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You know when we talk of Coalfire people, people of character, who made a difference in a lot of our lives, we have to discuss Mr. Bunny Bishop...I don't know his first name, everybody called him Bunny. I don't remember how I happened to help him out some, but I did. He owned the place Uncle Buck Bonner later owned and Bunny built a chicken coop on it....I mean like a 5000 chicken, chicken coop, a big sucker. I remember being on the roof putting down shingles. He taught me rule number one in using a hammer...."hit the nail on the head"...pretty good rule. If you hit you finger or thumb, he would remind you of rule no. 1. Bunny also built boats, good boats, but I don't know if he built them for sale, special orders or just wanted something to do. But I remember at least three of them out on Ruben's Pond. They were good boats, about 16 feet long with three seats and a live well in the middle seat. Us boys were in them a lot. I guess Rubin owned them, but we kind of used them like they belonged to us..I guess it was a good thing that Ruben Estes worked daylight to dark and probably never knew he was borrowing our boats. I think he might have also built some for McShan's lake....Anyway, Bunny had polo as a child, I guess.. I don't think I was ever told for sure. He was on crutches as long as I knew him, but I don't think it ever slowed him down. When we were building that chicken coop, he could move around on his hands faster than I could on my feet. He was an inspiration to me in watching him perform jobs with his loss of legs was no deterrent to him performing his jobs. And I always took special interest over the years in folks with disabilities. However, if Bunny counted it a disability, he never said anything to me about it and never spent time crying over it.... I'm sure there are a few of you that will read this that will know a lot more about Bunny than I ever will, but I just wanted folks to know about him and that he was a special guy and a good man.....[1](#)

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