

February 16, 1953

Wood Hunters Known And Wide For Their Sport Marksmanship

W. C. MEDFORD
 Some of these are about "knocked out," as Chief put it, for hunting any more, the oldest being Medford, Killian, the Chief and Bob Love. It is said that Hardy Medford still insists on being taken to the chase sometimes, although he cannot hear the hounds. You see now what I mean by the "hunter born."

A RECORD CHASE
 Chief Stringfield recalled one of the best hunts he has ever had; it was back in the days of the old Haywood County Fair he said. He, Will Frazier and Bob Samanth Love, with twenty-five dogs climbed to the top of the Pinnacle early one night, arriving at 8:00 o'clock when, and near where, the chase began. He said the round over which the dogs travelled — and sometimes re-travelled in places, criss-crossing at times (as the sly fox tried to throw them off the trail) was, roughly, a circle bounded by the Pinnacle, the Old Bald and Cabin Flats on the Jackson County side.

ON HUNTERS AND HUNTING

Best bear dog," Nick Medford, is, of course, the Plott Chief Stringfield, who is our best known living hunter, says he prefers the hounds for foxes; but he has other breeds equally good, such as the Hudson-Missouri dog, the Good-breed, the Walk-behind, the bred a little too speed to suit him, at the "mouth and tongue".

of our well known fox hunters have passed away are: Rufe Edwards, Lebo Mark Killian, Tom Ed-Ed Medford Boone Senior Dave Noland. Most of the in the Waynesville Medford lived in Iron Medford at Canton and Noland on Fines Creek.

FOX RACE — IN ACTION
 The dogs—half a dozen of them, have been turned loose on a high ridge of the Balsams above Waynesville, and as soon as loosened they were off. It is near a well-known "run," as Old Lead, the oldest of the pack, knows.

CHIEF STRINGFIELD, WILL FRAZIER, JOE DAVIS AND BOB SAMANTH LOVE
 Chief Stringfield, Will Frazier, Joe Davis (Andy's Joe) and Carl Ray have kindled up a small fire—where "old hunters had kindled fires before," on this commanding position for listening. By this time Old Lead has struck what is known as a "cold track," and has "opened up" a few times, slowly and uncertainly—"Oo-oo-uh". But none of the others, Frazier's Madie, Davis' Ol' True nor Chief's Blue had yet "spoken". As for the Pup (Chief just always spoke of the young dog as "the Pup"). Well, you couldn't expect much out of him, this being only his second race—just in training.

But now the dogs have struck what the four hunters agree is a good trail; other voices have joined Old Lead's, and even the pup can now be heard joining in with his sharp "ye-up-ye-up". He seems to be running behind; but Chief will not admit that he's far behind—"purty close up, boys," he says, "I'll bet that pup's goin' to make a good'n." "Well, he ort to," replies Joe, "out o' good stock aint he?" "None better," returns Chief.

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Thirteen-Month-Old Cow Has Calf



A cow belonging to Stella Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Fisher of Hyder Mountain Road, was bred when four months old and gave birth to a calf Christmas day when 13 months and two days old. Keeping the calf quiet is Stella's brother, Boyd. The cow now weighs about 400 pounds and probably never will acquire full growth. The calf, which weighed about 15 pounds at birth—one-third the weight of normal calves—will probably never be full grown either. Adequate fencing, if the farmer does not use artificial insemination, is necessary to prevent breeding before the cow reaches the proper age from 15-18 months. Early breeding is not an uncommon occurrence in the county and results in otherwise fine cows from reaching full production. (Mountaineer Photo).

"Oh! Lead and my Sinda that I lost, better never foled a fox"—
 Now the dogs are getting faster — "Listen!"; they all jump up from the fire, and Carl Ray lets out a loud, "Whoo-pee! go it, boys!" The dogs are bearing across the ridge—soon we'll not be able to hear them well; all are now "opening up" in this running concert around the mountainside — the pup's tenor, the soprano's and baritone's and Ol' Lead's deep base.

oh, it's wonderful—
 —"And the music of hounds in the still of night
 Make cares and troubles take their flight."
 The chase can be heard throughout all upper Richland valley lying below; and perchance some nimrod, now too old for the hunt, turns on his pillow and says, "Listen, Marthy, do you hear that? Wish I could be right up thar with 'em."
 Or some little four-year-old, a

descendant of the tribe to the third or fourth generation, is being put to bed on this night:
 "Now say your prayers, darling," the mother says. But the child only looks enquiringly. "What is it?" the mother asks.
 "Mama, will — will God let Grandpa go hunting in heaven?"
 "Well, maybe so, darling—I don't know; but God will do whatever is best for us if we'll be good. Now say your prayers."

The little hands are folded — then: "Now I lay me — * * * and God bless Mama and Daddy and brother (a pause) and—please let Granddaddy go hunting, Amen." And the child did not notice that Mother, as she turned to go, brushed away a tear.

