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Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

As a result of a survey I recently completed, I have a lot of facts just gathering dust in my head, so, to get rid of them, I herewith donate them to you for whatever you choose to do with them:

The 48 Continental States have 3,000 counties and 34 independent cities. Texas is the top dog. Texas has 25 more counties than Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and Wyoming all put together.

Brewster County, in western Texas is as large as Rhode Island and Connecticut combined, which makes it one-ninth the size of North Carolina.

Texas can sub-divide itself into four additional States at any time it so desires. It entered the Union under that agreement. It wouldn't increase their Congressmen in the Lower House but it would give them eight additional U. S. Senators — quite a voting block. Would also make them right powerful in the Presidential Elector department. Sneaking of that, one of these days our Congress is going to get around to fixing it so that the Public will vote for the President just as they do for the Members of Congress. Personally, I don't think it will make any difference but it will do away with the possibility that the "Electors" might not vote for the candidate that we elected them to vote for. In theory, all of the electors or any of them, can vote for whomever they please. Seems as if our Founding Fathers didn't have too much confidence in the ability of the common man so they decided to let him vote for an elector, who would, in turn, vote for the person the common man should have voted for.

Incidental Intelligence:

The House of Representatives is limited to 435 Members by virtue of Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States, amended by Legislation of August 8, 1911 which stated "The House of Representatives shall be composed of 433 Members plus one each from Arizona and New Mexico." (This gives us one Congressman for about each 450 thousand people.)

Stop Worrying Department:

In case you are worrying about the United States falling behind Soviet Russia, just remember that we have:

20 times as many automobiles and trucks.
3 times the coal production.
10 times the telephones.

10 times as much production of natural gas.

3 times as much petroleum used.

20 times as many electric motors produced.

3 times as much railroad trackage in use.

10 times as much airline operations.

3 homes for every two of theirs.

50% more steel output.

3 times their hydroelectric output.

40 million more T-V sets.

320 thousand more churches.

1 Russian farmer produces enough for himself and 2 others, while 1 U. S. farmer feeds himself and 15 others.

Many other figures available, but these should be efficient to restore your confidence in our Country, if you needed it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Pensacola, N. C.

Sept. 28, 1966

To the Editor of The Yancey Record

Dear Sir:

What has happened to the civic pride in my beautiful adopted town of Burnsville? Today, to my amazement, I see an addition being made to the "temporary shack" that was placed in our beautiful park a few years ago. At that time it was a shock to all of us that love parks and have civic pride, that this would be allowed. We were assured it was only going to be a temporary information booth. As years passed it remained even a greater eye sore — then even with bill boards surrounding it.

NOW AN ADDITION! For what purpose? Surely not for our Chamber of Commerce, or an information center. As an information center it is by far the worst location possible, as it is a traffic hazard. Tourists are passing Burnsville now on the new highway. They need this information center on an attractively landscaped setting, with mile signs directing them to it.

Those with civic pride and love for beauty are attracted to Burnsville because of this beautifully landscaped park, surrounded by a fine shopping center. Surely our merchants must be as greatly distressed as I am. Just imagine placing such a "shack" in the center of our lawn!

The forefathers that founded Burnsville must have had great civic pride and love for

SURVEYING THE FALL COLOR — The season for standing in awe to gaze at the beauty of the Autumn foliage is at hand in the North Car-

God Is Not Dead In Russia

Reading between the lines in the news from Russia it would appear that religion is far from dead in the land of the Kremlin. First, was the news just recently of the big sale of a new book based on the Bible. Reports are that the stores selling the book have been swamped with customers. The book isn't exactly a Bible. Rather it's a Russian narrative of the Bible.

Then there's word that the Russians are going to have more time on Sabbaths. Some of the stores in Moscow are going to close on the seventh day. Previously the shops were open seven days a week. Business has been slumping off recently on Sundays.

In opening the Sunday closings, the Russians are saying the citizens need this seventh day away from work because it is a day for family togetherness. They normally work six days a week.

Be that as it may, one also wonders if citizens aren't also inclined to be a bit more religious on Sunday regardless of what the rulers say. If it were not so, why didn't the powers-that-be say to the stores close some other day of the week. And give the workers one of the week-days off from work?

No, it would seem the masses want Sunday.

beauty to plan a town square surrounding a beautiful park. How can the citizens today allow this "shack" to destroy the beauty of this park. What has happened to our civic minded Chamber of Commerce of which I am a member? Does Mayor Helmle know about this, or was it started in the middle of the night while he and our citizens were asleep?

I would greatly appreciate having these questions answered through the YANCEY RECORD by you, as well as the Burnsville citizens. I must be able to explain this to my friends when they return to their beloved adopted town next spring.

(Mrs. Wm. F.) Grace Grassmuck
Pensacola and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

olina mountains. This couple and their dog are enjoying the distant profile of Grandfather Mountain from the terminus of an Avery County

road called Sugar Mountain, No. 2. The colorful leaves will be at their best for the rest of October.

Photo by Hugh Morton



GARRISON, N. D. McLEAN COUNTY INDEPENDENT:

"What should disturb Americans is the fact that organized minority opposition in the halls of Congress if it does exist is for the most part, ineffective. With majorities of two thirds and more, the Democratic Party can completely dominate the legislative scene, shutting off debate almost at will, pushing through legislation without opposition and refusing to investigate charges of government inefficiency or irresponsibility."

RED BLUFF, CALIF., NEWS: "Birth control pills are a hazard to small children. Like aspirin, they apparently are harmless when used properly, and poisonous when too many are taken at one time. This is a fact which has not been publicized enough, despite thousands of words printed and spoken about the pill in the last few years."

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C., TRIBUNE: "... favoritism for labor bodes danger even for the unions. With both the Administration and the National Labor Relations Board putting the interest of unions above that of the nation, the movement may grow so big that it will sink itself—from disgust in its own members, and alienation of the public and its Congress. In our opinion, the President needs very much to show awareness that there are other people in the nation besides union leaders and "civil rights" demonstrators."

WESTBY, WISC., TIMES: "Many businessmen are beginning to wonder if it wouldn't be a wise idea to have a guaranteed annual customer before they start getting too involved with a guaranteed annual wage."

GRANTS, N. M., BEACON: "A danger in the United States today is that demonstrations and intimidations

Lucky Americans

Many a year has rolled into the past since people living on the North American continent have known, first hand, the ravages of war on the homeland.

The people of this continent simply aren't familiar with what it is like to have cities bombed and strafed and have the country torn asunder by war.

This fact was accentuated by news from Paris saving that a quarter of a century has elapsed since World War II and France is just now completing work on railroad lines damaged or destroyed during the conflict.

Repairs have cost \$1.98 billion, said Equipment Minister Edgar Pisand, adding that 8 per cent of all lines 12 per cent of the signal posts, more than a quarter of the rail bridges, 36 per cent of the passenger stations and three-fifths of the freight depots were damaged or destroyed.

This illustrates one of the blessings we may not have taken into account in tallying up the advantages of living in this land of ours. And may such be the case for many, many more long years.

will replace government by orderly, legal process. There has been great progress by reliance on government by law and change by the due and legal process. Minorities in this country enjoy better living conditions and greater opportunities than anywhere else in the world. All Americans have much to be thankful for, and all should avoid extreme actions or counteractions."

Church To Serve Chicken Dinner

The West Burnsville Church of God will serve Chicken dinners on Friday at 12:00 noon at the church.