

Swanee River in Rothenberg

By James E. Wood
Back in May, 1975, my wife and I were visiting our grandson, Ed Carson, in Stuttgart, West Germany. He was in the U.S. Army, stationed at the big command post, formerly headquarters of Hitler's panzer division under Field Marshall Von Manstein.

Ed had a few days off and volunteered to drive us in his little red Volkswagon to Lucerne Switzerland. It was a two-day trip and we stopped over on night in Rothenberg, a thousand-year-old walled town in Bavaria.

It was utterly charming with most of the encircling wall still standing. It is a famous tourist stop with many shops and inns and good places to eat. We stayed at the Iron Helmet, which was excitingly medieval in appearance but as modern as tomorrow in beds, bathrooms and services.

That evening we went for dinner to a typical German Rathskeller restaurant where the guests, before and after eating, sat against the walls of the room in a circle, with their arms interlocked and swayed and sang like knights of old.

A man with an accordion furnished the music and poured his soul out in nostalgic renditions of Germany's lost causes and stir-

ring hopes for the future.

The next morning I was up early and out in the town square before anyone was there but me and a German band. I was wearing one of those white golf hats with a red, yellow and blue band. When the band leader saw that hat, he knew I was an American tourist, and they immediately struck up "Swanee River."

Never have I been so moved by any music. The horns, the flutes, the drums and cymbals, and one enormous saxophone put on a performance that would have made Steven Foster and E.H. Christy think they were as great as Bethoven.

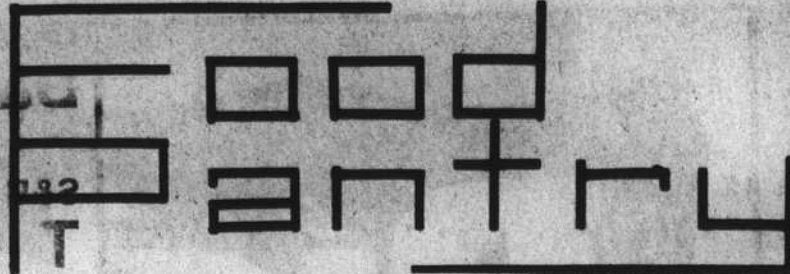
The way the band handled the music was fantastic. And when the lone saxophone finally soared into orbit with:

"A-I-I this world am Sad and dre-a-ry, Ev-ry Where I Roam" it was heart-rending, and made even more so, when the entire band came together in an overwhelming grand finale.

I could hardly wait to applaud and go over to shake hands with the players and empty my pockets of all the cash I had.

Would I like something else? They asked. Yes, "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny," which they

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By Frank Cassell

For over four months now, the Food Pantry has been helping the less fortunate. We have tried to feed all who come to us. We are housed in a donated building on Route 32. Now we are in need of help.

The building which has been our home since the beginning has been sold, and we must find a new place. If anyone can aid us in our search, it would be appreciated.

Someone can be reached at 482-2504 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9 a.m. until noon, or at 482-3522 Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m..

Time is getting short, and we must move fast.

The shelves in the Pantry are partially filled, but donations have been so-so. We depend solely on contributions; without them we would have to close our door. We don't want to do that, and we don't feel anyone else does, so please do what you can!

One of the heartrending things that comes from experiences at the Pantry is the protectiveness a parent has for children. In many instances, a parent will say, "I don't care about myself, I just need food for my child." One of the rewards of working here is meeting people like this. By the way, neither goes hungry, thanks to all of you who have helped thus far.

We know that the Lord will guide us in our quest for a new home, and we will keep you informed of our progress.

1986 Who's Who students named

Eleven College of The Albemarle students will be included in the 1986 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

John Simmons, Jr., COA dean of student development, said the group will join the ranks of the country's most outstanding campus leaders. They were selected by a campus nominating committee and editors of the annual directory on the basis of academic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. Sim-

mons explained.

The publication has honored outstanding students since 1934, when the first edition was printed.

Those named this year include: Catherine Annie F. Butts, Stephanie Ryan Cate, Medina D. Jones, James R. Knowles, and Sandra Webb Meads of Elizabeth City; Denise Lilly Bunch of Tyner; Debra Lynn Garrett of Moyock; Georgia Miller Phelps of Manteo; Dawn Woodroof Tillet of Colington; Frankie Lora Rountree of Sunbury; and Patricia Tillery Lewis of Hertford.

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Bike-A-Thon chairperson announced

The Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter has announced that the 1986 Bike-A-Thon Chairperson for Edenton will be Donna Penny. The Leukemia Society of America is dedicated towards the conquering of leukemia.

Proceeds from the Bike-A-Thon will be used for research and patient-aid. At the present time, the Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter is supporting \$839,340 in research projects in the state of North Carolina. These research projects are being conducted at Duke University, the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and Wake Forest University.

The Leukemia Society of America is also providing financial assistance to 620 patients in the state of North Carolina. In spite of remarkable medical advances in the last ten years, leukemia remains the Number 1 killer disease of children.

Leukemia is no longer a hopeless disease. There is hope for children and adults with leukemia

due to the research that has helped in treatment and diagnosis.

When a boy or girl comes by asking you to sponsor them in the upcoming Bike-A-Thon, please consider that the funds will be used here in North Carolina for research and patient-aid. Anyone wishing information should contact Ms. Penny at 297-2793.

Tours resume

Spring tours at your Executive Mansion resume March 11 through May 23, onn Tuesday and Friday.

Capital Area Visitor Center announces that morning public visitation at the Governor's residence on Raleigh's Blount Street will be 9:30, 10, 10:30 and 11:00 a.m.; and in the afternoon at 1:30, 2, 2:30 and 3 p.m.

Reservations are required for groups of up to 15 people. For reservations and details, call the Capital Area Visitor Center at 919-733-3456.

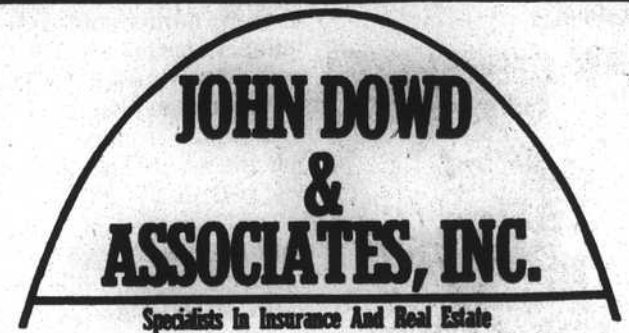
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