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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

The 1967 edition of the World Almanac is on the newsstands and, as usual, it is the greatest buy you can get for the price. This edition sells for \$1.65. I have been buying it from the time it sold for 50¢ a copy. This is the 99th year of its publication and is properly described as the World's most authoritative single-volume reference work. In all sincerity, it is as necessary for worldly information as the Bible is for our Divine information.

In its 912 pages, it covers over a million facts both well-known and little-known. It has a series of full-color maps of the world as well as facts and figures on 251 Religions bodies covered. Despite this enormous amount of different Churches and Religions, there still remain some 70 million people in our Country who have no Religion. Makes you wonder what they are waiting for. Seems like a man ought to be able to satisfy himself within one out of that many.

Just imagine the chaos we would have if we had as many political parties as we do Religions — especially if each one got equal time on T.V.

The book names the newly created Department of Transportation among the Cabinet positions and that brings us up to twelve such posts. In order to help you remember their names, I made up a mnemonic. That is the word for a memory assister. It is also the only word in the English language that begins "m-n" and the "n" is silent. Anyway, you just remember the name "J. T. CHATSIL, ph. D." and you will have all of the Cabinet posts. "J" is Justice and "T" is Transportation. Figure the rest.

In the past several weeks I have worked in Georgia, North Carolina, (not our part, unfortunately, but over in the Raleigh area) and now I am up in Boston, Massachusetts. I only added the word Massachusetts because it makes the folks up here mad. They claim there is only one Boston and everyone knows

where it is. All I know about it is that it is, and has been bloody cold since I have been here. The people are kind of cold too. You smile at a person and say "Good Morning" and they act like you have committed a crime. Worse than that, they don't answer you.

You don't have to wonder what them people are talking about. They are talking politics. They talk it all the time. Funny thing is, they rarely discuss National politics. Strictly State and Local.

Basically, they are all either Democrats or Republicans but — and that is a big but — each of those Parties have splinter groups that you couldn't imagine. You wouldn't even want to. Naturally, in this state of confusion, sometimes Democrats and Republicans find themselves facing the same goal. That's when the argument really starts. Right away, each Party claims the other one stole their idea, when no one will admit the theft, both of them become opponents of what they had previously advocated.

The trouble with these folks is that they hate facts that they disagree with. That's one reason this new edition of the World Almanac won't sell too well up here. These people don't want to know, they just want to believe. And they don't necessarily want to believe the truth, they prefer to believe what they think, and sometimes they think wrong. That's where the Almanac comes in handy. It stops arguments by proving someone right and someone wrong. Get yourself a copy.

## Opportunity Loans For Rural Families

These loans have been available for the past two years. However the maximum has recently been increased from \$500 to \$500. These loans may be used by farmers to finance farm improvements and development, including the purchase of land and family operated tracts or services that increase income; such as welding, repair shops, carpentry, etc.

Loans may also be used by rural residents not farming to finance a trade of service that will increase family income; such as pulpwood, repair shops, carpentry, plumbing, brick laying, etc.

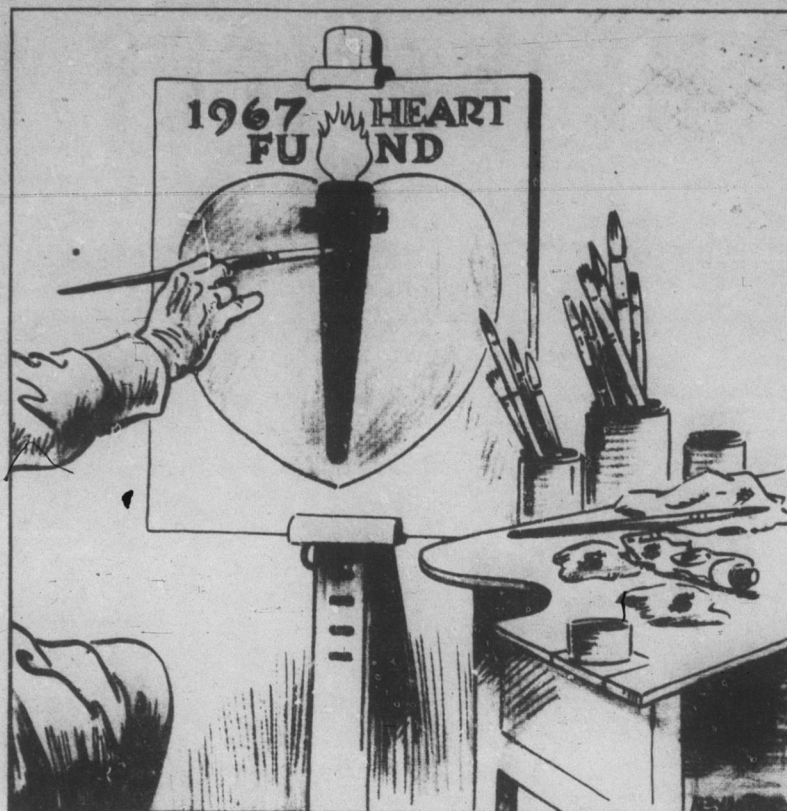
Mr. Sechler, County Supervisor stated that from the standpoint of eligibility that all persons in Yancey County were considered rural residents.

For further information call at your County Farmers Home Administration Office, located in the Citizens Bank Building.

