

Integration Problems

Murphy's new Committee on Education seems to be operating in a manner that will eventually bring satisfaction to all.

The committee asked for and got a report on the possibility of bringing Texana and Tomotla students into the Murphy unit. It was no surprise to us to hear that there is not enough room at the Murphy unit to consolidate the three schools.

The Murphy unit last school year did not have enough room for those students who were slated for that unit.

The committee heard that Texana students have to leave the county to get a state diploma. The group decided, and the Scout agrees, that some sort of assistance should be given those students that are forced to attend other schools to get a diploma.

This problem of integration has many facets and the committee will face several difficult problems before the entire picture is cleared up.

But the committee and the people of this section seem to be going about solving the problems in the right manner. The committee, of necessity, is feeling its way along. The reports it received during the last meeting were merely the beginning of a long probing process.

The committee must follow a long, tangled road, and the people of this section, regardless of their color, owe it to the community to give that committee as much help as possible and to make their job as less difficult as possible.

Labor Day Safety

The long Labor Day week end is coming up soon and traffic and safety experts will announce how many persons they believe will be killed on the highways.

It is a sad fact that they are usually right or predict too few deaths. It is very seldom that American motorists fool the experts and drive safely.

This year, Danny Eames, noted chief test driver for Dodge Division of Chrysler Corporation listed what he calls the "Big Ten" safety rules. They are:

1. Traffic regulations are for your protection. Observe them.
2. Keep a safe distance between yourself and the car ahead, particularly at higher speeds
3. Stay in your own lane on hills, curves, and in "no-passing" zones.
4. If driving at night, dim your lights to oncoming traffic.
5. The right of way may rightfully belong to you, but if a pedestrian comes along, give it to him. (And that doesn't mean "Let him have it!")
6. Always be on the alert for children!
7. Know the proper hand or direction signals and be sure to USE them!
8. Watch where you're going, and where the cars behind, ahead, and on both sides are going.
9. Give the other fellow MORE than his share of the road and watch him!
10. Regulate speed to road conditions, rather than posted speed limits.

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Labor's Day



REPORTS FROM Other Editors

NAACP PUTS A BAD FOOT FORWARD AT A CRUCIAL TIME

Just at a time when the Catawba County Board of Education makes a step toward meeting the court's wishes on the segregation matter, by forming an advisory committee to study the situation and make recommendations, the NAACP muddies the water by entering another petition for reorganization of the county school system.

In our opinion, the education board's action in forming the committee of people representative of every community, is one of the most realistic and effective steps made in the county to meet the problem of segregation. There has been no such action by the other two school systems in the county. But the NAACP, following the type of action that has raised such a furor throughout the state, and in other states where the issue is at an explosive point, puts its foot in again. The board of education still has on file a similar petition entered by the NAACP here last year asking for prompt reorganization.

What further reaction this most recent petition will have, other than to push the patience of the county board to a greater degree, we cannot understand.

We have exercised respect for the NAACP, even through its period of petitioning last year. But we cannot see the wisdom in this most recent maneuver. It would seem to add fuel to the fires of thought that is spreading throughout the South—that the NAACP is thinking more of arousing whites and Negroes than seeking to help the Negro.

We praise the county board of education for its choice of advisory committee members. Its decision to get Negroes (and one a member of the NAACP) and women on

MORE FEMINISM

Thinking back—in this area of slacks for momma and levis for Lucy, of lady-wrestlers, lady baseball teams, of lady jurors, welders, cops, and the prospect of a lady Vice President—we would say about the only masculine notion the gentler sex hasn't swiped from us is the moustache-cup.

And here they go again! The latest they have latched onto is that "stretch" sock idea that has freed us men of having to remember what size to buy or worry about the laundry sending them back boy-size. It may be they think these expandible stockings for ladies claims that they hug the natural contour of the leg. This, we agree is very desirable, especially if the contours are what you might call—well, contours. But the Bur-Mil people also say that this makes their new stretch number very comfortable. This same new factor of flexibility, they tell us, equalizes the tension on the threads, which makes these stockings longer-lasting. And since they do not sag or wrinkle, the seams stay straight from morning till night—which saves uneasiness, exertion and exasperation, even frustration.

All these advantages may add up to the answer to every woman's prayer. But even if they were uncomfortable, unglamorous and uneconomical, we bet the gals would buy Cameos (for the game) just the same. With these stretch numbers, they don't have to reveal their size.

(The McDowell News)

the board is a wise one, we think. It seems to be a fair organization with worthwhile intent. We can't say the same for the NAACP at this point. The Observer & News-Enterprise, Newton, N. C.)

