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## Scene From Top O' The Hill

By: Jack Kelly

I had expected to write a column on politics, just for a change, this week but the visiting season opened a bit early on the Hill. Our son J.J. (short for John Joseph Patrick) came down for a visit and brought his girl along — name of Sheila Fallon. This gal is okay. I reserved opinion until my neighbor and confidante Ransom Higgins and I held a consultation on her. We agreed she is a right pert filly with a good disposition. Ransom sort of smoked her over better than I did because on Sunday he took J.J., Sheila, and my wife Blanche in his jeep and drove them up to the fire tower. Somehow or other, he neglected to ask me and Lizzie to accompany him. Possibly we would have crowded the car or, more likely, cramped his style.

Thus far, Sheila and J. J. have proven to be fine visitors. Not obnoxious at all. For the first three days, I didn't have to put even one "X" underneath either one of their names because neither one of them made any suggestions about what I should have done about the Hill house. I think Ransom saved Sheila once though. She got a look on her face that sort of showed she might be going to make a suggestion and Ransom yelled "Snake!" and by the time that gal settled down, I guess she forgot about it.

On the trip they took to the Fire Tower, a black-snake, not quite eleven foot long, made an appearance and J.J., being city-bred, would have tried to kill it except Ransom had presence of mind enough to trip him as he slashed at it. Snake wriggled away.

As I mentioned earlier, Ransom left me and Lizzie in Town when he took the kids and Blanche on the Tower tour. However, he left Lizzie at Monk and Maud's and me on my part of the Hill. While he was gone, my dog "Hobo" ambled up and asked me what I thought of the "situation" now. I knew he meant the political scene so I didn't waste any time, and we got into it.

Hobo assures me that there is no truth in the rumor that LBJ is using Humphrey for a stalking horse or a pace-setter. He says lots of stuff will be written about Papa Lyndon trying to get Bobby and Happy Hubert into a Mexican-standoff so that the Delegates will grab up an LBJ banner and triumphantly nominate him again, but, according to Hobo, that will not happen. He claims that, as of now, Kennedy will beat out McCarthy and Humphrey because poor Hubert has to follow the Johnson-line and

whether he likes it or not, he can't ignore the fact that the riots were a product of the Johnson Administration and the other opponent, McCarthy, will run out of steam even before the California Primary and will then plump for Humphrey. Hobo stated confidentially that McCarthy won't actually run out of steam because he never really got up a full head of it. As to Bobby personally, Hobo is inclined to think that brother Kennedy may make a tour through the Southland munching on corn-pone and grits and giving full credit to Southern cooking for his virility and seven of his eleven kids. The other four, according to Hobo, he will credit to New York food so as to keep his Senate-seat safe there in the unlikely event the Country should swing for the you-know-what Party.

Talking generally, Hobo said that what North Carolina needs right now is lots of Federal money and that it can not get it by riding with a loser. He

says that right now you can't find many Kennedy adherents around the State, except in the upper echelon of politicians, but when the band-wagon gets rolling then the Court House gossip will change and various good points about Kennedy will be unveiled and mayhap even Terry Sanford will be mentioned as a running mate. Then, with Federal money assured, the Tar Heel State will roll along with the Kennedy wagon. At this point, I thought I could trip Hobo since he had previously mentioned a Texan as Bobby's Veep. I didn't ruffle him at all. He said North Carolina would have more effect on the South as a group of States than would Texas and that Bobby had learned that since Hobo had made his original claim. Politics is subject to change, I gathered.

Hobo claims the Wallace situation has worsened for Wallace and the Republicans because the new Governor just might break away from old George and bring Alabama back into the Union. If he does, Alabama will save lots of money by not having to finance its favorite son's political chase about the Country. Then the Out-and-out Wallaceites will vote hard and often and will draw from the vote total that the Republican Candidate might have received in the various Southern and Eastern States. We concluded our talk with his assurance that Roy Taylor will have an easier time this election for his Congressional seat than he did two years ago. Hobo thinks the world of Mister Taylor and told me to get out and work for him and swore he would bite me if Roy didn't win big.

