

Many 1877 Problems Same As Now Said M'boro Paper

By MARGARET JOHNSON MURFREESBORO — A look at the Murfreesboro Enquirer for 1877 reveals that people and animals were plagued with the same maladies as in 1965.

Many stories and essays were lifted from other newspapers. A story from New York tells of a coal dealer's horse and a dog who slept together. The horse accidentally hit the dog, who bit the horse. A day or so later the dog ran away.

The new story continued: "The wound in the horse's nose healed up but at the end of three weeks he sickened, refused to eat and snapped his teeth at whoever approached him. He grew worse and four days later he began to foam at the mouth. He uttered loud cries and beat against the sides of the stable, and when his owner went in to get a shovel the horse tried to bite him. In his ravings the horse broke one of the chains with which he was fastened, snapping off some of his teeth and cutting his lip in doing so. He also bit the manger furiously and tried to tear the flesh from his own legs.

"Later in the day one of Dr. Beight's officers shot him, as he was suffering all the pangs of hydrophobia." Hydrophobia remains a dread disease, though perhaps more under control by laboratory tests and quarantine of dogs suspected of having it.

Even a century ago alcoholism was recognized as an illness. A story headed Drunkenness as a Disease by Dr. George M. Beard declares:

"He who drinks to intoxicate for the fun of it, for the sake of the pleasure it gives, or to drive dull care away, is vicious. He who drinks because he cannot help drinking, who is borne against his wishings or strivings by an irresistible impulse, is diseased. Drunkenness as a vice often leads to drunkenness as a disease. Drunkenness as a vice may be and often is stopped by signing a pledge of total abstinence. Drunkenness as a disease is rarely cured by signing the

pledge or by so called moral measures of any kind. With such persons life is a constant struggle; they wish to be delivered from the suffering as much as the dyspeptic patient wishes to be delivered from his indigestion or the neuragic patient of his pain.

"The inebriate may pledge himself to abstain from alcoholic liquors, and may put himself in a position where he cannot get them, but to this negative treatment should often be added positive medication, if we expect a permanent or even temporary cure. In a word, inebriety is a neurosis — a functional disease of the nervous system — and should be treated on the same principles as other and allied diseases."

CITIZENS are just awakening to the need of treatment for the mentally and emotionally ill. A front page essay states in part: "The interest which has lately been aroused touching the treatment of the insane in the asylums for their seclusion is something which is of periodical occur-

rence but we hope the present agitation of the subject will have practical results. The entire subjection of the insane to their keepers encourages gross abuse of them. There is no department of medicine so unsatisfactory as that which concerns the diseased mind, and no maladies are so perplexing and so various and so contradictory in their manifestations as those of the mental and nervous organization. But the best informed specialists in New York and abroad discountenance physical violence in the treatment of the insane."

Only three decades before this was written Dorothea Dix pleaded with North Carolina legislators to establish a state institution for the ill of mind. The lawmakers finally agreed and built a hospital on a hill in Raleigh. Thus the name Dix Hill.

Dorothea Dix went from state to state in behalf of the welfare of the insane who were often confined in filthy jails and punished unmercifully.

terly session, voted to reiterate the organization's position against minimum farm wages. The Farm Bureau spokesmen said the legislation would blanket all temporary and seasonal farm workers, and would cover permanent labor retained by farmers who employ four or more full-time wage earners.

The bill sets the minimum hourly wage for covered workers at \$1.15 beginning next July, and hikes the minimum to \$1.25 beginning July 1, 1968.

According to Mangum, the bill makes no provisions for piece rate workers, and prohibits employment of workers under sixteen, except in special cases.

One section of the bill would end the exemption from minimum wages for cotton gins, tobacco processors and vegetable processors. Agricultural processing and marketing enterprises in what is called the "area of production" would also lose the exemption.

GREENVILLE — East Carolina College announced an enrollment substantially higher than expected and President Leo W. Jenkins heaped thanks on Greenville homeowners who are accommodating many of the students.

Official tabulations show the college has an on-campus student body of 7,888 — considerably higher than the expectation of around 7,300 and nearly 16 1/2 per cent above last year's total of 6,775.

In announcing the enrollment, Dr. Jenkins said, "Greenville has done it again. We can't thank these people enough.