A Backward Glance

5 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Sept. 7, 1930
The Rev. James R. Crook attended the meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Appalachia which was held at Bristol, Va., Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Rogers and Mont Rogers of Tomotla will leave Saturday for Pittsburgh, Pa., where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Rogers for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Phillips spent the week end in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeill of Shelby visited friends in Murphy last Thursday. Mr. McNeill was formerly with the State Highway Commission.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shultz and daughter, Joan, of Chicago, Ill. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Shields.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Sept. 6, 1925
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harshaw left Monday for their home in Richmond, Va., after spending the summer at Harshaw farms here.

Miss Moselle Moore left Friday for Shelby where she will again supervise music in the schools of Shelby, a position she has held for two or three years.

Miss Ruby Lee Bowers spent last week end in Union, S. C.

Mrs. W. M. Atley is visiting in Hendersonville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Yancy of Atlanta visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hall and family on Labor Day.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Sept. 5, 1915
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Odom and family attended the Odom reunion at Ogreeta Sunday.

Dr. G. D. Hampton and family of Knoxville were the guests of relatives over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Long returned Friday from Montreal where they spent 10 days.

Miss Martha Mayfield returned Saturday from Nashville, Tenn., where she has been attending summer school at Peabody.

Miss Lois Tatham spent the week end with Miss Margaret Fisher in Asheville.

30 YEARS AGO

Friday, Sept. 4, 1905
Miss Mabel Ellis left Wednesday for Maryville and Knoxville to visit friends.

Mrs. R. S. Parker and children returned Sunday from a visit to Miami, Fla. and Hickory, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickey and children returned last Thursday for a 10 day motor trip through Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson and Mrs. Mary Nelson of Topton spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Mattie A. Taylor.

J. G. Greene returned Wednesday from a several days trip to Florida.

Cherokee Chatter

BY BILL COSTELLO

We have not been flooded this week with demands for refunds on the Scout even though "Cherokee Chatter" was left out last week.

It wasn't that I was too lazy to write it last week; Bob Bault was out of town and I didn't have anybody to slander.

WORKING HARD

I saw POLLY BAULT during one of the registration days at school last week and she seemed to be hard at work. I know these first few days of school every year must be mighty rough on the administration and the teachers but all my sympathy is with the students! Just think, after three delicious months of freedom, those poor kids have to go back to school.

RECKLESS SIGN

The Town of Murphy is guilty of putting out signs that don't watch where they're standing. That "No Parking" sign in front of the Scout office stepped right out in front of me the other night when I pulled away from the curb and I knocked it into the hedge. Of course, I wasn't parked in front of that sign, I had slowed down there long enough to step into the office.

I was going to call CHARLIE JOHNSON and report the accident, but I didn't think he would believe my side of the story.

OLD FRIEND

I see that ED HOWARD is back in town after being on a job in Savannah, Ga. I wonder how many people in Cherokee County know that Ed is a first-rate marble setter and has the respect of men in the business all over the south. About 10 years ago I worked with Ed a few times out of Charlotte.

Ed was a marble setter then and I was a funky. Things haven't changed much in 10 years.

When Ed and I met again in Murphy, it was months before either of us could remember where we had seen each other. Ed has had so many helpers since then and I have been fired from so many jobs since then that neither could place the other.

BERMUDA SHORTS

GLADYS McCLESKEY sent in her subscription renewal the other day from Houston, Texas, and enclosed an interesting cartoon and note.

The cartoon was "Grin and Bear It" by Lichty and showed two Russians who have just ended a tour of American farms. They are at an American airport and getting ready to return to their homeland. One is wearing Bermuda shorts.

The lines under the cartoon are: "Is asking question when we get back to collective farm, comrade."

Is Bermuda shorts all you are learning from U. S. farm tour? " Wrote Gladys:

"Just thought you and H. A. MATTOX might like to see the result of your new 'fad'."

Gladys didn't say so but I think the fellow in the cartoon looks a lot like H. A.

GOLFERS CORNER

C. R. FREED went down last week in the tournament after playing a good game. The other fellow, J. PICKLESIMER, was having one of those days when he could do nothing wrong.

JERRY DAVIDSON will have to play Picklesimer now in that flight.

I believe the two boys we are going to have to watch are PREACHER MAXWELL and ROSCOE WILKINS. Neither is in the tournament but both are improving their games. Roscoe took me out the other day and gave me a good beating.

I thought I'd found me a way to pick up some extra cash when

FRANK MAUNEY said he would pay me a commission if I'd collect from Jerry Davidson for him. Frank had wrapped a club for Jerry and I presented the bill. But Jerry said that even though the job was well done the service was terrible, and he wouldn't pay it.

