



HOPE VALLEY TRIBUNE



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HOPE VALLEY SWEET TOOTH



IT WAS UNLIKE ANY OTHER DAY AT YOST’S MERCANTILE, AS THE FOLKS OF HOPE VALLEY HUSTLED TO THEIR FAVORITE MERCHANT IN SEARCH OF A SWEET TREAT.

DUE TO THE SPOON SHORTAGE AT BIRD’S ICE CREAM SHOP, TOWNSFOLK EXPECTED TO DELIGHT IN PEPPERMINT STICKS, LOLLIPOPS, AND VARIOUS OTHER PENNY CANDIES. “THE JARS ARE EMPTY!” EXCLAIMED EMILY MONTGOMERY, ONE OF THE YOUNG LADIES FROM MISS THATCHER’S CLASS. “WHO BOUGHT ALL THE SWEETS?” ASKED HATTIE FERGUSON. NED YOST WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT, BUT HIS DAUGHTER KATIE ASSURED PEOPLE THEY WERE EXPECTING MORE TREATS ON THE NEXT SHIPMENT FROM HAMILTON. WILL ANYONE UNCOVER THE TRUTH AS TO WHO HAS THE SWEETEST TOOTH IN HOPE VALLEY?

- ARTICLE BY DESIREE NELSON



PLAID PANTALOONS CAUSE UPROAR

A NEW TREND IS SWEEPING THROUGH HOPE VALLEY AND IT HAS BEEN DEEMED BY SOME TO BE QUITE SCANDALOUS. SOME OF THE TOWN LADIES HAVE REPORTED THAT PLAID “UNMENTIONABLES” WERE SEEN BY A FEW OF THE LOCAL MEN, HANGING ON THE LINE AFTER WASH DAY.



HOWEVER, THIS CANNOT BE CONFIRMED SINCE NONE OF THE MEN COMPLAINED. AFTER A LITTLE DIGGING, THE TRIBUNE CAN REPORT THAT THESE CONTROVERSIAL UNDERGARMENTS ARE BEING SOLD BY NONE OTHER THAN DOTTIE’S APPAREL SHOP. “THESE NEW UNDERGARMENTS WERE DESIGNED BY OUR DRESS DESIGNER, ROSEMARY COULTER,” DOTTIE TOLD US. REPORTEDLY MRS. COULTER WANTED TO CALL THE GARMENTS “LEGGINGS,” BUT THANKFULLY COOLER HEADS PREVAILED! SOME OF THE TOWN’S LADIES ARE VERY DISTURBED BY THE FLAMBOYANT TREND, “WHAT’S NEXT? POLKA DOTS!” ONE EXCLAIMED. WE UNDERSTAND THE NEW “UNMENTIONABLES” CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DRESS SHOP IN SEVERAL SIZES AND IN MORE THAN ONE PLAID PATTERN. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

- ARTICLE BY LAURA CHAMBERLAIN

ICE CREAM SOCIAL CANCELED

MR. BIRD, OWNER OF BIRD’S ICE CREAM SHOP IN HOPE VALLEY, HAS CLOSED TEMPORARILY. WHILE MR. BIRD IS AN EXPERT IN THE CREATION OF ICE CREAM CONFECTIONS, AS A HOBBY HE ALSO MAKES HIS OWN DESIGNER SPOONS. HE DECIDED TO PUT HIS SPOON CREATIONS ON SALE AND ALL OF HIS SPOONS SOLD OUT IN UNDER 4 MINUTES. UNFORTUNATELY FOR HOPE VALLEY SINGLES, THE LACK OF SPOONS TO STIR HIS ICE CREAM POTS MEANS THAT THERE CAN BE NO ICE CREAM SOCIALS UNTIL MR. BIRD REPLENISHES HIS SPOON SUPPLY. “I DON’T KNOW WHAT I’M GOING TO DO TO CONTINUE COURTING CLARA,” SAID LOCAL RESIDENT JESSE FLYNN. “WE DEPEND ON MR. BIRD’S ICE CREAM SOCIALS TO CONTINUE OUR BUDDING ROMANCE. I MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO MARRY CLARA IF HE ISN’T ABLE TO STIR HIS ICE CREAM POTS.” GOOD NEWS MAY BE ON THE HORIZON. HOPE VALLEY SINGLES HICKAM AND MURPHY ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES OF AN EMERGENCY RUN TO THE NEIGHBORING TOWN OF BUXTON TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SPOONS.

- ARTICLE BY LESLEY SWANN



STUDENTS “SPIN” OUT OF CONTROL



RECENT EFFORTS BY NURSE CARTER TO INCREASE STUDENT FOCUS APPEAR TO BE BACKFIRING. ACCORDING TO TOWN TEACHER ELIZABETH THATCHER, “INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON THEIR READING AND WRITING, THE CHILDREN ARE COMPLETELY CONSUMED WITH THESE ‘FIDGET SPINNERS’ PROVIDED BY NURSE CARTER. I KNOW SHE DIDN’T MEAN HARM BUT IT IS OUT OF CONTROL!” SOME CHILDREN WERE STRUGGLING TO PAY ATTENTION DURING CLASS, AND IN AN EFFORT TO HELP, NURSE CARTER PROVIDED THE SPINNERS AS A TOOL TO INCREASE THE CHILDREN’S FOCUS DURING LESSONS. UNFORTUNATELY, SEVERAL STUDENTS ARE NOW FIXATED ON THE SPINNERS, CREATING CONFLICT IN THE CLASSROOM. “CODY AND ROBERT ARE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO SEE WHO HAS THE LONGEST SPIN-TIME,” YOUNG EMILY STATED. SHE CONTINUED, “EVERY TIME I AM TRYING TO WORK ON MY MULTIPLICATION, THEY KEEP ME FROM GETTING MY WORK DONE!” SOME PARENTS ARE CALLING FOR A TOWN-WIDE BAN ON THE SPINNERS, BUT CARTER STILL MAINTAINS THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. SHE TOLD THE TRIBUNE, “I BELIEVE THE SPINNERS HAVE A LOT TO OFFER, AND ONCE THE NEWNESS WEARS OFF, I’M SURE WE WILL BEGIN TO SEE THE INCREASED FOCUS AMONG THE CHILDREN, AS WE ORIGINALLY HOPED!” THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO PLANS TO BAN THE SPINNERS FROM TOWN, BUT THATCHER IS IN CONSIDERATION OF A CLASSROOM BAN. THE ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT WITH PARENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE INPUT.



- ARTICLE BY KELSEY MILLER