

Sports Review

By Porter Griggs

The Murphy high school baseball team, the first in a good many years, didn't have such a good season but by next year the Bulldogs should and will have enough experience to show their big sister schools in the Western Conference just what baseball is. Coach R. R. (Dick) Yow didn't have a thing to start with but a group of boys willing to try this year. With these boys he molded together a team that won one game while losing seven.

Two of the squad of 18 will graduate this year. Hughes and Basil Clark are both letterman in all three major sports offered at the high school. These boys will probably enter college this fall.

With the rest coming back to the Bulldog Doghouse next year Coach Yow will have a seasoned performer in every position. Dock-

Mountaineers Take 14-0 Victory Over Marble Nine

A 14 to 0 rout was handed the Marble entry of the Smoky Mountain league here Tuesday night by the Murphy semi-pro Mountaineers behind the three hit pitching of Beavers and Hughes.

Two home runs were polled by the Mountaineers, one by Rantin with two on in the first frame and

the other by Beavers with none on in the fifth. Fowler and Tipton also paced Murphy at the plate each making good on 3 of 4 attempts.

Beavers had a no-hitter going into the fourth when Wilkins, J. Coffey and Humphries all hit singles but Beavers retired the side without any trouble. These were the only hits Marble could make. Hughes worked the final three innings for the Murphy team and allowed only one hit.

Score by inning:
Marble 000 000 0-0 3 9
Murphy 510 233 x-14 10 1
Nations to Coffey; Beavers, Hughes to Cosmo and Cole

Bulldogs Drop 7-6 Loop Tilt To Cullowhee

The Cullowhee baseball team downed the Murphy high Bulldogs by a score of 8 to 4 in a Western Conference game at Cullowhee last week.

Both sides collected plenty of hits but the Cullowhee nine got theirs when they paid off in runs. After taking a 2 to 1 first inning lead the Cullowhee lads exploded to send four runs across in the fifth and add two more in the sixth. The Bulldogs scored twice in the sixth and once in the ninth.

Bill (Coach) Lovingood was on the mound for the Bulldogs and went the complete game while Brandon and Pendley paced the Murphy team at the plate collecting 4 for 5 and 2 for 3 respectively. Cagle went the route for Cullowhee and Bryson and Taylor sparked the winners at the plate.

Score by inning:
Murphy 010 002 001-4 10 7
Cullowhee 200 042 00x-8 10 2
B. Lovingood to T. Lovingood; Cagle to Bryson. 2bh-Brandon. hr-Taylor

Schedule

This week's schedule for Cherokee county teams is as follows: May 22, Andrews at Marble; Knoxville All-Stars at Murphy; May 23, Andrews at Marble; Knoxville All-Stars at Murphy; May 27, Hazelwood at Murphy.

KERR SCOTT

ON Liquor Referendum AND The Gag Rule



(Speech Delivered over State Radio Network April 13, 1948, by Kerr Scott, Candidate for Governor, subject to Democratic Primary, May 29th.)

My friends all over North Carolina: You have the right to know where all candidates for public office stand on all questions.

I said that when I entered this campaign, and I have repeated it since. I repeat NOW. I do not want anyone to vote for me for Governor who does not know what I stand for, and who doesn't honestly believe that I am the best man they can vote for to be their Governor for the next four years.

I shall go even further. I don't think you should vote for any candidate for Governor, or any other public office, unless you have good reason to believe that he says what he means, and means what he says.

I do my utmost to make all my statements straight and to the point. It is never my purpose to conceal anything in fine print or empty phrases.

I have always talked straight from the shoulder. I don't know how to talk any other way.

I have made very few promises in this campaign, and I don't intend to make a single promise that I am not reasonably certain I can carry out.

I promised to talk tonight about liquor. I am a democrat, spelled with both the little d and the big D. As a true Democrat I am against the Gag Rule. As your Governor, I would exert all my influence to abolish the Gag Rule.

I am for frequent elections to permit the people to express themselves upon issues of vital interest to their welfare and their well-being.

I claim no original distinction in being for this.

The statesmen who wrote the Constitution we live under pronounced this essential democratic doctrine long before I was born.

But I have a feeling that in these crowded days—in these confused times—that all of us do not pay proper heed to the wisdom of our fundamental law. I will admit that I myself had to refer to the law books to get the exact wording.

The Sections pertinent to this discussion are found in Article One, which is the Declaration of Rights. I shall quote from Section 28 of this Article.

