

Letter Over 100 Years Old Concerning Cherokee's "Old Charley" Found By Bird

(By Al Booze)

A hundred-year old copy of a still older letter, concerning Old Charley, the Cherokee Indian chief, and William H. Thomas, the Indians' benefactor, was recently discovered by President W. E. Bird of Western Carolina Teachers college while going through some papers he inherited from his maternal grandfather, Captain James W. Terrell, who was the administrator of Col. Thomas's estate.

The letter, dated December 3, 1838, was written by Col. William S. Foster at the headquarters of the Fourth Infantry, Cherokee Agency, to Major-General Winfield Scott. The copy now in the possession of President Bird was made ten years later by the Adjutant-General's office for Mr. Thomas, who became a colonel during the Civil War.

In his letter Col. Foster referred

General Scott to a previous letter he had written, telling of the disposal of the Cherokee "murderers." "In my letter to you of the 24th ultime," Col. Foster wrote, "I stated that of the twelve murderers, eleven had been taken, and that of the five males three had been executed, by the Cherokees themselves, and that also one, from his youth, I had with me a prisoner; I have now to state that old Charley himself, was finally captured and executed by Wa-chu-cha and Euchilla, at noon on the 25th ultime, the day after I marched."

In his letter Col. Foster included the information that "the honor of the nation had been fully cared for, as well as the honor of the regiment to which I belong—at, and over the graves of our murdered comrades—Funeral honors were paid—for twelve days the men of the regiment passed the mountains, crossed the streams, and threaded the valleys of the country, in detachments of from two to sixty men, in search of the outlaws, or as hunting parties prepared for battle or for game."

In recommending Mr. Thomas to the favor of the government, Col. Foster wrote General Scott, "I should do my feelings great injustice were I to omit to represent to you and through you to the Government, Mr. Wm. H. Thomas, in the most favorable light, and as an individual, deserving the confidence and patronage of the country, both for himself and the Oco-nee-luffy Indians, over whom he appears to exercise unbounded influence for good purposes."

William Thomas became a counsellor and protector of the Indians when the band was allowed to remain in the mountains on Col. Foster's recommendation.

"I hope," Foster had written, "that Euchilla and his band (including Wa-chu-cha,) may be permitted to remain with Mr. Thomas, and the Luffy Indians, with whom they fraternized in my presence—Permit me also to state, that the conduct of the drowning Bear, the aged Chief of the Oco-nee luffy was favorable to himself and tribe and useful to me, and I ask that it may be remembered in his and their favor."

Thomas was elected chief by the Indians. He had himself been rear-

ed by Yonaguska, the chief who had, in a vision, seen God appear before him and command that his people cease drinking, and who, upon telling his tribe of his vision, had secured their promises to let liquor alone.

Col. Foster's letter closed with the statements that he had in confinement the families of the murderers, and that he had succeeded in his trip "beyond my warmest hopes and expectations."

Along with the Foster letter, President Bird found a number of other old letters and documents, among them a badly mutilated report containing an account of Col. Thomas's purchases of land from 1833 to 1860, for from 10 to 20 cents per acre.

In 1869 Col. Thomas became insane, and Captain Terrell became the official administrator of his affairs, and spent the greater part of the rest of his life straightening out the intricacies of Col. Thomas's affairs with the Indians, with debtors, and with creditors.

While talking of the letters, President Bird recalled that his mother, the former Miss Sarah Terrell, had learned to play on the piano that belonged to Col. Thomas. The piano, said President Bird, was in excellent shape in the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. G. Bird, nee Miss Josephine Patton, the great granddaughter of Col. Thomas, until a few years ago when house and piano were destroyed by fire.

EGG-FEED RATIO IS AT LOW LEVEL

The lowest egg-feed ratio ever recorded for December was existing in December 1947, according to C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of Farm Management for the State College Extension Service.

The egg-feed ratio is a ratio of price of eggs as compared with price of feed, Mr. Ratchford said. The lower the ratio is, the higher the price of feed in relation to prices of eggs.

It is expected that the egg-feed ratio will continue low at least until spring, when estimates for the 1948 grain crop are available, the specialist said. If, at that time, a large feed crop is predicted, the ratio should rise, he added.

Despite higher feed costs, egg prices are only 96 per cent of parity or 3 per cent above support level. At the same time, feed prices are well above 100 per cent of parity.

The poultry industry has made real progress in North Carolina during the last 10 years, Mr. Ratchford said. Poultry is normally a good enterprise for Tar Heel farmers, as there are ready markets, and poultry fits in well on small farms. For these and other reasons, North Carolina needs to maintain her poultry industry. The situation should improve within a few months or in a year at the latest.

Farmers who are losing money cannot stay in the business, but those who are making a little money and keeping their poultry will be able to realize more profit when the situation does improve, he said.

Additional Workstock Clinics To Be Held In County

Additional workstock clinics have been announced by the County Agent's office as follows:

Thursday, February 12th—John's Creek School—10:00 a. m.; East La Porte—11:30 a. m.; Hopkin's Store (Speedwell)—1:30 P. M.; Cullowhee—3:00 P. M.

Friday, February 13th—Gay Post Office—10:00 a. m.; Webster—11:30 a. m.; Sylva Supply Barn (Sylva)—1:30 p. m.; Beta—3:00 p. m.

