

MSGR. DOLAN HERE

Monsignor Hugh Dolan, pastor of St. Benedict's church in Greensboro, was in the community last week visiting friends. The Monsignor was pastor of St. Margaret Mary's church in Swannanoa several years ago.

News Deadline — 4 p. m. Tuesday

BURNETTE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Killough and children Judy, Billy, and Nancy from Greensboro, N. C., Miss Gladys Dean and Gilbert Cox of Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Clevern Killough, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Crook, and Mrs. R. W. Killough of Matthews, N. C. were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Burnette.

—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Avena of Miami, Fla., are visiting here with relatives.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:
I have read the recent articles in your paper concerning the fatal shooting of "Blackie". It is a deplorable thing when innocent animals have to suffer for no reason other than the heartless feelings of some people. We can very truly call a dog man's best friend, but we often wonder if man can ever be called any sort of a friend to a dog. One can hardly believe such heartless people do live until an experience such as my two small children and myself had not so long ago.

On the first day of July of this summer we were walking on a country road just out of the city limits and had the children's pet dog with us. The dog has been a most unusual watch dog and protector for the children in our neighborhood.

For six years he has guarded them and played with them and shared their joys and sorrows. He is a most valuable dog where children are concerned. But as "Blackie" was not suspicious of the danger of innocent looking human beings, neither was "Butch".

As we calmly walked by a house a mother insisted that her 14-year-old child shoot "Butch" with a 22-rifle. When asked why such a deplorable thing was done, she very calmly stated the fact that they intended to kill every dog passing there. So you see we must have some protection for animals if we hope to spare their being killed without reason.

Yes, the bullet did go through his body. He suffered plenty and was given every bit of care we could give him. The children even included him in their prayers. They have a love for Butch that is almost equal to his love for them. He didn't die and they are so happy he is able to play with them again. Yes, the children saw him shot. Saw the holes through him. The blood wasn't easy to look at. But I think his living has kept their faith in people and God more strongly. May there never be another child in our community have such an experience. It isn't good for the child and I honestly hope that that mother never has to hear her child cry and pray for a pet to live as mine did.

Mrs. R. W. Franklin

Old Fort News

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Noblitt of Statesville have announced the birth of a son, John Hawkins, on June 18. Dr. Noblitt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Noblitt of Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mauney and children of Tulsa, Okla., arrived on Monday for a visit at the home of Mr. Mauney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson and children, Janie and Walter, Jr., have returned to their home at Columbia, S. C., after a visit at the home of Mrs. Janie Reid at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendley have purchased the T. L. Nichols home on Catawba Avenue in Old Fort and will move to their new residence around the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dennis and daughters, Irma Lee and Betty Joyce, have returned to Old Fort after a week's vacation on the east coast of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell V. Trexler whose wedding was a recent event in Old Fort, have returned from their honeymoon and are occupying one of the Robinson apartments on Mauney avenue.

VISIT GARLANDS

Mrs. Thomas Lay and son, Tommy, of Bartow, Fla., are visiting with their relatives, the Garlands. Mr. Lay will join them in August for a short visit here.

RETURNS TO NEW YORK

Dr. R. E. Rabb has returned to N. Y. after spending some time with his brother, Dr. F.K. Rabb.

VIRGINIA VISITORS

S. J. Godfrey and his daughter, Evelyn, of Portsmouth, Va., were here to spend the week end with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Lindsey. On Sunday Mr. and Chet Sobol and

sons, Tommy and Woody, joined the group on a trip to the Smokies.

—Miss Sadie Brandon from Montreat spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allison and Elaine.

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