

Grover News

by Jackie Rountree

Today is July 31, 1972. Joe jumped into married joy a year ago already. He and Cindy jumped by for a little visit Saturday so we could share in Cindy's birthday joys which began Friday. Karen and I hit the trail early Saturday A.M. for Camp Grier to return with Holly and Vicki. Travis Smith returned with Janet and Ann. Ann had got sick; been hit in the eye with a boat paddle; had been practically washed out--but guess who is back up there for another two weeks of Wilderness Adventure! Moses would be proud of them. We're still listening to glowing accounts of the fire, the food, the flu, the counselors, the crowd, the canoe, the rain and roof, tent and toll, our group, the discussions, next year, etc. We haven't decided which are the woes and which are the joys. It took both to make the other. I keep hearing them sing the theme from Godspell--Day by Day. I get the feeling some of them think this is a new theme. It's a recorded prayer of St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester (1197----1253). It goes: O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly; for Thine Own Sake-- Amen. It has been set to music and used as a closing exhortation since at least 1931. The newness is the current tune and tempo. Let's hope we all join in making this joyful noise unto The Lord. We'll all be in for a Real Adventure--Day by Day.

Last Monday Morning at 7:45, Jaquitha, Jenny, Jonathan and I left Jake's Branch, and at 10:45 drove up in front of Meredith Woods Manor in Raleigh. Even two years ago I knew when I was near Concord, Salisbury, High Point, Greensboro, Burlington; but not now. We by - passed everything from K.M. to there--where we visited some more J. Reids, John, Joanne, Jimmy, and Jeff. That evening I went from Jackie to Jeanette; and until Wednesday participated in the most jolly, joyful re-run of four years I could have dared hoped for. I stayed two nights with The Jim Curries, Jim, Spruill and Mary Virginia. I hadn't seen Spruill in 17 years. It could have been the week before. She's one of the few people I've know who has a place for everything and keeps it there--even the cat. While she was at work at The N.C. Museum of History and State Historic Sites, I got together with Estelle Rogers Hunter who is a dietitian at Rex Hospital. As soon as she could make a deal with Farmers' Market for a load of watermelons, she and I took off for Roseboro to find our other roommate, Edna Earl Watson. Earle and Allen, their neice, and 3 adult daughters had just come in from a 10 day camping spree at Nag's Head. If they had a place for anything, nothing was in it. But, the college crowd seemed right back in place, and it was a truly, truly time of jollity and joy. With such a span of years, you'd think indifference and unconcern would have set in, but just the opposite is true. There are so many joys and hopes and dreams to share and anticipate; and to compare with the ones we had thirty or so years ago. We're all still hoping and dreaming and anticipating--grand kids included. Estelle's father had been buried Saturday. We could rejoice with her in having a father about longer than the rest of us. He was 89. Yet we know what an emptiness a daddy's going is, and we could be sympathetic. When we graduated in 1940, I can remember it seemed a little like funeral exercises as well as graduation. I couldn't conceive of life being so centered around these particular people for four full years, and then just coming to an end. Even though we've seen each other only once and twice since then, nothing came to an end. It was more than marvelous how we could just take up where we left off. I just know we experienced a smidgen of Heaven. And it was all so renewing and youthifying. Instead of letting 30 years take its toll, we let 30 years just roll away. Remarkably so, everybody looked unaged--and without the aid of frostings, foundations, or face lifts. Everybody was pretty much on their own. I was the only one who wore glasses full time--and that's for convenience. I tried wearing them on a chain, but they got in my way every time there was somebody to hug.

All us Js left Raleigh early Wednesday. We let Joanne and her little Js out at Raeford to finish the week with her folks. Then we went on to Red Springs to visit a little while in The Malcolm Watson home.

A trip like this is a good way for a Mother J and Daughter J and Grand Js to get to visit each other. As soon as I got home Glenn and I began a peach hunt. Had to go nearly to Spartanburg to find enough for ice cream which we enjoyed after the Dixon choir practice Thursday Evening.

