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OLD TIMES IN WARREN

(By T. J. Taylor, D. D.)

NATIONAL CHARACTERS

Owing to conditions I am not able to write a sketch of Warren County celebrities this week. Instead I give our readers an interesting story of various Crusoes by Edison Tarrisee, published in Kind Words.

CRUSOES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHERWISE.

(Edwin Tarrisee.)

There have been female Crusoes who deserve a place in the niche of fame with the celebrated Robinson. The Isle of Demons, off the coast of Newfoundland, was the scene of a romance as thrilling and a tragedy as real as any told in fiction.

About the year 1540 one Marguerite de Roberval, a niece of the French viceroy, fell in love with a young cavalier and promised him her heart and hand. Her uncle, the Viceroy, considered the youth unworthy of his niece's proud position and, angered by her refusal to give up her lover, passed a sentence of exile upon both of them. A vessel carried the couple to the Isle of Demons, leaving them there with an old nurse who had attended Lady Marguerite from her childhood, and who wished to share her exile.

At first the banishment did not seem so dreadful a thing; the young man's strength stood between his wife and suffering, and for two years all went well. A child was born and the parents began to plan for the establishment of a colony which might thrive in this island home. Then came trouble, grief and terrible disease fell upon the little family and the young wife and mother saw her husband, child and faithful nurse all sicken and die. With her own hands she dug their graves and buried all that was dear to her, and then began life alone, a life in which the mere question of existence became a problem, hard indeed for a frail woman to solve.

By means of the old nurse's husband she kept herself provided with food and skins for her clothing.

For two years she lived a Robinson Crusoe life, this lonely bred girl. Once a boat filled with Indians came near the shore, but the painted faces and fierce aspect of the savages frightened her, so that she hid instead of hailing them. She spent weeks of labor in making a crude canoe, but her hands were unskilled, and when she launched her craft it would only tip over. At last she was rescued by some fishermen who ventured on the island, half frightened at first by what they thought was an evil apparition. Marguerite was sent to France, but her unnatural uncle discovered her whereabouts and continued to persecute her. She finally found refuge in a small French town, where she hid until the Viceroy's death. After that she came into the world once more and lived to a good old age.

There have been men who have become voluntary Crusoes. One such was a young American, Lack, who, in 1873, purchased an island in the Cantó group, in the Azores, there to live a hermit's life.

A Spaniard named Rodriguez settled, in 1884, on an islet off the southwest coast of Cuba, taking a vow that there he would remain until his death. He kept his vow for two years, and but for a cyclone, accompanied by a tidal wave, which destroyed his tent and entire stock of provisions, he would undoubtedly have remained until his death. He was at the point of starvation when rescued, and he was, against his will, removed from his islet.

One of the most interesting attempts at self exile of which there is any record was that made by one McIntosh, a religious fanatic, but an exceptionally energetic man, whose headstrong conduct had brought him into the authorities of Sydney, Australia. He disappeared from that city and was found a year later on an uninhabited island of the Marquesas group. How he got here was unknown, but he had made good use of his time, for he had cultivated a small tract of land, erected a neat cabin and maintained a score of pigs. He resolutely refused to quit his little island kingdom, declaring that he preferred to be a ruler than one of the ruled.

A wager was the cause of the voluntary exile of Poma Lebedieff, an officer in the Czar's Guards, who left Petrograd in 1900 for Rock Island, in Udsakaya Bay, in the sea of Okhotsk, where he undertook to remain a whole year. The difficulty in winning the wager lay in the frightful climate of the island, which is in the same lati-

tude as Central Kamchatka. Lebedieff lived alone six months, but in January, 1901, being unable to withstand the cold, then at its worst, he abandoned the attempt. After incurring terrible hardships he succeeded in reaching Nikolaievski, at the mouth of the Amur River. Sooner than spend the remainder of the winter in the awful darkness and solitude of Red Island, he paid his opponent the sum of money he had wagered.

