



The Cowan Clipboard

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Cowan Mourns the loss of Our "Doc"

The community of Cowan continues to miss Dr. Charles Couser, as it surely always will. Doc received recognition from his superiors in the military for his excellent management of the infirmary where he worked in Knoxville. The letter, dated 1954, expressed their regret that he would be leaving the base where he was stationed, but certainly felt he would be successful by going elsewhere to set up practice. Their prediction was correct, as Doc then opened his practice in Cowan in 1956.

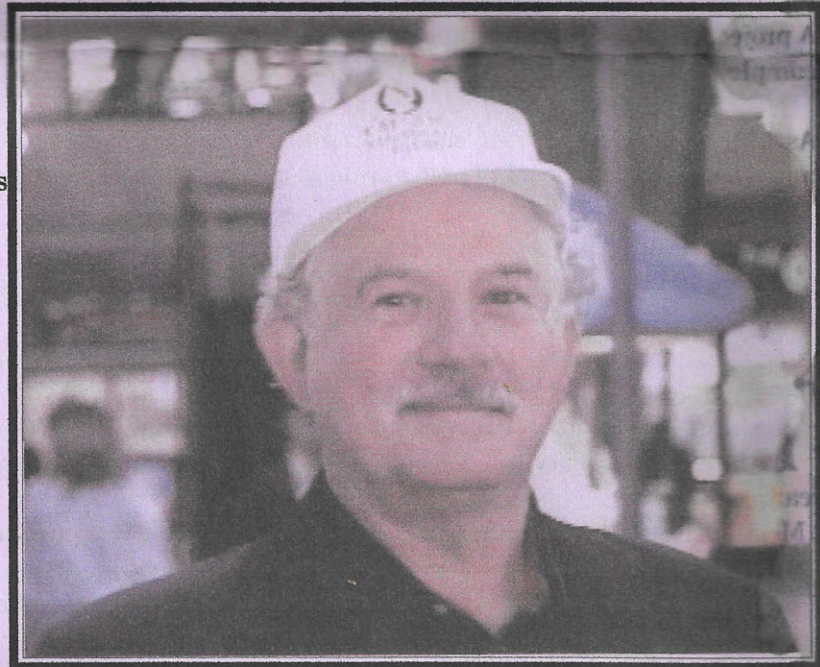
Cowan came to depend on Doc in all our times of need. It seems unlikely there could be a family that doesn't have a tale of Doc making a house call in an emergency, delivering a baby or diagnosing a condition in time for it to be treated. Doc is not only recognized as having delivered many babies, he is also credited for assisting with the delivery of a calf for his friend and colleague Dr. Horace Elkins.

Doc's dedication to the well being of children went far beyond healthcare. He served many great years on the local school board. In the 1970's he delivered a very inspirational speech at a meeting of the board that is well remembered even today. It was a praising tribute to our "heroes" in his word, the teachers.

None could argue that Doc's service over the years has made him a hero as well. Many do not realize he was an accomplished musician, a father and a husband but we all know he was a wonderful doctor and a great citizen.

The Cowan Community raised the first funds for the Dr. Charles Couser Memorial Scholarship. It currently total \$4800.00. It is administered by the Winchester Rotary Club Scholarship Committee. It was created to recognize Dr. Couser for his years of service to his community. The scholarship was announced in November, just weeks prior to Dr. Couser's death. For further details about the scholarship or to make a donation, please contact:

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