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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Some bright gentleman once remarked "Nothing is certain but death and taxes." That statement is not quite exact, he should have added the fact that history repeats itself. Look at us and our Country today. Compare our position and feelings and newspaper accounts with the history of a century ago. We had a War. We had a President who did his best to suit everyone and ended up suiting no one. History has recorded, and we all accept it now, that Lincoln had a double handful of trouble with the Civil War, the leaders, the people, and the newspapers. Today, we all accept the fact that he was a much maligned man who did his best. We know he stood friendless and alone while he did what he had to do. That War was brewed before Lincoln ever came on the scene. Yet, it was dumped in his lap. As President, he had to handle it.

Today, we have a too similar set of facts. No President, before or since Lincoln, ever stood more alone than does President Johnson today. The present War, unpopular with everyone, doubtless including the President himself, is a "must." Lyndon Johnson didn't start it, it was just handed to him. He couldn't drop it. He is the President of the United States of America. He is the leader of the people of the most powerful Nation that History has ever seen. If you want some figures, this War started back in the Eisenhower administration. That fact doesn't prove anything either. Ike did what he had to do. In a Country as great as ours, certain things come about and the Nation takes a stand. Once that stand is made, succeeding leaders must follow the line laid down. In the present case, we declared ourselves to protect the world from the Communist invasion. This happened way before Lyndon Johnson.

Harry Truman, handled the hot potato handed him by Roosevelt by coming up with the Marshall Plan. Truman kept Europe from going Communist and History records his greatness for that act. Johnson has it a bit more difficult in Asia, with the hot potato passed to him by Ike and E. Johnson's job is a bit tougher than Harry Truman's. Truman dealt with a people whose background was Christian. He dealt with a people who has ideas concerning government and rights of people. By and large, he dealt with, in the main, a reasoning, educated mass po-

pulation. Lyndon Johnson, on the other hand, presently deals with an un-reasoning, illiterate, non-Christian, multi-millioned mass of peoples who have no background of rights of man or sensible civil government. Johnson deals with leaders who are not, according to your lights and mine, true leaders. Unfortunately, they are the ones he must deal with, and I feel that History will record his actions as proper and right.

Johnson cannot pull out and leave these people alone, because our Country pre-committed him to the actions he must take. Johnson is in the position of a hunter stalking a bear when he is attacked by a swarm of bees. The emerging new nations in Africa and Asia may appear ridiculous to us. They may turn out to be ridiculous in fact. Of course, our own Country was considered ridiculous at the start. The Empress of Russia refused to accept our Ambassador because, in effect, he was declared to be the Representative of an evil nothing. Since President Johnson must wage a war, not of his own making, he must stand the abuse of all of us and the Press. He must spend his harrowing days and nights, like Lincoln, lonesome and alone.

Without changing your views, whatever they may be, you can still make a little Prayer for Divine help for President Johnson and, who knows, you may change the course of History, so — pray hard and often.



## IT NEVER FAILS



## Letter To The Editor

January 14, 1967

Editor The Yancey Record  
Burnsville, North Carolina  
Vance Birthplace State His-

Dear Sir:  
Your site near Weaverville still needs a log barn — and it occurs to me that I may be able to find just such a barn somewhere in Yancey County.

The structure we buy must be of hewed logs. We can't use round logs here.

When we find a suitable barn, we will mark the logs, take them down and then re-assemble them at the Vance Birthplace.

This state historic site, which honors North Carolina's Civil War governor, Zebulon Baird Vance, now has eight buildings and we need only a hewed-log barn to complete this project.

If anyone in Yancey County has such an old barn which he is willing to sell, I will appreciate it if he will get in touch with me at the address below.

Sincerely yours,  
Bob Conway  
Historic State Specialist  
Vance Birthplace Museum  
Rt. 1, Weaverville, N. C.

## CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Pacific island group
6. Take as one's own
11. To adjust
12. French city
13. Title
14. Commenced
15. Vouchsafes
18. Luson native
19. Copied
22. Officer Commanding (abbr.)
23. Teddy, for one
27. Nickel (sym.)
28. Vegetable
29. Braid
31. Yes, in Spain
32. Clemency
34. Printer's measure
35. Sandarac tree
36. Get (dial. var.)
38. Soft
43. Sharp
46. Metal
47. Opossum (S. A.)
48. Unable to see
49. Viscous mud
50. Townships (Gr. hist.)

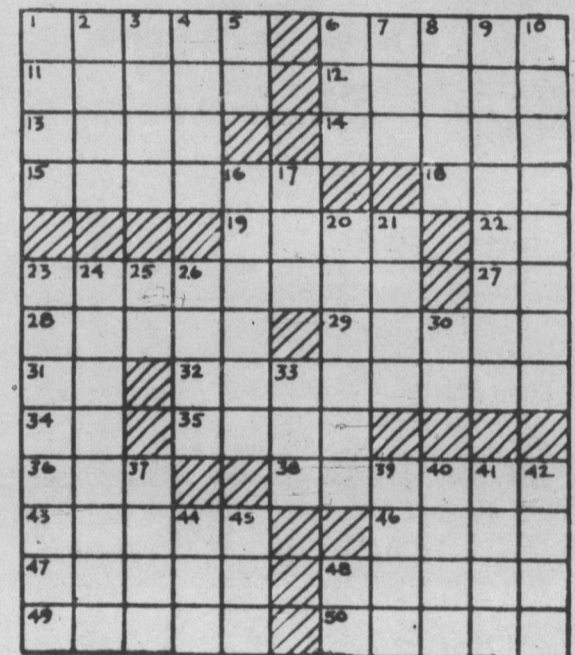
DOWN

2. Jewish month
3. Mother
4. Not closed
5. Close to
6. White linen vestment
7. Perish
8. Girl's name
9. Kind of love
10. Adhesiveness
16. One who prepares hides
17. Mineral spring
20. The British
21. Erase (print.)
23. Posies
24. Unfriendly
25. Cirrus (abbr.)
26. Kind of nut (pharm.)
30. Indefinite article
33. Scold persistently
37. Brailian Indian
39. River of Africa

Answer



40. Neat
41. Solitary
42. Finishes
44. Male cat
45. Piece out
48. Bank draft (abbr.)



## IT'S AMAZING!



## Green Thumb Tips

Winter is the time to prepare for spring — and summer. One thing the gardener can do to help make his work easier is to get together all the hand tools, clean and sharpen those that need it and then paint the handles of all yellow or orange. Why these colors? They've been proven most likely to be seen.

Sharpen your pencil, put on your thinking cap and prepare to spend a few winter evenings looking over the current crop of seed catalogs. But do restrain your enthusiasm and remember the space available for planting. No one can grow every beautiful flower, every luscious vegetable in a single garden.

Do you know how to examine a seed catalog? The novelties are in the front of almost every book. Then come the older varieties, both flowers and vegetables, then the accessories if the firm carries them. Somewhere in the catalog is an order form. Be sure to fill it out completely. Too many customers forget to include their names, perhaps their addresses, or some similar pertinent detail.