

A School Board Problem

The boards of education in Cherokee County have been handed the problem of carrying out the Supreme Court decision abolishing segregation; and all members of the boards should get the support of Cherokee County citizens — both white and Negro.

As the Observer and News-Enterprise of Newton recently said editorially "North Carolina educational leaders who met at Duke University . . . to consider the legal aspects of integration were told about what they knew within themselves from the first — that the matter of bringing two races together in the schools is now inevitable. The matter of how this will be done is the only choice left to them, in the face of the Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation last year, and the follow-up ruling that gave them "reasonable time" to effect the integration."

The Scout, along with many newspapers in the nation, does not agree with the Supreme Court decision. In the first place we believe the decision comes too early for the Negroes to take full advantage of it and too early for the white population to accept it in the way it should be accepted.

There would have come a time in the not too distant future when both races could attend the same schools without a feeling of dread that now prevails.

We feel that the Negro race has made such advancement in the past few years that if both races were given a little more time, the Negroes could advance even further without a ruling from the Supreme Court. In the second place since the Supreme Court has made the ruling, we believe it is the duty of the court to hand down another ruling as to how integration is to be effected.

Of course, we realize that each section would have its own particular obstacles to overcome, but the Supreme Court should have laid out some general outline to be followed. It is easy to say a thing must be changed in a "reasonable time," but the real problem is how to bring about integration with the least possible confusion and friction.

It is a tough problem that has been handed to our members of the boards of education and once more we call on every citizen of the county to support them to the utmost in their decisions.

Investigation Needed

In the letters to the Editor column on this page Mr. Walter P. Martin charges that his son, Frank, was mistreated while at Caswell Training School in Kinston.

We do not pretend to know all the facts about the charges because we have not been in contact with anyone at the school. But we have talked with Mr. Martin and the manner in which he presented the facts makes us feel that an investigation should be started on the charges.

The top level administration of the school, we understand, is handled by a board appointed by Governor Hodges.

We do not say, until we have investigated further, that Mr. Martin's charges are all true, but we do say that since his charges are as severe as they are, the Governor or his appointed committee should honor Mr. Martin's charges with an immediate investigation.

Soil Testing Lab

At the last meeting of the Western North Carolina Associated Communities in Cherokee County, C. R. Freed of Murphy was asked to report on a soil testing laboratory project he heads up.

Mr. Freed pointed out in his report that a much needed soil testing laboratory could be set up at the State Test Farm in Waynesville.

And Mr. Freed couldn't have been more correct when he said the lab was needed in this section. He went on to point out that when farmers in our section wanted soil tested they had to "sweat out" a long wait before they could find out the results of the tests.

It does not seem that it is anyone's fault in particular that better service is not given the farmers. It is just the old story that there is not enough equipment to do the job as it should be done.

The committee that Mr. Freed heads up is meeting with support almost everywhere it turns, he reported. But the real test will come later when all the facts are placed before the State Extension Service or before the State Agricultural Commission.

For the sake of WNC farmers we hope both agencies see things the right way.

District Hospital

It was good news that came this way about the District Hospital just too late to be included in last week's Scout.

The news was good from two points — the hospital plans have been cleared, the lowest bids accepted and construction will start next week. That is enough right there to make everyone who worked for the hospital down right happy.

But Mr. Ferebee quoted the general contractor as saying he will use local labor as much as possible. That means a good boost in payrolls for this section for a while. It will take about 18 months to complete the hospital and that much added payroll for that period of time is extra good news in anybody's county.

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REPORTS FROM Other Editors

TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS BEEN LAID ON SACRIFICIAL ALTAR BY REDUCING TARIFF ON GOODS FROM JAPAN

Albermarle and Stanley county prosper in direct proportion to their textile industries. If they operate only part time and at a loss, all business and services establishments in the county are adversely affected.

A government agency has recently taken a step, the effects of which will be felt right here at home before too many months have passed. It is a textile tariff concession to Japan that will enable that country to flood the United States with textile products, and thus drastically reduce the demand for American goods.

Albermarle's own A. K. Winget declared in a speech Saturday that the textile industry has been placed on the sacrificial altar, pointing out that the tariff concessions to Japan are actually more than the current profit margin of the textile mills. The Japs are using the same machines which American mills use, but the labor is paid only a few cents a day, which gives them a tremendous advantage in the market.

The textile industry is the most vulnerable to foreign competition, yet the government has chosen it to experiment with the "trade, not aid program." Since competition is already extremely keen among textile concerns in this country, profits have been squeezed down to a minimum. It is easy to understand why Mr. Winget characterizes the outlook as "bleak."

