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Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

At a family Thanksgiving gathering I overheard two things that sort of hit me. One came about when an adult remarked that it was a shame that one of the little kids present had to wear glasses. The kid overheard it and said "I'm glad I wear glasses. They keep boys from hitting me and girls from kissing me." The second thing was a conversation where one of the younger matrons was complaining about the fact that she and her husband fessed all the time. An older lady, a widow, commented to me "Better quarrelsome than lonesome." Since this lady did not look like a philosopher, she sort of surprised me. (Come to think of it, what should a philosopher look like?) Any way, I got to talking with her and had some right good theories. She said that women were less polite than men. She cited that she had observed in Washington that generally, in a crowded bus, it was always a middle-aged or elderly man who gave his seat to a pregnant woman while young girls ignored her. She said quite a few things that I didn't agree with but, on her advice, I went to a Department store and watched women tear into each other at a Monday sale. Wow! If men acted like that — pushing and shoving and tearing things from each other's hands — well, you'd have a riot on your hands.

Over the Holiday, I read an interesting article on the early history of tobacco, which concerns all North Carolinians and the U. S. too, since it gets a heap of taxes from the weed. The article stated that one John Hawkins, a voyager to America in the 16th Century, made a report of the natives (Indians) use of tobacco. His report was recorded in Richard Hakluyt's Principal Navigations published in 1599; "The Floridians, when they travel, have a kind of dried herb, who, with a cane and an earthen cup in the end, with fire and the dried herbs put together, do suck through the cane the smoke thereof, which smoke satisfieth their hunger, and therewith they live four or five days without meat or drink."

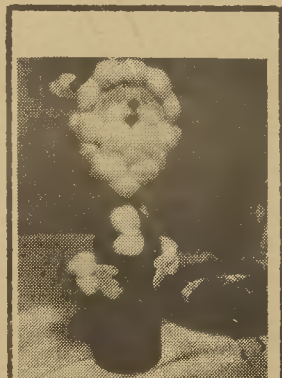
While engaged on the same reading-kick, I learned that the subject of eating too much is not new at all. Away back yonder, one Sydney Smith (1771-1845), figured out that he had eaten and drank, between the age of ten and seventy, some forty cart-loads of food and drink more than he needed. He estimated that

he had thus spent close to 40-50 thousand dollars on pure waste. I don't know that I can do anything about Mr. Smith's figures, or whether you people who read this will worry about your own figures. All I know is that my Pappy told me a worm can't win an argument with a hen.

As you can gather from the mish-mash already related above, I am still trying to clean out my skull so I can replace the vacant space with new and possibly more useless information. Therefore you just have to be told that the present Library of Congress, the greatest Library in the History of the World, stems from the personal library of Thomas Jefferson. Seems like the British burned the original Library of Congress, so, in 1814, Congress bought Jefferson's personal library to replace it.

All of the documents in the Library of Congress are of inestimable importance and value but, as an economics student stated, they do not compare with the two more modern documents that have contributed most to our Government. When pressed for his answer he stated "good old reliable Form 1040 and 1040-A."

I'm glad to get a lot of that out of my system because maybe I can get back to writing something else, maybe more important, like about Yancey County. Right now, I am sitting up in northern Maine where the folks can't get over the fact that they somehow or other elected a Democrat for Governor when that did not seem to be fashionable around the Nation. Who said "As Maine goes, so goes the Nation"?



Golden bells, Christmas characters—they can all be made out of the soft drink bottles and cans you have around the house. Just enjoy the contents and then try your hand at making your own pop art for Christmas.

IT NEVER FAILS



IT HAS BEEN A BEAUTY

It has been a beauty. A sports model. "Hottest thing on the road," said a Highway Patrol trooper. Capable of doing 150 on the straightaway.

It wasn't beautiful now. It wasn't much of anything but fragmented junk. The transmission had been slung aside. That super powerful baby of an engine had parted company with the chassis and had charged ahead through the air on its own. Miscellaneous parts marked a trail down the embankment off the Raleigh beltline.

No one will ever know the exact speed of that beauty when it left the beltline straitaway. No human eye beheld the wheeled projectile during those last midnight moments when it flashed into the curve that wasn't made.

Teher were unofficial, but educated, estimates: "At

least 120—maybe 140 or better."

Onlookers walked past a 20-foot gap in the guard rail. That part of the metal barrier was at the bottom of the slope, mixed up in the debris of the onetime beauty of a car.

The occupants? There were two of them. One was hurled out at first impact. His crumpled remains lay upon the road shoulder. The other occupant rode the wreckage down. Part of him had been scooped away by flying fragments.

The Raleigh beltline is a fine road. It's also a good race-track. You can really pour on the gas on those long, straight stretches. A lot of those sleek babies are out there in the night hours.

The Highway Patrol catches some.

Most of them make a curve. This one didn't.

"We Must Do Something"

CHAPEL HILL — "If we would all look to the Lord for advice in all our governmental problems instead of depending on our own ideas, I believe we could put a ring in the nose of Communism and meet our peaceful goal!"

H. F. (Chub) Seawell Jr. of Carthage told this to nearly 200 potential lawyers at the University of North Carolina Law School in Manning Hall this week.

"The Lord is always present to give us the knowledge we need to have," he continued. "All we have to do is look to Him and ask. The strength of our nation is determined by our faith in God."

Seawell emphasized the importance of the Bible and the word of God as law. As he preached to his audience his presentation seemed like an evangelical assembly.

"The freedom of our country depends on what you as young lawyers can do," he exclaimed. "President Lyndon B. Johnson says we are for peace and that's why we're fighting. Yet his words are like one who puts vitamins in his liquor to build himself up while he is tearing himself down."

"We as Christians must do something!"

In his usual informal manner, Seawell digressed on governmental problems and a number of law cases with which he has been confronted since he was admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1925.



By Diane Wilkins
America's Junior Miss—1966

A Question of Color

Being a teen-ager today is more fun than ever. The fashions for us are so young and kicky. Color is exploding all around us: zing pinks, wow purples, flash greens, electric blues. And now there's new Mod-ern thinking about hair color, too. Color is even going to our heads!



Lots of teen-agers are putting in streaks, or using temporary rinses! It's fun and faddy and it's absolutely harmless to healthy hair. But it's very possible for hair color to be here today—and gone tomorrow. Many times the beautiful gold turns to brass and last week's rich chestnut brown is this week's peanut beige.

What to do? The answer is using the right kind of shampoo — one that's especially made for hair that's been changed. The best is Breck Shampoo for Color Treated Hair which comes in two formulas; the blue liquid keeps the delicate shades of lightened hair from becoming brass and the green formula prevents hair that has been colored from fading. This special color shampoo by Beautiful Hair Breck helps keep hair at its prettiest color peak.

If you're On The Verge of shifting hair color, remember that you've got to maintain Keep-Up and Up-Keep. If this doesn't daunt you (and it shouldn't) you may be well on your way toward a more color-ful you!

What Christmas gift is never returned to the store, is always the right size and yet gets bigger every year?

still life

a United States Savings Bond



My solution