Yes, maybe so—who knows?
 But, now I have narrated and preached—until, lo and behold! I've gotten my fox hunters into

Pvt. Fisher Of Canton Serving Duty In Korea

WITH THE 3D INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA—Pvt. Charles A. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Fisher, who live at Dutch Cove, Canton, is now serving with the 3d Infantry Division.

During the winter of 1951, this outfit cracked the Communists' line in the battle of "Bloody Angle," one of the bitterest engagements of that year.

Private Fisher, assigned as a rifleman, came to the Far East Command from Fort Jackson, where he took his basic training. A 1947 graduate of Canton High School, Fisher attended Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C., and later Duke University, Durham, where he graduated in 1951. He was employed as a teacher at Canton High School, before entering the Army in March 1952.

33 Haywood Men Inducted Tues. At Knoxville

A group of 33 men from Haywood County were inducted into the armed services Tuesday at Knoxville. They were accompanied by 34 men who were sent for pre-induction examinations.

The draftees included: John Richard Blythe of Canton; Ray Gillett of Canton; Robert C. Henderson of Canton; Charles Joseph Womack of Waynesville; Malcombe Lee Bessley of Rt. 1, Clyde; Frank Ollis Parker, Jr. of Canton; Boyce Thomas Brock of Hazelwood; Gilbert Hasque Lowery of Canton; Roger Frank Lowe of Rt. 1, Clyde; James Troy Watson of Rt. 1, Waynesville.

Joseph Lee Byers of Rt. 3, Canton; William T. Welch of Rt. 1, Waynesville; Robert J. Head of Waynesville; George Robert Owen of Waynesville; Richard Jay Silver of Rt. 1, Canton; Archie Whitner, Jr. of Hazelwood; Carl Gene Bryant of Rt. 2, Clyde; Harold J. Robinson of Rt. 1, Canton; Charles Edward Gaddis of Lake Junaluska; Donald June Howell of Rt. 2, Waynesville.

Harold Edwin Donaldson of Canton; Thomas Grady Boyd, Jr. of Waynesville; Carl James Clark of Rt. 1, Canton; Charlie Blankenship of Canton; William Robert Mehaffey of Canton; Wiley Carroll Clark of Rt. 3, Canton; James Newton Whitman of Waynesville; Harley Lee Sherrill of Rt. 3, Waynesville; Lewis Grooms of Rt. 3, Canton; Willie Morgan, Jr. of Waynesville; William Gifford Webb of Rt. 3, Waynesville; John Paul Davis of Rt. 1, Waynesville; and Rufus Richard Burnette of Waynesville.

One estimate of U. S. wealth of the United States, which excludes some items and which uses the value of the dollar in 1929 for all years, indicates that it grew from 164,200,000,000 dollars in 1896 to 518 billion dollars in 1951.

Jelke Faces Court



MINOT "MICKEY" JELKE, heir to a \$3,000,000 oleo fortune, arrives at General Sessions Court, New York City, for the start of his trial on charges of compulsory prostitution. The safe society playboy is accused of living off the earnings of numerous call girls, several of whom are expected to appear as witnesses for the state.

Youth Wins Top Racing Spot

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — William R. (Billy) Haughton, 29-year old ex-farmer from Flutonville, N. Y., is the nation's leading money-winning harness horse driver for 1952. Billy is the youngest reinsman ever to win the title. According to official U. S. Trotting Association records, Haughton earned \$311,728 this year. This figure has been topped only once in the history of the sport — by Johnny Simpson who collected \$333,136 last season. Simpson finished 10th in '52.

Bookmobile Schedule

February 17
BETHEL

Mrs. Hugh Terrell	9:45-10:00
John M. Rigdon	10:05-10:20
Mrs. Welch Singleton	10:45-11:00
Mrs. James Cooke	11:15-11:30
Morrow's Grocery	11:35-12:00
Springhill School	12:15-1:00
Mrs. Roy Suttles	1:15-1:30
Mrs. John Blaylock	1:35-1:45

CECIL

February 18

Parris Store	9:45-10:15
Mrs. J. P. Ledbetter	10:20-10:30
Mrs. James Reeves	10:35-10:50
Mrs. J. Edgar Burnett	11:05-11:30
Cecil School	11:45-12:45
Mrs. W. H. Hargrove	1:00-1:15
Mrs. John Johnson	1:30-2:00

CRUSO

February 20

Mrs. Lorrie Mann	9:20-9:30
Mrs. Robert Freeman	9:40-9:50
Cruso Grocery	10:00-10:10
Cruso School	10:15-11:15
Henson's Grocery	11:30-11:40
Dosha Burress	11:45-12:00
Springdale School	12:10-12:45
Burnett's Cash Grocery	1:00-1:30
Harrison Henson	1:45-2:00
Wright's Self Service	2:20-2:30

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