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UP and DOWN the MOUNTAIN

By JOE KIEFER

Remember back when we as small children liked someone to tell us a story and how we used to crawl into a chair with a child's book and let it carry us away into a dream world?

Oh, it seems like yesterday doesn't it?

One of my favorite books as a lad was Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain.

A Missouri youngster, Samuel Clemens savored the romance of the great Mississippi river, and stored it up for the day, as Mark Twain, he would write it into world literature.

Mark Twain remembered a "white town drowsing in the sunshine of a summer morning."

Capped on the shore of the Mississippi, Hannibal, Missouri lies off the beaten track yet it draws more than 150,000 visitors a year.

Here stands the white frame house where Judge Clemens next - to - youngest son Sam, known to the world as Mark Twain, had adventures he wrote into "Tom Sawyer."

Mark Twain's boyhood home is restored throughout. Outside stands a replica of the fence Tom Sawyer hoodwinked his friends into whitewashing.

"Aunt Polly's awful particular about this fence," he explained. "I reckon there ain't one boy in a thousand, maybe two thousand, that can do it the way it's got to be done."

Next door the Mark Twain Museum displays the scarred cherry desk on which Tom Sawyer was written.

Across the street lived Laura Hawkins, Sam Clemens' pigtailed sweetheart who became the Becky Thatcher of Tom Sawyer.

Being in love with her, and having an apple, Sam gave her the core.

"Steamboat a-coming!"

The cry once roused Hannibal as twin stacked packets churned round the bend to pick up cargoes of tobacco and slaves.

The call of "mark twain" by the leadsmen indicating safe two - fathom water, provided Sam Clemens with a pen name.

We remember Tom's friends Huckleberry Finn and Negro Jim. And let us recall Tom Sawyer and Becky Thatcher lost in the cave, huddling fearfully as their last candle burns to the end and leaves them in blinding dark. Today wide-eyed children visit this cave and dodge aside when guides tell them "Injun Joe died just where you're standing."

Childhood Poem
Oh, to be a child again
And fancy the dreams a child



dreams
Wasn't it only yesterday
When life was a round of
enchanted schemes.
What could come up in make
believe

Of the games we played and
the books we read
And the fantasies we would
always weave.

When the lights were dimmed
and our prayers said.
Oh to recapture a child's faith
With the sweet contentment
that it brings.

Kings would exchange their
empires for
A child's delight in the simple
things.

Oh what you and I wouldn't
give to be a child again!

Some time ago in Waterloo,
N. Y. a driver of a tractor-trailer
slammed into a school
bus carrying 61 children. Thirty
of the children were injured.
One little seven - year old,
brown haired, brown eyed girl
whose love is dancing, will
never dance again.

This child was sitting at the
point of impact and lost her
right leg. Later, doctors were
forced to amputate her other
leg below the knee because of
gangrene.

The truck driver pleaded
guilty to running a stop - sign
and paid a five dollar fine.

What a cheap price to pay
for carelessness!

Please — the days are now
getting longer. You shall be
driving more on the highways.

Use extreme care; stop when
you see the flashing lights of
a school bus.

Give our little people a break
the way you wanted someone
to treat you when you were
a child.

Remember I have told you
time and time again we live
in God's country, so why drive
like hell thru it.

HERE and THERE with

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Last week Mrs. Loraine Levan was hostess to a group of ladies who met for coffee for Adella Reckman at Mrs. Levan's home. Those ladies who were present were Sue Adams, Fern Hunter, Billy Boy, Joyce Martin, Rosa Ger, Jean Myers, Joan Parker, Rosie Cove, Majel Goetschius, and Virginia Dobson.

Adella entered the hospital a few days later for a series of tests for her heart. Hope the tests prove satisfactory and you're back home, Adella, before this paper hits the streets Thursday.

This Saturday the Mountain Grange will be paying a visit to the Sandy Kelso Grange at 8 p.m. Jasper Potharst, Sandy's foreign exchange student from Denmark, will be the guest speaker. He is wonderful to listen to and if you haven't heard him you are missing a rare experience.

Sandy Community Calendar greetings go to quite a few this week. On Monday birthday greetings go to Christie Bogart, Esther Bunnell, Judy Gantenbein, Bob Fredrickson, Donna Vedder, Amy Mishima, and Alice Thompson.

On Tuesday, March 5, birthdays are Jim Bogart, Alma Phillips and Marian Carmany. On Wednesday Dale Kuehn has a birthday. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Emil Reich celebrate their wedding anniversary and Laurie Jonshure and Romie Lundbom share a birthday. On Sunday Vickie Jo Parker has a birthday.

Meeting Dates
Clubs meeting for the following week are as follows: Thursday, Mar. 7, Kiwanis and Sandy Womens Club; Saturday, Mar. 9, Sandy Grange at 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Mar. 12, Chamber of Commerce, Firwood Extension and Eastern Star; Wednesday, Mar. 14, St. Michael's Womens Club.

I would like to send Miss Judy Gantenbein birthday congratulations clear down in South Carolina, where she is attending college. Hope your birthday is as happy as it was last year and I am just wondering if old Dad Al sent you his usual box of assorted goodies. Bet he did. Anyway, I'm thinking about you.

Our house was a happy one Saturday. We had the opportunity to take care of little Dougie Gray for the day while his sister and his mother went into the hospital for check-ups. Vickie and Billy had just lots of fun helping to take care of him and said they sure wished they had a baby brother and I told them that they could just help take care of all the nieces and nephews because I wasn't

DOVER DOINGS

Dover School students had an unexpected holiday Thursday afternoon and Friday, due to trouble with the water system. (Our Raye had an appointment with the dentist each day. Some vacation!)

Mrs. Floyd Wells and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hampton and boys, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Workinger and family went to the Gresham rink last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hoffman and family joined them there. The Sandy YFC young people were there, too. Everyone had lots of fun.

Dover Extension Unit will meet at the home of Bernice Fullerton next Thursday, Mar. 14.

A Gospel team from Multnomah college was in charge of the Sunday school and church services Sunday morning. The young people brought special music, vocal trio, trumpet solo, harmonica and guitar and told stories especially to hold the children's interest.

On Wednesday evening several Dover people met at the church with Mr. Hoffman to put up curtains for class room dividers.

Bernice Fullerton and Fern Horttor will be attending the Extension program planning meeting at the Boring school on Friday, Mar. 8.

NAVY SCHOOLS AVAILABLE

The Navy Recruiting Station in Portland announced today that many quotas are still available in Navy Trade Schools during the second quarter of 1963. Schools are available in the fields of Electronics, Aviation, Medical Corps, nuclear fields and many others. Interested persons may contact U.S. Navy Recruiting Station at Portland by phoning CA 6-3361 or coming into the office.

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