

News Story About County Tax Rate Proves To Be Misleading

Last Week's lead news story about the new tax rates in Cherokee County had an error in the headlines and the first paragraph. The Scout in a front page story, this week points out the error in the original story.

The misunderstanding has caused some uncomfortable moments for elected county officials and for the editor of the Scout.

It has even gone so far that harsh words were exchanged between an official and the editor. One official—who actually knew better, but spoke when he was overwrought—said he would have his commercial printing done elsewhere if the Scout continued to run such stories.

Actually, that man would have no respect for a

newspaper that let the prospects of losing (or gaining) job printing or advertising influence the news sections or the editorial page.

The Scout has made errors in the past and will make more in the future; and it does no one any good to call up the editor and dress him down. He'll just get mad and talk back.

Anytime a reader gets angry at a news story, an error or a policy of this paper, don't call the editor, write a letter and express exactly how you feel. (But don't use profanity—even though you feel the occasion calls for it.)

The letter will be printed; the newspaper will be properly called down, and no arguments or ill feelings will come out of it.

Highway Safety

"The Cemetery is full of drivers who had the right of way!"

This rather wisecrack states a truth that should receive a good deal of consideration now that North Carolina's traffic safety spotlight is beamed to full intensity.

We are speaking of what the Department of Motor Vehicles calls signs of life.

It is to encourage recognition of the basic traffic sign shapes and observance of all traffic signs, signals, and pavement markings and the laws and rules behind them.

Traffic signs are provided for the protection of drivers and pedestrians. Yet drivers and walkers constantly disregard these safeguards—frequently throwing away their own lives in the process. This is a matter of record. Statistics show that in almost 90 per cent of the State's traffic accidents last year there were some violation of the law.

Observance of traffic signs and the laws and common sense rules they represent could save many lives. And common sense should take a driver or walker beyond the mere observance of letter of the law.

You can be killed driving across an intersection on a through street, if a driver on the intersection street doesn't realize you have the right of way.

Similarly, you can be struck down crossing the street on foot even though you have the green light. In either case it will be small comfort to you or your relatives that the law was on your side.

Safe walking or driving for any individual should include observance of the following rules:

1. Know the signs of life by their shapes so you can recognize them on sight. Obey them meticulously.
2. Be willing to yield your legal rights whenever necessary to prevent a traffic accident.

Dalton (Ga.) News

G O C

The Murphy Ground Observer Corps has been getting a regular work out in Murphy during the past few months. Every week or so a notice goes out that the GOC will go on alert at a certain time for a certain number of hours.

There is a lot behind such a notice. It means that private citizens of Murphy will give up some of their time and energy to train themselves to take part in the defense of their community.

The GOC is a vital part of air defense in this section because such mechanical aids as radar are not as effective in the mountains as they need to be to assure ample warning.

Radar beams bounce off the sides of mountains and often technicians are unable to detect aircraft on their screens.

Because of the sectional difference, the GOC becomes our eyes and ears. Volunteers answer the alert calls and do their part. At times they have to serve long hours and always they serve well.

Best Route

Atlanta's Pierce Harris was lamenting the fact that he had to detour from Clayton, Ga., to Franklin, N. C. by Highlands on a trip to Waynesville. Mr. Harris, like a lot of other travelers from Atlanta to Asheville, has not learned that the best mountain route between these points is by Canton, Blue Ridge and Murphy. No mountains to climb. "The Lake Level Route"—passing near Lake Allatoona at Canton; across the top of the dam at Lake Blue Ridge; on to Hiwassee at Murphy, and Fontana Lake backwaters before reaching Bryson City. A scenic route all the way that follows rivers and valleys and has no mountainside, hairpin curve climbs.

FORESTRY—U.S.A.



HOW MANY TREES?

IN 1828 PRESIDENT JOHN QUINCY ADAMS CONCERNED OVER SHRINKING SUPPLIES OF ACCESSIBLE LIVE OAK TREES FOR NAVY SHIP CONSTRUCTION, ORDERED AN INVENTORY OF THE OAK FORESTS ON THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF THE U.S.



622 MILLION-ACRE INVENTORY—TOOK FEDERAL, STATE AND PRIVATE AGENCIES COOPERATE IN FIELD SURVEYS TO DETERMINE THE NATION'S TIMBER SUPPLIES AND NEEDS. WE MUST ALWAYS KNOW WHERE WE STAND IN OUR FOREST RESOURCES—SO IMPORTANT TO OUR ECONOMY AND SECURITY.