It is well for us to recall that the administration only recently pushed up the tariff on Swiss watch movements, thus giving protection to the watch industry.

Mr. Winget and other textile leaders are waging a vigorous fight to prevent this sacrifice of such an important industry, and they will need all the moral support which the people in textile areas can give them. At the same time, it is our duty to inform ourselves fully about what is happening in order that we may fight intelligently. This is not a mere skirmish; so far as we are concerned, it is a battle for life.

(Stanley News and Press)
Albermarle, N. C.

UNsung HEROES

Some of our least known and appreciated citizens are our Forest Rangers and their assistants.

When we think of a United States Forest Ranger, we usually think of the men who fight fires in our National Forest Lands. That is, of course, one of their many jobs, but one which requires only a comparatively small amount of their time. There are other "unglamorous" jobs such as spraying timber to get rid of various types of insects, planting trees to replace the dead or burned out timber, and numerous other such jobs.

Fire-fighting is a very difficult and dangerous mission, but there are other things just as hazardous and difficult that the Rangers are called upon to do.

For instance, this past week a group of boy scouts and their assistant scout master attempted to climb Mount Mitchell from their camp in the Carolina Hemlocks Recreation Area. They became lost somewhere on the mountain's eastern slope and night fell.

When the boys did not appear at the top of the mountain as scheduled, the scoutmaster, who was waiting, (Continued on Page Nine)

Letters To The Editor

Editor of The Cherokee Scout
Murphy, North Carolina.
Dear Editor:

My son, Frank Martin who is a Neurotic was admitted to Caswell Training School, Kinston, N. C. about six months ago, and I have had letter from the Authorities of this school telling me Frank was doing fine and had given them no trouble at all. On May 18th, my wife and I visited Frank in this and found him in a very bad condition both physically and mentally. He had lost 23 lbs. in weight. Had many scars and bruises on his body and one front tooth knocked out and an ugly scar on his lip caused from the lick. I was so shocked at this treatment of him I did not know what to do or say. We came back home and thought the matter over and I decided that he would not live long there under such treatment and I went back to get him and bring him home and to my horror he had been bitten on the left arm and hand very badly and the Man attendant said some of the boys had bit him.

I brought him home and counted sixty nine ugly scars on his body where he had been beaten and bitten by some one. If any one doubts my statement all you have

to do to convince yourself is to come and see him, or see Mrs. Johnnie Nunn the Chairman of the Welfare Department in this county.

The boy has gained fifteen lbs. since he has been home in less than a months time.

I sincerely trust no other child will be sent to that Mad House from this County.

There must be something very shady about our Mental Institutions of this State. If not why aren't the Parents of these inmates permitted to go in side where their loved ones have to stay and see the conditions under which these children have to live? No, the Parent is stopped at the door and sealed in the reception room, and the child is dressed and brought out to see you. It looks to me like North Carolina has got an Iron Curtain in these Mental Institutions perhaps equal to or worse than Soviet Russia. What right has this state got to collect taxes to pay for the upkeep of an Institution that is closed to the public? I think the tax payers of this state would like to have some explaining done.

Walter R. Martin
Box Rural Station
Murphy, North Carolina

TALK O' THE TOWN

By Emily Costello

A certain group of pretty Andrews teen-age girls, whom I don't even know, have proved themselves pretty fine in my estimation.

As you probably know, all the girls in the July 4th beauty contest at Andrews Monday appeared in evening dresses rather than in bathing suits.

Hurriedly, let me state that I think girls in a beauty contest should be judged in bathing suits. After all, it is a contest of beauty of figure as well as face and manner.

Certainly the girls in the contest Monday were attractive, from all standpoints, and they would have been unapologetically as attractive in bathing suits as they were in their lovely, fluffy evening frocks.

In most beauty contests, contestants appear in both evening dress and bathing suits. But, usually, when it is a one appearance affair, the girls wear bathing suits only. This has been true of the Andrews July 4th contest until this year.

This year the Andrews girls, setting a precedent for entrants from Murphy, Hayesville and Robbinsville, refused to wear bathing suits in the beauty contest.

HOW COME? They refused, not because they are prudish, but because they refused to be cheapened by comments from the male audience. So, you might say, you boys just talked yourselves out of a bathing beauty contest.

The girls entered in the contest were of the highest type, and I am sure that next year you will see a return of the bathing suit contest, IF the contestants can fell at ease about their audience.

I think the Andrews girls, especially, are to be commended for the high standard they have set for the beauty contest, which is a highlight in the annual calendar of events for Southwestern North Carolina.