This Section is headed: ELECTIONS SHOULD BE FREQUENT. It is a brief Section. It contains only 16 words. I shall read it slowly. Here it is: FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, AND FOR AMENDING AND STRENGTHENING THE LAWS, ELECTIONS SHOULD BE FREQUENT.

Now I shall go on to Section 29 of this same Article embodying our Declaration of Rights. It is headed RECURRENCE TO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. This is also a very brief Section. It contains only 15 words. I shall also read it slowly. It says:

A FREQUENT RECURRENCE TO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY.

It is no new idea, then, that the right of the people to express themselves frequently is a right fundamental to our democratic government.

But to get back to this liquor question, which has been troubling so many of our people so long.

I am a dry. I do not drink liquor, and I do NOT serve liquor to my guests—I wonder if all the other candidates can say that—and mean it? But as a dry, I respect the right of others to their own opinions. That is also fundamental democracy, and should you elect me, I would be governed at all times by the will of the majority.

You have already heard me say that I am against the Gag Rule and will exert all my influence to have it abolished in the next Legislature, and you have heard me say that I favor frequent elections on vital issues—and this certainly would include an expression on liquor.

You have also heard other candidates say that—although the one who is running at the taxpayers expense in the State Treasurer's office apparently forgot it so quickly after he said it, that he didn't put it in his published platform.

You also know who this same candidate's managers are. They were the Speakers of the House of Representatives in the last two sessions, when the Gag Rule was in full force to prevent expression of the majority will of the people. The twin Gag Rules are managing Mr.

Johnson's campaign for him. And also among his supporters are people who have been identified with the powerful liquor lobby which is active in every campaign. This liquor lobby is an iniquitous thing that should be driven out of Raleigh. It is flush with money and alcohol. It infests the capital and spends both money and alcohol to prevent the people from voting on the liquor issue. The air in Raleigh would be sweeter with the highly offensive odor of that liquor lobby forever gone.

I tell you this because it is important that you know these things in evaluating the sincerity behind a political statement. But regardless of that, other conditions may arise which will make a Governor's campaign promise about a liquor referendum not worth the breath it takes to say it.

I think you know who I am talking about when I refer to the liquor lobby. Those of you who have been around Raleigh in legislative season do, but I want to make myself doubly clear. I am referring to high-salaried persuaders sent into Raleigh by out-of-state liquor interests to use money and liquor in their efforts to influence North Carolina law-makers. I am NOT talking about public spirited citizens who are administering, as members of ABC boards, the law of the State. Let there be no confusion here. Liquor is legal in parts of the State, and our best citizens are needed to control its sale, so long as it is legal by majority vote of the people.

But this liquor lobby that infests the capitol in Raleigh and spreads its tentacles out into the counties—this lobby ought to be suppressed regardless of whether the people vote for liquor or not.

I have said that the Gag Rule should be eliminated. In saying this, let me emphasize the fact that North Carolina's law-makers have their own prerogatives. I respect them. As your Governor I shall respect them. The legislature makes its own rules and will continue to make them, regardless of who is Governor. Probably the Gag Rule will be eliminated because of public condemnation, regardless of who becomes Governor. Many able members of the house spoke out against it in 1947 and many of them were not dry.

I want you to remember that three Governors already have pledged themselves to urge a referendum, and the referendum has been, refused despite their recommendations. I tell you it is necessary for you to send men to the legislature who are in favor of letting you express yourself on liquor, if you want a referendum. That is why I am speaking out now before it is too late for candidates to file. You still have time to investigate the position of the men who are asking for your vote. You still have time to get out opposition to those with whom you disagree. Candidates for the Legislature may file until April 17th—that's this Saturday.

It is my opinion that our system of government is both fairest and safest when the people are allowed to express themselves on political issues. That means I believe the referendum should be employed with reasonable frequency.

It is my conviction that the liquor referendum should be submitted by the 1949 Legislature and I expect to so recommend if I become Governor. I will use all the influence at my command to bring about such legislation. Longer frustration of a strong demand of the people to be heard on this issue will be unjust and even politically dangerous.

That is my position on the Gag Rule and the referendum.

I shall repeat my stand on liquor for the benefit of any who may have tuned in late. I am a dry. I do not drink liquor and I do not serve it to my guests.

I am against the Gag Rule. As your Governor I would exert all my influence to bring about its repeal in the interest of restoring majority rule. I am for frequent elections, and I would urge the Legislature to call a referendum on the liquor question in accordance with the admonition of our Constitution.

These statements constitute my answer to the Allied Church League and to church leaders and citizens all over North Carolina who have asked me to state formally my stand on this subject.

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