

Sen. Jordan Says:

WASHINGTON — One of the most serious problems facing the United States today centers around the testing of nuclear weapons. In recent months, scientists have been all of us reason to be deeply concerned about the effects of fallout and radiation are having—and will have in the future—on the health of human beings. It is true that there is a wide difference of professional opinion as to the extent of damage we are inflicting on ourselves as a result of continuing nuclear tests. Some scientists feel that we have already contaminated the atmosphere with dangerous amounts of radioactive material. Others feel that if the tests are continued, it will be only a short time before the danger will be passed.

Congress and the Federal governments are very much aware of the grave nature of the radiation problems and potentials. The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy is in the process of holding hearings to determine as nearly as possible the danger points. At the same time, the United States is making very serious efforts to reach a workable agreement with the United Kingdom and Soviet Russia to control all nuclear tests on a worldwide basis. Negotiations between the nuclear powers of the world have been going on for some time at Geneva. In a recent visit back home, United States Ambassador Wadsworth reported to the Senate Foreign Relations committee that prospects for an acceptable agreement are looking better than in the past.

I sincerely feel that both Communist and non-Communist nations must realize that no good end can come of continuing nuclear tests on an unlimited basis. Already we have developed the know how to virtually destroy the earth through nuclear weapons. This in itself is frightful, but just as important is the grim prospect of slowly destroying mankind with the by-products of unlimited testing.

We are dealing with unknowns that certainly have a great deal of effect on the future of the entire world. Consequently, I feel strongly that every effort must be made to

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WITH MOTHER'S DAY just around the corner (May 10), you'll probably be thinking up something nice to give her. Wouldn't she enjoy a kitchen extension phone—or one in her bedroom?

FOR THE FIRST TIME in recent years, Russia has released figures on the number of telephones in service there . . . a total of 3,558,000. Just for comparison, Southern Bell alone has over 6,400,000. Sounds like we do a lot of talking, doesn't it? But just think what life would be without our phones to run errands for us . . . carry good news . . . keep us in constant touch with our friends and loved ones.



Eighty pupils of the fourth grades of Swannanoa Elementary school presented in cantata form Longfellow's "The Childhood of Hiawatha" last Thursday night at the school. Ira B. Wilson composed music for their 13 songs which were accompanied by colored pictures projected on a screen. Classmates of the singers appeared in Indian costume in a tepee scene and served as ushers. Mrs. Ora Twiggs was in charge of settings; Mrs. Frances McKinney of costumes and projector; Miss Vergie Duncan, programs, ushers and special scene; Miss Carolyn Davidson was accompanist, and Mrs. Emily C. Smith, chorus director.

Mountain Musings

By Gene Byrd

Happy birthday to one of my very favorite people, Della Burnett Hurst, who achieved another milestone on April 13. There are so many wonderful things that I could say about Cousin Della that I want to save them for a complete article sometime in the future. I know that I join many admirers and friends of this lovely lady in offering felicitations on the occasion.

Also, somewhat belatedly, I want to offer birthday greetings to Fred M. Burnett who "marked up another one" in March. This robust, virile son of that great old Confederate, "Fate" Burnett, seems to have long ago found that "Fountain of Youth" that I accused Gordon Burnett and Albert Cordell of seeking on their recent Florida jaunt. Our visits in the sweet fellowship of the Ridgecrest home of this wonderful brother-sister combination and Cousin Fred's charming wife, Ann, are highlights for me and my family.

Among the Missing
Speaking of the Burnetts, I wonder how many of my readers peruse the Sunday feature in the Asheville Citizen called "Hilarity From the Hills" by Julia Chase Hastings. In her last column she related an anecdote about an old mountaineer by the name of Si Burnett that sounded very much like the famous "groundhog" story of Alexander "Alec" Burnett and an Old Fort business man. "Alec" Burnett was the father of Henry Burnett, who married my aunt, Annie Daugherty. Uncle Henry went to school at the old Farm school and was almost a wizard in math. Since his death a few years back, his keen wit, kindly friendliness and bubbling sense of humor are greatly missed.

I want to extend my sincere sympathy to the Blair family in the loss of their father and husband. Mr. Blair had been a stand-out on the economic scene in Black Mountain for many years. He will be greatly missed. I had the joy of teaching all three of the Blair children (doesn't seem as if they should be grown), and I happen to be mighty fond of both the son-in-laws.

