

Rebel Revelations

Living and working in various sections of our country makes us wonder if a person born and raised in Kenansville, let us say, would ever feel completely at home in Farmington, Maine. And likewise if a native of Norway, Maine, would ever understand the life and people of Warsaw, North Carolina.

There are such vivid and startling contrasts between life in New England and in North Carolina that it becomes more dubious about international understanding. Perhaps California is different - culture there is too new and without deep enough roots to have become a way of life or a philosophy. Although native Californians would never feel entirely at home in either the South or New England.

We have often been puzzled by the varying customs but even more perplexed by the different approach to life itself. It may be that the climate has a lot to do with it as well as the geography. Surely much of the insular attitude of Maine is attributable to its whereabouts. Life does not pass through the state - it has no great stream of through traffic at all. To be sure one of the most important businesses in Maine is the tourist business - but it is definitely seasonal and the tourists are referred to with no little scorn as 'summer people.'

The summer people are regarded among their natives with great amusement and much condescension - especially tourists from New York, who are considered naive and hence game by shrewd Yankees.

There was a man in our town in Maine who made boats to sell - and very good and sturdy boats they were, too. But during the war, he had trouble getting the kind of seasoned lumber he needed. One of the boats he made at this time was full of knots which would certainly drop out when the lumber was fully dry. We asked him how on earth he ever expected to sell such a boat which would prove most unseaworthy in a few months. He just drawled that knotty pine would be a good selling point for the unsuspecting tourist who wouldn't know any better. Now that is not considered dishonest at all but merely good business in Maine - the ability to outsmart your neighbor. It is hardly an admirable trait - but is one most boasted of during the long winter months around the pot-bellied stove in the local store when the summer people have gone back and the natives live on what they have made out of them.

That old phrase, "Caveat Emptor," let the buyer beware in all decency ought to be printed on a card handed to each visitor to this state that calls itself so proudly 'Vacationland' when he or she crosses the bridge at Kittery. In all fairness, in most places you will get a good value, exactly what you pay for - but you will get few bargains. And the farther you get off the beaten track, the more likely you are to get taken in by some quaint and often ragged farmer on whose sagging porch you see just the chair for which you've been hunting for years. It might be a signed Hitchcock - but you'll pay full antique shop prices for it. Those old amber hobnail bottles piled so carelessly in a corner as if to be thrown out in the dump may have been, as the housewife will tell you, some her great aunt Annie had in her attic, but more probably have been bought at an auction for from two to three dollars a piece - as you'll find when you try to get the lot for a dollar - and end up by buying one for five dollars.

This so-called shrewdness has had its repercussions - you can't spend a lifetime trying to get the best of everyone else without acquiring a suspicion that other people are doing the same thing to you. There is little warm, spontaneous friendliness. Walk down a street in almost any small town in Maine - and no one speaks to you or smiles at you the way they do in North Carolina or in the west. True, there is laughter - but it is often the result of dry wit at someone else's expense, pointed sharp biting wit that is cold and not warm. It is not humor, it is generally malice.

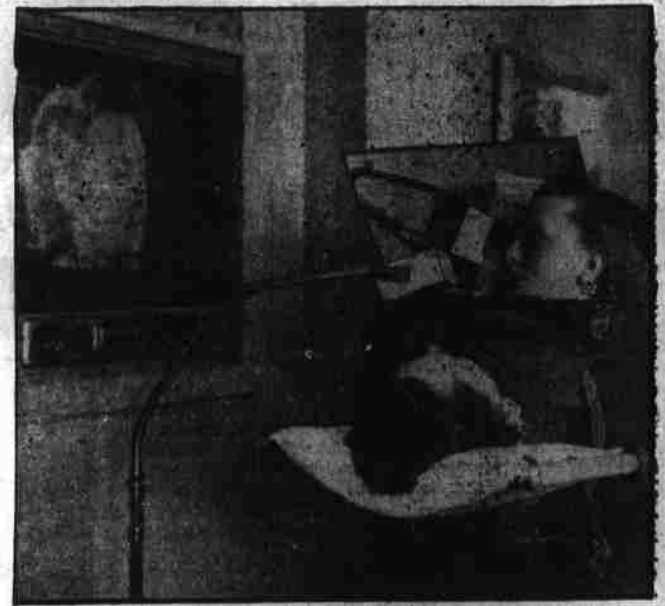
It may be that life is so hard that to live at all has been so much effort there is little time left for fun. It might also be that generations of puritans influence have made anything that is fun seem sinful - even laughter. Certainly you will find more tight-lipped people here than anywhere else in the country, cold distant people who frown on pleasure and who make a virtue of hard physical work, a point of pride in enduring sheer hardship. The thrift has turned into avarice, too. My grandfather who took great pride in the fact that he did not come from Maine used to say that the only way people lived here was to sell everything that they could, what they couldn't sell, they would feed to the hogs, and what the hogs wouldn't eat, they would eat themselves. It is a story that has more truth than poetry in it, too. That famous New England dish, baked beans, can be a succulent and flavorful treat once in a while. But every day, day after day, well they are not only monotonous but horrible. And many a good Maine housewife has been guilty of adding soda to beans on Wednesday when they have turned sour and should be thrown out. Maybe that grim expression is partly due to indigestion. Even the very excellent fresh vegetables are so altered by day long cooking as to be tasteless - & certainly vitaminless. You do find very good pastry cooks who can turn out a batch of the lightest doughnuts you've ever eaten - and marvelous pie and a cake that is a creation. Most of them have descended from good cooks and consider it part of their heritage. But I have yet in all the years I have lived in Maine to eat what anyone in the South would call a good fried chicken - unless the cook came from someplace else. Usually what passes for fried chicken is an old hen steamed all day so it won't be too tough to eat, then fried in a glutinous mess called batter. Probably the least appetizing dish is one called a boiled dinner - it is generally served on Thursdays. Once it was made with good corned beef and all the cellar vegetables, cabbage, turnips, potatoes, carrots and beans. But you are apt to get it now made with salt pork boiled all day long with the other things. If you don't get a severe attack

