



IT'S A HARD LIFE
Being a newspaper reporter is often a hard life, and even more so on a small town weekly newspaper than on a daily. Frequently pressure is brought to bear on a reporter not to mention this or that in reporting a story, and it is ignoring this pressure that frequently makes reporting a worrisome business.

We ran across an article recently written by Herbert J. Pate, editor of the Johnson County Democrat at Tishomingo, which illustrates what a reporter would be up against in writing a story if he complied with the wishes of everyone concerned. We're printing it below, in full, including the headline such a story would carry.

SOMEBODY DID SOMETHING
(Editor's note: Any actual resemblance of this story to anybody the reader knows is a strange coincidence as it was just written to fill up space.)

Charges were filed today against a long-time subscriber before Judge (we can't mention his name because he is having a job printing done) on a complaint he had attacked Mr. (name deleted, friend of the editor's).

Mr. (the same long-time subscriber) is alleged to have wield-

ed a (type of weapon can't be named, harmful to sales) in the reported assault.

The very trivial incident occurred in front of the (man requested his place of business be omitted).

The man, hurt slightly, died for some strange reason in the (harmful publicity for institution) hospital. The doctor said that although the man rolled off the bed and fractured his skull, causing immediate death and permanent injury, he had rather not be mentioned as treating him. "You know how these things are, people just will draw the wrong conclusions."

An attorney (name of his city not given, might be harmful

clue) said he would rather nobody knew he was defending the man.

"Don't mention this in the paper," said the charged man, "and don't give my name. You know how long I've been taking the paper. I want you to cooperate with me (check up, circulation dept. How far behind? Oh, just a year. Well, guess we ought to suppress it)."

Attorney (name deleted, possible harmful effect on civil clients) who made a sensational address on the freedom of the press a few days ago, said "Leave this out or you'll get no more legals from me even if I have to never file another case."

(name omitted). He ran a one-column by two-inch ad four years ago and decided advertising would not pay on the basis of its results) was charged jointly with (long-time subscriber).

(1x2 advertiser four years ago) blamed (long-time subscriber) with handling the (name of weapon harmful to sales) in the attack on (friend of editor's) in front of (omitted by request).

Somebody will prosecute the case (county attorney having campaign placards printed here) before Judge (permission for use of his name not given) sometime soon (date cannot be named). They don't want a bunch of citizens littering up the courthouse).

Funeral services for (friend of editor's) were expected to be held at the (church (editor doesn't like preacher, so name omitted)).

Burial will be held in the (reporter didn't have time to check) cemetery with the (don't want any more charity funerals) mortuary in charge.—Written by someone who doesn't want to be connected with it.

IS DISAPPOINTED

Boonville, N. C., Saturday, June 29, 1940
Dear Mr. Browning: I have just read your "Gab Bag" for this week. I must say I was very much disappointed since (heretofore, I have enjoyed it very much because you have refrained from political dogmatism) you seemed to carry out the opposite of your criticism of the Republicans by severely criticizing them. I am a Republican because my father was, which is as nearly a plausible excuse as any man may give for being affiliated with any institution. Don't you think so?

When we criticize let us look back over the pages of history and if we are intelligent, see and understand things as they developed in their true light. What I mean in particular is the administration before the present. How about giving a Democratic House and Senate some of the credit for

some of the lassitude you so base-ly accused Mr. Hoover of. Still above all just remember that out of the 22 nations suffering from the depression, according to their recovery that the U. S. was next to the last, France being last, and that we have not yet paid our \$40,000,000,000 debt money which, if it had been spent in preparedness, would have made the U. S. powerful.

If you remember the present or just past speeded up military programs of the great nations of the world have been known to be going on in the last few years, even since the election of the present administration. Surely Mr. Hull has not been ignorant of this. I am not unjustly criticizing Mr. Hull. He has been the best secretary of state in ages, even if he is a Democrat. I believe he would be a very capable candidate for the presidency, don't you?

You were right, Mr. Browning, that we have too many "sleep walkers," in fact the whole nation seems to have been asleep in the past few years. So you Democrats that have not awakened, come on and get up with us Republicans and let's all see what is going on both at home and abroad (Don't misunderstand that last sentence).

