

**Graveside Rites Held For Infant Son Of Hembrees**

Graveside rites for Cleveland Hembree, 22-day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hembree, of Franklin, Route 4, were held

Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Ridgecrest cemetery. The child, who died after an illness of only a few hours, is survived by his parents and a twin sister, Julia Sue Hembree. Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

**S. L. Roper's Funeral Held At Oak Dale**

Funeral services for Samuel Lafayette Roper, who died April 2, were held Friday morning of last week at 10:30 o'clock at the Oak Dale Baptist church, with the Rev. N. E. Holden officiating. Burial followed in the Tippett cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roby Roper, Marvin Roper, Clifford Tallent, R. L. Roper, Eugene Tallent, and J. L. Huscusson.

Mr. Roper, a farmer, was 83 years of age. Stricken with pneumonia, he died at the home of his son, Lawrence Roper, of Franklin, Route 3, following an illness of three days.

A native of Macon County, he had spent his entire life here, and long had been a member of the Oak Dale church. His wife, who was Miss Ellen J. Raby, died several years ago.

Survivors include two sons, Lawrence Roper, with whom he made his home, and John Sylva Roper, of Clinton, Mont.; two daughters, Mrs. Tallie Tallent, of Franklin, Route 3, and Mrs. Calvin Huscusson, of Route 1; one brother, C. C. Roper, of Route 3; one sister, Mrs. Ida Tallent, of Route 3; and 27 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Potts funeral home.

**Writer Of Sports Volumes Speaker At Higdonville**

John R. Tunis, Connecticut sports writer, who is now in this region collecting material for a book on the TVA, was a visitor to the Higdonville school Monday, and made a talk to the students. A war veteran, he is a former patient at Oteen hospital.

Mr. Tunis, who is the author of "J. P.'s in this county. Duke Decides", and other books, was referred by the Fontana Regional library to the Higdonville school, as one interested in athletics. He told the students how he obtains the information for his books and how he writes them.

**BIRTHS**

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bailey, of Canton, have announced the birth of a son, James Elwood,

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March 30 at the Waynesville hospital. Mrs. Bailey is the former Miss Marie Cloer, of Franklin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Maney, of Franklin, a daughter, Dolores Sharon, April 3 at Angel clinic.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Passmore, of Shooting Creek, a daughter, Shirley Jean, at Angel clinic April 4.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crane, of Highlands, have announced the birth of a son at Angel hospital April 6.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Holland, of Gneiss, April 3 at Angel hospital.

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**Lem's Dogs vs Thad's Chickens**

Running a newspaper, you get to know a lot about human nature.

Thad Phipps was in the other day, all burned up. Wanted me to run an item on how Lem Martin's dog had raided his chickens again, and ought to be put away by law.

I told him: "Lem was in on Saturday. Said you shouldn't be allowed to keep those chickens so close to his house—and in a residential zone, at that."

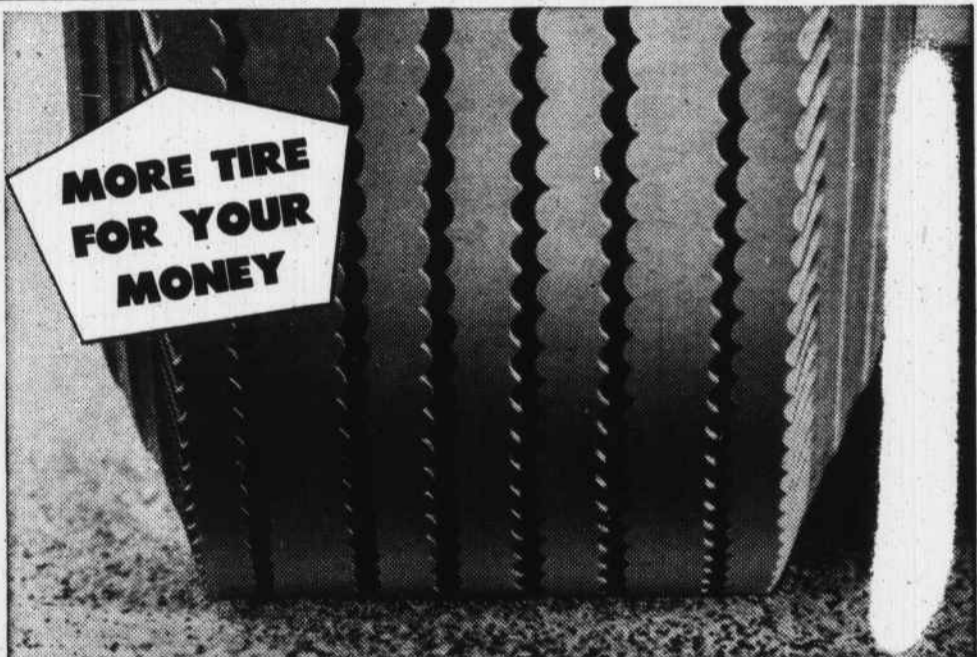
Thad shuts up right pronto then. And that very evening I see him making his peace with Lem

at Andy Botkin's Garden Tave...—over a friendly glass of beer.

From where I sit, anyone can find something in his neighbor to complain about. (Some folks may even disagree with Thad's right to enjoy that glass of beer with Lem!) But where would we be if everybody tried to have a law passed against everything they disagreed with? We wouldn't have many neighbors left!

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