of indigestion then, you never will. It is greasy, tasteless and watery - and to be avoided as you would the devil - or the huge, thick and half-raw things called soda biscuits that may accompany them. My young son came home from eating with a neighbor once and asked me an old riddle - but he had a new answer. "What is round as a saucer, deep as a cup, and all the kings horses couldn't pull it up?" I replied it was a well, of course. "No, it's those horrible soda biscuits we had for dinner today."

There are really delicious Maine dishes, though - a broiled lobster eaten fresh from the ocean, or boiled in sea water a few minutes from the trap and dipped in melted butter. And steamed clams! And fresh swordfish or fried scallops - but these are all sea foods and are not only at their best on the coast of Maine but are cooked better there, too. And the coast sections of Maine is very different in custom and people, too - the horizons are wider, the vision greater. The people are silent there, too, but you feel that it is not taciturnity but reflectiveness.

Yet slowly the unimaginative cooking of the inland is changing - for the better, too. Nothing has changed it as much as the Home Demonstration Agents in Maine showing how to cook with ease and grace and taste - how to do things in a less arduous manner - how to get more fun out of life and living.

HELEN CALDWELL CUSHMAN



SHE SEES TV BY BREATHING EASY—The sighs of Mrs. Mary Kismiller, polio victim confined in an iron lung in Park Ridge, Ill., control her television set. Mrs. Kismiller is able to operate the set by breathing into the tube above her head. She watches the screen in the mirror.



In this day of fine hand lotions, water softeners, and good scrub brushes, hand beauty is a simple matter - a daily matter, for it is the routine and habit of care that really counts.

A good scrubbing is one of the best beauty treatments you can possibly give your hands. Use warm water, a bland soap, and a good nail brush. Work up a good lather, scrub well, and rinse thoroughly. For perfect cleansing, hard water should be softened. A good water softener will also help to written and soften the hands.

After you have scrubbed your hands well, dry them thoroughly and follow with a hand lotion or a quick-drying cream. Always cleanse the hands well at bedtime and leave the cream on overnight.

If especially dirty work like metal polishing or dusting is done, wear gloves. Or, if gloves seem cumbersome, fingernails can be dug deep into a cake of bland soap and filled in this way. This is especially good pre-fingernail treatment for gardening. Later when the results of one's labors are washed off, out will come

the soap leaving the nails white and clean.

Use a dish mop when dish washing so as to keep hands out of the water as much as possible. Keep an extra bottle of hand lotion on the kitchen shelf and use it generously.

For hands that are very much soiled, a cream or an oily lotion should be applied - and allowed to stay as long as possible before washing. A protective cream or lotion is then applied after the hands are dried. If there are stains on the hands rub them with lemon, then rinse and dry. Pumice stone, gently used, will take away severe stains and those made by cigarettes.

Healthy well cared for nails completes the beauty of a lady's hands, and to attain this beauty they, too, should receive daily care. If the nails are brittle, rub olive oil, cuticle oil, or any oily cream gently into the nails every night. Acquire the habit of pushing back the cuticle gently with the towel every time the hands are dried. Scrupulously clean under the nails several times daily.

Give upholstered furniture a good sun bath at least twice a year. If it is thoroughly brushed and given sun baths you will have very little trouble with moths.

And, it is just as important to dust upholstered furniture as it is to dust your clothes. Dust wears out the fabric when it is permitted to remain in it. A good clothes brush, light-weight whisk broom, or vacuum cleaner should be used weekly on upholstered furniture.

Window cleaning may be well done by using paper instead of a cloth. It's economical, too. Choose soft paper that does not lint. Should one prefer a cloth, choose a clean one free from lint. Chamolis is a good cleaner but expensive and requires good care if kept soft.

Various cleaning mixtures may be used: Clear water with a little dissolved washing soda - about 1 tablespoon to a pail of water. On a very cold day the cloth may be moistened with alcohol or good kerosene - the latter is a very efficient cleaner and is not expensive. Whiting or some prepared cleaning paste may be used on windows - the idea is to let these dry and then wipe off the powder which takes off the grease film leaving the windows bright and clear.