Yours very truly,
EARL KING

We're not going to argue with Mr. King, because he is one of our nine readers and is also sort of a guest in this department this week, and besides it is too hot. But if we wanted to argue, especially about the Republican contention that the Democrats have left the U. S. unprepared, we could sort of point out that, speaking of defense, the Republican nominee for vice-president, Mr. McNary, was one of nine of the 16 Republicans who voted on a bill to increase the number of army airplanes from 5,500 to 6,000, casting their vote against the measure. This was on March 6, 1939, six months after the Munich pact. We could also recall, if we wanted to, that Senator Taft, whom the Republican leaders wanted to nominate as president before the rank and file of the delegates took the matter out of their hands, early this year proposed a 25 per cent. cut in army and navy appropriation estimates.

And we could also go on and quote the Washington Merry-Go-Round, written by two Washington correspondents who are in position to know more the inside of things than either Mr. King or us, on their recent article which stated: "Governor Stassen's charge that Roosevelt had caused the country to be unprepared was hardly based upon fact. Actually, Roosevelt has done a better job of building up the navy than any other peace time president. During the first four years of Roosevelt, the army got about the same treatment as under Hoover, but in the last three years army appropriations shot up sky high. As a matter of fact, Roosevelt went even further than Congress and took money out of WPA funds for the army and navy until Congress inserted a clause in the WPA bill preventing him from doing this. He was much more defense minded than Congress."

But, being sort of tired and worn out, we won't bother to go into this. Political arguments can go on forever and forever with nothing ever being settled. And we want Mr. King to continue as one of our nine readers, for goodness only knows good readers are scarce these days.

Who was that that said "and so are good columns!"?

MINE RIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Burch and daughter, Betty Jean, of Danville, Va., have returned to their homes, after spending the past week with Mrs. Burch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith.

Mr. Reece Norman of Salisbury, spent the week-end with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norman.

Misses Juanita and Stella Lowe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garland Carter, of Arlington.

Mr. Lewis Smith is spending this week visiting friends and relatives in Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Whitaker of Elkin, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Whitaker.

Mrs. Earl Sneed of Elkin, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Smith.

Mr. Warren Ross visited friends in Elkin over the week-end.

Mr. Davis Whitaker visited relatives at Little Richmond over the week-end.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. Garvey Haynes have moved from this community to Elkin. They will be greatly missed.

town, visited her mother here, Mrs. Tom Wood, over the week-end.

FORESTS

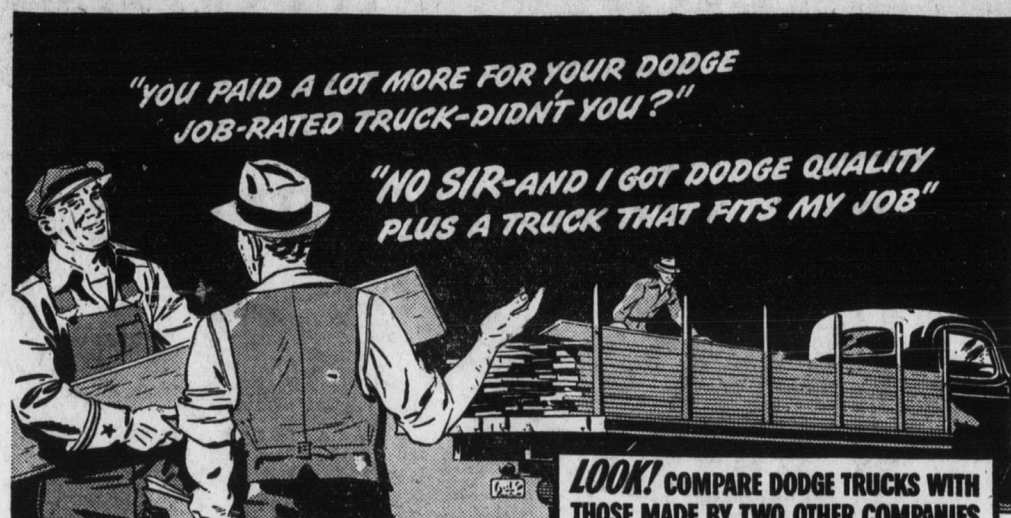
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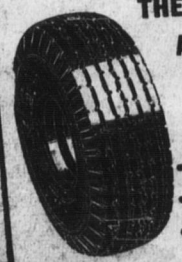


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