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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Boston, Massachusetts, is rightfully proud of its history. It comes closer to being the actual cradle of American liberty than does any other town in the country. This City is so full of historical places that you are amazed. Of course, the people who have been born and raised in the area pay absolutely no attention to the numerous shrines all about. However, for the visitors, all of the hotels in Town furnish you with a paper map that shows you how to take a walking-tour of the area, and this tour will tire you out but it will also walk you into and onto lots of spots that you have heard about, and read about, in the History books when you were a kid.

When you complete your walking about the City, you are almost convinced that Massachusetts, in general, and Boston, in particular, won the whole Revolutionary War from the British. Most of the residents around this area feel that way. They seem to recall that there were twelve additional Colonies who sort of helped out in minor ways during that fracas, but they can't furnish you with any details. Bunker Hill — they know all about. Some of them have heard that Cornwallis surrendered down South some place or other — they are not sure where. They are still not too happy about George Washington having been made the top General. They will argue with you that Ebenezer Whoosis or some such would have made a much greater man.

From time to time, one of the more broad-minded of the local citizenry will admit that Pennsylvania had a bit of a part in the Revolution but that is as far as they will go.

Notwithstanding the narrow view held by all and sundry up here, you still have a terrific feeling of pride in your Country and your forebears when you make this walking-tour. I had it, despite the fact that my personal ancestors had not yet left Ireland, at that time. I guess they were still trying to save up money for the boat fare. Plus the fact that, being Irish, they were in a bit of a fight with the British themselves, which kept

them busy at home. So, I collected myself with the idea that my ancestors at least acted as a cheering section for the new-burning American Republic.

After the War, the Massachusetts yankees ran their State to suit themselves, and did a pretty good job of it. Lots of them became very rich. Then, a potato famine

hit Ireland, and millions of Irish starved to death. The new State of Massachusetts did not realize how this would affect that area. But, it affected it as much as it did Ireland itself because tens of thousands of the Irish emigrated to America. Thousands and thousands of them landed in Boston. After a bit, they learned they could vote. Then, they learned they could name their own candidates. This ended the reign of the Cabots and the Lodges, famed in the old refrain "Here's to the City of Boston, The Land of the Cabots and cod, Where the Cabots speak only to Lodges, And the Lodges speak only to God."

The new Irish citizens named their candidates and voted them into office. They finished off the Cabots in a very short while. It took them a little longer to outvote the Lodges who "spoke only to God" — The last Lodge stuck around until an immigrant's grandson whipped him for his Senate seat. Then, everybody in Massachusetts knew that any man who could beat a Lodge had to become the President of the United States — so, John Fitzgerald Kennedy went ahead and did that. Now, the Kennedys have taken over the position held for centuries by the Lodges. How they do as well by the Country.

## Letters To The Editor

THE YANCEY RECORD received the following letter from Mrs. Margaret Knox of Prestwick, Ayrshire, Scotland. Mrs. Knox is the mother of Mrs. Clarence Fortner. Mr. and Mrs. Fortner have two daughters, Carol Ann and Jean. Mrs. Knox visited the Fortner family from Oct. 8 until Feb. 2nd.

"I arrived back in Scotland, and before I do anything else I feel I must write and thank everyone for their kindness and hospitality to me.

"I hope to come back and visit Burnsville again. In the meantime, to all my friends in and around "George's Fork", thanks for the gifts, the good meals in your homes, and not forgetting the "Sunshine going away party."

Mrs. Margaret Knox.

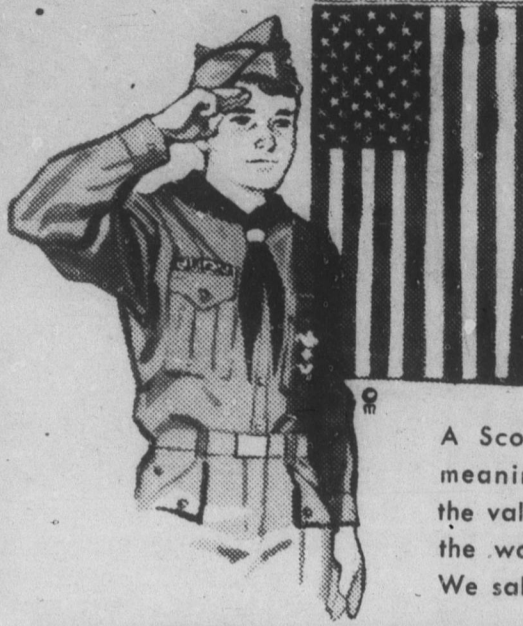
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## TWO MINUTES

WITH THE BIBLE

BY CORNELIUS R. STAM, PRES.  
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Subject: GLORIOUS PROSPECT

To the true Christian one of the most wonderful passages in the whole Bible is Eph. 2:7, where we read of God's purpose.

"That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

This passage appears the more wonderful when viewed in the light of its context.

Verses 2-6 tell how we were all once the "children of disobedience," and therefore "by nature the children of wrath, even as others." But then we read those wonderful words of hope, "But God."

"But God, who is RICH IN MERCY, because of His GREAT LOVE wherewith He loved us..." And the next verses tell how He has taken believers in Christ from the lowest position of condemnation and wrath and given them the highest place of favor and blessing in Christ at His own right hand in the heavenlies.

The simplest, humblest believer in Christ as His Savior has been given this position in the heavenlies, for God no longer sees him in himself, but in Christ, who died for his sins. This is why St. Paul so often writes about "those who are in Christ Jesus."

It is for the believer now, to occupy this exalted position, to appropriate by faith the "all spiritual blessings" which are his in Christ (See Eph. 1:3). Like Paul, he may be lifted by grace, through faith, about the troubles and sorrows of "this present evil age" and enjoy his position and blessings in the heavenlies in Christ. And even this is not all, for looking far ahead to the future the Apostle, by divine revelation, goes on to say (in Eph. 2:7) that God has done this all for us, "that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

## DIVORCE

By: Clara Cassida

Our divorce rate is climbing and I wonder about the cause. Could it be our young people need to stop and take a long serious pause. God ordained marriage and he thought it was good and it is, when people carry it out the way that they should. For young people to get in a hurry and make shipwreck of their lives is a terrible shame. Sometimes they believe everything will work out perfect once they've changed their name. Divorce could be prevented if they took marriage as their most serious step. Good marriages fail sometimes even with a lot of help. A good marriage is based on love, respect and trust. Some people are like children and when they don't get their way they start a big fuss. If you will remember success in anything doesn't come overnight. Sometimes it takes years of hard work, patience and understanding to make a marriage work right. Young people make their own rules today. They think if everything don't go to suit me I'll go back home to mama and stay. Many couples separate and they go back home. They are unhappy, they make their parents unhappy and before long they go out to roam. Once you get married I don't think you are ever the same. There will be many things to remind you that marriage isn't a game. The sad part of it is that children must suffer for their parents' mistake. You should try harder to make your marriage work for your children's sake. Marriage vows are sacred and should be taken only for life. If you want to make yours work better keep out strife. If you are thinking of getting married and you're unsure of what is in your heart, remember that your wedding vow will say, "till death do us part."

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