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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

This Column comes to you from Washington, D. C., where the weather is hot and sticky, — almost as hot as the Politics. However, right now the hottest thing in town is the approaching White House wedding of the Chief's daughter, Luci. This will be without a doubt, the most glorious wedding Washington has ever seen. The couple at the center of all the action will have best wishes from the world at large. Everyone everywhere always wishes the very best to any bride and groom but this wedding sort of symbolizes the times in which we live. People all over the Country are getting married earlier than was the custom over recent decades, and Luci Johnson and Pat Nugent sort of stand forth as representatives of all these youngsters. Even Republicans are bi-partisan on this deal.

Luci will carry two bridal bouquets. One of them will be left at the foot of the status of St. Agatha, the patron saint of nurses, which is in the National Shrine, and the other bouquet will be, following the old custom, tossed to the bridesmaids at the White House Reception.

I don't know whether President Johnson knows it or not but a new Bishop was appointed down Texas-way, and this Bishop used to be caught by LBJ. Come to think of it — maybe that's how come the gentleman got to be the Bishop. At least it proves that "ecumenicalism" is here to stay. Further evidence of the new, or revived, Christian Brotherhood is seen in the recent appointment in Pittsburgh of a Methodist, Alfred A. Darter, as Director of Institutions for the Commission for Catholic Charities and Social Welfare for the Diocese.

Before we got back here, my girl and me naturally had to leave Burnsville. Even on that rainy Sunday mornning, we were sad to leave. Blanche took so many backward glances at our Top o' the Hill that she almost wrecked the car. We drove to Peaks of Otter Lodge and stayed the night. Just to be devilish, I registered under an assumed name and didn't tell my good wife. She will be embarrassed when she reads it.

The weather faired up after we crossed the mountain and it was beautiful all the way to Washington — which I no longer regard as home.

As we unpacked, Blanche said "Won't it be wonderful when we make a final pack to leave for Burnsville permanently."

Our buying a place in Burnsville makes me wonder if the various businessmen, Chamber of Commerce folks and so forth realize that Gordon Bennett is now responsible for 32 new sets of people going to Burnsville and surrounding area, including Cattail and Mitchell Branch. If it hadn't been for Gordon Bennett running the Playhouse and bragging on Burnsville upon his return to Miami there would not have been the first house on Mitchell Branch, because Bennett "sold" Mike Ross on the area, and, in turn, Mike sold others. A lot of Cattail people also came directly as a result of him. So, how come us Burnsvillites don't grab the Bennetts and make them a real deal to settle in our midst?

I know a'l about the Wednesday afternoon closing of businesses in Burnsville, and I like the idea, but — I know a lawyer's office that was closed at 11:30 a. m. — either was closed or just didn't answer the phone. Didn't make any difference because I phoned him at home and got everything straightened out.

Here's a closing idea: If the good Ladies of Burnsville, with the assistance of their husbands, care to get a Greeting for best wishes, good luck, long life, much happiness, and so forth to Luci and Pat for their wedding, and have that Greeting signed by everyone in Burnsville, clergymen and laymen, white and colored, — I guarantee it will be presented to the White House for them. No city or town except Burnsville has thought of this.

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## Paper Industry Moves

A ceremony was held in the port of Charleston, S. C. recently, marking the millionth ton of paper pulp to move out of the port bound for Europe. This particular shipment was headed for France, and came from the mill of International Bowater Paper Corp. in South Carolina.

The occasion was notable because there was a time when most of the newsprint consumed by newspapers and publications came from Europe. The United States produced very little.

Production of paper in the United States has grown by leaps and bounds in the last 20 years or so. But even more significantly, it is understood that the old-time mills of Europe are turning toward the North American continent. Several have invested heavily with U. S. and Canadian companies to make paper here. There is even a prediction that in the next few years there will be even more.

Papermen say there is a reason. Europe is running out of trees. North America still has plenty and modern improvements in equipment has made it possible to produce a high grade product from our trees.

Tree farming is undergoing a boom, too. The mills chew up a lot of logs fast and it takes plenty of wood to keep the wheels turning.

All of which points up an important clue to the future. Efforts must be made now to keep our lands reforested. Modern conservation methods must be used. Reforestation is important. Else we may have plenty of paper mills and no trees for them to chew up.

It is du've noted that Charles deGeulle, upon returning from his visit to Russia brought with him a Russian gift of a cub bear, which when it is grown may wind up giving him a Russian bear hug.

It rained, we understand, in some sections of the U. S. on July Fourth. Ants we hear, are petitioning Washington for a poverty program.

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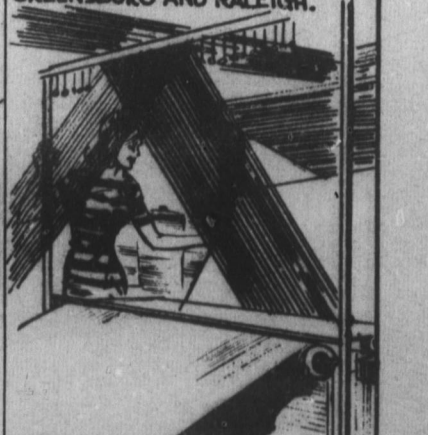
1. THE FIRST ENGLISH COLONY IN AMERICA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1587 ON ROANOKE ISLAND. ON AUG. 18TH OF THAT YEAR VIRGINIA DARE WAS BORN -- THE FIRST ENGLISH CHILD TO BE BORN IN AMERICA.



2. THE FIRST STATE UNIVERSITY WAS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH OPENED ITS DOORS IN 1795. TODAY, THE UNIVERSITY IS COMPOSED OF THREE UNITS -- AT CHAPEL HILL, GREENSBORO AND RALEIGH.



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