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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

Every time I get too many useless facts in my head, I use this column to get rid of them so I will have storage place, so to speak, to replace them with other, just as useless, ones that I acquire as I go along. For example, I bet you didn't know (or care) that your Nation's Capital has almost 2,000 acres of office space for businesses. Worse than that, our Government owns and occupies 37 million square feet of it and, since that is not enough, it leases an additional 12 million feet.

Up in Boston, the Methodist Church, allegedly for the first time in its history, appointed a woman as a District Superintendent. In this position, the lady, identified as Reverend Margaret H. Henrichsen, will supervise the church activities in the District, which has 91 Churches and 40 Pastors. This appears to show that Methodism may well be leading Christianity along the road to equal rights for women. Now that the spirit of ecumenism is breaking out all over, you can expect to hear some rumblings from Catholicism about women in the pulpit and whatnot.

The ecumenical spirit is truly the greatest step forward in American Christianity that has ever happened. It is bringing Christian Brotherhood home to all of us. Just recently, six newly ordained Catholic Priests entered the Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois, for a six week internship. Seems as though these young Priests were medical missionaries who needed further training and, since there was no convenient place available in their own institution, the Lutheran Hospital brought them aboard for the needed training. These six Priests enrolled in the Lutheran Pastoral Education Program which is directed by the Reverend Lawrence Holst who stated "We have come to see in this short time how much we can give and receive from each other personally and professionally. Institutionally and personally it has been one of our most rewarding experiences at Lutheran General Hospital."

The world can do with more of that type Christianity and it makes one feel good that America is leading the way.

Since this writing appears to have devolved into a Religious score, I might just as well continue in that vein, and mention that the Catholic Church has just announced the revival of one Christian form of life that Protestants always kept. I refer to the rank of Deacon in the Church. For too many years, Rome sort of ignored that rank. That is not quite correct. It was not ignored, it was incorporated into the Priesthood. Every seminarian became a Deacon prior

to becoming a priest. This differed from the original setup in Christianity. The Deacon back in the early days had been a layman, and, in modern days, in Protestantism. However, along the way, some Bishop, or group of Bishops, decided to change that system. They started the Deacon-Priest thing. Now it appears that the Roman Synod recognizes the fact that Protestantism had a good thing going for it, in its use of the laymen, so, not being a stupid organization, it decided to change back. This new, rather, I should say old, system will allow laymen to perform many of the duties hitherto reserved for the Priesthood. As I understand it, the layman who becomes a Deacon can be married, if he is past the age of 25 and his wife can stand a good tough character investigation. If a person is desirous of becoming a Deacon and is under the age of 25 and unmarried, he must take a vow of celibacy. This Deacon can perform most of what has been reserved to Priests. The main things he cannot do are: Hear Confessions and Say Mass.

A Catholic friend of mine stated that not allowing the Deacon to hear Confessions was like allowing a man to become a Mormon after doing away with polygamy. I guess he wasn't really a very religious chap and I don't think he would qualify as a Deacon, in any event. As a matter of fact, I think the Catholic Church is going to have a bit of trouble in getting the necessary Deacons. It takes a bit of getting used to. Just the idea of it. You see, very few Catholics ever took much mind of how the organization ran. Rome ran it. Even in the parishes, the laymen didn't concern themselves with the operation. They put money in the basket at the numerous collections but never troubled themselves about how it was expended. I bet a lot of the old-time Pastors are going to raise (you know what) when they find the parishoners breathing down their necks for an explanation of expenditures. Before long, I expect Catholics might even be able to have a say in choosing their Pastors. If it keeps up the way it is going, you won't be able to tell one Christian from another. Maybe the Savior wanted it that way.

## Welding Classes Being Held

Welding classes are now being held at East Yancey High School. Classes are held each Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 7:00 p. m. Anyone interested in enrolling can do so Thursday night, August 3. Classes sponsored by W.A.M.Y. and Marion McDowell I. E. C.



## Playhouse Audience Get Double Their Money At This Year's Opener

Those of us who had the good fortune to see last year's opening play at Parkway Playhouse — "See How They Run" — got double their money's worth at this year's opener — "Pools Paradise" — a hilarious comedy and a follow-up to "See How They Run". Three of the same people return in this play. The Vicarage is still in Merton-cum-Middlewick, and the uncle, the Bishop of Lax visits again. The plot is built around a football pool worth some 100,000 pounds. Aided by the financial assistance of Pnelope, the Vicar's wife, and the conniving of Ida, the maid, Willie Briggs thinks he holds the winning ticket. All three conspire to keep it a secret from the Vicar, who they mistakenly assume would strenuously object to gambling.

