

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

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A letter was received by the United Nations from a lady who said she and her husband were expecting a baby soon and, in behalf of a peaceful world, they would like to send the birth announcement from the UN post-office. This request was the first such that the organization had received, so D. T. Clements, chief of the UN Postal Administration, request. He heartily agreed with the idea suggested that the regular UN five-cent stamp showing an adult hand holding an infant's pudgy fist, would be appropriate. He even sent the delighted parents a folder containing all UN stamps issued for the year, cancelled with the baby's birthdate. The parents ordered 124 announcements, they were duly posted from UN headquarters—and they carried the news that the baby was a seven-pound girl. Who received the first announcement? Chief Clements, of course!

Up until recently, I was under the impression that the reason the hands on dummy clocks in front of jewelry stores stand at 8:17 o'clock, was because that was the time of the tragic death of Abraham Lincoln. Now I am informed that the real reason, is that in this position, the angle of the hands of the clock affords the maximum amount of advertising space.

Retired Sergeant De Witt Jansen, of Trenton, New Jersey, was amazed when he heard all the hullabaloo about 50-mile hikes around the country. For this was old hat—old campaign hat, that is—to Sergeant Jansen, a hard-

bitten vet of the days when sergeants were really allowed to "eat out" men who did not measure up to army standards. Back in 1918, when Hansen was in the infantry and stationed at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina, his company, he states, "indulged in regular and frequent 32-mile treks between the encampment itself and the nearest rifle range. This was always undertaken in full battle gear and accomplished in just eight hours for the round trip."

If St. John were living today, he might not recognize the gospel according to him, which has just been published in modern form by the American Bible Society. It resembles a corporation annual report in format, and is illustrated with pictures that tell a news story. The translation is by J. B. Phillips and it is called, "One Way for Modern Man", in the thought that we are not ordinarily going in the right direction. Based on big city scenes, the booklet sets forth in a dramatic new way, a story that is old and of timeless value.

Residents of this busy place who were fortunate enough to visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee this summer, have come away praising a picturesque part of it called Cades Cove. Here is part of the old American frontier, settled before Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun sparked the idea of a manifest destiny westward. To serene and solacing Cades Cove came the pioneer settlers of the early 19th century, found them-

selves happily isolated from the outside world, so became self-sufficient. Today the visitor, awed by the quiet majesty of this mountain glen, finds some of the storied things of yesterday still intact. Sturdy log houses hewed by skilled hands long since gone, primitive but adequate churches, a water mill out of Currier and Ives, are just a few of the cherished reminders of what seems to have a happier, by-gone age. There are even a few families allowed to remain in the Cove. Doubtless they are thankful for this virtual Eden upon the earth, this sanctuary for souls beset with modern cares, who seek its peaceful recesses.

Safety Tips For Parents Of Football Playes

The sports pages of the nation's newspapers are turning rapidly from a summer of baseball reporting to writing about the 1963 football season.

Along with the organized teams millions of American youngsters are swarming the parks and vacant lots for afternoons of kicking and passing, blocking and tackling. And the bumps and bruises are piling up on the practice fields and sandlots of every village and hamlet. Most of these minor injuries aren't serious and are borne with pride by the eager athletes.

Each year, however, there are serious injuries from football, even a few deaths. Not many, when considered in relationship to the great numbers of players involved, but still a health pro-

blem. Many of the injuries are unnecessary and could be avoided. The basic safety rules for football are few and simple:

—Proper physical conditioning before beginning the rough body contact phase of training is essential. The body hardened by training will resist injury and will be less prone to fatigue. Any ex-grizzer will tell you that he was much more prone to injury when he was too tired to be fully alert.

—Proper equipment and facilities are highly important to safety. If your son is playing this season, satisfy yourself that he has proper padding, a good helmet, proper shoes. If his equipment is old and worn, see that it is replaced.

—Medical care that is readily

available also is important for football safety. Not all teams will be able to have a physician present at all practice sessions, but medical services should be quickly available. The physician is best qualified to judge whether an apparently minor injury is more serious than it appears.

Boys playing on the organized

school teams most likely will have all of these safeguards at hand. It's up to the parents to protect the youngsters who are playing on unorganized sandlot teams.

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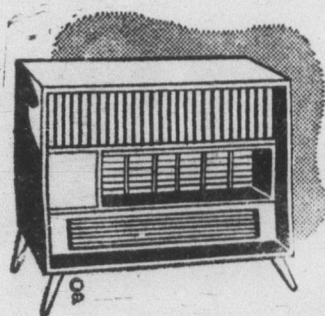
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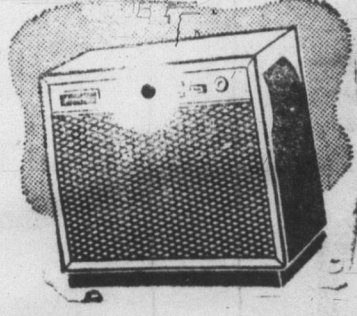


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