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By NORTH CALLAHAN

Recently, a boy met death in an old mine shaft near Ringwood, New Jersey, and there was considerable publicity about the sad incident. But what the news stories did not tell was the kind of people who live in this place. They are called the "Jackson Whites" and are as odd and interesting as any people in our cosmopolitan land. In recent research, I found that these folks are descended from women of our American Revolution, who functioned in various capacities in connection with the British army. After the redcoats left this country, these women fled from New York City and settled in the Ramapo Mountains around Ringwood. They married Indians from North Carolina, Dutch, English, Irish and Negroes. Today, the "Jackson Whites" show by their appearance, the results of this mixed breeding. A number of them are albinos, while some have six toes on each foot, and a few have been known to have webbed fingers. For years, they worked in the mines, once used to furnish iron for Washington's army, but now these are closed, hence the abandoned mine shaft. Mainly on relief, the "Jackson Whites" live in dilapidated shacks and like many of their Tory ancestors, vote conservative in elections.

Over on Third Avenue is a shop which operates in a "big" way. It is known as the Fat Men's Shop and caters to rotund men who weigh anywhere from 300 to 450 pounds and need suits accordingly.

The sizes run as high as 66, which is approaching tent-like proportions, where it is considered that the average-size man wears about a 40 regular. Yet this store does a thriving business, so there must be plenty of human blimps who trade at this shop which lives off the fat of the land.

A man who operates a telephone answering service says that he has many interesting experiences in this rather unusual work. Some people are away at times and need their business phones answered. Others subscribed to the service for social reasons. Not wishing to miss calls that come in their absence from home. There are those who do not wish to be bothered with a jangling phone and have, instead, their messages relayed. Then there was the case of the rich widow who engaged the answering service to avoid being called by relatives who were believed to be too interested in her wealth.

Out in Missouri, there is a fine farm with a name that is well-known. It is the former farm of J. C. Penney and when he operated it, some of the best Angus cattle in the country were grown there. The "senior bovine citizen" of this farm was a pure-bred bull which cost \$300.00. Not long ago Mr. Penney told me at Rotary Club, that some one commented, "That's a lot of bull for a Penney."

With increasing longevity, the problem of the aged becomes more acute, even with additional available means of helping those in advanced years. No longer do most parents, as in the past, find themselves entirely dependent on children, who sometimes do not relish the idea of caring for their aged forebears. It is not always always realized that the aging do not want sympathy, are not particularly interested in special legislation and neither do they want to be identified as a special or under-privileged group. They, or most of them, at least, want the opportunity to remain independent, self-supporting, dignified human beings, with a rightful place in our society.

If you want to buy a "home" quickly, Macy's store has the answer on its 9th floor. Offered for sale there is a 4-room "bargain" called "the Litsuana House." It comes completely equipped, furnished and decorated. The store points out that "there is no need to shop for furnishings. All you have to do is turn the key in the lock and start living."

Local 4-H'ers
Are Winners

Three Yancey County 4-H girls participated in the state "Make-It-Yourself with Wool" Contest, sponsored by the National Wool Council, on the campus of North Carolina State College Nov. 10. These girls, along with 50 others from across the state, entered the junior division (14-17).

Ramona Bowditch of Rt. 5, Burnsville, placed fourth in the contest. She made and modeled a suit of red wool flannel. Her suit was composed of a neat fitted skirt, topped with a collarless three-fourth length sleeved jacket, both fully lined. She combined white and black accessories.

Virginia McMahan of Rt. 2 constructed a dress of white wool and a coat of bright green basket-weave fabric. She also combined white and black accessories.

Wilma Murphy of Rt. 5 made a dress of bright blue wool flannel. She carried a black bag and wore matching shoes. Her hat and gloves were white.

NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
YANCEY COUNTY,
Yancey County, Plaintiff

SAMUEL F. YOUNG, and JOSEPH TARP YOUNG and the unknown heirs at law of JOSEPH TARP YOUNG and SAMUEL F. YOUNG, Defendants

The Defendants, SAMEUL F. YOUNG, and JOSEPH TARP YOUNG and unknown heirs at law of JOSEPH TARP YOUNG and SAMUEL F. YOUNG, will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Yancey County to enforce the tax liens for the years of 1958, 1961, 1962, and 1963 for taxes due by the above named Defendants on land in Crabtree Township, Yancey County North Carolina; and the Defendants will further take notice that the complaint in said action is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina, and the Defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the said

complaint within 20 days from the 19 day of December, 1963, or the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This 18 day of November, 1963, Glenna Thomas, Ass't Clerk of the Superior Court.
Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12.

NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
YANCEY COUNTY,
Yancey County, Plaintiff

D. C. DEYTON; ALBERT ROGERS and wife, GRACE ROGERS, Defendants

The Defendants, D. C. DEYTON; ALBERT ROGERS and wife, GRACE ROGERS will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Yancey County to enforce the tax liens for the years of 1960, for taxes due by the above named Defendants on land in Burnsville Township, Yancey County, North Carolina; and the Defendants will further take notice that the complaint in said action is on file in the office

of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina, and the Defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the said complaint within 20 days from the 19 day of December, 1963, or the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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