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How 'Appalachia Got That away'

(From Hereabouts--The Jefferson Reporter, Louisville, Ky.)

The following article appeared in the West Virginia Hillbilly, which, according to publishers Jim Comstock and Bronson McClung, is a "newspaper published weekly at Richwood for West Virginians in particular and hill-loving people everywhere. Judging from the success it enjoys there are a lot of hill lovers. It was written in response to a recent magazine spread on Appalachia. Comstock called it, simply:

'How Did We Get Thataway?'

"A couple of Associated Press fellows, Burl Osborn and Charles Lewis, took their typewriters in hand last week and asked Just How Did Appalachia Get This Way? and then went out and had a beer and forgot all about the question. Being PIlate, you might recall, asked a question something like this without expecting an answer, or sticking around to hear one and the answer still up in the air somewhere. That's what you call rhetorical questions. You just ask it, even if there isn't any plausible answer, and as nobody expects you to answer it, okay.

"But I am going to have a go at answering it for the simple reason I don't know of anybody better qualified. I won't say I have lived all my years in these hills, because I keep remembering an old codger, who, asked if he had lived all his life in a certain section, answered simply, "Not yit." I won't ad that because it does in a way suggest that I banker for greener pastures and leveler land elsewhere. Nor do I want to be like the slicker who said that he spent three weeks in Webster Springs one afternoon.

"The eleven-year-old town that I was born in some fifty years ago had a prostitute of amazing standing and openly lamented that she had been charitable to the extent of many thousand dollars before she knew that her wares had a negotiable value elsewhere. And that, I would say, while being possibly a rather indelicate analogy, pretty much answers Messrs. Osborn and Lewis's question.

"I, myself, was well grown before I knew that we were an impoverished people, and the only definition we had of poverty really was that it was an affliction that accompanied sickness and disability. Strangely enough I had grown up and gone to college and returned to my town to teach in the high school before I ever associated strong drink with the poverty that was one with sickness and disability.

"Where in my growing days I had never heard of a family being neglected for strong drink, I can now go through the hills about me and point out scores. In my neighborhood of Hickle Mountain, I only knew of one family that needed help. The father was flat on his back with TB, as we called his affliction, and my father, I remember, passed the hat among the neighbors, and on Saturdays, we children of the neighborhood took turns at carrying them groceries. I remember Mrs. Russell ruffled the austerity of my father by slipping in a can of syrup. "The children like a little homemade candy," she explained. The last boxes of groceries that we took late in the spring contained garden seeds.

"In the town was a Community House, patterned after something that the wife of one of the lumber mill bosses know about from without, but it didn't go, People would rather starve than be seen going there for alms, and it became a library, and soon closed. We lived in a compact little world all our own and the only way out was the B&O passenger, and little of the outside world other than the nightly Clarksburg Telegram and the weekly drummers, got in. There was a clothes pin factory, a handle factory, papermill, lumber mill and tannery. The Tannery paid the best wages if I remember as high as 55-cents an hour. But you had to be a beamer and that was an accomplishment few attained, The Big Mill paid 35-cents up and through my college years.

"THE OTHER DAY a man came to me with a hard luck story and wanted a loan. His family was starving, he told me. I asked him if he raised a garden last summer, and he replied that he didn't, Yet back in my town the days of my growing up, a garden, and usually a cow, and almost always a pig pen, were as much a part of a family's life as was the job of the paper mill, tannery or handle factory. Canning was a part of the domestic program, and in the summer the roads leading out of town were dotted with people going to and from the blackberry patch.

"There was hardly a home then but what had a winter potato hill back of the house and a cellar filled with summer grown vegetables for winter's eating. Some families managed out of $3.20 a day and a garden to send kids to college. Admittedly there weren't many who went, but I would say the proportion is about equal with today's.

"This was the life as I knew it in my town and countryside up until I went away to college in the early thirties. During these years, I lost contact, as I spent one year in summer school, and three of them working here and there to get money to help with tuition and books. I returned to my town to teach at a salary of $110 a month and now all my contacts were renewed, and the most appalling thing of my life was the change about me.

"Our 'forgotten' people were remembered by the Squire in the White House. Near my farm a CCC camp was being built. One of my old staunch farmer friends stopped one day and told me about it.

"'Go down there and see what's going on. And make it in just before dinner time. And when they give you that flat yeller thing with a hole in it, you eat it. It's good.'

