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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

I had to go to the House Office Building the other day to get some information. That's what I really had to do. But they don't call it that up here in Washington. They call it "assess a situation." I hailed a taxi in front of my building and, after a few words, noted that the driver was a particularly nice fellow. After a bit of conversation, he remarked "I can't figure out where you're from." The way he said "can't" it rhymed with "raint." I told him I was still a resident of Florida for a short time but very soon I expected to live in the "Carden Spot of America." He grinned at me and said "You have to be talking about North Carolina. Where you going to settle?" I laughed and told him he had guessed right and added that he probably didn't know anything about "my" County. He asked me to name it and I told him "Yancey." He said "You lose that bet. My folks are from Fursville and I was raised around Mars Hill."

Then we really began to talk.

Turned out he was Al Edwards, whose mother is Pansy Hall Edwards. Al told me how old she is but I am not about to write that! He's bound to be a little high on his figures. Anyway, Al is doing real well. He has two sons, eight and nine, and a little daughter, only three. Al said lots of people make jokes about taxi drivers but when he hears them, he laughs all the way to the Bark every Monday. So, I guess Al is doing all right. He sends his regards to everybody who is regardable.

When I got to the House Office Building (there are three of them now: Cannon Building, Longworth Building, and the Rayburn Building) I completed my business and decided I might as well drop in and see the Congressman from the 11th District of North Carolina, the Honorable Roy Taylor. Mr. Taylor is quite a man. That opinion is based upon the two characteristics used to appraise a human being: character and reputation. Character is the main part of any person and reputation is the part that people talk about. Roy Taylor, your hard working representative gets a real high mark in both departments. Just drop into his office sometime when you're

visiting Washington and you'll see and feel that he is a most gracious man, ready and willing to do anything he can to ease you through your visit and arrange for a tour of the house of Representatives, or straighten you

out on who you should see there, if you have Government business. Aside from all of that, he will talk with you real friendly. He'll put you at ease so fast that you'll know you must have known him for years. When he shakes your hand, you realize from the feel of it that he is truly glad you dropped by. As he puts it "I'm here to do what the people want me to do. Their desires are my orders. That's why I ran for election and that's why the people elected me."

Now, as to the reputation portion, I spoke with half a dozen Congressmen from other States, all of whom were extremely high in their praise of our Mr. Taylor. His reputation lists him as an astute parliamentarian, a shrewdly sagacious law-maker, a highly knowledgeable man or any Bill presented to the House, and an individual who places the good of his constituents first and foremost in his every action. In short, Mr. Roy Taylor is rated as a Congressman's Congressman, which means that if there is some good entitled to come to his District — he gets it. All in all, it made me feel good to know that my future Congressman rated so high in the esteem of his associates as well as in my personal esteem after having visited with him.

## OUR TOWN

In order to end waste in the operation of our new sewer plant, the Town Board has passed an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of rainwater from downspouts into sewer lines. All towns having sewerage treatment plants have such ordinances.

As we are gaining experience with our new sewer plant, it is becoming increasingly apparent that far too much rainwater is entering the system. Some of this water is picked up through loose joints in the old lines, but most of it, we are sure, comes from downspouts from roofs, which are connected to the sewer lines.

This surplus water prevents the sewer plant from operating properly whenever it rains, and additionally is incurring considerable unnecessary expense. In particular it increases the power bill for operating the plant. The electricity used at our pumping station, alone, is running about \$100 a month, which is more than twice what it should be.



## IT NEVER FAILS



## It Is The President's Duty To Uphold Law And Order

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The appeal of Rev. Billy Graham to President Johnson and the FBI to take steps to halt racial violence in American cities is more significant than it appears on the surface. This was Billy Graham speaking, not a racist, not a rightist, not a John Bircher, not a politician. This was a man of the cloth who was one of the first to speak out for civil rights.

Rev. Graham seemed to go out of his way to ask the President to take a hand in halting violence, because, as he said, "these extremist groups are becoming a threat to the security of this country."

He might have added more directly that anything that appears to be a threat to the security of the country calls for the immediate attention of the President.

Billy Graham emphasized that the promoters of violence are no more interested in civil rights than the Ku Klux Klan. They are interested in national disorder for sinister political objectives, he said.

"It is time that the President identify these groups who are teaching and advocating violence, training in guerilla tactics and defying authority," he added. Surely, he said, the FBI knows who they are.

Right he is, too. If the FBI does not know who they are then Mr. Hoover is negli-

In most cases it is a simple matter to cut downspouts close to the ground level and divert the water away from the foundation wall. The Yancey Transit Mix people have cast a supply of attractive concrete troughs, about two feet long which serve well to divert the water. They call these splash blocks, and they have priced them at only \$1.50.

The Town Board urges all property owners to comply with the new ordinance, by checking their downspouts, and where they are found to discharge into the sewer system, to disconnect them promptly.

BOB HELMLE, Mayor

## Cane River High Names Cheerleaders

Cane River Cheerleaders were chosen August 29, by the following faculty members: Mrs. Lucy Kates, Mrs. Elaine Boone, Mrs. Kate Zuver, Mr. Jack Buckner, Mr. Ronnie Kates, Mr. James Neil, and Mr. Bill Lewis.

The following girls were chosen: Mary Francis Duncan, age 17, Senior, 4th year of cheering; Sonya Bailey, age 17, Senior, 4th year of cheering; Brenda Buchanan, age 16, Junior, 2nd year of cheering; Diane Ledford, age 16, Junior, 3rd year of cheering; Glenda Stiles, age 16, Junior, 2nd year of cheering; and Willoree Baker, Sophomore, age 15, 2nd year of cheering. The girls on the team picked as their captains Sonya Bailey and Mary Francis Duncan.

Congratulations for the work and effort the cheerleaders have done thus far.

## CROSSWORD.

- ACROSS
- Thick slice
  - Dress
  - Own
  - Culture medium
  - Scene of confusion
  - French artist
  - Sin
  - Mendicant
  - Instructs
  - Toward
  - Muddles
  - Deadly pale
  - Most unctuous
  - Musical instrument
  - Reveries
  - Close to
  - Finery
  - Shoulder wraps
  - A wit
  - French city
  - A U.S. President
  - Coagulate
  - Persian fairy
  - Fowl
  - Industrious insects

- DOWN
- Participated
  - Canadian peninsula
  - Hall!
  - Chief deity (Babyl.)
  - On the ocean
  - Resolute
  - Unit of work
  - Book clasp
  - Affix
  - Florida city (poss.)
  - Droops
  - Pauses
  - Voided escutcheon
  - King of beasts
  - Wallaha
  - Lair

