

New Dog Control Goes Into Force

Cherokee County will this month start correcting one of its most glaring short comings — the lack of an effective control of stray and mad dogs.

The County Commissioners heard reports in favor of the controls from several interested individuals and civic clubs during a meeting earlier this year and wisely decided it was past time for this county to take definite steps to set up a dog warden system.

The General Assembly passed a special law which included Cherokee County in the dog tax statute. It has been a disgrace to the county, we believe that the county has gone this far without being included in the law.

The law does mean that dog owners will have to pay a tax every year to license their dogs. That money will go toward the upkeep of the dog warden system. Such a tax is the only just and fair way to establish a dog control system. The money will help finance the picking up of stray dogs, their housing, and their destruction if they are not claimed in a certain period of time.

The dog warden system is the only way to stamp out the rabid dog threat that was so bad last summer. We would have the same trouble—probably on a larger scale—this next summer if the County Commissioners had not acted.

Of course, the setting up of a tax on dogs is not what could be called a wise political move. But we call it a wise move for the good of the county and that's what we all want.

To those people who own dogs and have nerve enough to object to the small tax being levied, we have this to say: it is on your door that part of the blame should be laid for at least one death and the untold pain Cherokee County people have suffered because of rabid dogs allowed to run free.

Better Than You Think

Public schools are better than you think." This is the basis for an article by Sloan Wilson in the current Harper's Magazine, and a subject on which we have mused considerably now for several years.

Wilson, whose novel "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit" is at the best-seller age, once held an executive position with the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools and now holds one with the Committee for the White House Conference on Education. Therefore you can take what he has to say either as the voice of an expert who knows what he is talking about, or as the voice of a man who has looked too long on one side of public school questions.

"Here is a field in which uniformed opinions are at a premium," he says. "A truly ignorant man can easily work himself up into a feverish fury about the public schools, and in a brief article or book can unburden himself of enough righteous indignation to heat a summer hotel in January."

"On the other hand, a person who has really learned something about the schools is almost hopelessly crippled when it comes to writing genuinely dramatic books and articles. He finds he has to qualify his generalities, and all kinds of awkward facts keep getting in the way of rich, rolling prose and sweeping accusations. . . . It's impossible for an informed person to give easy answers to the hard questions besetting the public schools, yet how can hard answers compete in the literary market place with easy ones?"

"The job of figuring out how righteous indignation about weakness of the schools (and he admits there are some) can be converted into constructive action will not be done by people who wave their arms while criticizing the schools as though they were fighting bees. It will be done by serious-minded people calmly appraising the schools in their own community. It will be done

by people who have learned to be patient of differing points of view, and who know how to enlarge areas of agreement, rather than capitalizing on controversy. . . . The job of creating schools capable of developing all the abilities of all American children will never be easy, but without any doubt the American people are in their own curious way plodding toward it. . . ."

All of us are aware that many more citizens have more interest in their public schools than ever before. This is a healthy sign — evidenced by record PTA attendances and lay committees

being organized to improve the schools right here in our county. But more and more we are convinced, and Mr. Wilson's words seem to imply, that calm appraisal must be continuous and long range. Schools cannot be overhauled, physically, curriculumwise or otherwise overnight.

Those who would attempt it do little good to the cause they profess to espouse. —News of Orange County.

Water Bond And P&D Board Connected

It seems to us that the Murphy water bond that is to be voted on next month and the proposed Murphy Planning and Development Board are connected in a very definite way.

From the standpoint of getting new industry, Murphy is limited to a great extent on what it can go after because of its limited ability to process water through the filter plant.

The planning and development board that the Murphy Town Council has been asked to set up has received support from virtually all the civic clubs in Murphy.

As long as those clubs keep up their support and if others interest in the proposed board give their opinions it is very likely that Murphy will get a planning and development board.

But that board will certainly be hampered in one of its main duties — the obtaining of suitable industry for Murphy — if the water bond does not pass.

The bond has also received its share of support. Many individuals — especially parents of young children — have voiced their support of a new water system. And one club, the Junior Woman's Club, has passed a resolution in support of the bond.

If that club and those private citizens who favor the bond realize that the new water system is not won until enough votes are cast in favor of the bond, we are certain to get the bond passed.