Windows should be cleaned when the sun is not shining on them directly as it causes uneven evaporation and gives a streaked surface.

Farmers Vote Saturday In Peanut Ref.

Farmers in 44 eastern North Carolina counties will vote next Saturday (August 29) for or against the annual assessment of one cent per 100 pounds on the peanuts sold as 'farm stock' each year for a three-year period, 1953, 1954, and 1955.

Some 19,750 farms in the 44 county area have peanut allotments. Eligible to vote in the peanut assessment referendum to be held on that date were all farmers engaged in the production of one acre or more of peanuts for market. This includes owners of farms on which peanuts are produced in 1953, tenants and sharecroppers.

If several members of the same family participate in the production of peanuts in 1953, the member, or members having an independent bona fide status as operator, tenant, or sharecropper, and entitled to share in the proceeds of the crop is eligible to vote.

If a husband and wife are joint owners of a farm growing peanuts and share in the proceeds of the crop, both are eligible to vote.

Absentee voting is not permitted. Votes must be cast at the designated place and at the designated time. The referendum polling places will be the established FFA polling places in each county. Every voter is expected to vote in the community in which his main farming activities are located. If there is no polling place in the community, he must vote at the polling place designated for the nearest community.



QUILLS COME LATER—Carrying the rubbins of half-grown quills, these baby porcupines from the Frankfurt, Germany, Zoo, are weighed before being fed. Later another weighing will tell how much food they have eaten. Their quills will grow to full length as they mature into fully grown porcupines.

gisms, Religious Education: Rev. Russell Ridgeway, Mission and Bible Geography: Prof. J. G. Tolochoko, Hebrew: Rev. H. L. Harrell will continue to serve as Dean of Education and Professor of Philosophy, Child Psychology and Literature. Mrs. Jessie E. Carter will serve as Dean of Women and Rev. Ruth Moore will serve as Dean of Students. Mrs. Doris B. Thomas will continue to serve as acting Librarian, assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Harrell. Miss Clyde Dawson will continue to serve as registrar and secretary to the President.

Wm. Carter Bible School To Open September 28

GOLDSBORO—The Wm. Carter Bible College of Goldsboro will open for the 1953-54 term Monday, Sept. 28, it was announced today by the President's office.

Preliminary registration reveals that the student body will have a decided increase over last year, it was announced by the College Registrar, Miss Clyde Dawson. Applications for admittance to the next term for both day and night classes continue to come in according to a report by Miss Dawson. Night classes will be held for two nights of each week from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock. This will enable ministers, Sunday School teachers and those planning for directors of religious education careers to work during the day and study at night.

Instructors include: Dr. William Howard Carter, Homiletics and Bible; Rev. Ruth E. Moore, Evan-

gelist, Religious Education; Rev. Russell Ridgeway, Mission and Bible Geography; Prof. J. G. Tolochoko, Hebrew; Rev. H. L. Harrell will continue to serve as Dean of Education and Professor of Philosophy, Child Psychology and Literature. Mrs. Jessie E. Carter will serve as Dean of Women and Rev. Ruth Moore will serve as Dean of Students. Mrs. Doris B. Thomas will continue to serve as acting Librarian, assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Harrell. Miss Clyde Dawson will continue to serve as registrar and secretary to the President.

The President's office announced that classes are being arranged so that students having to work will be able to do so in the afternoons and on Saturdays.

Dr. Carter To Preach Rose Hill Free Will Revival

ROSE HILL—Dr. Wm. Howard Carter, President of the Carter Bible

College of Goldsboro, will conduct a six-night revival in the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church beginning Sunday night, August 30, it was announced by the Rev. Macon Cavenaugh, chairman of the Evangelistic Committee of the Church. Rev. Vance Rich of Garland is Pastor of the Rose Hill Church. Rev. Mr. Cavenaugh revealed that negotiations have been underway for several weeks working out a date that the Goldsboro Clergyman might be able to accept.

Dr. Carter is well known in the Duplin area, having preached in the Rose Hill Church when only a teenage boy. He became a Minister at the age of 13 and ordained at the age of 17. Besides serving as President of the Carter Bible College, he is also Pastor of the Edgewood Evangelical Baptist Church, Goldsboro and the Colliers Chapel Church, Linden.

The youngsters will appear on George Perry's "RED Piedmont." On Tuesday, Kermil Lee Branwell and Leonard Leon Allen of Halifax County will present their winning demonstration entitled "Early To Bed, Early To Rise," which deals with growing vegetables. The team is coached by H. M. Wilkinson, assistant Halifax County farm agent. Wednesday, Jack Everett of Halifax County will give his demonstration on "Why Consumers Prefer Sweet Potatoes that have been Properly Field Graded, Handled, Cured and Stored." Young Everett is coached by Ben Bonney, assistant Bladen County farm agent.

On Thursday, Faye Lewis of Wake County will present her demonstration entitled "Portrait of a Salad." She is coached by Mrs. Betsy Goldson, assistant Wake County home agent.

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