Some 24 Andrews girls; 19 Murphy girls; nine Hayesville girls; and several I don't know whom nor how many from Robbinsville were entered in the contest.

24 BEAUTIES

The Andrews girls in the contest were Lyla Ferguson, Helen Whitaker, Doris Teas, Norma Crawford, June Cruse, Pat Kilpatrick, Darlene Powers, Sue Crawford, Peggy Seay, Betty Mulkey, Wilma Crisp and Sallie Buchanan.

Bobbie Deaton, Ann Angel, Dorcas McGuire, Carolyn West, Josephine Derberry, Rebecca Babington, Gladys Pullum, Shirley Matheson, Doris Dockery, Virginia Huffman, Barbara Barton and Bobbie Conley.

MURPHY GIRLS

The 19 Murphy girls entered were Bettie Lou Dockery, Luvene Hinton, Nancy Sales, Ann Maynor, Patsy Jones, Nancy Mills, Linda Palmer, Annette White, Jane Cook, Judy Cook, Charlene Davidson, Ginger Deweese, Linda English, Linda McFarland, Judy Sneed, Mary Jo Postell, Judy Davis, Betty Weaver and Judy Fisher.

HAYESVILLE ENTRANTS

Hayesville girls in the contest were Charlotte Hall, Marlina Barnard, Joyce Lewis, Lee Ola Robinson, Carolyn Johnston, Mary Ann Johnston, Joan Crawford, Betty Lou Stalcup and Estella Shook.

ALL A-TWITTER

SUSIE MILLER is floating around in more than her usual state of enthusiasm these days, in spite of many shots for cholera, typhoid and the like.

Susie is the first alternate for the "Miss Atlanta" show, a company of Atlanta girls and Georgia Tech boys making up a fine singing group.

Susie—who will be a junior at Agnes Scott next year—travels to Atlanta each week end to practice with the group which will leave the end of this month on a wonderful tour of the country from Atlanta to

A Backward Glance

30 YEARS AGO

Friday, July 3, 1925
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Akin and Mrs. E. B. Norvell returned Friday night from a visit to Annapolis, Md., Washington, D. C. and points in Virginia. They accompanied Mr. Harvey Akin to Annapolis where he entered the U. S. Naval Academy.

Miss Dot Hensley left Wednesday for Turtletown, Tenn., to be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Jones. She will visit other Tennessee points before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Latt returned Sunday night from a business trip to Warren, Pa., Jamestown, N. Y., Detroit, Mich., and other northern and eastern cities.

L. F. Beal spent last week end in Etowah and Copperhill, Tenn.

J. C. Slocumb spent two days this week in Asheville.

B. W. Sipe returned Monday from a ten day visit to friends and relatives in Cherryville and other points in North Carolina.

M. W. Bell left Tuesday morning for California to join his family who are visiting relatives in that state.

Miss L. E. Mitchell is visiting relatives in Waynesville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Dozier and daughters, Misses Mary and Ruth and Miss Eugenia Holcomb spent last Saturday in Blairsville, Ga.

W. T. Griffiths of Andrews was in town Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. A. A. Fain and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill spent several days this week in Atlanta.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, July 4, 1935
Headlines read "Million Dollars Appropriated for Hiwassee Dam". The Murphy Hardware company, owned by R. C. Mattox, was attractively repainted black and white during the past week. Practically every business house in the town has now been repainted, adding much to the attractiveness of Murphy.

Lovers of baseball in this section will have the pleasure of witnessing four good games this week besides the head and bone bursting Cherokee ball game that will be played here today.

The town council took action Tuesday night to apply for a PWA loan to enlarge the waterworks program in the event the TVA dam is built on the Hiwassee River in this section and at the same time liberally signed a "death warrant" for numerous drivers of "one-eyed" cars within the town limits.

Mrs. C. C. Lloyd of Robbinsville was awarded the new Ford V-8 coach as top prize in the Cherokee Scout-Junaluska Journal subscription campaign which came to a successful end Saturday evening. The second prize, a beautiful 94-point diamond ring, went to Mrs. H. A. Mattox of Murphy. Mrs. Hancock Davis of Andrews won the living room suite, while the fourth prize, a Philco radio, was given to Miss Myrt Prater of Hayesville.

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, July 5, 1945
Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover and children returned Wednesday from a visit with relatives at Crouse and Cherryville. Mrs. Hoover's mother, Mrs. E. C. Sullivan and her niece, Diane Elliott, of Cherryville returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. J. D. Elrod of Greenville, S. C., is spending some time here with her husband.