All of us who realize the need of the new system must give our active support before the polls open and on voting day! We must vote "YES" and we must remind our neighbors to vote "YES".

reports from OTHER EDITORS

SAFETY FEATURES SHOULD BE AID

It is good to see that automobile manufacturers (most of them at least) have at last begun to take safety seriously. Much credit is due a national magazine for pounding hard on this theme, and claiming that manufacturers were more interested in dollars than in lives (which was true).

The latest models — some of the first 1956 models, that is — reflect a trend toward safety which will, beyond a doubt, save many lives in the coming year. In the next few years these new safety features will undoubtedly save lives by the thousands and injuries by the hundred thousand.

Some of the new safety features are: door locks that stay locked under the impact of a crash. This will prevent passengers, and the driver, from being injured as a result of being thrown through an open door after the collision.

Another commendable safety feature is the soft dashboard, which was introduced by a few models in earlier years but which is widely accepted this year. Seat belts will save as many lives as any other safety improvement and they are being offered widely this year.

All in all, then the 1956 cars are probably the safest offered the motoring public in years. It is a bout time, as everyone now knows, for we Americans were killing each other and ourselves at the rate of about a hundred a day — believe it or not.

(Dalton (Ga.) News)

GETTING READY FOR '56

Two groups devoted to the promotion of the tourist business in this area have elected officers for the coming year, and are already planning their program for next year. This is looking ahead and getting under way before the last minute.

Too often promoters fail to see the wisdom of planning ahead and allowing enough time to get ready. It would appear that the W. N. C. Highlanders and the Haywood Highlanders are not going to be in that position this coming year as they begin their 1956 spring program this fall.

(Waynesville Mountaineer)

Cherokee Chatter

BY BILL COSTELLO

I was exactly four days late writing this column this week but now I'm glad I was because I can start off with some real good news.

I heard that BILLY FORSYTH is now back home and is doing wonderful after his attack of polio.

His happy father, FRANK FORSYTH, said Billy has learned to appreciate Murphy even more than he did before he was sick. (I haven't had polio, Billy, but I appreciate Murphy too!) I heard that Billy was impressed with the presents and well wishes he received while things were looking pretty tough for him during those first days of his attack.

MORE EQUIPMENT

I'm late writing this column this week because I had to spend about three days moving in what I hope is the last piece of equipment we'll be getting in the Scout office for a while. Not only has it broken our pocketbooks, but it has almost broken our backs. We got our lino-type machine in operation last week after hauling it from Dalton, Ga., and this week we put in a power paper cutter. We went all the way to High Point for it in a truck. What a ride! I hope I never have to do that again. The cutter is really bigger than we need right now but maybe our commercial printing business will grow to it!

GOOD JOB

As much as I hate to do it, I'm going to give some free advertising. But I really don't mind putting in a good word for the Palmer Brothers Trucking Company after the wonderful job BEN PALMER did moving us last week. He and his crew went into our former home, took over, moved us out and moved us in without a single scratch despite some really difficult spots and corners.

IT'S NO YOLK

If a green or red or pink or some other bright colored egg yolk shows up on your breakfast plate these days, you can bet CALVIN STILES had something to do with it. He is running a Purina test down at the store in which he hopes to prove that feed given a hen influences the kind of egg layer she will be. Calvin gave me a green one and a red one the last time I was down there, and I had some fun one morning after I slipped you know, I lost my appetite after ped them in the egg carton. But, looking at that green one in the frying pan.

RIBBON WINNER

I understand H. C. Bueck took several ribbons over at Western Carolina College during a recent high school amateur photo judging contest. I have seen more of his work and the Scout has used a few of his shots and I'm not at all surprised that his work were winners.

GOLFERS CORNER

I really didn't mean to drop all news of the tournament over at Copper Hill out of this column but it can be summed up real quick. All the Murphy players got the pants beat off 'em! That takes care of that.

The last couple of times I've been out I have played a terrible game and BOB EASLEY has promised

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Bible Comment:

Allegiance Is Price We Pay For Salvation

"EVERY man has his price" is a cynical observance which contains a grain of truth in that everything that is worth while costs something. This is as true of our soul's salvation and of our spiritual life as it is of worldly things.

God so loved the world that He gave His Son; Jesus died that we might have life and redemption; prophets, priests and saints have made their sacrifice of love for the heritage that we enjoy.

The Kingdom of God, which Jesus proclaimed and made the very center of His teaching and the goal of discipleship, Jesus assured us is not of this world. Its aims, its standards, its sense of worth and values—all are different from those of the kingdoms of earth. But the heavenly kingdom is like the kingdoms of earth in this, that it demands the full allegiance of those who would be its subjects.