PROTECT THE FORESTS AND USE THEM WISELY

Cherokee Chatter

BY BILL COSTELLO

GOLFERS CORNER

The matches for the Copper Basin Golf Club tournament have been arranged. RALPH RHODES and I won the first time up with no trouble at all. We both drew byes. BOB BAULT claimed I drew a bye because they couldn't find anyone with a low enough qualifying score to play me.

Actually, the truth is that they know good players when they see 'em and they didn't want to bother Ralph and me until competition gets a little tougher.

In the third flight JERRY DAVIDSON will play GEORGE SIZEL. They are the only two Murphy players matched the first time around. C. R. FREED will face a Copperhill player, JOE HUSKEY.

SECOND FLIGHT

In the second flight, that's made up of those guys who just had a lot of luck the day they qualified, TOM CASE will face G. G. KOPP. FRANK MAUNEY will play W. WHITFIELD, HOWARD JARALEY against R. R. BURNS and

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A Backward Glance

30 YEARS AGO

Friday, August 14, 1925

Mrs. J. W. Sharp of Young Harris was a visitor in town Tuesday. Miss Helen Harshaw of Asheville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McD. Harshaw for several days.

Mrs. W. M. Fain has as her guest over the week end her sister, Miss Ressee Mount, of Knoxville, Tenn. Porter Fain is spending his vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bell of Charlotte are visiting relatives here this week.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 22, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown of Hendersonville were the guests Sunday of their grandmother, Mrs. R. H. Hyatt.

Mrs. Frank Ellis is visiting her mother at Butler, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Wells of Tomotla were visitors in town Monday.

Mrs. Ben Davis and daughter, Betty Jo, of Charlotte, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCombs of Peachtree.

Misses Ann Candler and Annie Mae Townson and Jimmy Ward and Jack Dunlap attended the Shriner's dance in Atlanta, Ga., last Friday evening.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 9, 1945

Mrs. Margaret Lester left

Wednesday for her home in Rome, Ga., after a two weeks visit here with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davidson and Mrs. Grace Cooper.

Mrs. H. A. Mattox and children, Harry and Phil, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Cooper in Atlanta, Ga.

The Rev. Ralph Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Whitfield and Mr. and Mrs. H. Bueck attended annual ladies' night of the Lions Club at McCaysville, Ga., Tuesday night.

Miss Nancy Wells spent last week in Atlanta with her cousins, Mrs. G. C. McDaniels and her daughter, June.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCombs spent last week end in Knoxville, Tenn.

5 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 10, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trull and children visited friends at Cherokee and Bryson City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Junior Breedlove recently.

Mrs. Mildred Bell is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Coffey.

Miss Mary Lee Felmet of Asheville is visiting Mrs. Jimmy Goodwin. Miss Felmet is a former Murphy teacher.

Mrs. Clarence Butler of Gainesville, Ga., is visiting her daughter, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKeever.

REPORTS FROM

Other Editors

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Lovers of music in Western North Carolina and elsewhere look forward each summer to the Brevard Music Festival which opens Friday in a big rustic auditorium at Transylvania Music Camp near Brevard.

This is the tenth season for this notable musical event.

Nine concerts, featuring the 85-piece Festival Orchestra and eight well-known guest artists, will be heard during the period extending from August 12 to August 28.

Again directing the Festival Orchestra is Dr. James Christian Pfohl, founder and music director of both the festival and the music camp.

The camp and festival, sponsored by the non-profit Brevard Music Foundation, have earned for Brevard its rating as the "summer music capital of the South."

(The Asheville Citizen)

KEEPING OUR TOWN AND COUNTY CLEAN

We are impressed as we ride through our neighboring state of Virginia and see signs pointing out that a person throwing out trash along the highway is subject to a five-hundred dollar fine. Evidently the system must work, for we see very little trash along the highways of that State.

Does North Carolina need such a system or can people take enough pride in our beautiful countryside to stop throwing out trash, which is not only unsightly, but often dangerous? Accidents have often been caused from tin cans, glass and other rubbish along the highway.

Let's keep our town clean and stop leaving unsightly trash where it will blow here and there to detract from the neat and beautiful appearance of the place. If those who have vacant lots, can keep the weeds cut down and keep the property cleaned, it will add much to appearance of our town.

We are of the opinion there are town ordinances for keeping unsightly trash under control. These ordinances were passed for the good of the town, but are of little value if they are not carried out.

