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## INDEPENDENCE

When the word independent got tied up with newspapers we are afraid it lost a little of its true meaning.

Every newspaper, big and little, it seems, take pride in pointing out that it is an "independent" newspaper.

The statement, as we see it, is altogether misleading. Every newspaper is directly "dependant" on the people it serves.

Let us go back a decade and cite a definite example of a newspaper that was so-called "independent."

After one of the most sensational trials for murder in the annals of the court room, the woman involved was denied any reprieve by the governor of the state in which she lived. She was to pay with her life, according to law, for having murdered a man.

A New York tabloid at that time was building up propaganda in its fight to abolish capital punishment. They sent a star reporter to cover the depressing scene in the death house. It has always been the ethics of the game to write a description of the horrible affair, as unbloody as possible, and without bias. Camers have always been taboo.

This certain reporter had no evidence of a camera on his person when he sat with the witnesses in the death house by merely sitting in a position where he could pull up his trouser leg a few inches, he focused a camera on the doomed woman. The bulb was in his pocket. As the current was turned on, the camera clicked.

The next day the tabloid came out with its entire front page showing the grimacing, straining pitiful face of a woman, with the breath of life being burned out of her. She had strained, it seemed, to the bursting point of the straps and electrodes that bound her fast to the seat of death. From the metal cap over her head little bits of smoke was seen to be spiraling up in the air where the hair had not been cut quite far enough away.

Can that possibly be called independence on the part of that newspaper? Can newspapers that crusade against crime wars and dig out and expose crooked politicians be truly called independent? Most newspapers are a boon to the community they serve but still can they be called independent?

The word independence as defined by the leading dictionaries has two meanings: 1. Freedom from dependence, exemption from reliance on, and 2. Direction of one's affairs without interference.

The latter explanation, we believe, is the one that newspapers have in mind when they proclaim themselves independent.

"Direction of one's affairs without interference"—is your newspaper independent? Does it go out and dig up dirty little facts and items that serve to help no one and injure many? Or does it aim to fight for the best interests of the community that it represents. Does it crusade for the things worth while, or the things that are not worth while? Does it seek publicity for itself or for the people that keep it going?

Can any man stand up and say "I have an independent paper"? Can any publisher be accused of not having an independent paper?

Should your newspaper be the one that is fairly and openly abiding by the best interests of the community or the one that is always knocking—always bringing scandal to its readers?

## VISITORS LIKE MURPHY

Lately there has been a great increase in tourists and travellers passing through Murphy. Visitors have also been numerous. Due to increased industries and the possibility of the dam being built here, there are a great many permanent residents moving in.

The increase is so great, in fact, that often the local hotels and boarding houses are filled to capacity and those seeking lodging for the night must go to a neighboring town.

The housing problem for those moving in is getting complicated. The value of property and the building of more homes should show a decided increase in the near future.

Of late there have been a number of distinguished visitors in town. Gratifying indeed is the fact that many of them look upon Murphy as one of the nicest towns they have ever been in. Many compliments are lavished on the town of which the people of this section should feel proud.

Too often public statements are thus made only to be changed after the people have left town. However, this does not seem to be the case in this instance. Word is continually being received here from parties that have visited this section expressing themselves as being impressed with Murphy and Cherokee county.

It seems that residents that have moved away never forget the time they have spent here and are always anxious to get back. The congeniality of this section seems to be foremost in the memory of those that have visited here or formerly lived here. The scenic beauty of the surrounding community stays with them always and often travellers go out of their way to pay a visit to Murphy and Cherokee county.

This fact is something that the people of this community can well afford to be proud of and unlimited possibilities of further building up this part of Western North Carolina along this line can be seen.

## THE BIGGEST FAIR YET

According to the work the members of the Cherokee County Fair Association are doing, indications are that the people of this section can truly expect the biggest and best fair yet.

Work in every department—arranging the hundreds of prizes, providing entertainment, preparing the fair catalogue, advertising the event, cleaning up the building grounds—is being worked out under capable management.

The list of premiums is one of the most extensive ever undertaken. Every one in this section is urged to submit livestock, all kinds of vegetables, canned goods, food and everything else that the large list of prizes will cover.

Farmers would do well to take the advice of a news story carried in this issue of the Scout suggesting that they get their livestock groomed and in good shape in plenty of time for the judging. Too often, we are told not enough preparation along this line is given to the exhibits.

Probably more enthusiasm has been worked up over the fair this year than there has been in many years. The passing of the "lean years", to some extent, has helped everyone by putting more in their pockets and giving them something to look forward to.

The people of this community are especially urged to have the children attend. There is a wealth of knowledge for them there, and they can get, a great deal of good from the fair.

## HELPING INDIGENT CRIPPLES

Mr. H. L. Stanton, of Raleigh, state supervisor in charge of the Orthopaedic clinic for indigent cripples, now being conducted at Bryson City every third Saturday, free of charge, was in Murphy last week and had on display some pictures that showed the fine work his organization was doing.

Children and grown people that had been horribly deformed all their lives have had their bones straightened to the extent that they could go through the daily routine and work as well as people with normal bodies.

