

STRICTLY PERSONAL

By WEIMAR JONES

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In this big city, he found, the law had eliminated the city noise he had most feared, the

honking of automobile horns, at least at night; and it had gone a step farther, and eliminated a major cause of sleeplessness in a little town like Franklin—the barking and howling and yelping of dogs in the dead hours of the night.

This latter is a night noise there is no excuse for Franklin to have.

Nobody likes a dog better than I, but I have no right to

keep a dog unless I have a place to shut him up at night, and am willing to take the trouble to put him there.

I have no right to let my dog keep my neighbor awake, barking or howling or fighting under his bedroom window—and remember, when it comes to a dog, your neighbor may be the man who lives a couple of miles away!

Good neighborliness demands that I not let my dog make night miserable for others.

And if I am not a good enough neighbor to recognize that responsibility, then it is up to the town government to step in and do something about it.

Referring to Mrs. F. H. Potts' recent suggestion that the churches organize an "anti-

loneliness" campaign, to see to it that something is done to make life a little brighter and more interesting for the elderly and shut-ins, a friend in another state writes me, in a personal letter:

"I was so pleased about the 'loneliness campaign'. I hope you keep your ear to the ground on this business and prod people on.

"The church is as strong as people make it, and too often we sit back in judgment and use little energy to ACT."

What is YOUR church doing about bringing a bit of sunshine into the lives of the shut-ins and the elderly in its community?

What are YOU doing?

We've all heard funny stories

MAKIN' MACON Sports Rounds

By J. P. BRADY

It looks like we are having a hard time burying basketball this season. For the past couple or three weeks this column has been chronicling the demise of the dribble-and-shoot sport, but won't stay under. Could be that we aren't qualified undertakers?

Anyway, the Franklin All-Stars, a motley aggregation of young and aging cage men, took their sneakers and fast-breaking tactics over to Whittier Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

nights for a tournament with teams from other towns.

And, as things turned out, the boys did a pretty good job—and they would have done even better if the officials had let rangy Jack Norton, a former Franklin High cage star and a current loopster at the University of Georgia, get into the act. But they figured Jack, being a college hardworker, would work a hardship on every team there except Franklin so they turned him out to pasture as far as the tourney was concerned.

Anyway, the All-Stars came back home Saturday night with the consolation prize, which in polite society is about third place, and a "fur piece" from the booby prize.

Playing for the All-Stars were G. R. "Doc" McSween, C. Banks Fingers, Ray Lowe, Jim Williams, Richard Russell, Robert Pearl, Tommy Raby (Franklin High's high scoring ace yet) and Ray Henry (the high school's second high string partner this season).

"The Clown Princes of Basketball" beat Bryson City 55 to 45 Thursday night; lost to East End, Sylva, 55 to 40 on Friday night; and beat the Sylva All-Stars 40 to 33 in the Saturday finals.

So, we're hoping that this nails down the coffin lid on basketball for the season.

Have you noticed that far-away look in the eyes of local stream waders. Well, it's there and that means just one thing. The trout season is opening soon, April 15 to be more specific and add a few more words to this column.

And here's some more info for you flippers of the flies. The Wayah Wildlife Management Area, and its many trout streams, is brimming over with the fighting fish. Officials, assisted by a number of fishermen, have been tossing loads of trout into the streams in preparation for the opening date.

If the situation gets any more frantic, this column would suggest putting up a starting line on the city limits on the 15th and letting the ambitious anglers race to the streams. Otherwise, things are going to be mighty confusing.

Will give more ear bending as the opening moves nearer.

For some strange reason our calendar still tells us its December (we'll never tear you off, Marilyn) but the weather outside disputes this.

All signs point to the fact

that the local golf course will have more duffers on it in a couple of weeks than Franklin's main drag has scraps of paper—and that's a lot.

We understand the Jaycees are going to promote another golf tournament this year, with bigger and better prizes for the winners.

Therefore you hackers and pros had better start getting your stumps and weed cutters cleaned up for the start. Spring is just around the corner.

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AT banquets. Here's one ABOUT a banquet.

It seems that Ralph Fisher, Brevard attorney, Republican stalwart, and perennial wit, was on the program to deliver the response to the address of welcome, at a recent Republican banquet in Asheville.

When the time came, the speaker who was to deliver the address of welcome didn't show up, and so there was no address of welcome.

But Mr. Fisher, ever the cut up, insisted upon delivering his response—and did!

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