

Kidd Brewer's "RALEIGH ROUNDUP"

DENNIS DAY . . . We exchange Christmas cards with a lot of folks, and we receive some very interesting ones, but none are more interesting than the one we get each year from Dennis Day.

Dennis of the Jack Benny radio and television programs is known to millions as the brash young man with the million dollar voice. Yours truly served with him in the navy out in the South Pacific during world War Two. Shortly after the war we visited Dennis and his wife Peggy in Hollywood. Peggy gave birth to the first child, during our visit. They named him Patrick. Each year since our visit we have received a Christmas card from Dennis and Peggy and every year or so a new name is added to the card. First it was Dennis and Peggy. Then it was Dennis, Peggy and Patrick. Next it was Dennis, Peggy, Patrick and Dennis. The list kept getting longer and longer as the years passed.

This year the card was signed, Dennis, Peggy, Patrick, Dennis, Michael, Margaret, Eileen, Paul, Thomas and Mary Kate.

One of these days Dennis and Peggy may start one of the "family shows" on television. They certainly have the family with which to do it.

SAM J. ERVIN, JR. . . . The best guess among political observers around Raleigh is that U. S. Senator Sam Ervin will have no major opposition for the Democratic nomination for another term in the Senate. Senator Ervin is not the type man who creates opposition. He does a good job of keeping his political fences mended. He does this by doing his job in the Senate and by keeping in touch with the folks back home.

Senator Sam has an able staff headed by Jack Spain and they look after the home folks who write or who come to Washington for help. From here it looks like a Happy New Year for Senator Ervin.

PLAY FOR PAY . . . With two national football leagues bidding for

the services of the graduating college football stars, it has reached the point where the grades made on the gridiron are as important as those made in the classroom. The salaries being paid for the services of the star players today by the Pro teams make it a very lucrative business.

Some of the top players get ten to fifteen thousand dollars a year—and keep in mind that they play only about three months out of the year. The rest of the time these players are free to take other jobs, which they can continue in full time after their playing days are over.

Before Pro Football became lucrative the college stars usually looked forward to getting a coaching job when they graduated. They usually had to start in a high school and hope that later they would get a chance to get on the coaching staff of some college by developing some good high school teams. Speaking of high school coaching jobs, a lot of the coaches in the small high schools of North Carolina are making more money, due to local subsidies, than are the coaches of some of the larger high schools.

We heard recently about a coach in one of the smaller towns of the state being contacted regarding the coaching job in one of the largest towns in the state—and it was found that the coach in the small town would have to take a two thousand dollar cut in salary in order to make the change. He didn't do it.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS . . . A lot of folks we know make New Year Resolutions each year without any serious intent of keeping them. One of them put it this way, "It gives me something to put off doing during the first few weeks of the New Year."

We know one fellow who last year kept his resolution to stop smoking. "This year," he says, "I have made a resolution to lose the twenty five pounds I gained from over eating while keeping

Other Editors Say...

Gardyloo!

Civilization has changed since the days when a shout of "gardlyoo" from an Edinburgh window warned the passerby to scurry before a deluge of dishwasher or worse was tossed into the most convenient waste disposal facility—the street.

Now, in the United States, "City A" shouts "gardlyoo" to "City B" and dumps tons of domestic and industrial waste into the river from which City B gets it drinking water. Lately modern technology has begun tossing a newer type of pollutant into the nation's streams. Usually the first inkling that something alien is coming through the kitchen tap comes in the form of a foamy "head" on the householder's glass of water.

from smoking. **MISSING . . .** The past year has seen a new list of names in the press. This is always true in the case of changing political administrations. Still we miss seeing names such as Bill Rogers, former Highway Chief Engineer, Ben Douglas, former Director of Conservation and Development, and many many others too numerous to mention.

Chemical wastes, especially detergents—and these enter water supplies through kitchen as well as industrial drains—constitute this new ingredient. Little is now known about the ultimate effect of the presence of these substances in water supplies.

The American Public Health Service armed with new powers and new funds granted by the last session of Congress, is embarked on an encouraging program to speed building of sewage treatment plants.

But many chemical wastes—and this is especially true of detergents—are not affected by present methods of treatment. Additional money for research, provided in 1961 legislation, will enable the PHS to push for a solution to this problem.

Industries, most of which are not shirking their responsibility, are conducting private research on methods of control.

Where wanton disregard of pub-

lic welfare is apparent, the power exists, and should be used, to bring offenders to account. Where the problem is lack-of knowledge, not irresponsibility, the parallel efforts of government and industry promise ultimate solution. — **Christian Science Monitor.**



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