

Mountain Musings

by Gene Byrd

Lush, Lovely August
 August, the most opulent of months is here. August is a sensuous season of ripening fruits and impending harvest. If a man's life were reckoned in accordance with the months of the year, August would be the prime of life. August, like other months, brings to us memories of life and love of births and deaths, joys and sorrows.
 The birthstone for this month is, I believe, the Sardonyx which represents conjugal bliss. August is a good month for marriages.
 People whose birth dates lie between July 22 and August 21 are said to be under the sign of Leo, the Lion, a fiery barren sign that rules the heart, blood and nerves.
 According to one horoscope, persons born at this time usually manifest superior power in whatever direction their minds lead them. Leo people are warned to avoid excesses of all kinds, and should choose

mental rather than muscular work, or those kinds requiring sprightliness than strength.
 Sunday is the lucky day for you folks and your best month is said to be either January or October.
 August must have been a good month for Mama and Papa. Their three sweet daughters were born in August and I want to wish each of them many more happy birthdays.
 As I grow older, I realize more and more how much I am indebted to each of my sisters.
 Another thing, Dog Days are slated to end August 11. Old timers, who have been desirous of "hay-curing" weather will welcome this. It has been raining pretty constantly at that. I believe Dog Days are supposed to have started in July 3.
 Modern mountaineers may not be superstitious, but they

do pay pretty close attention to the ideas handed down from their pioneer forefathers.
Crane of Scenery:
 Frank Byrd created complications when he erected two lovely homes on the lots just below our home, the Byrd's Nest, on the Montreat Road. People who have not visited us in the past year or so and who remember a vacant field next to us blithely buzz past our home and reach the Montreat Gate ere they realize something is amiss and retrace their steps.
 The latest of our guests, Jewel's brother, Dr. B. L. Hallman and his family of Atlanta made this mistake last evening.
 "Brother" has a charming family, and how I like to hear that man talk. His conversation opens up fields that I do not ordinarily hear discussed. How wonderful it is that God gave man the ability to communicate with his fellows.
 One of the most interesting topics that was brought forth in our "rocking chair conference" was the importance of the role of psychiatry in modern life.
 It was most heartening to hear the good doctor relate the advances that have been made in treatment of mental disease.

It seems there is a tremendous demand for psychiatrists and great opportunities as well.
 I could feel a deep interest building up in my son, Bobby, as the talk continued. Who knows?
 It would be easy for my Depression nurtured generation to be almost envious of the opportunities confronting the youth of today.
 (Sometimes I have more than a sneaking suspicion that I didn't do as I should with the opportunities that were afforded me.)
The Ada Burnett Rocker:
 A stately rocker occupies a place of honor in our living room.
 It was bequeathed to me by my much loved Cousin Ada Burnett because "it suits you, Gene."
 This very comfortable chair is sometimes a bone of contention in the family almost with disastrous results on occasion.
 So many of the young people that have visited us have commented on the restfulness of the chair.
 Last evening as "Brother" sat in this historic chair, we told him the story connected with our acquisition of it, Ada's love and the kindness of Haywood and Adanett.
 "When you make your will, 'quoth he' I'd like to have

this."
Water From Home:
 I particularly miss my sweet cousin at this season of the year. I think of the annual pilgrimage that Della and I would make to the Trotter home in West Asheville, the
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LIB'S PEEKIN'

(From Page 3)

Smart, and Miss Judy Hamill of Asheville, and Miss Hatsy Tillinghast, Miss Rowie Tillinghast, and Miss Barbara West of Weaverville. These young ladies participated in the horse show last week end.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Woodward, Jr. and son Steven of Jackson, Miss., are guests of Mrs. S. L. Woodward, Sr., at her home on Montreat road. Their daughter Candice is at Camp Merri-Mac.
 Miss Mattie Hendon, a native of Walterboro, S. C., is spending the month of August at Christmount in the apartment of Mrs. Lee H. Moore.
 Mrs. G. A. Wall spent last week in Jacksonville, Fla., visiting her sisters and other relatives.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Perkins and son Gary visited Mrs. Perkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Johnson at Toe Cane last Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marler and children, Michael and Susan, left last Saturday to visit relatives in Wisconsin.
 W. E. McDougle of Charlotte, a former resident, is spending some time here visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Hamby and other relatives.
 Mrs. Jewel Abernathy of Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Estelle Crossfield and Mrs. Rosabel Jones of Griffin, Ga., were guests in the home of Mrs. Lee H. Moore last week while attending a Christmount conference.



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