

Why Not Call It Whynot?

By SAM MORTON

WHYNOT (SP) — Why did they name Whynot Whynot? "Why not?" says Mrs. M.C. Auman, who's lived about 60 of her 73 years in Whynot. "They couldn't think of anything else."

"At least that's what my mother told me," adds Mrs. Auman. "And that's the story most folks agree to."

Elderly J. B. Slack, born and reared in Whynot, agrees. Sometime before the turn of the century, he says, Whynot's menfolk got together to name their community.

"They suggested a lot of names and couldn't agree," says Slack. "It got later and later. Finally, somebody said, 'why not call it Whynot?' So they did."

"It's all according to how far you want to extend it. A lot of people live in these hills," says Slack, a retired regional director for the Farmers Home Administration.

How many people does Whynot have?

"Let me think a minute," said Arden Macon. "There are a lot of children born recently that I haven't seen. I guess there's anywhere from 75 to 150."

Whynot, says Mrs. Slack, used to be on the old plank road from Winston - Salem to Wilmington on the coast.

"And Whynot," Slack recalls, "had one of the best schools in North Carolina years ago. It was Whynot Academy and was a boarding school. It went through the seventh grade and attracted students from all over this part of the state. A lot of people knew about Whynot because of that school."

"But the schoolhouse burned in 1915 and only the church was left beside it. Then some years ago, they removed the post office and made the mail address Seagrove."

Seagrove has several hundred people, several stores, the post office, and it's on a major highway, U. S. 220.

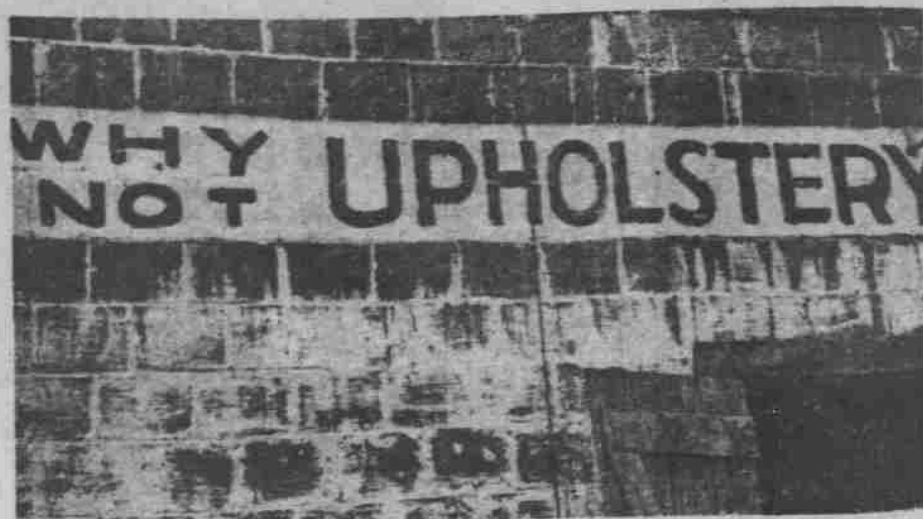
"But the people in Whynot are proud," says Slack. "They don't like to be known as being from Seagrove. They want to be from Whynot."

Whynot is two miles from Seagrove, three miles from Jugtown, eight miles from Erect, 15 miles from Star and 32 miles south of Greensboro in the rolling hills of central North Carolina.

Whynot isn't on many road maps and not in the Postal Guide.

You can miss it if you're not careful because someone tore down its only road sign. The only building on the highway bearing "Whynot" is the Whynot Upholstery Co. It is the community's only real industry. Most of the residents farm.

Nobody's sure exactly how big Whynot is.



Whynot's Single Industry

Texans Collect Wire That Won The West

FLOYDADA, Tex. (UPI) — Among the three most important items in settling the Old West, historically speaking, were repeating firearms, windmills and barbed wire. Firearms have changed drastically since the days of the settlers, and the windmill has almost vanished under the onslaught of the electric pump. But the barbed wire remains.

Three Floyd County men—less interested in the usefulness of barbed wire than in its history—have set out to make a collection of the more than 300 types used in fencing up the open range.

For Mac Smitherman, Glen Black and Charles Overstreet, barbed wire has become a hobby with a challenge. The challenge, Black says, lies in the fact that much of the wire used in the early fences was homemade, fashioned in almost endless varieties.

MOST COMMON

Perhaps the most common wire today is "Gladius Winner," patented in 1874. It is formed from two round strands of wire, with long barbs intertwined every few inches.

But in days gone by, when stores were few and far between, ranchers and farmers used the material they had on hand to make their fences. One type that was never patented consisted merely of a single strand of wire with long, sharp staples clamped securely around it.

Another type was known as the half-hitch fence, because the barbs were individually

knotted to the main strand of wire with half-hitch knots.

Other types included the chain link, which proved ineffective because it tended to sag between posts; the rick-rack wire, formed a metal plate with its edges cut in a jagged pattern and twisted in spiral fashion around a round wire; and war wire, the same type used in World War I to slow enemy troops.

TWO CATEGORIES

Smitherman said early types of barbed fences can be divided into two categories—vicious and obvious.

The vicious was designed long, sharp barbs made to hurt any animals that tried to get through it. The obvious, on the other hand, was made to be seen and avoided by animals.

One variety of obvious consisted of two strands of twisted wire, with blocks of wood two or three inches square woven into it about a foot apart. Another kind — really a combination of obvious and vicious—had flat pieces of metal with sharp corners woven into it every few inches.