## IT NEVER FAILS

BICKLEY AND PICKLEY ARE TRYING TO PASS EACH OTHER ON THE SIDE-WALK BUT JUST CAN'T GET THEIR SIGNALS STRAIGHT... THEY DODGE FROM SIDE TO SIDE TOGETHER... IT'S STARTING TO LOOK A NEW KIND OF FAN DANCE!!



BUT, AH!! THEY BOTH MAKE UP THEIR MINDS... TO GO FORWARD AT THE SAME TIME, ON THE SAME SIDE... IT NEVER FAILS!!



## Plans For County-Wide Garbage Disposal

We hope and believe that a county-wide garbage and refuse collection will soon be a reality for all home owners in Yancey County. This means that we hope to see every family in Yancey County willingly participating in this much needed program which will no doubt prevent many diseases, as well as make your homes and places of business more attractive.

A truck will come to your home once each week and pick up your garbage. All garbage and other waste must be kept in regulation type garbage cans with lids, and the lids must be kept on the cans. The cans must not be larger than 20 gallon size. Oil barrels, boxes, etc. will not be considered.

For the average size home, the cost to you will be \$2.00 per month. The cost by law ranges from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per month. You, the home owner, are to pay the man who picks up the garbage. The county is not responsible for garbage pick-up money.

No one is allowed to go into this business unless he holds a valid permit signed by the County Commissioners.

Whether you participate in this program or not you are to keep your garbage in cans with lids, and dispose of it in a manner that is acceptable to the Health Department and no one can do this for the small sum of \$2 per month.

This much needed project will help the citizens of Yancey County in many ways such as attracting tourists, causing industrial executives to want to locate plants in the county, causing retired couples and many others to want to purchase homes or land in Yancey County, and it will go a long way toward cleaning up our beautiful streams.

District Health Department, Jake F. Buckner, R. S. District Sanitation.

PICK - UP  
PAINT - UP  
PATCH - UP

## Mrs. Jelley To Be Commended For Work At Burnsville School

During the greater part of this school year, the Burnsville Elementary P.T.A. has sponsored token music classes in the school. Mrs. Lillian Jelley has been giving instruction to the third through sixth grades for two hours per week, which means that each grade received one-half hour instruction a week. Last Thursday the third and fourth grades gave a program of chorus music which was attended by a number of parents, teachers and children. It was the opinion of all who were privileged to listen to these children "sing out", that if they could put on a performance that thrilled everyone

present with only one-half hour training per week, it was just too bad the Yancey County schools could not have a regular curriculum of public school music. You would go far to find a more talented group of children than are to be found in the county, and it is just too bad they cannot be given the necessary training in public school music to realize their full potential.

Mrs. Jelley is to be commended for the fine work she has done with these children, and the Burnsville Elementary P. T. A. should be given a vote of thanks for making this small beginning in the school.

## How Much Rubbish Have You Collected?

In Tuesday's (May 14) Asheville Citizen, columnist Sylvia Porter reported that, "The U. S. population as a whole now discards a staggering 440,000 tons of rubbish EVERY DAY and 160,000,000 tons EVERY YEAR.

If yours is an "average" family", she reported, "you throw out about 20 pounds of vegetable parings, beer cans, soda bottles and other rubbish EVERY DAY."

If any "average" family in Burnsville or in Yancey County has allowed this quantity of rubbish to accumulate since last spring's CLEAN-UP campaign then you now have a staggering pile of 7,300 pounds

or 3.65 tons of rubbish on your premises!

In last week's Yancey Record all men and women and boys and girls were urged to cooperate in this month's CLEAN-UP effort, including also the breaking of the bad habit of littering our streets, walks, and roadsides with paper cups, cans, bottles and wrappings.

Won't you join whole heartedly in the daily campaign to keep Burnsville and Yancey County CLEAN and thus restore the natural beauty of our YOUR town and county? We can all then have REAL PRIDE in being a citizen of Burnsville and Yancey County.

## CHUCKLE CORNER



HUBBY AND I NEVER QUARREL! I ALWAYS LET HIM HAVE MY WAY!!