"Sliced pineapple! the first he had seen or tasted. That, of course, was nothing but poverty, and of course ignorance, But he never knew, nor did he show it, being a robust man who could lift a wagon right off its springs. But he was learning, I saw that. He was learning to be at the CCC camp at meal time, and after a while he learned, as I observed later, to visit the kitchen and take some of the dainties home to his family.

"I was learning a few things too. For instance, I was learning that there were certain rasiscr insurmountable difficulties in keeping a family on $110 a month and only working nine months out of a year. I knew that something had to give, so I went in debt head over heels for a print shop that was up for sale. I moved it into the basement of the Cherry River National Bank. (My slogan 'My assets slightly under $2 million.')

"Across from me the government had opened up a room and stocked it with grapefruits and groceries and people were coming in and carrying the stuff away. Some even came in cars. One day the man in charge, a friend of mine, brought me a burlap half full of grapefruits.

"'Take these home,' he said. But I didn't. I might have. But these were my contemporaries, the children of the farmers that I grew up with who were coming for the stuff, and I just couldn't do it. Funny thing about it was that we needed the stuff dreadfully and the man sensed it I suppose, It was pride that held me back.

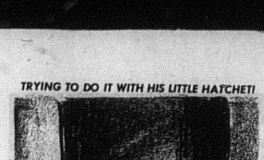
"A winter or so before, as a college student, I had taken a WPA job as janitor in one of the buildings on the campus, But then that was a bit of justification, or rationalization, I guess, in that I was doing something for the pay. And the grapefruits were out and out charity.

"But the spalling thing was that the sons of those who had helped the family of the TB man, were now being helped. They no longer kept a pig pen, or hoed a garden, or raised chickens. They had become enlightened. None of this, I know, is a decent answer to the Associate Press boys. All I know is that in those early days of our town nobody asked for help and nobody starved. Few had more than others because there was precious little to get.

"Today, a man's degree of poverty is measured in necessities he can't afford that weren't even on the market then, vacuum sweepers, dish washers, television sets and electric toothbrushes. One of the changes that I see, and risk being called a blue nose for it, is that there weren't so many of the unneeded necessities. Today we have a State Store on the corner and much of its patronage is made up of those who can't afford to send a kid to college.

"A smoking couple in a family, an almost unheard of thing in the days of my youth, today will spend as much in a week on cigarettes as I made in three days jerking hides out of the vats in the beamhouse at the tannery.

"I'll tell Mr. Osborn and Mr. Lewis precisely Just How Appalachia Got That Way. We have eaten of the fruit that Eve did, served by the same caterer, and learned of our nakedness. We didn't know we were impoverished, and underprivileged, until we were told, and we took to our beds from the shock of it and had to be fed through the veins. That's what happened to us."



TRYING TO DO IT WITH HIS LITTLE HATCHET!

Twenty and Forty-five Years Ago

Thursday, February 24, 1944

On Friday of this week, Feb. 25, the Carlisle Baptist Church will be 125 years old. This Friday afternoon at 3:00 the Community Program for the World Day of Prayers will be held at the church.

The annual 78th district basketball tournament will be held this year at Headquarters gymnasium with two games between Carlisle and Headquarters Friday night, March 3, at 7:30 o'clock.

It is reported by Boy Scouts that two buildings at Camp Black Hawk were destroyed by vandals some time during the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Curry, of Joliett, Ill., are guests of Mrs. Curry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gaunce. Mr. Curry expects to be inducted in the U. S. Army soon.

Married: Miss Annie Laurie Nixon and Marine Sergeant Paul Glenwood Hughes February 3, in the parsonage of the First Baptist church in Covington.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes a son, Friday, at the Johnson Memorial hospital. --To Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thompson a son, February 22, at the Johnson Memorial hospital. --To Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Whitaker, a girl, on Feb. 22. --To Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ring, a son. --To Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley a daughter, on February 22.

45 Years Ago

Ollie Brayfield purchases J. N. Robertson cottage on Sycamore.

James Mitchell buys R. C. King property on Main Street.

Dr. G. T. Cowan recently of the Dental Corps of the U. S. Army, purchases office equipment of the late Dr. J. B. Glenn and will open for business in same location.

Melvin Crum, keeper of the County Infirmary for many years, leaves for Florence, Ky.

Miss Lida Gardner, National Organizer for the Parent-Teachers Association, speaks at Paris in interest of organization.

