

Hickory Hollow Times and County News

Charley Pride

I was sitting on the sofa in my music row apartment
Opening up a letter from my best friend, Silus Blue
He included last week's issue of our tiny hometown paper
With a note that said he finally got his picture in the news

So I started on the front page with the mayor and the bar chief
Driving big old tractors in the founder's day parade
And a story about the JC's annual bake sale at the bar home
Raising money for the orphans, selling cookie and [?]

Got the farming boat, the high school sports
Fishing news and bowling scores
The weather and the ladies' gossip too

Who's left town and who's come home
Who's been born and who's passed on
Who's divorced and who's married who
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It's reported Henry Johnson was seen courting the widow Jackson
Outside in the moonlight on the Moose Lodge patio
Sue Walker said she saw him holding hands in church on Sunday
Holding hands in church reminds me of my old sweetheart, Betty Joan

And right there on the next page grinning like a parson
My old buddy, Silus, in his tux and cowboy boots
And standing close beside him in her bridal gown and diamonds
Betty Joan, my high school sweetheart, the new Mrs. Blue

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And you know it makes me happy to see 'em happy too
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