Back again is John Allen, who plays the part of Rev. Mr. Lionel Toop, as he did in last year's production of "See How They Run". He acts the part of the narrow-minded, frustrated, stingy Vicar to perfection. The acting of his wife, a former actress, played by Amelia Penland, is one to make her home town proud. She turned out a smooth, professional performance, as she does in any role in which she is cast.

If it could be said that any one person ran away with the show it would be Jo Carson, our neighbor from Johnson City. Jo played the part of the cockney maid, Ida, with the same vim and vigor she did as Ida in "See How They Run." While she was pure fun from beginning to end, if this inexperienced critic may be allowed a comment, it is that Ida could have been toned down a bit, both in voice and movement. In this year's play Ida is ably assisted by her boyfriend, Willie Briggs, played by Bill Cwikowski, who also had a part in "See How They Run". From seeing Bill in some more serious roles last year we would say that he is equally at home as a comedian and a serious actor. It would seem that he has a promising future in the theater.

A newcomer to Parkway, Hugh Dial, played the part of the Rev. Mr. Arthur Humphrey, a visiting minister, very effectively. He, too, has high hopes of holding the winning ticket in the football pool.

Evelyn Winston, also a newcomer to Parkway, delighted the audience with her portrayal of Miss Skillen, the love-hungry spinster who has a crush on the Vicar.

And last but not least there was Lauren Woods, a long time favorite of Parkway Theater and Burnsville. Lauren is equally at home acting or directing. As the Bishop of Lax and Penelope's uncle, Lauren was a great hit. His part, though small, was carried off to perfection. From the response of the audience it would seem from this observer's viewpoint he would only have had to walk across the stage to get a rousing ovation.

With each scene the atmosphere becomes more tense, with practically all the characters thinking they hold the winning ticket, and making plans for spending the loot — Ida has ambitions for a synthetic fur coat; the Vicar for bells for his church; the Rev. Mr. Humphrey for a motor bike; Penelope for all the things a Vicar's salary will not buy; and Willie, of course, had his plans, but at the moment we cannot recall them.

From the happy expression on the faces of all it may be assumed that they all got their heart's desire — or it may be that those happy expressions were brought about by the enthusiasm of the more than 300

people in the audience.

We would not close without a word of praise to Ralph Kerns for his excellent directing of this play, and to Terry Bennett for the realistic and beautiful design of the stage setting.

Friday, the opening night, being guest night, a number of out of town, as well as in-town, dignitaries were present — among them being Rev. Woody Finley, Pres. Chamber of Commerce, Mayor and Mrs. James A. Anglin, Mayor and Mrs. Fred Brummitt of Bakersville, Mayor and Mrs. Albert Canipe of Spruce Pine, Representative Ernest Messer, from Canton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips. Mr. Phillips was for many years connected with the Drama Department of UNC-G, and was one of the founders of Parkway Playhouse. He now represents Guilford County in the State Legislature. Mayor Anglin, representing the town of Burnsville, expressed appreciation to the Parkway Theater for the contribution made to the town, as did Mrs. Joe Young, representing the Board of Directors of Parkway Playhouse. Mr. Kerns introduced the staff of the Playhouse and Mrs. Jack Kelly, who will play the lead role in "Everybody Loves Opal", which will be directed by Gordon Bennett.

## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

1. King of Israel
5. Let it stand (print.)
9. Sphere
10. Fleishy fruits
12. Saunter
13. Beginning
14. Fail to gain
15. Hawaiian food
16. Toward
17. Half an em
18. Pigeon breeder
20. Dexterous
23. Arid
24. Emmet
25. Mountain pass
27. Cereal grain
29. Woodland tract
32. Motion organs
35. Pronoun
36. Land measure
37. Beam
38. The Emerald Isle
40. Bunk (slang)
42. Suave
43. Ascended
44. Relatives
45. Branch of learning
46. Singing voice
- DOWN
1. Virginia's governor
2. Sprites

### 3. Capable

### 4. Insect

### 5. Eating utensil

### 6. Invigorating

### 7. German resort

### 8. Seesaw

### 9. Helmet-shaped

### 10. part of calyx

### 11. Tale

### 12. Mrs. Nixon

### 13. Paroxysm

### 14. Not working

### 15. Wharf

### 16. pests

### 17. Ahead

### 25. Lettuce

### 26. Conjunction

### 27. Neb.

### 28. Dawn of day

### 29. Fated to die (Scot.)

### 30. Japanese religion

### 31. Waits upon

### 32. Outer part of bread

### 33. Cripples

### 34. Jewish month

### 35. Talk noisily

### 36. Ancient Hebrew measure

### 37. Cry, as a lamb