More than that, according to Mr. Stanton, who calls the clinic, a "new deal for the cripples of Southwestern North Carolina," after the physical condition of these cripples "has been improved as much as possible through surgical treatment, each individual over sixteen years of age is carefully studied and advised as to the vocation for which he is best fitted."

The Scout is naturally in sympathy with the work Mr. Stanton describes.

Cripples of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon and Swain counties are eligible for the treatment described in a news article in this edition of the Scout. The clinic, it was said, is sponsored by the Rotary club of Bryson City and should prove valuable and to many people of this section.

## LET'S TURN BACK HISTORY'S PAGES . . .

### 40 YEARS AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout)  
Hon. J. M. Cobb was in town on business Saturday.

George W. Padgett, of Alice, Ga., is visiting friends and relatives at Suit, this county.

J. T. L. Hartness and wife, of Cherokee were in town Saturday and gave us a pleasant call.

Mrs. W. N. Cooper, after an extended visit to relatives in Tennessee has returned home.

W. H. Woodbury made a trip to Ellijay last week.

J. T. Patterson and wife left last Wednesday for Clay county to pay a visit to Capt. R. L. Herbert and family.

A. J. Loyd was down from Wayne the first of last week.

Mrs. J. H. Wood and her brother, Bob Hunt, left Friday for Tellico Plains, Tenn., where they will spend ten days visiting relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Manchester, of Waco, Texas, arrived in Murphy last Wednesday afternoon and will remain visiting friends and relatives the remainder of this month.

W. B. Pass, wife and child, of Hayesville, were here visiting friends the latter part of last week.

### 30 YEARS AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout)  
Paul Hyatt, of Savannah, Ga., is here visiting his parents.

Mr. Rube Carver, of Graham County, was here last week.

J. Q. Barker, of Andrews, was here Saturday attending to business. J. F. Ray and W. R. Stalcup, of Franklin, attended court the first of the week.

G. W. Candler and family returned Thursday from a visit to relatives at Dillsboro.

Mrs. J. J. Clarke and children, of Asheville, are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Dickey.

Miss Gertrude McNelly, of Mineral Bluff, Ga., and Miss Myrtle Dickey, of Ranger, spent Sunday in town with friends.

Mrs. Frank Young, of Fisher, La., is here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. M. Patton.

J. M. Leatherwood spent the past week at Andrews with his parents.

Capt. R. L. Porter, wife, and son, and daughter, of Franklin, arrived Friday night.

### 20 YEARS AGO

George Ellis and wife were visitors to Atlanta last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Moody went to Asheville Monday.

Dr. S. B. Henry, of Suit, was in the city last week attending court.

J. T. Hayes, of Tomotla, was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday.

Misses Mayes Meroney and Margerite Smathers left Monday for Asheville and Sylva where they will visit friends and relatives.

Misses Annette Wells and Fina Patton will leave this morning for Asheville and Lake Junaluska where they will visit for a while.

N. Z. Deweese, of Etowah, Tenn., was the guest of his father, D. W. Deweese, here Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Dixon, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Meroney, returned to her home in Greensboro, yesterday.

W. D. Townson has returned to Titusville, Fla. His wife will remain here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sneed, for the rest of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gibson and son and Miss Mattie Brown returned Sunday night from a week's visit to Charleston, S. C., and other points.

A pleasant party is spending the week fishing at Flower's Bend enjoying the outing. The party is composed of Mrs. Nettie Dickey, Mrs. J. J. Clarke and daughter, Mrs. Gunby; Misses Eunice Cochran, Nana Axley, Delcy Ramsey, Messrs. Frog Axley, Fred Dickey, Frank Conley and Jake Deweese.

M. W. Bell Esq., was transacting professional business in Asheville Wednesday and Thursday.

### 10 YEARS AGO

(In The Cherokee Scout)  
Misses Bessie and Vera Mount, of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting their sister, Mrs. W. M. Egan.

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Parker and children, returned from Hickory the first of the week, where they have been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cope and children spent several days in Sylva over the week-end with relatives and friends.

Dr. Edward E. Adams and friend, Dr. Furr, of Knoxville General Hospital, spent the week-end with Dr. Adams' parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. E. Adams.

Messrs. Lucius Cope, Howard Moody and George Savage left a few days ago to enter school at Mars Hill.

Mrs. R. V. Wells and son, Robert, spent several days in Waynesville, Lake Junaluska, and other parts of Haywood County with relatives last week, returning Tuesday.

Miss Myrtle Dickey, of Washington, Ga., is spending a fortnight with her sister, Mrs. F. O. Christopher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kilgore, of Atlanta, have returned after spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Axley, of Savannah, Ga., are visiting Mr. Axley's brother, Porter Axley, and other relatives at the Patton House this week.

Mrs. Z. Y. Brown who has been spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. R. V. Wells, returned to her home in Asheville a few days ago.

Mrs. N. B. Adams' mother and other near relatives, returned to their home in East Tennessee, after having spent the week-end here with Mrs. Adams.

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