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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Washington is a strange town at any time but — come George Washington's Birthday — it very often becomes absolutely weird. The merchants inverted the Birthday Sales for this date for an unknown reason. The sales contain some truly fantastic values, if such they may be called. On Washington's Birthday, just passed, one merchant sold a live boa-constrictor for 99 cents. Another one disposed of a fifty dollar camera for 99 cents. Suits, furs, anything you can imagine, go on sale for real savings. The 99 cent items, obviously, are eye-catchers. The other genuine bargains act to clear off the shelf for the merchant and allow the long-suffering customer to get a bargain on things he does or does not need.

People start forming a line in front of the stores with the advertised bargains as soon as the store closes the previous evening. That means that some folks get in line about 6:30 or 7:00 o'clock in the evening and remain there until the store opens the following morning, sometime around nine or ten. That means a 15 hour vigil throughout the night on the sidewalk, regardless of weather. When the stores open, there is a sort of a miniature riot as folks push, shove, and crowd their way into the store of their choice.

These terrific sales are not reserved to the larger stores. Every place gets in on the act, so to speak. The newspapers estimate the total day's sales at anywhere from 100 million dollars up. That's a lot of cash register action. The build-up starts a week or so before. For example, Blanche goes into a building that has a large cafeteria. This cafeteria had a 5-gallon crock chocked full of cherries and invited one and all to guess how many cherries were in the crock. Now my wife Blanche is a contestor from way back. She didn't even stop to read what the prize was for the best or nearest guess. If she had, she might have paused to wonder what she would do with 22 cherry pies — if she won them — but, I doubt it. Contestors just like to contest. In any event, Blanche filled out a blank and estimated that there were 5,203 of the large cherries in the crock.

At 2:00 p. m. on February 22, 1967, a deliveryman appeared at our apartment and delivered us exactly 22 cherry pies. Now, everyone who has ever lived, at one time or ano-

ther, has had a friend drop by the house and leave a large batch of smelly fish, recently caught on a trip. Well, with a fish present, you thank the person kindly, and then wrap the gift in newspapers and put it in the nearest garbage pail, as soon as the donor leaves your house. Cherry pies are somehow different. Believe me, it is still quite a problem to go around, call around, do every thing you can — to get rid of a dozen and a half or more cherry pies. Everyone you contact assumes you are selling cherry pies, and, people who like them or think they should eat one on Washington's Birthday — well, they already have one or two. The more you explain you are giving them away, the more they become doubtful of your good intentions. We finally got rid of most of them, except for nine we had to keep.

Blanche was nonchalant about the winning of the contest. She said she knew Washington was born in 1832 (she was wrong, it was 1732) so she took two-thirds of that and got 1231 (instead of 1221) then she multiplied it by 2 and added how many years we had been married and when she got that she "threw in" 350 more. She guessed 5303 and it was 5271.

## Letters To The Editor

March 2, 1967

The Yancey Record:  
Keep North Carolina Clean and Beautiful

"Every Litter bit Hurts"  
A request from the White Oak Community:

A great stride forward was taken last year when dumping places were provided for the public to dispose of TIN CANS — GLASS — RUBBISH. We thank those who have cooperated to make this possible. Our mountain streams are showing great improvement.

However! A new problem has arisen. Paper should be burned at home in suitable containers. When paper is thrown in the mine holes, wind soon picks it up and scatters it far and wide along the country side.

Please do not throw paper in the dump! Burn paper safely at home.

White Oak Creek Community

Carl Erickson, Chairman.  
Gertrude Romsey, Corresponding Sec'y.



One side of the crowded gym. The spectators are not

too excited with the time clock showing six minutes,

13 seconds of the period left and the score 5-17.

## Raleigh Report

By: Ernest Messer

Letters about liquor legislation, which began to arrive in volume even before the General Assembly convened, have not appreciably diminished. They are less noticeable now, however, due to the fact that people are beginning to write about other matters.

Letters about liquor are in greatest volume. I have received only two letters from individuals in Haywood-Moore-Yancey that have advocated relaxing the liquor laws. All the others — several hundred in number — have advocated leaving the law as it now stands or even making it more restrictive.

This is not an easy issue to settle. Beginning Tuesday, March 14, hearings will be held to determine, if possible what the people really want to do about the liquor question.

According to my mail, here is how people stand on other issues.

They are against whiskey advertisements; They favor more pay for teachers; They are for Daylight Saving Time; They oppose increasing the base of compulsory automobile insurance; They favor the full use of planes by the Highway Patrol.

Two problems that confront Western North Carolina legislators are the setting up of an Upper French Broad Development Commission and securing funds to complete the Agricultural Center at the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport. Some legislation dealing with these two matters will probably be worked out soon.

An organization to bring about the abolition of Capital Punishment has started functioning here in Raleigh.

Three bills dealing with Capital Punishment have already been introduced. Each one of these deals with the subject only in part.

A bill to completely abolish Capital Punishment will probably be introduced in a few days. I don't know whether such a bill can be passed this year, but indications are that the move to abolish the death penalty will be more powerful this year than ever before.

## Yancey Farmer 'Hogs Down' Corn

A visitor to Yancey County could get confused thinking that he is in the midwestern hog country, according to E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman.

Byrle Robnson had a field of corn that fell down, and he was unable to harvest it all with a corn harvester.

After a discussion with the County Agricultural Extension Chairman, Robinson contacted on Eastern North Carolina pig market regarding sales dates. He attended a sale and purchased 92 hogs weighing from 50 to 100 pounds each.

After putting an electric fence around the field, the pigs were turned in the field and seemed to like the mountain scenery and found delight.

While "hogging down corn" is a new system for Yancey County on a fairly large basis, it is being watched with considerable interest by neighbors and interested persons in the county.

E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman, said that it might be that this would be a possible solution to the high labor required of some farm enterprise.

## Book On Summer Jobs In E.Y. Library

Information on 45,000 summer job openings throughout the United States and Canada for 1967 has just been received by East Yancey High School Library in a book titled, "Summer Employment Directory."

Listed are names and addresses of employers, specific jobs they have available, salary and helps in making application. High school seniors, college students and teachers are invited to make application.

The outlook for 1967 summer jobs throughout the country is bright! Early applications is strongly suggested, however.

There continues to be a heavy demand for camp counselors ages 19, 20 and older. Camp salaries are up: minimum salaries have increased \$50-100 while maximum salaries have pushed ahead \$200-400.

Openings are for waitresses, clerks, bus boys, maids, cooks, kitchen helpers, lifeguards, musicians, and maintenance workers at resorts and national parks.

Actresses, actors, technicians and other personnel are needed at summer theatres. Office help and workers of many types are wanted by ranches, restaurants, business industry and government.

Information on summer job openings is obtained annually from extensive search conducted among many thousands of potential summer employers. The research findings are compiled before December for publication in each new edition of "Summer Employment Directory."

The 1967 "Summer Employment Directory" may be purchased through any bookstore or ordered by mail by sending \$1 to the publisher, National Directory Service, Box 32065, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232.