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PEOPLE'S FORUM

To The Editor:

I am very anxious to get in touch with the descendants of a distant relative of mine, the late Hammond Little, who I think spent his entire life after he was 18 years old in the mountain regions of North Carolina.

This man was born in Pike County, Kentucky, in the year of 1854. He left Pike County, Kentucky, January 1873, and enlisted in the regular U. S. Army under the name of Shred Crabtree. He deserted the U. S. Army while stationed at Columbia, South Carolina, August 1, 1873.

This man was very illiterate he had grown up in the wooded area of Pike County, Kentucky.

He was about 6 feet 3 inches tall, very slender in stature. In all probability he sought employment in the mountain regions of North Carolina as a logger.

It is possible, at least the information is that he went under the name of Drake. My information is that he had a son by the name of Robert Drake who was born about the year 1890 in the state of North Carolina.

I would appreciate hearing from any of his relatives or anyone who might give me any information on the whereabouts of the immediate family.

Very truly yours,
Lawrence Branham, Pikeville, Kentucky.

VIOLET RAYS ON OUR WAYS

By H. M. Alley

Note: This column is written with malice toward none, but with the common good of all in mind.

BARBED ENTANGLEMENTS

An old saying, that is seldomly heard any more, ran like this: "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." If that still holds true, then the modern world is rapidly coming under the rule of hired "Baby Sitters."

After the funeral there is but little difference in the status quo of a person torn apart by a cannon ball on a foreign battle front, and one broken to pieces by a speeding car in his home community!

Now, the above barb is not intended to hurt individual Baby Sitters, nor baby sitting as an accepted and respectable method of earning a living. But it is directed with emphasis at the multitude of modern mothers, who in most cases, with the approval of modern papas, unnecessarily pull helpless little babes away from the God ordained fountains of natural food supply, and delegate daily care and upbringing to hired employees.

And though it is to be admitted that in many instances Baby Sitters do a better job than the mothers are capable of doing them, that is all the greater shame and reproach to those mothers who unnecessarily and carelessly refuse or neglect the responsibility and sacred privilege that goes with motherhood.

It is estimated that traffic accidents have resulted in the death of more people in the United States than all the wars in which our country has engaged. Yet all of us seem to have a mortal dread and fear of war, and especially deplore the necessity of our boys having to fight on foreign soil, though most folk seem to read of traffic fatalities with little outward show of concern or alarm.

And despite all that law makers and law enforcement officers can do, the streets and highways of our country are still infested with speed demons and careless drivers, endangering the lives of innocent law abiding citizens every day.

It is said that all things will pass in time. Evidently the scare created during recent years over the cigarettes versus health controversy is passing. Anyway the national Agriculture Department has reported that cigarette consumption is again on the increase in the U. S. According to the Department, Americans 15 years and over will smoke an average of ten pounds of tobacco in cigarettes during 1955. Those figures represent a 1.2 per cent increase over 1954, when the American people spent \$2,800,000,000 in hospitals, and \$5,200,000,000 for tobacco. It would be interesting to know just what percent of the hospital take was directly or indirectly influenced by the tobacco habit.

Many doctors, habitual smokers themselves, are loath to admit or warn the public of the harmful effects that may result from the regular use of tobacco in its different forms. The same is true of many school teachers and preachers. And with so many modern daddies and mamas among the hosts of inveterate tobacco users, little teaching about the harmful effects of this potent drug can be expected in the average home.

watch if he would leave off smoking until after he is ten years old! Of course, if dads and mamas would only wake up, and use some common sense, and set some good examples, backed up with unwavering paternal authority, it might be possible to safeguard the health of American childhood from the insidious propaganda of heartless commercialism, by counteracting it with the constant teaching of the truth about tobacco and other evils too!—Nuff Sed.

The above figures quoted from The Agricultural Department's report do not take into consideration the vast number of cigarettes that will be bought, begged, mooched and "borrowed" by boys and girls under fifteen years of age. Time was when many hopeful dads would offer Junior a Gold Watch if he would refrain from smoking until he reached 21 years of age. Now a days it seems cruel to keep the poor boy waiting so long for his time piece. It would be a fairer proposition in most cases to promise the average lad a

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I couldn't see a thing but those lights!

(A true story based on Company File No. NY336KAL2443)

It was nearly midnight, foggy and raining. The lights of an oncoming car blinded me—and we crashed head-on! Everybody in both cars needed medical attention.

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EDITORIAL COLUMN

By R. K. Helmle

We hope that many of our readers saw that appealing announcement in the Asheville papers last week of the opening of Buncombe County's United Fund Campaign. It was a picture of a small boy, just managing to hold himself up on crutches. His crippled leg was encased in a heavy iron brace. The title under the picture read: "The Next Step is up to You!"

This advertisement was equally applicable to the people of Yancey County in regard to their United Fund Drive, which is now just well under

way. The next step is up to us! We know in our hearts that Yancey County needs all the health, welfare and character building services which our United Fund is supporting. We all know we should take the money raising activities of the past out of our schools—which is the determined plan of our United Fund.

The next step is up to us! Give generously. If more convenient, pledge money to be paid later. Harlon Holcombe is treasurer, and contributions may be sent to him direct.

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DEYTON FARM SUPPLY
Yancey County
CHECKERBOARD NEWS

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Have all of you seen Mike and Ike in our store yet? They are the two famous pigs that are in our store each fall.

They have been with us two weeks now and they are telling a great story. In the two weeks period Mike ate 20 lbs. of Pig Startena and gained 12 lbs. at a cost of 9 1/2c per pound. Ike, however, ate 21 lbs. of corn and shorts and gained 3 lbs. at a cost of 27c per pound. This tells the story that we so often tell. It's not the price of the hog feed that is so important, but the cost of the results. There's no money in 27c pork produced on low cost feed, but this would be a good profit in 9 1/2c pork produced on a higher cost ration. Stop in and see these famous pigs, Volunteer Firemen's Services Vital to Farmers

During National Fire Prevention Week, October 2-9, we pause to pay tribute to our volunteer firemen, on whom we depend for protection the year around. Their job is not a pleasant one, but it is important.

Farm fires are among the most costly and disastrous. Is there a fire pond or stream near your home? Have you located fire extinguishers and buckets, in convenient places around house and barn? Have you a plan of action in case of

fire? Why not talk it over with our fire chief. Learn what you should do to be ready in case of FIRE.

Extra Nutrition Helps Pullets in Peak Production

During the first 4 to 5 months of the laying cycle, pullets are under their greatest strain. They are finishing their body development, laying their heaviest—often from 65 to 80%—and are maintaining their bodies.

That's why the extra proteins, vitamins and minerals provided by Purina Booster Checkers are so important about now. We suggest you feed powerful Booster Checkers on top of the regular feed. They'll help hens maintain high production thru the fall and winter, when egg prices usually are high. Booster Checkers can help in other ways. Ask about them.

Worms can delay marketing of hogs up to 2 weeks

Worms can also waste 2 bu. of corn and 15 lbs. supplement per head, according to Purina Hog Research figures. Purina Pig-tab Granules will quickly remove roundworms and nodular worms at low cost. Good for small bunches of pigs. Available in handy 10-dose cans.



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