Martin McCann sends German officer's helmet to his father, J. T. McCann, from Germany.

G. D. Goodwin in Carlisle with view to starting broom factory here.

R. Dean Squires, Superintendent of Carlisle Graded and High School for past eight years, resigns and will move to Ladoga, Ind., to engage in farming.

J. W. Howard and Albert Mathers attend Hardware Convention in Louisville.

Jim Will Martin purchases M. A. Glenn property on Chestnut street.

Cpl. William Anderson, of Camp Dix, N. J., visits parents Mr. and Mrs. Logan Anderson.

Mrs. Lillie Kennedy rents apartment at residence of Mrs. Kate Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ross will occup second floor at residence of Mr. John O'Connell next to Methodist church.

Births--To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hilander, a son. --To the wife of Ben Bowles, a son. --To Mr. and Mrs. Omer Calvert, a daughter. --To Mr. and Mrs. Everett McClure, of Sherburne, a son.

Married--Miss Martha Tinder ad Graham Young, of North Middletown. --Miss Lillian Jones, of Philadelphia, and Frank Laughlin, formerly of Carlisle.

Deaths--John W. Reid, of Moorefield; Mrs. Bruce Wagoner, 35, of influenza-pneumonia at her home near Jacktown; Mrs. Chas. B. Williams, Carlisle, after a six years illness; Robert Cole, 31, at Maysville; Johnnie O'Donnell, 34, son of Eugene and Mayme O'Donnell.

The Mercury-Nicholas County's Outstanding Picture Newspaper!

A Little Yappin'

By Nellie Crump

News of the Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cray Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall were in Louisville two days during the week for medical checkup of both men at the V.A. hospital. Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall stopped off in Frankfort for a weekend visit with their granddaughter, Mrs. Lyons and family.

Jerry Moran, of Maysville, has recently joined the U. S. Army. He is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moran (Pauline Frederick) formerly of Nicholas county. Dicky, the Moran's older son, married Christmas Day and lives in Maysville. How fast the little tots grow up!

—Yap—

Memories on Parade.

Today, February 17, is the 97th anniversary of my father's birth.

A Little Girl's Excuse.

Clara Reed Cropper, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cropper of Flemingsburg, believes in making excuses and invents some of her own. A few days ago her mother told her to pick up her toys. She did not do it — not then anyway. When told the second time she marched back and forth across the room with her hands on her hips and declared, "Well, I would, but I've lost my glasses." A poor excuse is better than none. The little tot is the granddaughter of my friend, Mrs. Esther Boggus, of Dorsey avenue.

—Yap—

Going My Way?

This story was recently told me by a truthful young man as far as I know. I do not know when, where, or if, it really happened, but there is a wonderful idea involved which might save your life, so I pass it on to you.

These two friends were traveling by automobile at night. One of them became very sleepy when they ran out of something to talk about. He climbed over in the back seat to take a little snooze, but napping was difficult because of an empty pop bottle rolling around on the floor of the car.

Suddenly, the car stopped and a hitch hiker was climbing in beside the driver. The sleepy guy in the back seat was unnoticed. A few miles away, he became aware that something was going on up front and that his friend was the victim of a holdup. Scarcely daring to breathe, he thought of the bottle. In less time than it takes to tell it, he was wide awake. One clammy hand had grasped the neck of the bottle! It came down with full force across the head of the would-be robber who had not figured that a "dozing wildcat" was trying to take his beauty nap on the seat back of a careless driver. It could happen to you.

Yaps—All . . .

SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS FORM TROOP HERE

A Senior Girl Scout troop is now meeting in the basement of the Nicholas County Courthouse at 10:00 on Saturday morning. They will welcome any girls interested in becoming scouts.

Senior girl scouts are from 15 to 18 years of age.

Farm & Home

Estil L. Noffsinger, County Agent; Thomas Stevens, Jr., Associate County Agent; Margie H. Wilson, Home Agent

Needed—Good Records

Few of us remember all the details about a farm business. An organized system of recording facts is needed. Good records enable you to judge the advantages of one enterprise against another, the worth of one crop compared to another, and if an enterprise is economically profitable.

Make it a Habit—Prevent Accidents

Be a safety engineer. Accident prevention is the responsibility of individuals. Most accidents result from two conditions — existence of accident hazards and failure to follow safe practices.