## ARTHRITIS-RHEUMATISM

Do claims and double talk make you doubt you can get any relief from arthritic and rheumatic pains? Get 100 STANBACK tablets or 50 STANBACK powders, use as directed. If you do not get relief, return the unused part and your purchase price will be refunded. Stanback Company, Salisbury, N. C.

February is American Heart Month!



Give---So More Will Live!

(Editor's Note)

Mrs. Dessie Honeycutt of Route 4 has sent in two poems written by her son, Tony G. Honeycutt, now stationed in Germany with the 3rd Missile Bn., 7th Art. Division, which we are pleased to share with our readers:

## Day Dreaming

By: Tony G. Honeycutt

I close my eyes and I see  
The Blue Ridge Mountains  
above me  
And though I am far away,  
I know I'll return some day.

I can hear the muffled calls  
Of a thousand water falls.  
I can hear the rustling sound  
Of the leaves on the ground.

And the air smells so fine  
When it carries the scent of  
pine;  
Then before I open my eyes  
The vision I see dies.

I thank the Lord that I can  
see  
My beloved mountains in  
memory  
For while those phantoms  
rise above  
I am returned to the land I  
love.

## If I Were Home

By: Tony G. Honeycutt

I'd walk the hills as I please  
And smell the scent of hick-  
ory trees  
I'd watch for squirrels in  
those trees  
Hiding there among the lea-  
ves.

If I were home when leaves  
do fall  
I'd see the valleys from moun-  
tains tall  
Yes, miles and miles of col-  
ored leaves  
Hanging shimmering from a  
million trees.

I'd like to drink from a moun-  
tain spring  
And watch for trout in a  
crystal stream.  
I'd like to hear a fat grouse  
"beat",  
And see the print of a big  
buck's feet.

I'd like to wake in the early  
dawn  
Beck in the hills where I  
belong.  
From those hills I'll never  
roam,  
For there and there only is  
my home.

## RANGER RAMBLIN'S

By: Helton Carmichael

A sudden change in weather this past week has set me to thinking about the weather. "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

Of course the reason "nobody does anything" is quite simple. There isn't much we can do.

Our weather is caused by three things playing together, the air, the sun and the movement of the earth. We live at the bottom of an ocean of air that rises above us, gradually thinning out until at about 200 miles above the earth, there is almost no air left. The air contains a number of things (oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide and others), moisture in the form of invisible vapor and a lot of fine dust.

The air rests on the earth with the weight of about 15 pounds to a square inch at sea level and exerts a pressure equal to this weight. When air over a certain place heats up it expands, as it expands it gets lighter and the cool air that surrounds it pushes it upward. As the warm air rises, there is less air bulbs to press on it and so its pressure becomes lower. As you see differences in temperature cause differences in pressure and these pressure differences in turn cause the air to move in arant moves over the earth's surface we call wind.

It is of course the sun that heats the air, mostly by first heating the earth which then heats the air above it. But the sun doesn't heat the air evenly The air over desert land gets hot quickly. The air over the ocean takes longer to warm up. At the equator it is very hot, at the poles it is very cold.

Because the earth rotates from west to east like a top around its own axis, air movements are thrown off their direct courses. The final result is that in our country most currents of air and therefore our weather in general comes from westerly directions.

The weather moves across our country from the Pacific to the Atlantic at an average speed of 500 miles per day during the summer, 700 miles in winter.

When you are out in the forest camping, hunting or fishing, you won't have much chance to study weather maps and yet if you intend to go out you will want to make sure the good weather will hold.

There are several things that will help you forecast the weather. The wind for example, the west wind — that is the wind coming from the west almost always brings clear, bright and cool weather. East of the Rockies the east wind generally brings rain and north wind brings clear and cold weather. The south wind — heat and also often quick showers.

In winter when the wind shifts to the northeast there is snow ahead. In the summer a rainstorm is on its way. The northwest wind brings cold waves in winter and cooler weather in summer. The winds from the southwest is warm — in the summer often scorching. The winds from the southeast is the wettest of them all.

Throughout the ages people have tried to make up rules about the weather. Often it rhymes — some of them are senseless, others have a sound foundation, in fact although they may not always be right. Take this for example: "Rainbow at night — a sailors delight, rainbow at morning — sailors take warning."

Correct — a rainbow is formed in rain clouds in the opposite direction to the sun. In the evening the sun is in the west, therefore the rainbow is in the east. Since weather generally moves from west to east, the rain clouds have already passed, on the other hand a rainbow forming in the west in the morning indicates that rain clouds are on their way.

"A ring around the moon means rain, the larger the ring, the nearer the rain."

Correct — The ring is a halo formed by the moon shining through several stratus clouds forerunners of unsettled weather.

"When the clouds appear like rocks and towers, the earth refreshed by frequent showers."

Correct — Singular clouds is forming, it will be pouring shortly.

Other things that tell the weather. You can usually figure that fair weather is ahead when the sun goes down as a ball of fire, or the sunset clouds brilliantly red. The same holds true when the insect catching birds such as swallows fly high. When the smoke from the fire rises straight up in the air, when the spiders spin in the grass, when there is a heavy dew at night or when light morning fog hangs over the valley.

On the other hand there is bad weather in store when the sun rises red and the sunset grey and dull, when the swallows skim low over the lake, when the smoke hangs on the ground or when there is no dew at night.