Speaking of peaches--Roy told me this morning he and Mary had been to Mr. L.D. Hardin's funeral yesterday. I was reminded of what a good time we would have at their peach place on old #29. We'd come from Winston-Salem to visit and Cap would delight in taking us all up to Archdale to the dairy and then to Hardin's for peaches. All the Hardins would come out and we'd make a festival out of a mere peaches purchase.

Other than my own, I haven't heard too much news. Just about everybody is either away or they just took Sunday off. Fannie was with her sister, Mae Gaston for the weekend. Lucille was visiting a cousin in Brevard. Lena and Preston was off on another jaunt. The Talleys were off on a loaf - with - relatives - week. The Crisps were in Mountville, S. C. for The Crisp Re-union, Come to The Flea Market in their backyard (Grover) Saturday, the 5th. Mrs. Youngblood said Betty was home and doing well except for a cold. Thelma's arm is better--unable to be out; out of the cast, that is.

Tony Batchler is home and progressing greatly. Lynn Wilson will have her tonsils out Friday at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte. Tom and Mae Humphries boarded a bus to Maine this morning to visit with old friends there. Joan and Gary Swart are looking for a place to live. Bubba is wondering where the shaggy went. Ginger's sister, Jeanie with her husband Junior Collins, their 3 sons and 2 daughters, came over for the weekend from Sylva where they are spending several weeks before returning to Belle Glade, Florida. A couple days of that many extra feet and sleeping bags can soon put shag to shab. Only family togetherness can compensate. Bible School begins August 7. Everybody is invited.

I was expecting to see Jean Francis looking pretty seedy after the experimental luncheon diet they are all on over at Cleveland Tech. She looked rather sunny and jolly though. Their lunch is a packet of sunflower seeds. Somebody has already lost 50 pounds.

Grover News has not been all in vain. I've had several delightful telephone chats as a result of something written and read. Got a letter too. Several thought Minnie was Frances, and I had a chance to tell some of them how very much ALIVE and joyful Frances is!

The calendar forces us to wind up July; but, gang, we must not wind up being jolly, joyful and jubilant. JOY is here to stay, and we all want our fair share. I was reading a Concordance and this is what it had about JOY.

Joy--In no other religion and in no other literature is joy so conspicuous as in Christianity and in the Bible. Physically and psychologically speaking, it is the criterion of health whereby all the powers and affections are enriched and harmonized. So in religion it denotes the satisfaction of the soul at attaining its desire; and Christianity stands firm so long as men who have it are invested with joy.

See what your dictionary has to say about joy too. I wouldn't begin to estimate the number of references and exhortations to joy there are in both The Old and New Testaments. I'm sure Jesus, Paul and The Psalmists had as much to say about JOY as any one other thing. Question One of the Catechism is: What is the chief and highest end of man? The Answer is: Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to ENJOY Him forever.

So let's jot down all our July Jollies and see how Highward we can jump for JOY right in to August.

The Kings Mountain Mirror can be purchased at Hardin's Grocery, Renn's Cafe and Shorty's Cigo.

Decoupage Classes Set

Anyone interested in enrolling in an advanced Decoupage Class is urged to call the Community Center - 739-3549 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mrs. Alice Johnson will be the instructor for these classes which will be held each Thursday from 6:30 'til 9:30 p.m. beginning August 17th, 1972.



Film crew positions lights and sound equipment outside Four Fellows headquarters on Wattersson Street which serves as a set for some of the interior shots. At left is Reb Wiesener, at right Pete Floyd, both members of the company (Mirror Photo)

Grover Squad Answers 5 Calls

The Grover Rescue Squad was kept busy last week answering a total of five calls. On the 24th the squad delivered oxygen to a home in Blacksburg.

On the 25th the squad was dispatched for an O. B. to

Cherokee County Hospital.