Accident hazards will always exist. The important thing is to recognize and be aware of such hazards and act accordingly. Where a hazard is present, immediate steps should be taken to correct or eliminate it.

Remember, the best time to prevent an accident is before it happens.

Most Spiders are Harmless

Most housewives hate the sight of spiders even when they know they're harmless. Spiders can be considered beneficial; they feed on insects that are trapped in webs. However, webs collect dust and dirt and can be unsightly.

Temporary cleanup can be obtained by sweeping down the webs. But new ones will soon be formed if the spiders are not destroyed.

An effective way to kill spiders is to spray infested areas with lindane or malathion household-type sprays. One application under proper recommended directions usually gives satisfactory spider control.

Now is the time to:

Have the lawn mower sharpened and tuned up.

Check the gardening supplies—order any that are needed.

Repair the garden fence.

Check garden books for new varieties.

Plan your garden—don't overplant.

Reseed the lawn; on established lawns, ¼-lb. bluegrass seed per 1000 sq. ft.

Buy the wife a gift; she'll appreciate it.

OUT OUR WAY

by Lottie O'Bannon

Rev. W. S. Summers of Toledo, was guest speaker at Wesley Chapel, Sunday morning. He is the secretary of a musical group that will render a program in Carlisle in the near future.

Layman's Day will be February 23, at the High Street Christian church.

Some delayed news about one of the Carlisle high school graduates, class of 60. PFLE-3 Clarence L. Compton, R. A. 15666578 has successfully completed nuclear weapons assembly course (Sgt.) OJT. He is stationed in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Indianapolis, visited with Mrs. Joseph Groves over the weekend.

Miss Nora Harper of Lexington, spent a few days with Ruth Williams last week.

Mrs. Jean Washington and family of Maysville visited in Carlisle over the weekend.

Raymond Bean visited his family last week. He returned to his station in Mo.

Mrs. Betty Jones and a friend, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Ledford over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Sharp, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Williams went to Jimtown to hear Rev. Higgins, the Baptist preacher at Sharpsburg.

Willie Wilson (Dusty) is a patient at the Nicholas County hospital.

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YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE--Brooks Hinkle, (D), Route 3, Paris, Ky., is serving his fifth consecutive term in the Kentucky House of Representatives during the 1964 General Assembly. Rep. Hinkle previously served in the 1956, 1958, 1960 and 1962 sessions. He represents the 72nd District, Bourbon and Nicholas counties. Rep. Hinkle was graduated from Eastern State College with the A. B. degree in 1939 and received the M. A. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1952. He was a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army in the Transportation Corps, serving from 1941 to 1946. He is an elder in the Disciples of Christ Church and a member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge, Central Ky., Kentucky and National Education Associations, the Farm Bureau and a major in the Transportation Corps of the U. S. Army Reserve. He is a member of these committees in the 1964 session; Chairman of Education; Agriculture; Banks and Banking; Kentucky Statutes No. 1; Kentucky Statutes No. 2; Motor Transportation; Public Utilities; Railroads; Roads and Highways.

In The Service

In Training Exercise

AUGSBURG, GERMANY (AHTNC) — Army Sergeant First Class Adrian T. Scott, 37, whose wife, Bonnie, lives in Lexington, and other members of the 35th Quartermaster Battalion participated in Exercise Frosty Lion in Germany. The week-long training exercise ended Jan. 30. During the maneuver, the 35th Quartermaster Battalion provided support for the combat infantry and armor units operating under simulated battle conditions. Scott is a platoon sergeant in the battalion's 109th Transportation Company stationed near Ludwigsburg, Germany. He entered the Army in 1944 and arrived overseas on this tour of duty last December. The sergeant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Worth W. Scott, Carlisle Route 2.

Hollar In Korea

7TH INFANTRY DIV., KOREA (AHTNC)—Army Sgt. Ralph U. Hollar, whose wife, Rose Marie, lives at Latonia, Ky., and other member of the 7th Infantry Division took part in Exercise Snow Storm in Korea.

The week-long field training maneuver, which ended Jan. 24, was designed to test the division's ability to operate under Korean winter conditions and to measure the effect of extreme cold on men and equipment.

Hollar is assistant battalion motor sergeant in the 1st Battalion of the division's 17th Infantry.

The 28-year-old sergeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oral S. Hollar, Bartcreville, entered the Army in March 1958 and has been overseas since last November.

