry, Jane Hicks Rector, Gloria Ann Williams, Katherine Hair, Yvonne Everett, Lynda Stovall, Bobby Williams, Billy Kilpatrick, Henry Lee Walker, Edwin Martin Frick, Dayton Kirk, Bucky Strong, Michal Nicholson, Kenneth Cope, Eddie Baldrige and Tommy Wise.

## Mrs. Hair Entertains Kindergarten Pupils And Mothers

On Tuesday Mrs. Louis Hair entertained at a Hallowe'en party for her kindergarten pupils and their mothers. Twenty-one children, 17 mothers, one father, Mrs. Hair, and Miss Docia Garrett enjoyed the occasion.

The children had made most of the decorations and had helped to put them up in the school room and Miss Garrett had made a beautiful setting for the adult group, carrying out the Hallowe'en idea in decorating the other rooms used for the party.

The children put on a short program for the parents, showing the work they have been doing in school. They were served ice cream, fruit punch, Hallowe'en cakes and candy in the kindergarten room and the mothers were invited into the diningroom where Mrs. Charles Pettit poured coffee, which was served with fruit cake with whipped cream, nuts and mints. Jane Hicks Rector won the prize for the best costume among the girls and Billy Kilpatrick among the boys.

Guests were Mrs. Clyde Rector and Jane Hicks, Mrs. Gillespie and Amos, Mrs. Mike Strong and Bucky, Mrs. Harold McGuire and Jennie, Mrs. Cyrus Nicholson and Michael, Mrs. David Dills and Pete, Mrs. Bill Kilpatrick and Billy, Mrs. Lee Walker and Henry Lee, Mrs. W. H. Crawford and Yvonne, Mrs. Charles Pettit and Elizabeth, Mrs. Raymon Stovall and John David, Mrs. W. C. Hennessee and Donna, Mrs. Ray Cogdill and Sammy, Mrs. Paul Kirk and Dayton, Mrs. Bart Cope and Kenneth, Mrs. E. H. Baldrige and Eddie, Mrs. Earl Padgett and Linda, Mr. Sol Schulman and Herbert, and Joe and Katherine Hair.

## Bucky Strong Has Birthday Party

The 20 children attending kindergarten at Mrs. Louis Hair's enjoyed a party last Friday morning when Mrs. Mike Strong entertained for her young son, Bucky, on his fifth birthday anniversary.

Games and contests supervised by Mrs. Hair were played. Kenneth Cope and Elizabeth Pettit won the prizes.

Cake and ice cream were served the group and Bucky received a number of gifts.

## A Letter To Jackson County Housewives

SYLVA, NORTH CAROLINA  
OCTOBER 29, 1947

MRS. HOUSEWIFE  
WASHDAY STREET  
JACKSON COUNTY

Dear Mrs. Housewife:

You can MODERNIZE YOUR WASHDAYS, just as thousands of other women have done.

We invite you to trade in your old washing machine on a beautiful 1947 BENDIX AUTOMATIC WASHER. This offer is good for a LIMITED TIME only.

Here is your opportunity of exchanging WASHDAY BLUES FOR WORKLESS WASHDAYS.

The BENDIX automatic washer DOES ALL THE WORK. All you do is toss in the soiled clothes, set a dial and add soap. ALL BY ITSELF, the BENDIX tumbles your clothes clean, rinses three times, damp dries, cleans itself and shuts off. You don't have to be there! Come in today and get details of our trade-in offer.

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