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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly
We didn't get to see too many people for a vis.t on our trip home, this time because Blanche picked herself up a fourcold on her shopping trip to Asheville where she didn't buy anything. Despite be ng laid up with the cold, I think she got to v sit with more people than 1 did because she went to a Shower the Saturday evening we arrived. Most of the time we spent on grubbing and clearing the bushes and weeds accumulated since we left here last August. I learned one thing while cleaning up the place: brand new dead leates have value at all I bel eve the Feder al Government could set up project to take care of the lea ves. If that is I hope the good ford will seming I hope the good Lnrd will send a strong wind from the West and blow them all onto the Boyles land.
This trip home was the one we the last time we would visit because, the Lord willing, we will ret re in late May or early June and move for permanent. Pos sibly, we might get down for a week in April to open up, get the water turned on and things like that. It will also give me one more chance to convince Blanche that a moving van can make it up the Hill with our furniture. I think she believes that furniture has to be boin up here to get here
A week is too short a time to spend in Burnsville. Like I men tioned, 1 hardly got to see any one. Visited a few minutes w th the various stores and things like that, but not a real visit. Even on our short visit, 1 can' neglect my neighbors Rans:m and Lizzie Higg ns. It looked like I was always getting coffee or a snack, or else Lizzie would bring a dish of something across the road to us. I am certain that Lizzie can cook anyth'ng better than anyone else can but this chouldn't worry the proprietor of our varous eating places be cause Ransom and Lizzie have no plans for going into bus'ness. Incidentally, the Ray Brothers Market has a gnod cup of cof fee, if you get there early in the morning and lonk like you are freezing to death
In talkng with Phir Ray, he happened to mention the tax assessing that was gning on, and then he, being a good citizen, enquired if I had paid my tax es. That started me to th nking and I couldn't recall having received a bill. As a result, I pre sented myself at the tax offic early the next mornng. Sure encugh, the Office still had the former owner's name listed We straightened that out and I pad the Crunty, then drove over to City Hall and paid my ac count with the City Fathers. Everybody in both offices was so nice, it was almost a painless extraction of monev from me. Then, brth Offices promised to bill me persmally from now
on, and explained in me that I cun save two percent by paying early.
Having paid my just debts, I fe't snot of Rihlical, you knnw the iniunction "Render tn Caesar the things that are Capear's atn." Anywav, the Caesarian tribute ont of the way. I relurnet to the fill and the vew seemed even more hequtiful.
Speaking of the view. th's was the first time we had ever seen one senting of Burnsville becaure it was the first time we had been there when the leaves were grne. Gave us an entirely new perspect be. However, the mast beautiful view was had at nimh. Just look off thward the East and loo of the Last ight see all the sarking ights in the varina enine. It would make a beaulful pnst card. I don't see why John kibhson doesnt make one of his terrif c phntngraphs and reduce in to postcards. I think it wourd be a real salable item for sumtoo. The latter will become a bit of the financial structure of this rea as soon as sore opens These hills are a matural heses, and it anolt mis sicpes, and it woulart take 200 much cadtal to plan a manmade lake for skating. Once omeone starts into the winter sprits business in the area, it is bound to ennw-ball into snmethine big. We'll have a half a dmzen Ski Lndges amound and abrut before ymul knnw it.
In the event that comes abmit, it will nit be this winter. frr which I am plad becarice for all suheamient winters I fullv expert Blanche and I w'll he there and ran watch it develinp and. possibly, he'p it alnow. Rioht mw. we are hack in Wach'notn In a final seasnn then, with ints. of pleacant memnripe thet with no regrets we will transter our allegiance to the Town of Burnsville, which will be the culminat on of a dream over fifteen years of age. That puts us in a eart of age. hlossification in a many people live their live many perple ive their lives without allaning a dream they have cheriskid. We, loo, doubtless but missed out on one or wo, but misar as we are bath encerned, the fact that th's one came true, it mre than off-sets any of those we had in our youth.

Thankful hearts . . . happy
amilies . . . services in
the church of your choice
all these are a part
of Thanksgiving. May
your holiday hold
many blessings.


The pumpkin has turned to candy roaster and the corn is nct in the shock any more, but we can still be thankful about this time of year that we can have "candy roaster pumpkin" $p$ es and that the corn is in the crib (or field) instead of the shock. Anyway, we all have scmething to be thankful for, and some have a lot.
Take for instance the owner
of the beaut ful farm pictured above. He has a lot to be thankful for, and one thing is for the beauty of his home and farm. And it did not get pretty like that by accident. It took a lot of work. And a lot of work means a lot of good health for somebody, and that is something o be thankful for. And his pride and his family, these too to make a good farm must be thankful for them. And
in all this thankfulness the yield of crops will not be forgotten. And we are thankful that Yancev County has many, many beautiful farms, owned by people whn take pride in themsel ves, their famil'es, and the land. We did nut know the owner of this farm when it was photn granhet But if the owner will drop by the Remrd Office, we have a five by seven print we will give h:m.

## Few Floats

## GARDEN TIME

## Entering Parade

By: M. E. GARDNER What do you look for when selecting a Chrstmas tree? Which species do you like best? Do you prefer a North Carolina grown tree or an imported one? First, what do you look for when selecting a tree? Perhaps the first thing you should look for is freshness. Many trees are cut too soon and transported long distances to market. Fre quently the leaves have dried out and are shedding before you buy it. Such handling lowers both the quality and color of the plant. Fragrance is also reduced.
Which species do you like best? The Red Cedar has been a favorite for many, many years and still is It man mears the coastal Plains grown from Piedmont Diains through the Piedmont. Due to the natural compact habit of growth, it re qu res little or no sheering. The fragrance is excellent. It should be used fresh as it has a tendency to dry quickly after cutting - probably best adapted for local retail sales.
Other speces adapted to North Carolina are: Fraser Fir, White Pine, Scotch Pine, and Norway Spruce. Of these species, Fraser Fir and White Pine are presently the most import ant for commercial production in the mountains of Western Carol ina.
Fraser Fir has good color, pleasing fragrance, strong branches and excellent needle holding tability. It 1 kes the cool envirnnment provided by the higher elevations and prefers a moist soil.
White Pine is a rap'd grower has good shape and flexible branches. It requires proper shearing to produce a ermpact tree. The color is good and the prpularity of this species is on the increase.
As I reported to you earlier, the growing of Christmas trees in North Camplina has developed into a full-fledfed enterprize backed by a libely Christmas

Tree Association. While the industry is small, in comparison it has an excellent potential and will grow as our people support it.

According to L. A. Hampton, forest management extension iorest management extension
specialist, approximately one millien trees are used in North Carolina homes each year, with is per cent of this number imported from Maine and other ported from Main
prnduc'ng areas. prnducing areas.
So you can see the opportunity we have to support a home industry. Ask fir North Carolina grown Christmas trees to rimhten the Yule season for you and yours.

The Merchants Association, Sponsors of the December 2nd pointed at small are disapploats being entered. It is hoped that additional floats will be adthat additional floats will be ad-
ded parade may be slightly ded. The parade may be slightly
short on floats, but long on other short on floats, but long on other attract.ons. The Color Guard with 18 men - of Co. A, 518th Army Reserve Unit of Burnsville, Commanded by Captain Harold Wood of Mars Hill, will add greatly to the occasion. Heretofore colors have been carried either by the Boy Scouts, or by horseback riders. The appearance of the Color Guard of the Reserve Unit will be an added attraction.