Returns From Cruise

USS TACONIC—David H. Faulkner, damage control man third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil M. Faulkner of Carlisle, returned from the Mediterranean area aboard the amphibious Command ship USS Taconic completing a tour of duty with the Sixth Fleet.

The Norfolk based ship visited many ports of call and helped further the President's People to People Program in that area.

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Churches

CARLISLE BAPTIST CHURCH

August Perry, Pastor

Sunday School—9:30

Morning Worship—10:40.

Training Union—6:30

Evening Worship—7:30

Mid-week Prayer Service Wednesday, 7:30 (Except first Wednesday which is business meeting).

SHRINE OF OUR LADY

Father Edwin H. Trimbur Pastor

Holy Masses: Sundays 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Weekdays 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays during Lent: 5:00 p.m. Lenten Sermon by a visiting priest.

Sacrament of Penance: One half hour before the Masses.

February 23: Explanation of Holy Thursday.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CARLISLE, KY.

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The Church at Study, 9:30. A class for everyone.

Junior Church, 10:30.

Morning Worship, 10:30. Sermon Subject: "Who Is The Head of The Church?"

Teacher-refresher course, 6:15.

Moments of Meditation, 7:15.

Evening Service, 7:30. Sermon Subject: "In Defense of the Ministry."

Missions Committee will meet immediately following evening service.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 7:00. Blue Grass area Youth Rally at the Lafayette school gym, Lexington.

YOUR STATE SENATOR--Wilson Palmer, Cynthiana, is serving the second session of his first term as a State Senator in the 1964 Kentucky Legislature. A Democrat, he was elected in 1961 to represent the 30th Senatorial district, composed of Nicholas, Harrison, Bracken, Grant, Pendleton, and robertson counties. Palmer graduated from Buena Vista High School and attended the University of Kentucky for two years. He is engaged in farming in Harrison County. A member of the Christian Church, Palmer is married to the former Jean Marsh. They have five daughters. He is a member of the hospital board, REA board, Farm Bureau and board of Regents of Eastern State College, Richmond. Palmer is a member of these committees in the 1964 Legislature: Chairman of Agriculture and State Fair; Conservation; Health and Welfare; Public Utilities.

Please call the church office by Friday, Feb. 21 if you plan to go.

Christian Youth Crusaders will meet immediately after school on Monday, Feb. 24.

Christian Family Hour service, Wednesday night, 7:30.

Blue & Gold Scout Banquet, at this church, Tuesday night Feb. 25, 6:30 The meal will be pot-luck style.

Everyone is cordially invited to the services of this church.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W. R. Raborn, Minister

9:30—Sunday School.

10:45—Morning Worship and Sermon, "World Wide Witness": This is World Mission Sunday and the special offering for World Missions will be received.

5:30—Presbyterian Youth Fellowship meets with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Blair, Jr., Adult Advisors.

Wednesday at 7—Prayer Group and Study Group meet.

Wednesday at 7:45—The choir meets for practice.

You will find a welcome at church.

CARLISLE METHODIST CHURCH

O. S. Gardner, Minister

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School.

10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship.

6:30 p.m.—MYF. Groups.

7:00 p.m.—Prayer group meeting.

7:30 p.m.—Evening service.

The Carlisle Methodist Men's Group will meet in the Education Building on Friday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting, and the speaker will be the Honorable Brooks Hinkle. You are urgently invited to attend.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

E. Ambrose Stump, Minister

9:45 a.m., Church School.

10:45 a.m., Morning Worship.

The CWF Night Circle will meet Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Bob Darbo. Mrs. William Threlkeld will lead the study and Mrs. Ambrose Stump will give the devotional.

Feb. 16-23, Week of Compassion.

Observance of Week of Compassion.

Sunday, Feb. 23, First Christian church will receive a Week of Compassion offering. The Week of Compassion is observed annually by the Christian churches (Disciples of Christ), as a response to world hunger and relief needs.

GRAHAM SELECTED TO GET 'UPPER ROOM' CITATION FOR 1964

Nashville, Tenn. The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham, famous evangelist, has been selected to receive The Upper Room Citation for 1964. The citation is to be awarded at the 15th Annual Upper Room Citation Dinner for Dr. Graham's many contributions to the cause of World Christian Fellowship. The announcement has been made by the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room, an interdenominational publication known as the world's most widely used daily devotional guide. The time and place of awarding the presentation to Dr. Graham is to be announced at a later date.

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