MAJOR FACTOR

A major factor in getting the three men into their hobby was a book entitled "The Wire that Fenced the West," written by Henry D. and Francis McCallum. In their book the authors reported people looked startled when they said what they were doing research for, and often commented: "Of all things to write a book about . . . barbed wire."

Young GI Dreads 2nd Viet Hitch

QUANTICO, Va. (UPI) — Marine Lance Corporal Gary Van Cleave, 19, of Salem, Ore., looks as if he might need a shave about once a week, and his 135 pounds on a 5-foot-7 frame scarcely would awe a would-be attacker.

But Van Cleave can discuss killing as calmly and as authoritatively as a college freshman can talk about last Saturday's dance. Van Cleave is a combat Marine who went to Viet Nam at the age of 18. He served as a forward observer for an artillery battery about 11 months in the Southeast Asian country. Artillery hardly is operational without such observers, because, "in the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."

In February or March of 1966, Van Cleave was on patrol with seven Marine infantrymen, and his artillery radio operator. The patrol met some Viet Cong.

20 VIETS

"There were 20 of them—I counted them," Van Cleave said. "The grunts (Marine riflemen) started firing at them and they began running."

"I called the battery and the first round hit short of them on the near side of a river," he said. "They started spreading and the next round hit beyond them."

"It (the high explosive shells) came in right on the river where I wanted it, but they (Viet Cong) were so spread by that time that most got away," the youthful Marine said. "We got only three—two we found in the river and another one I saw them dragging away."

PINNED DOWN

Later in March, 1966, Van Cleave was on operation "Indiana" as a forward observer attached to Alpha Company 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. They became pinned down in a valley by a large enemy force. Van Cleave was unable to direct the fire of his artillery battery.

"My radio operator was killed in the first exchange of fire, he was hit by a 20 millimeter in the arm," he said. "The radio wouldn't operate."

But Van Cleave said the word was passed back to the battery through other communications. The artillery fired barrages of protective fires around the pinned down Marine units "all night."

Van Cleave talks of war with ease, but he talks little differently than other 18, 19 and 20-year-olds Marines at Quantico who are veterans of a year in Viet Nam. Most speak quietly and they move confidently. But they all speak of the war. They expect to return to it.

"I don't say I want to go back," said Van Cleave, who returned to the U.S. last April. "But I expect I will."

God At College Faith Has New Face

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Religion has a new face! Today's religious endeavors differ vastly from those described in the previous story of this series.

"All the troubles of the Southern church," said UNC's Methodist Associate Chaplain Banks Godfrey, "have stemmed from a fundamental difficulty. The churches have failed to allow theology to be a servant to their own lives!"

This is, in essence, the ideology behind the "new face" of today's theology. The church had been "swallowed by culture," and not able to perform correctly, thereby functioning only semi-efficiently.

Stiffness and straight-collar have gracefully slipped out the back door of the church. Particularly here at UNC, the purpose of religion has become, in the words of Presbyterian Campus Pastor Harry Smith, "to provide an informal setting in which the student can raise personal questions and discuss the meaning of specific issues."

NATURAL ACTIVITY

The character of this form of theology is not an instructional class as such, but rather a "seminar." It is logical that since study is the nat-

ural activity of students, religion should become an integral part of the student's life through this medium—in the form of seminars and discussion groups.

"A study group is an occasion for students to meet regularly, with preparation, with direction (either an outline or a book), with openness and frankness, with full participation, with a sense of involvement, and a deep faith that God can reveal Himself through such a group," said Harry Smith.

Associate Minister Charles Midkiff, of the University Baptist Church, feels that these seminars are important in that "they give the individual a chance to discuss religion in relation to himself. Although the discussions are primarily biblically oriented, they are functional as a sounding board for the student's ideas about Christian faith and its implications."

HELP STUDENT

The Pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Thomas Moore, Father Murphy, expressed his feelings concerning discussion groups: "We try to help the student with any problems he may encounter, and at the time show him how to be a good Christian and a good Catholic." Father Murphy added that he

feels the nature of confession is one of the strongest incentives toward good Christian living.

The church has become, as Banks Godfrey put it, "a catalyst." It is a more modest, yet more crucial factor in the individual's life. It remains constant in its own integrity, while performing the all important function of teaching the student to look at his own personal problems and everyday life from a theological perspective.

"Thus one learns," said Godfrey, "that there is not one person, place, or thing from which God is absent."

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- A tribe of Algonquian Indians
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- Stupefy
- Jr.'s relative
- Goes through again
- Prologue
- Greek letter
- Skin growths
- Of ships
- To be in debt
- The skies
- Deeply in love
- Stibium: syn.
- One time
- Couple
- Pennsylvania river
- Not alive
- Coral island
- Kind of leather
- Girl's nickname
- Internal

DOWN

- Apportion
- Seed covering
- Colleagues
- Poem
- Compass point
- Reinvigorate
- Place in a row
- Kindred
- Soldiers in captivity
- Asterisk
- Auricular
- In a merciless manner
- Newt
- Tarkington novel
- Indo-Chin. language
- Uncooked
- Brown, in the sun
- Than: Ger.
- Rosary bead
- Engrave
- Toils
- Strike
- Greek letter
- Walk through water
- German river
- Torrid
- Demand, as payment
- Chinese river

PEANUTS

THEY'RE YOU! THEY TELL ME YER FANCY YERSELF!

NOT AGAINST YOU, LAD. YER A BETTER MAN THAN I AM

YER GOIN' T' GO ON AT ME ABOUT THAT RENT AGAIN!

NO, JUST WANT T' TELL YER I'M GETTIN' THAT CISTERN FIXED

I'LL BET YER FORGOT T' GET ME CIGARETTES IN!

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