

Mountain Musings

Maybe You Can Go Home Again
 Today, for the first time in four years, I went back to North Fork to the Mountain View Baptist church for Homecoming. After holding the morning services in the Lakewood Baptist church and eating lunch at home, Mrs. Byrd, Judy, Jackie and I drove out the road we have traveled so many times.

When we reached the church, the afternoon services were in progress. Presiding masterfully and sentimentally was Cousin Mac Burnett. No one else could give things quite the touch this gentle-

man does. I got hold of a Broadman Hymnal that the Stanley Busses of Vero Beach, Fla., had presented the church a long time back and in which I had printed in my large rambling hand, "Property of Mountain View Baptist Church."

The selection of hymns was good. Each one brought back memories and conveyed great spiritual messages. The strains of "When We All Get To Heaven, Washed In the Blood of the Lamb and others of the great old hymns swelled over the peaceful green valley of the North Fork.

The special music by the Sheriff's quartet was unusually good. The day was made more complete by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shope who sang a lovely duet. Judy remarked to me that her first memory of the church was of the Homecoming when she was carrying some of the beautiful flowers to place on his grave.

Cousin Mac and the Rev. Robert Clayton said some very nice things about my contributions to the church in the past. It's a wonder my ego didn't overcome me with such encouragement; in stead I was made to feel most humble.

To conclude the services, the congregation sang Bless Be The Tie and then as only North Fork can sing it, God Be With You. In an atmosphere tingling with sweet and mixed emotions, the fine young pastor pronounced the benediction and another Homecoming had passed into history.

So many friends greeted us that I would not attempt to



The Ricketts family will be among the artists at the Indian Fair which began Oct. 6. Little Miss Freida Ricketts will dance. Her aunt and uncle, Juliette and Romeo Ricketts, will appear on the program in several song and dance numbers. Romeo also plays the guitar. Their mother, Mrs. Catherine Colvin, will accompany them on the piano. They were invited by the master of ceremonies.

We Salute --

We Salute YOU on Your Birthday!

Oct. 9—Mrs. Mack Bartlett, Mrs. A. M. McCoy, Robert Harvey, Dexter Morgan, Pearl Perkins, Reid T. Johnson, Ray Kilby, Martha Jenkins, Mrs. L. W. Kilby, Bobby Bennett, Barbara Mahoney.

Oct. 10—Mrs. Helen Hamilton, Mrs. C. G. Reed, Dr. F. G. Grogg, Clyde Gray, Grover Brookshire, I. T. Brooks, Chester Miller, John Reese, Earl Jolly, B. H. Chandler, the Morrises and others as they worked here. Likewise others had done a great deal since I had left this place. Outside one could behold the artistic rock work of Ransie Williams. I've often heard the expression, "If these walls could talk," and I can understand a part of what they say.

Too Much Kick
 I journeyed down to see the Owen Warhorses engage the Reynolds team on Friday last. It was a beautiful evening, the new scoreboard, the bright lights, our fine band and majorettes, the gay crowd combined to make quite a spectacle. Our team lost by the margin of one touchdown, and the difference between the two teams was Reynold's skillful use of the quick kick which time and time again set the Warhorses back on their heels.

It made some of us think of the great Duke team in the late thirties that used the booming punts of Eric Tipton and a rock ribbed defense to defeat the outstanding teams of the nation. This boy Stroup from Reynolds boomed out some fine kicks. (Some of them made me think of the heyday of Charlie Reese, Gene Hughey and Ben Murrell.)

Bee Tree News

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(Thursday, October 1, 1959)
 The past week has been very lonely for us. Mother passed away Sunday, Sept. 20. Since everyone knows it is hard to give up our loved ones but God has given her to us for many years, and I feel she is at rest. It leaves a vacancy in our home that no one else can fill.

Little Letha Howie fell Sunday and skinned her face. Doyle Howie and family, and his mother and dad went to Crazy Gardens Sunday. It was so pretty until the fog came down. We didn't go on to the top.

We came back down Ivy to Guy Hensley's. Didn't find any one at home so we went on. Doyle's dad and mother-in-laws and spent a while and then out to Fairview to Loyn Howies and had supper. Returned home around 7:30.

Jackie Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clay of Longs Branch, wrecked his car on Bee Tree highway Saturday, just above Mr. Webb's. His car was a complete loss but he was unhurt except for scratches and bruises.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howie and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Howie visited the Elmore Burnetts last Wednesday. Mrs. Burnett is not very well and Uncle Elmore is still in declining health.

Mr. and Mrs. James Howie and children visited Mrs. Howie's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Murley Williams, at Burnsville Sunday. Mr. Williams had a car wreck last week but was unhurt. The truck he was driving was damaged.

Aunt Carrie Shope of Bee Tree road is still in declining health.

We wish to thank all the folks who were so nice to us when Mother passed away.

Mrs. Gertrude Howie of Longs Branch has been very sick this past week.

MRS. PERNA HONORED WITH STORK SHOWER

Mrs. James Perna of Charleston, S. C., the former Miss Nell Goughly of Black Mountain, was honored with a stork shower at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. O. Goughly, with Mrs. J. P. Goughly and Mrs. Bruce Hammond serving as hostesses, Saturday evening, Oct. 3.

During the party games were played and refreshments served.

Those present were Mrs. Winston Riddle, Mrs. S. P. Riddle, Mrs. Jessie Shore, Margaret Shore, Mrs. Wayne Rayburn, Ray Rayburn, Mrs. Viola Cressman, Mrs. Maud Swann, Mrs. Neil Bartlett, Mrs. Grace Patton, Mrs. Cordell Nanney, Mrs. Edwin McCall, Mrs. Freeman McCall,

Mrs. William Rhodes, Mrs. Cline Jordan, Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, Mrs. Blanche Slagle, Mrs. Vince Church, Mrs. Ruth Duckworth, Mrs. Lois Hipps, Mrs. Vernon Elliott, Ann Elliott, and Mrs. Lucille Allen.

The Pernas wish to express their deepest appreciation to their friends for the kindness shown them during their week end visit here.

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by
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