"The best estimates we could arrive at, based on Greenville's ability to absorb students we simply couldn't provide rooms for, led us to believe we would have around 7,300 students.

"But due to extreme cooperation of homeowners here we have a total enrollment of 7,888. This far exceeds our expectation.

"I want to thank and commend the people of Greenville who are making a sacrifice so that many of these qualified students would not be turned away because they could not find a room."

Final student population figures were tabulated on the college's automatic data processing equipment under the direction of Registrar Worth E. Baker and data processing director Terry Hanner. Baker said the system, installed four years ago, ran more smoothly this year than ever before.

A breakdown of the total (with last year's figures in parentheses) follows: Freshmen, 3,454 (2,603); sophomores, 1,516 (1,368); juniors, 1,181 (1,175); seniors, 999 (1,030); graduates, 565 (414).

Homeowners Cooperate In Providing Space For ECC

The whopping first-year class, by far the largest on record, includes 2,710 new freshmen, 106 transfers from other campuses and 638 who started their first year at ECC during last school year but have not yet reached sophomore level. Many of the latter group will join the sophomore class after fall quarter.

The over — all total includes from all four undergraduate classes 3,090 newcomers to ECC and 4,060 returnees. It also includes 159 special first — year students enrolled in the Undergraduate Evening College operated on the campus by the Extension Division.

In addition to on-campus enrollment the college reaches through its Extension Division some 8,000 individuals who are counted for some 11,000 registrations in three resident centers (Goldsboro, Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point) and many other Eastern North Carolina communities.

WINTON — Six new biographical films are now available through the Albemarle Regional Library. They are additions to the North Carolina Adult Film Project — a collection of 16mm films owned by all public libraries of North Carolina.

The films are "Biography of Jackie Robinson," a half hour description of a baseball star's rise to fame; "Margaret Mead," four half hour television interviews with the anthropologist; "Pablo Casals," musician; "Pearl S. Buck and W. Somerset Maugham," authors; and an hour long television interview with the late president "Herbert Hoover."

A free public library service, the films are not available for use in public schools or for viewing by students, but may be used by PTA organizations for adult viewing. Civic clubs may also order the films.

Requests for the films should be made to the regional library office in Winton or to the county libraries in Windsor and Gatesville. About two weeks should be allowed for delivery.

Groups using the new films must provide their own projector and screen.

Teens Like Motorcycles But Not Their Bad Image

Contrary to common opinion, the Honda, most popular motorcycle in Hertford County, is not a power hit machine. Top end for the majority of bikes in this area is only about 55 mph, considerably less than any automobile around these parts.

This poses a problem for the "Honda" rider, for he just cannot compete for his right of way with an automobile. North Carolina traffic laws award two-wheeled vehicles the same rights as four-wheeled ones, but motorcycle riders constantly complain of being run off the road by automobiles, and in other ways having their rights infringed upon.

The image for the Hertford County cyclist is quite different from that of many other areas. Local youths do not wear black leather jackets, their low-powered machines do not require them to wear such wind-breaking clothing.

In fact, local "Honda" riders are usually seen wearing the same fashions as their friends who ride in cars.

Teens Like Motorcycles But Not Their Bad Image

By WESLEY SUMNER AHOSKIE — Do you define motorcycle as "a powerful, racy machine that emits loud noises, and travels at a tremendous rate of speed"?

Would you define a rider of the above vehicle as "a youth, clad in dungarees, leather cap and jacket, and a pair of black boots, who races around town, terrorizing other citizens with his speed and recklessness"?

If you do, you are probably an adult and fall into the same category with the majority of other adults in the area.

But, if you do, you are just as mistaken as the other adults who follow your thinking.

It's true that Hertford County has imported a wave of motorcycles in the past few months and that an increasing number of young people are riding them to school and work every day.

Several reasons are behind this complete revolution in the riding habits of area young people.

One of the most important to a youngster is the economy of riding on two wheels instead of four. A Honda "50," in this area, costs only about \$400 and a rider can travel for days on one gallon of gas.

Another big point in the favor of the motorcycle fan is the extreme popularity of the bikes themselves. Teens ask, "If he can have one, why can't I?" Can you beat that approach?

Yes, the motorcycle, or rather motorbike, is here, and in my opinion, it's here to stay.

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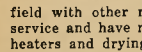


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