Keeping our town clean is the responsibility, not just of our town officials and a few people, but of every citizen. Let's work together to keep one of the most beautiful sections of the county, more beautiful, by keeping it clean.

(The Skyland Post)

IN CASE OF TIE

In the case of a tie at the end of 18 holes, the match will be continued until one player achieves a one hole advantage. BILL TAYLOR, secretary-treasurer of the club, said.

Two weeks will be allowed for each match and cards should be turned in to JOHN BRANCH Copperhill, Tenn., by August 16, August 20, September 13, and September 27.

If a player cannot meet his opponent within the time limit he will have to forfeit the match.

TALK O' THE TOWN

By Emily Costello

With school starting August 29, I'm afraid our wonderful party season is going to slow down and let most of us bridge players get rusty again until come spring and the deluge of parties again.

But we have had — and are still having for a few weeks — a wonderful season of bridge events.

FANNIE MIT CASE (Mrs. Tom) entertained last week at two such events— one on Thursday afternoon for ladies and another Friday evening for couples. At the Thursday party prizes were given in a rather unique way . . . and I liked it because I won a prize. But, before playing started everyone guessed what high and low scores would be, and then a prize was given for the persons guessing closest to the winning scores. Her bingo prizes were awarded grab bag style.

TVA LADIES LUNCHEON

SKEETER BOCOOK (Mrs. Jack) last Wednesday entertained at two tables (including herself) at a bridge luncheon honoring MISS MYRTIS KING of Mississippi and New Orleans, La. Miss King recently left Murphy after visiting here for some weeks with her niece ELGIN BAUGHMAN (Mrs. John) and with John.

In addition to Elgin, Skeeter and the honoree, guests were MRS. H. L. BROADFOOT, MRS. ROY FULLER, MRS. TONY ERHINGER, MRS. WILLIAM L. REID, and MRS. H. C. VICKERY.

ON VACATION

FRANKIE MARTIN, promotional secretary at the First Baptist Church is on vacation this week at her home and other points in Tennessee. In all she'll be away for two weeks.

COMING UP

MISSSES KATE and LEILA HAYES will entertain for the new member of their family — KENNETH FARMER'S new bride, that is — tomorrow night at their home at Tomotla. Invitations were issued this week to the event which promises to be very lovely.

SPECIAL FEATURE

I've just had the rarest treat — getting to read somebody else's mail! And there's some of it I'll share with you. As you know BETTY MOORE BROWN (Mrs. Bud) is now in Augsburg, Germany with her husband and baby, DEBBIE. Well, we wanted her to write us back some of the things about being there that interest her. (She used to write a teen age column for the Scout). So recently her momma—MIRIAM MOORE (Mrs. Cloe), brought around some of Betty's letters for us to take excerpts that might interest our readers.

Well, to tell the truth, every word she writes is wonderfully interesting—and her handwriting is also legible (no small feat in itself). To give you a sample, here's a bit from her first letter home, written aboard ship:

BETTY

14 June, 1955.

... "Most of us stay on the deck all we can so we won't get seasick. I almost got sick yesterday, but then got over it okay. Debbie and Bud are fine. The ship is so big that it rocks very little but still you never know where you'll land. I feel like I'm walking on the walls and ceiling half the time.

I didn't sleep much last night for fear of falling out of my bunk. I'm not used to being rocked all night either. . . .

16 June, 1955

... The water was awfully rough, the waves came up so high they sprayed water all over the deck and us. But you'd be surprised at how beautiful the water was. A ship is lots of fun if you don't get seasick. . .

17 June, 1955

... Some kids saw a whale yesterday, but I missed it. There are very few in this part of the ocean. I've seen some real pretty Portuguese Man O' Wars and porpoises.

Our meals are delicious and fit for a king. We have movies, talent shows, church, almost everything. . . .

19 June, 1955

... We are supposed to get in port Wednesday a. m. We've gone 2,500 miles, turned north and should start through the English channel tomorrow . . . We move our time up again tonight. We are 3 hours ahead of you now.

21 June, 1955

... We'll start in the Bremer River tonight and dock at 8:30 in the morning. We get off the ship on the train at 8:15 tomorrow and get to Augsburg Thursday afternoon. . . Well, we're 6 hours ahead of you now. Our packing's done, so guess we'll close and get some shut-eye."

In other letters Betty describes Germany and their living quarters in a most interesting way. Next week we'll really begin the series on their experiences.

Of course we have several other local young folks stationed in Germany and France, and I suppose that Betty and Bud's experiences will be pretty much like those of other Americans there.