Melancholy Happening
The accidental death of Harvey Melton added to the total of melancholy happenings in the Valley. I have learned so many good things about the gentle and quiet man during the last days. One neighbor said, "He was the best man I have ever known." A student at school remarked with sadness how Mr. Melton had worked with the Junior Order and how well he could cook. I felt close to this man because of his children and his kindness to my aunt. I felt honored to participate in the lovely and solemn last rites held on Thursday in the First Baptist church. Everything seemed to be attuned to a feeling of peace and sublimity. The association with

church that burned about 1940 and over, Brother Hagler said, "Well, was replaced by the little stone edifice, such a lovely little church, and that was torn down by the city of Asheville when the dam was constructed. It seems only yesterday that Mack and his lovely wife, Ruth, were being united in holy matrimony in an outdoor setting at the Summey home. Ottis J. Hagler was the officiating minister. I was the best man. I learned that one very valuable lesson at this part of the ceremony; so have no wedding. When the ceremony was over, Brother Hagler said, "Well, it's the custom for the preacher and the best man to kiss the bride." Forthwith he did, and . . . well I have great respect for tradition. I guess the Lord was looking after Mack's interests. Brother Hagler and I came down with heavy colds, and I don't reckon Mack has ever been bothered. After I became a preacher, I found that my book didn't include that part of the ceremony; so have no fear, prospective brides and grooms

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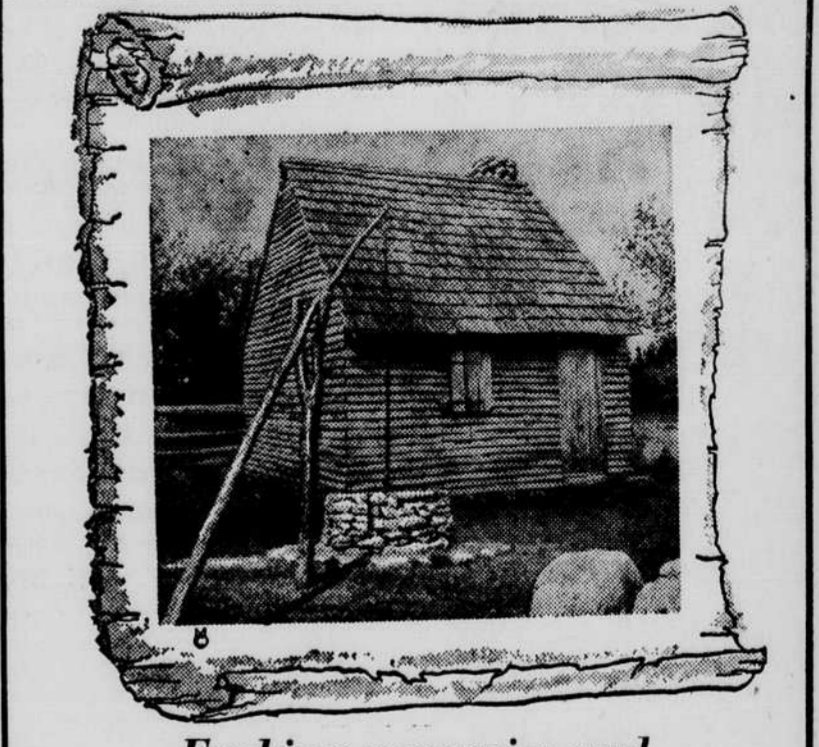
Gaithersburg, Md. . . . A new way to preserve farm silage was shown here recently to enthusiastic U.S. Department of Agriculture farm experts and foreign government viewers.

This was an all-plastic silo developed by Rutgers University and Bakelite Company. The demonstration showed how farmers can meet rising equipment and feed costs through a portable plastic silo, available in 40 and 80 ton capacities, offer many advantages. There is little spoilage because the carbon dioxide readily escapes—and the air is excluded. The silo can be located anywhere — and extra ones set up as you need them.

The completed structure looks like a giant wedding cake. It can also be constructed with steel fencing in the shape of a cylinder. Both types of construction were shown at the demonstration, which included E. L. Peterson, Assistant Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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