Mrs. J. B. Gray and Mrs. George Stauning spent Saturday in Bryson City with Mrs. Gray's sister, Mrs. B. C. Jones and family and her mother, Mrs. S. J. May.

Mrs. Robert F. Wakefield of Greensboro is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Welborn of Waynesboro, Ga., arrived Saturday to spend the summer here.

Cpl. Richard Mauney of Camp Lee, Va., arrived here Sunday to spend an eight day furlough with his wife and baby, Kathie Marie, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney.

5 YEARS AGO

Thursday, July 6, 1950
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mulkey and Mrs. Mulkey's father, John Smith of Baltimore, Md., are visiting and Mrs. J. B. Mulkey and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Craig and son.

Miss Pat Smith of Rome, Ga., and Miss Virginia Johnson of Waynesville, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Alexander and family.

Joyce de Journette of Athens, Ga., and Washington, D. C., was guest of his brother-in-law and sister, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Alton Morris and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Benton and daughter, Beth, of Lenoir, were guests this week of Mr. Benton's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hyde and Rosalee.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mauney were Sunday dinner guests of Jim Harlan at Hotel Milton at Blairsville, Ga.

Cherokee Chatter

BY BILL COSTELLO

You doubting Thomases who still believe that advertising does not pay should talk to J. H. DUNCAN. He was telling me the other night that a man called him from Georgia and wanted to talk to him about "Duncan 66."

"Dunc" said he got another call from Mars Hill about the new fuel he is now distributing. Of course, their ads appeared in other papers in WNC and I don't want anyone to give the Scout too much credit.

NEW YEAR

I want to thank JOE RAY for the new front page "Ear" we are running this week on safe driving. Joe has probably noticed that the Scout is going along with Governor Hodges' "Slow Down and Live" Campaign now underway and he (Joe) saved me an envelope he received with a safety slogan stamped on it. We will run "Death Drives Dangerously, Don't Crowd Him" for several weeks. I hope all the would be speedsters read and believe.

MUSIC LOVERS

I saw ED HYDE just long enough the other night to compare notes with him — musical notes that is. He and I are beginners in the art of playing the piano and I have to quiz him everytime I see him. I don't want him to get ahead of me. However, in spite of all we can do, his daughter, ROSIE, stays ahead of both of us.

FLA. TRIP

HOWARD LOVINGOOD and wife, MARY LOU, went to Jacksonville, Fla., for a 10-n-g July 4th week end. I believe they left Thursday and came back the first of this week. I haven't seen either of them since they got back, but I'll bet it was rough driving in that holiday traffic.

Also, the JOHN SMITH family took to the roads for the week end. They left last Saturday for Lincoln over the holidays.

LIONS ROAR

MERLE DAVIS, new president of the Murphy Lions Club, was in the office, and of course we got to talking about Lions. Some Cherokee County Lions are doing right well these days in the organization. HERMAN BRAUER is Deputy District Governor for District 31A. BOB EASLEY is Zone Chairman for Zone one. That zone includes Hayesville, Andrews, Murphy, Robbinsville and Fontana Dam. Herman had the job before he was appointed deputy governor. H. BUECK is International Counselor after serving as District Governor for 31A.

POOB CHICKEN

RALPH THOMAS from out at Culberson brought an egg in the office that weighs a quarter of a pound, is over three inches long and is two inches in diameter.

Now I started out talking to you doubting Thomases so I'll end that way. For those of you who have so little faith in "Cherokee Chatter" as to doubt that story about the egg, we are going to run a picture of it in next week's Scout.

P. S. From last reports, we understand the chicken is not doing TOO well.

California and then even to Hawaii!

If one person drops out of the company Susie will be the next in line to go on the tour. Here's hoping somebody drops dead or something, for Susie's sake. She's taking the various injections required for going abroad, just in case.

SIX HANKIES

I saw mighty few dry eyes coming out of the theatre last week as we waited to get in to the second show of "A Man Called Peter" last week.

I was seeing the movie for the second time and must admit I cried just as good the second time through. I'm not sure whether it was just that I was completely in sympathy with the entire subject and personalities, or whether it was just the movie itself that made me enjoy it so much.

STORE BOUGHT BISCUITS

I caught CLELL BUECK buying frozen biscuits last week. She said if a few years ago anybody had told her she'd have been serving store bought biscuits, she'd have fought them. Well, we all come around to it sooner or later.

PLAY LARK

SALLY MORRIS is spending the summer at Ridgecrest where she is a member of the staff composed of some 300 Baptist young people from throughout the south. Last week she had a role in a play which members of the staff staged at the assembly grounds.