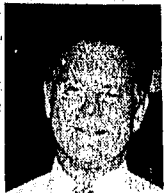


Len Sullivan's Shucks

The tie that gags

Mooreville's Mitchell Mack knows clothes. Especially men's clothes. He's a third-generation haberdasher at John Mack and Son Apparel, so he's been selling clothes as well as wearing them for many moons. A natural to judge Wooten Jewelers' recent ugliest-tie contest.



Even after bestowing the dubious honor on Charlie Weatherman's entry, Mitch couldn't bring himself to say anything unkind about the necktie. Ever the diplomat, Mitch insisted he'd never met a necktie he didn't like. All neckties are beautiful, he said, some are just more beautiful than others. Platitudes like that.

With all due respect to Mitch's tact and sartorial savvy, the brutal truth is, Charlie's tie would have been the hands-down choice of the most confirmed necktie hater. The photo might flatter Charlie, but in black-and-white you can't come close to doing his necktie the injustice it deserves. It's a blob of deep-winter-cold-phlegm yellow, sickly blue, white and red. And it's accented with pictures of — believe this — skunks and anchors.

Charlie said Evelyn, his well-meaning wife, gave him the Abominable Neckwear back in the 60s. He said he wore it on many dress-up occasions — in public, before God and everybody — "and I even got a red blazer to go with it." He admitted his taste has matured somewhat and the tie had been "way back in the closet" in recent years, until Evelyn snuck it into the contest.

Charlie put the thing on to have his and its likeness struck. For that courageous act alone, I say Charlie deserves the fine wrist watch Wooten manager Jeff Arney gave him as contest winner.

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All news is local: "CORONADO, Calif. (AP) — Retired Rear Adm. Wreford G. (Moon) Chapple, whose World War II submarine heroics became material for books and a television series, died Monday at his home here. He was 83."

Word of his passing flooded Harvey Millsaps of Mooreville with memories. Foremost, he said, memories of the amazing leadership qualities of this bear of a man. He was Harvey's first submarine skipper, and Harvey said, "far and away the most impressive military leader I've ever served under, known or heard of."

Chapple captained and Millsaps served on the USS Bream SS-243 from its launch in New London, Conn. in September 1943 through three patrols until Chapple was assigned to another sub in November '44. Chapple was a sub commander when Pearl Harbor was attacked, and his sub sank the second Japanese ship of the war. He went on to become the only man in Navy history to make 12 patrols as a submarine commander.

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Comes Frank Drake with a too-late entry in the Ye Olde Shucks It's So Hot That... contest:

Frank said his daddy was straight arrow all the way, never was he caught handling the truth recklessly. Except, maybe, this once, when he told about his one experience with what we might call unnatural phenomena:

Man, mule and turning plow were laying by the corn crop in mid-summer heat. They had reached the row of popcorn Pop always planted for the family when it happened. It was so hot that the popcorn began popping on the stalk.

The sight thoroughly confused the mule. Ol' Maude thought it was snowing and stood right there in the field and froze to death.

Not bad, Frank. Unfortunately for you, I awarded son Lee first and only place in the contest (he said it was so hot that he saw a dog chasing a rabbit and both were walking) and I ate the prize, a two-scoop cone of Mooreville Ice Cream's fresh peach. Could I help it if I couldn't find Lee on the golf course when I decided to make the presentation?

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Talk about damned if you do, damned if you don't: the United States Supreme Court said Monday newspapers can be sued for breach of contract, whatever for printing names of sources they promise not to identify. The same court says reporters can be jailed for refusing to name their confidential sources.

Memorial Trees Still Available

Fifty-nine trees grow in Mooreville, thanks to Moorevillians who bought the ornamental pears during the past two years. Nearly all were given in memory and in honor of family members.

The Mooreville Beautification Committee began the tree-planting project in June 1989, and everyone was invited to contribute the cost of one or more trees. Town government has been planting them as a decorative buffer along the railroad and Broad Street.

Martha Barber is chair of the beautification committee. She said the project is ongoing and that trees will be planted at various places throughout town. Contributions of \$40 per tree are welcome.

Persons who wish to give should contact Barber.

This week, Barber prepared this roster of those who have bought trees:

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In memory of John B. Sloop by Bernice and John B. Sloop Jr.

In memory of H.C. (Bob) and Vada Lee Rinehardt by Bill, Ruby and Darrell Rinehardt and Wayne, Vickie, Brandy and Jeremy McAuley.

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Millner

In memory of Arthur Wilson and in honor of Mrs. Arthur Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance by C. Darrell Wilson.

In memory of Parks Mayhew and in memory of Alma H. Cook by Mabel Mayhew.

In memory of Whitney Crymes by Ernest and Diane Crymes.

Given by Grady Shoe.

In memory of Hilda Morrow Lowe by Tom and Blanche Morrow.

Given by Walter and Maggie Jones.

In honor of his family by Don Whitlow.

In memory of John Emery Barkley by Jean B. Gearhart Given by Morning Glories Garden Club.

In memory of his father, Oscar Lee Moore, and his brother, William Earl Moore, by Kenneth L. Moore.