Two calls on the 26th included covering a wreck on I-85 in South Carolina, right outside Grover and they also brought a patient home from the Cherokee County Hospital that day.

On the 29th they covered an auto accident on U.S. 29 south of Grover.

Two members of the Grover Rescue Squad attended an area 7 meeting in Troy, North Carolina Sunday.

Bethlehem Baptist Church will observe Homecoming on this Sunday, August 6. All former members, pastors and all friends are invited.

Regular morning services will be conducted with dinner on the grounds.

Rev. Russell Flitts, pastor, will bring the message.

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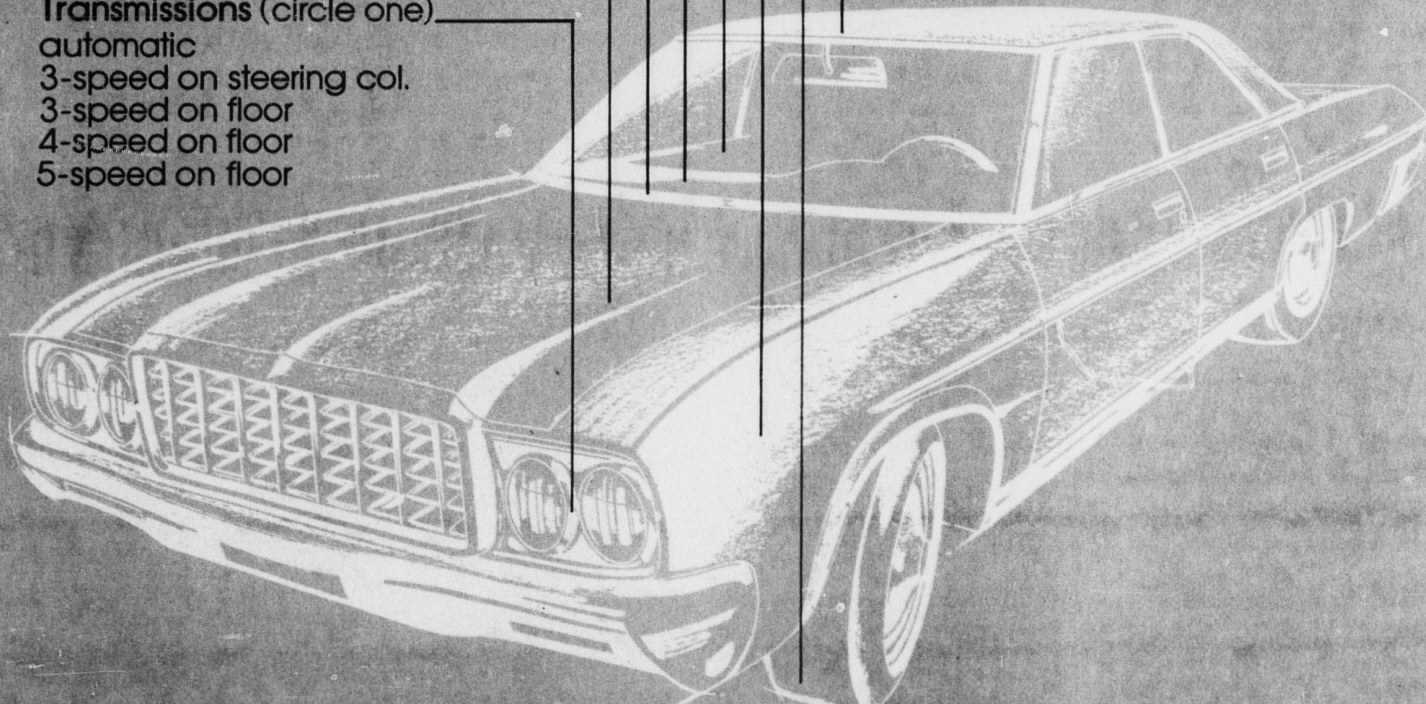
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