

EDITOR'S CORNER

Now to begin

Wow?! Wow? Wow! Wow. Wow.

Whoa.

That about sums up our year here. As the reader can see from the front page story, "New Owners", life as we know it has changed.

But life, as the newspaper staff knew it, began changing in the early months of 2006. We couldn't speak of it, we couldn't acknowledge it, so we rolled with it. And here we are.

American Hometown Publishing owns us - lock, stock and barrel. We like them. So far, so good. They say they are truly supportive of hometown newspapers, Granny Grunt and the whole bit. Even their motto is encouraging: Honoring community journalism.

Of course they also honor community business and community progress. They aim to please. They aim to partner with the community in promoting all that's best about Humboldt. There is so much here that is good: our heritage, our traditions, our workforce and yes, our schools. (I know the school situation but I'm not going there today.)

American Hometown Publishing is our future at the *Humboldt Chronicle*. InfoStructure News Media is our past, as is Warmath Communications. We remember J. Frank Warmath, the man who acquired *The Courier Chronicle* in 1956.

It was a very good year. J. Frank and Kathryn Warmath in Humboldt had twin boys in 1956. Down the road in Edison, Flake and Moncie Garner had the girl child of their old age in 1956. Flake said she looked just like a bull dog when she pouted. Anyway 1956 was a very good year.

So here we are, 50 years and 11 months later, and the twins, Frank Warmath and Clint Warmuth, are out of the newspaper business. But the bull dog is still writing.

Rumors have flown about town since last week's closing. Flying on half truths, we hope the rumors will quickly come to rest.

The first rumor we heard was that we were sold and the doors being shut. The second was that the *Jackson Sun* had bought us.

Two wonderful no-nonsense women, two who I truly love, were among the first to bring the rumors straight to my ears. When Catherine Forsythe and Evelyn Glisson are concerned about your newspaper, you know that somewhere along the way, you did something right.

And that is a compliment to the entire staff of the *Humboldt Chronicle*. Wow.

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