Given by Joel and Sue McConnell.

In memory of Tim McNeely by D.S. and Dot McNeely.

In memory of Abigail McLean by Rick and Judith McLean.

In memory of Garland Perry and in memory of Kim Goodman by Bob and Maryanne Randall.

In memory of Kim Goodman by Mrs. Alex Goodman.

In memory of Garland Perry by Matsushita Electric Corp. of America.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Kennerly, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swaim, Mr. and Mrs. Jeese Purser and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gudger by Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Kelly Jr.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Sloop by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Gabriel.

In memory of Kate Campbell Millsaps and Ralph Cromwell Millsaps by their children.

In honor of Joe and Lib Knox by the Mooreville staff of Knox Realty.

Given by Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Holshouser.

In memory of Frankie Albert Whitesell given by Larry and Eve Whitesell.

In memory of John Reid by Mrs. Mary E. Reid.

In memory of Jay Plyler by Mrs. Betty Plyler.

Given by Class of 1945 Mooreville High School.

County To Cut Back Service Of Veterans' Services Office

Iredell County commissioners are cutting back on several county programs in an effort to save money during tough budgetary times.

Among other programs, the Veteran Services office in Mooreville will be affected by these budget cuts, causing some concern among area veterans.

The Iredell County Veterans Services offices assist veterans with compensation and pension claims, medical benefits, loan applications and a variety of other services.

Along with an office in Statesville, the Mooreville veterans services office serves 9,600 Iredell County veterans.

Both offices were staffed by one veteran services officer and one clerical assistant. But, Mooreville's office staff has been reduced to one veterans services officer.

The program is federally

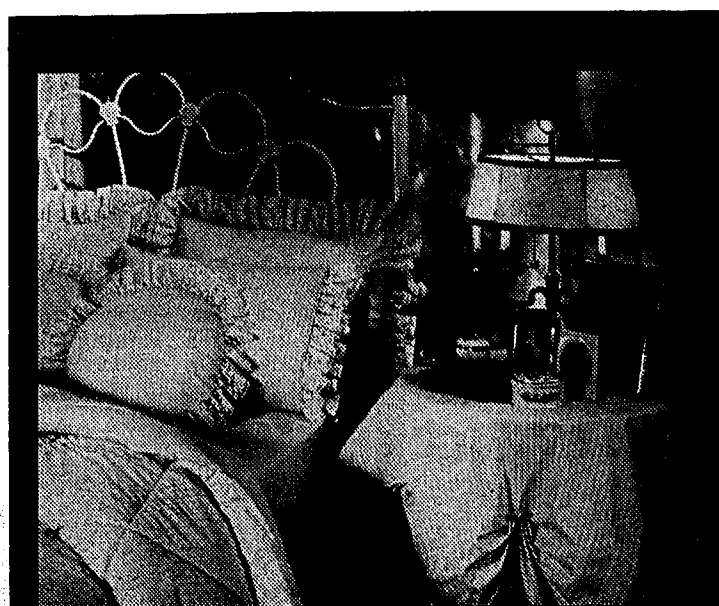
funded, but all salaries for the program's four-person staff are paid by the county.

With the county's veterans services staff reduced from four to three, the already overworked veterans services program may become bogged down in backlog cases, said a source who works for the county and who asked not to be identified.

"If we only had one office, we might make the changes work," said the source. "But, with two offices, it's going to be very hard to keep up with the caseload."

"I don't meant to complain, but I think they (Iredell County's commissioners) would visit all the departments before making their decision, they might see that the position can not be cut."

A revised schedule for the Mooreville office, which is now open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, will be announced in July, said the source.



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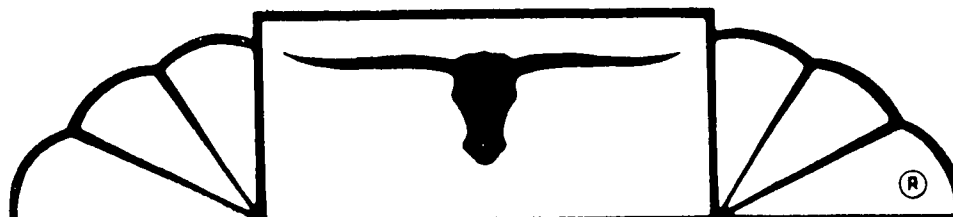
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Lytle Posthumously Honored as Paul Harris Fellow

Elsie Lytle, a Mooreville resident who for years served as a cook at the Mooreville War Memorial building, was posthumously honored June 20 by the Mooreville and Mooreville-Lake Norman Rotary clubs for her service. Lytle was named a Paul Harris Fellow, the first non-Rotarian to be named a Harris Fellow in Mooreville's 69-year history of Rotary involvement. Lytle's daughters, Bobbie Morrison of Charlotte and Mary Jo Gilbert of Atlantic Beach received a framed certificate, lapel pin and medallion, presented to them in memory of their mother. From left, Buddy Guin, president of the Mooreville-Lake Norman club; Morrison; Gilbert; Roy Harris, president of the Mooreville club.



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