We shall never see . . . and Christianity effecting their full conquest over sin and evil, and performing their most influential part in building a better world, until those who would be Christians understand this better, and give themselves more fully to the faith that they profess.

There is a real cost of discipleship, of allegiance—but the pearl of great price is neither disillusioning nor is it disappointing.

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TALK O' THE TOWN

By Emily Costello

CATHERINE and HARRY BISHOP set off a chain reaction of moves when they decided to build a home on their farm at Peachtree. And this week I can think of nothing else but packing and unpacking.

The Bishops sold their hilltop Mooreland Heights home to DODIE and DOC HEADRICK and we bought the Headrick place in "Booger Holler."

The Bishops moved last week over to Bealtown to live until their new home is finished. (It's just been started a week or two). They're in the house that L. V. McMAHANS lived in until they moved out of town recently. And the Headricks move out last week end and we moved in this week end.

Meanwhile MARY BOLAN (Brumby) and DICK FORREST moved into the Robert Weaver house that we moved out of. Now that's a lot of moving isn't it?

And since moving into the house formerly occupied by the veterinarian, I think I'll take an extension course in veterinary medicine to take care of Doc's patients that still come looking for him. I've decided it would be as easy to treat ill cattle as it is to tell somebody driving a two ton truck how to get from Booger Holler to Mooreland Heights.

These folks aren't the only ones moving around in Murphy these days. The beautiful brick home almost completed on Highway 64 toward Ranger is being built by LOIS and LEWIS KING. It really is choice site, I think and they have certainly put a pretty place there. I believe it will be almost two months before the interior will be completed, however. Meanwhile the Kings are at the county home.

JOHNNIE and JAY PHILLIPS have bought the King's cute stucco home on Hill St. and moved in about two weeks ago. They did live over by the cattle barn in that pretty little house with the red paneling in front. The JACK LUNSFORDS moved from next door into the former Phillips house. And don't know from there. The house the Lunsfords lived in belongs to EUNICE SHIELDS, I think, and I don't know who's planning to move in.

And the DR. GEORGE DYERS are in their new house (I think) which is right beside their former home in Mooreland Heights. I have heard a lot about their new home, but haven't seen it. Heard there was some hold up on a special kind of glass they were using in a picture window.

And OPAL and LOREN DAVIS and family will be getting in their new home on the Andrews highway soon. I think just some interior work in all that is left to be done. The house is in a wonderful, natural setting with a grove of beautiful mature trees.

By the way, that graded lot out just beyond the King's new home on 64 is the lot where MR and MRS. R. M. ADKINS plan to build soon.

The new bus station owners, MR. and MRS. BUSA and their four daughters have leased Addie Mae Cook's house just across from the bus station and plan to live in all except one apartment.

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK

My grandfather's clock wasn't too large for the shelf, but it wouldn't run. So A. G. SMITH of Martin's Creek is fixing it up for me. Right now Mr. Smith has about a dozen big old clocks and a number of small ones in his shop now for repairs, and some are ticking away after 60 years of silence.

The oldest clock in his shop now is 179 years old and belong to MRS. NORA COBB SPENCER. There is also a 165 years old (or older) clock with all wood works. It belongs to the Stalcups on Martin's Creek.