Monday, February 16th—Jess Brown's Store (Canada)—10:00 a. m.; Fowler's Store (Cashiers) 12:00 noon; Norton Post Office—1:30 p. m.

Feed should be withheld from animals for approximately eighteen hours prior to treatment.

The veterinarian will examine all animals brought to the clinics free, however, a charge of \$.75 will be made for the bot treatment and \$1.00 for the round worm treatment. The veterinarian will be prepared for floating teeth when necessary.

Those requesting all farmers and their neighbors about these clinics and additional information, may be secured from the Extension Agent, Vocational Agricultural Teachers, or the County or State Agent.

Services at The Churches

Sylva Methodist

(The Rev. W. Q. Grigg, Pastor)
Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m., Gudger Crawford, superintendent.

11 a. m. with the pastor using for his sermon subject, "Christian Experience."

6:30 p. m., Youth Fellowship.
Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

Sylva Baptist

(The Rev. C. M. Warren, Pastor)
Sunday school at 10 a. m., Mr. Carl Corbin, Supt.

11 a. m. The pastor will use for his subject, "Keeping The Sabbath Day." Exodus 20:8-11.

B. T. U. at 6:30 p. m., Miss Hattie Hilda Sutton, Director.

7:30 p. m. The pastor will use for his sermon subject, "Alpha and Omega", Rev. 1:1-8.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting.

Thursday, 7:00 p. m. Youth choir practice at the church. All between 13 and 20 years of age are urged to be present.

Fri. 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal. Each Monday at 10:30 a. m. the Baptist Ministers' Conference meets here.

Cullowhee Baptist

(The Rev. Mark R. Osborne, Jr., Pastor)

9:50 a. m. Sunday School

11 a. m. Morning worship.

4 p. m. Intermediate B. T. U.

6 p. m. Young People's B. T. U.

Wednesday—7:30 p. m. Sunday school lesson pre-view.

Friday—7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

Cullowhee Methodist

(The Rev. R. T. Houts, Jr., Pastor)

10 a. m. church school.

11 a. m. Morning worship.

6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.

Sylva Presbyterian

(The Rev. W. H. Wakefield, Pastor)

Services held in Episcopal church.

10:00 a. m. Sunday School, Mr. M. C. Cunningham, Supt.

11:05 a. m. Sermon subject, "Buying Without Money".

7:30 p. m. Sermon subject, "The Joy of Divine Worship."

Glenville Baptist

(Rev. W. A. Todd, Pastor)

10 a. m. Sunday School.

11 a. m. Morning worship.

7:30 p. m. Evening worship.

Scotts Creek Baptist

(The Rev. B. S. Hensley, Pastor)

10 a. m. Sunday School.

11 a. m. Morning worship by the pastor.

6:30 p. m. Baptist Training Union

8 p. m. Evening worship.

Cashiers Baptist

(Rev. Edgar Willix, Pastor)

Sunday School each Sunday at 10 a. m.

Worship service each 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

St. John's Catholic Church

Schedule of Mass

Sylva, 4th Sunday 8:00 a. m.

Glenville Baptist

(Rev. Hoyt Hadaway, Pastor)

10 a. m. Sunday School.

11 a. m. Morning worship.

7 p. m. B.T.U.

8 p. m. Evening worship.

Lovedale Baptist Church

(Rev. G. E. Scruggs, Pastor)

10 A. M. Sunday School.

11 A. M. Worship Service.

7:30 P. M. Worship Service.

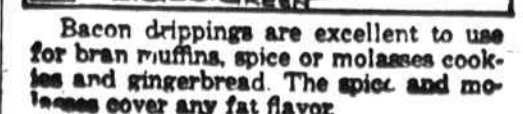
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(Rev. Edgar Willix, Pastor)

Sunday Schools each Sunday at 10 a. m.

Worship service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each 2nd and 4th Sundays.

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STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION—How can I best refinish enameled furniture?

ANSWER—If finish is not broken or checked, it may be thoroughly sanded with 00 sandpaper and one coat of enamel applied.

If old finish is badly broken or checked, it should be removed. Build up new finish, using one coat flat paint, one coat half flat and half enamel, and finish with one coat enamel. This treatment is also necessary to change dark pieces to light color, in case mahogany and mission stained pieces are painted, a coat of shellac is necessary before enameling, otherwise the stain will bleed into the new color.

To apply enamel, it should be brushed on to the surface quickly and freely, with the grain of the wood.

QUESTION—What can I do to prevent intestinal parasites from infesting my poultry flock?

ANSWER—Have good wood or preferably water-proofed concrete floors, and not dirt floors, in all brooder houses. Do not crowd the chickens. Do not let the young chickens out on the ground around the brooder house if the ground was used by chickens the previous brooding season but instead let the chickens run out on a wire sunporch constructed on the south or east side of the brooder house or, if the brooder house is movable, move it to a clean range.

When the chickens reach range stock size and weather permits, move them to clean range ground and house them in movable summer range shelters. When the pullets come into production move them to laying houses having good wood, or concrete floors and allow 3½ square feet of floor space for light breeds and 4 square feet of floor space for heavy breeds.

Place all poultry manure and old litter in an insect proof manure pit or place this waste material on ground not to be used by chickens during the current or following season and plow it under immediately.

In the proper handling of a herd of cattle, it is quite important to have several pastures. This makes it possible to segregate various ages and sexes when necessary. It also makes rotational grazing possible.

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