I believe I could make more money sharpening tees for TOM CARE—if he'd pay me by the hour.

TALK O' THE TOWN

By Emily Costello

What a treat the Valley River Garden Club afforded last Wednesday afternoon when they entertained at a silver tea and flower arrangements demonstration. The event was held at the home of MRS. GILES COVER.

MRS. A. L. HOLTON—(an aunt of DR. C. O. VAN GORDER, and a sister of H. A. VAN GORDER) of Big Stone Gap, Va., was the speaker. Mrs. Holton wore a white afternoon frock with a perfectly beautiful lavender orchid grown by MRS. R. A. DEWAR in her own home!

Guests assembled on the lovely lawn of the Cover home after which we were invited to the dining room where punch, cakes, mints, nuts, and party sandwiches were served. The dining table was centered with one of the loveliest arrangements of roses I most ever saw. The arrangement was the handwork of talented FRANCES COVER, president of the hostess club. And I don't know whose roses they were, but I understand MRS. W. T. FORSYTH grows beautiful ones. Anyhow, I know the tiny melt-in-your-mouth mints were made either by Mrs. Forsyth or Mary.

An unusual arrangement of bright colored, this time of year flowers—zenias and the like—was on the door leading from the living room. They were in a container which Mrs. Cover brought from Austria last year.

Coffee was served in the music room where other lovely flowers were displayed—beautiful use of spider lilies.

Six members of the Murphy Garden Club attended the affair—to wit: MRS. W. A. HOOVER, MRS. H. A. MATTOX, MRS. J. W. DAVIDSON, MRS. JOE RAY, MRS. W. P. ODOM and me. Also present was Mrs. Odom's sister, MRS. HUNT from Young Harris, Ga.

The Cherokee Rose Garden Club of Murphy was represented by its president, MRS. W. E. HOWELL, and six other members, MRS. DUKE WHITLEY, MISS CLARA McCOMBS, MISS EMILY SWORD, MRS. DIXIE PALMER, MRS. CLOE MOORE and MRS. W. M. LAY.

A number of ladies from Franklin were also present, including MRS. J. WARD LONG (Josephine Bradley), formerly of Andrews. She's president of the Franklin Garden Club. Among other Franklin ladies were two Mrs. Conleys. . . one, I discovered, the mother of a former college mate of mine, Sue Conley, now Mrs. Somebody else, and they also live in Franklin.

HIDDEN TALENT

I found out last week that there's a lot of talent in Murphy that so far has been under a bushel. Thursday afternoon each member of the Murphy Garden Club took an arrangement—the first real arrangement for many—to the meeting and each was discussed—pro and con—largely pro.

Wish you could have seen the lovely flowers and containers. Two of the arrangements were taken to the library and exhibited for a day or two following the meeting.

CRAZY MIXED-UP TREE

T. A. FLOYD of Rt. 3, Blairsville, Ga., has an apple tree in full bloom this week. The poor thing. It will be frustrated time frost hits its flowers again like it did last spring.

ANOTHER DRAMA

I suppose you know that Gatlinburg, Tenn., is already working on an outdoor historical drama about the founding of the State of Tennessee, to be ready by next summer, I believe. KERMIT HUNTER, author of the Indian drama "Unto These Hills" has been secured to write the drama.

According to plans, the Tenn. drama will be completely different from the Indian play, but will concentrate, like the Cherokee drama, on historical and pioneer events distinctive to this mountain area.

The location of the theatre will be on the new 80 foot super-highway leading east out of Gatlinburg and the theatre is expected to be finished by next summer.

UMMMM, GOOD

EMILY DAVIDSON (Mrs. J. W.) and EDITH FULLER (Mrs. Roy) served a delicious date nut pie at their dessert bridge party Friday at the home of the former. I overheard Edith telling somebody that it was made of egg whites, brown sugar, Karo syrup, dates and nuts. And it was topped with whipped cream.

Eight tables were in play at the party and MRS. WALT MAUNEY won high; MRS. H. L. BROADFOOT, second high; and I don't remember low score winner, but it was almost me.

Letters To The Editor

To The Editor:

I like this poem so well I wanted to share it with others if you care to print it.

This was scribbled almost a century ago by an anonymous soldier of the Confederacy:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve,

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for help that I might do greater things—

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy—

I was given poverty, that I might enjoy life—

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, But everything I had hoped for.

Despite myself, my prayers were answered.

I am among all men most richly blessed.

Contributed by Mrs. Earl Tabor