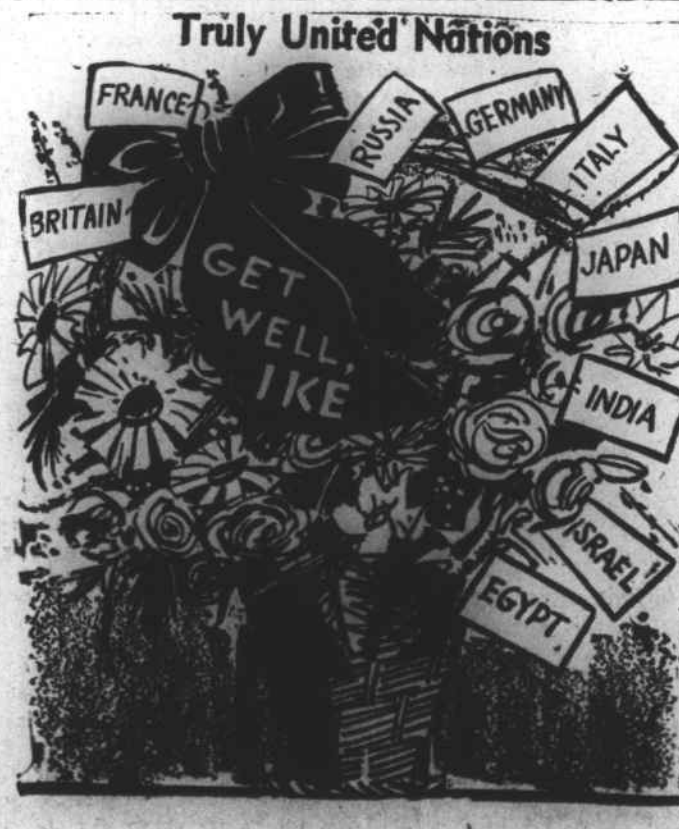
CLAY POET

I recently became acquainted with MRS. THETA BARNARD of Clay County, who writes poetry for a hobby. A recent poem of hers has an international relations theme and is really very lovely. I think. It was used on an attractive program put on by the Clay Co. Council of Home Demonstration Clubs last month, and will be published in a national magazine sometime soon, I think. Here it is:

"HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER"

They told me there was a border-line
Across it a different race.
But when your hand reached mine
And I saw your eager face
I knew we were much akin
No different at the heart
Despite the coloring of your skin
Lines could not set us apart.
We can make one world of nations
Establish peace and order
Improve International Relations
Just reach hands across the border.

Theta Barnard



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A Backward Glance

5 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Oct. 12, 1950

Miss Ruth Bagwell is assisting in a Sunday School campaign in the Burlington association this week.

Grover Mauney spent the week end at Marion with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Caldwell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Kephart and son, Michael of Maryville, Tenn. visited relatives in Murphy over the week end.

Mrs. Butler Ragland of Huntsville, Ala., was the guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vaught and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey returned Sunday from a week's trip to various points in Florida.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Oct. 18, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Rae Moore returned from Marietta, Ga., and are occupying a cottage on Mooreland Heights.

Mrs. H. Bueck attended a meeting of the War Finance committee in Asheville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin and Mrs. Joe Fulmer spent last Friday in Knoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovingood and son, Tommy, have returned from Detroit to make their home here.

Mrs. Claude Talley and baby, Phyllis, are visiting Capt. Talley's family in Samoa.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Oct. 17, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hyde and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Studstill were visitors in Chattanooga Sunday Morning.

Mrs. Helen Burch and Miss Jean Mae Gilliam of the Franklin School Faculty spent Sunday with Miss Margaret Hall at the Henry House.

Miss Fannie Hathcock, Miss Ruby Courtney and L. A. Lee will attend the Duke-Tech game in Atlanta Saturday.

Mrs. Nettie Axley, assisted by her daughter, Miss Louise, entertained at luncheon Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. James Axley. Besides the honorees were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hubbell and Miss Hattie Axley.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Case and Mr. and Mrs. Don Witherspoon spent Saturday in Knoxville.

Friday, Oct. 16, 1925

30 YEARS AGO

Mrs. E. G. Clary left Thursday for Asheville to spend about 10 days.

Mrs. Robert Barclay and little son of Copperhill are visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson this week.

Frank Herbert of Blairville was a business visitor to Murphy Tuesday.

W. R. Anderson of Hayesville was a Murphy visitor Tuesday. Ben Goforth spent last week end with friends in Sylva.

Letters To Editor

TO THE EDITOR:

I am very anxious to get in touch with the descendants of a distant relative of mine, the late Hammond Little, who I think spent his entire life after he was 18 years old in the mountain regions of North Carolina.

This man was born in Pike County, Kentucky, in the year 1854. He left Pike County, Kentucky, January 1873, and enlisted in the regular U. S. Army under the name of Sherd Crabtree. He deserted the U. S. Army while stationed at Columbia, South Carolina, August 1, 1873.

This man was very illiterate, he had grown up in the wooded area of Pike County, Kentucky. He was about 6 feet 2 inches tall, very slender in stature. In all probability he sought employment in the mountain regions of North Carolina as a logger.

It is possible, at least the information is that he went under the name of Drake, my information is that he had a son by the name of Robert Drake who was born about the year 1880 in the state of North Carolina.

I would appreciate hearing from any of his relatives or anyone who might give me any information on the whereabouts of the immediate family.

Yours very truly,
Lawrence Brumham
Pikeville, Kentucky.