In the '80's an Englishman named Chandler lived alone on an islet of the Ladrone group, in the Pacific for a year and a half. Chandler, an avowed man-hater, threatened to shoot the man who should invade his domain. For sixteen months this miserable man lived on the fruits and herbs grown upon the islet. Then he went mad. The master of the American trading bark "Louisa," when six miles west of the island, observed Chandler through a glass capering and dancing in an insane way. He took the exile on board and landed him at Manila. When Chandler recovered he insisted on returning to his islet.

He left San Francisco in 1884 and was never heard of afterwards.

An island in the Sea of Aral, at the mouth of the Oxus, was the strange place of refuge selected by one Zingler, a Berlin fur trader, of considerable wealth who, to use his own words, "suffered from civilization sickness." In 1895 Zingler repaired to the island in the Sea of Aral and gave it the name of "Eternity," as it was part of his doctrine that only by self communion could man attain to perfection, fitting himself for immortality.

In 1905 Signor Cortesi, a highly esteemed merchant of Milan, announced that he had found a modern Garden of Eden somewhere in the Adriatic, and proposed, in the company of his wife, to establish himself there permanently. Accordingly he completed arrangements to take up his Crusoe existence, and so far as is known, is still there.

An island inhabited solely by women and children, was the curious geographical fact that existed on the coast of Norway. This was the island of Aarlud, possessed no distinction above those of other islands. The peculiar condition of affairs mentioned was the result of an accident.

To the island of Aarlud there came a man from the mainland. It was spring, and he had come to the island to participate in the spring egg gathering. While testing his ropes on a cliff preparatory to making a descent, he took an unlucky step, fell to the rocks below and was instantly killed. The occurrence made a deep impression upon the inhabitants. For eleven years it was said, there had not been a death among the thirty families that made up the population of the place, and the people were determined to do all in their power to show respectful sympathy for the family of the unfortunate man.

The men decided to attend the funeral in a body, and accordingly went on board a herring smack and crossed over to Haugesund on the mainland. It was in the gloom and storm that the body of their late comrade was laid to rest, for during the burial service a tremendous gale arose. The wind blew from the east and soon lashed up a terrible sea. When the men returned to their smack the storm was at its height and they were strongly urged to postpone their homeward journey until the wind had abated. Thoughts of their wives and children, however, made the thirty men unwilling to follow this advice. The women were alone and would be anxious. It was necessary to go back. So the men waited only to provide certain household necessities that the good women at home had urgently desired to have, and then committed themselves to the will of the waves.

The boat was heavily laden when all the goods were aboard, and some of the older seafaring men on shore shook their heads as they saw how she labored in the gale. Many watched her as she made headway toward the island, and when she was about a mile and a half from the mainland she was seen to be in distress. Efforts were at once made to go to her assistance, but the heavy sea beat back every boat that was launched. A few minutes later the watchers saw the smack plunge forward into the trough of the sea. She was never seen again. Every one of the thirty occupants were drowned and the island of Aarlud became an island of widows.

—Mr. Walter Allen was in town Thursday afternoon.

EMBRO ITEMS.

We have had a nice rain which was very much needed among the farmers around here.

The people are very much discouraged about their cotton not coming up and lots of them are planting over again.

Many of our people attended services at Reedy Creek Sunday, where two able sermons were delivered by Rev. G. M. Duke.

Miss Allie May Clagon who has been visiting her parents here, returned to her home at Plymouth, N. C., last Thursday.

Mr. Clarence Gooch, sister and cousin, visited Miss Myrtle Stallings Tuesday night.

Miss Regina Hardee spent Sunday night very pleasantly in the home of Mr. W. T. Hardee, of Grove Hill.

Mr. Ollie Ramey, Miss Myrtle Stallings, and brother Tasker, visited Miss Allie May Clagon Monday night.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Sue Smith on the sick list this week. We hope she will soon be well again.

We are delighted to see the new road system in this Township.

Mr. Earnest Watkins visited in the home of Mr. T. J. Stallings Sunday.

Mr. Henry Bennett is often seen near Aspen; wonder what the attraction?

Best wishes to the Warren Record and its many readers.

ROSE BUD.

FOR YOUR GUIDANCE

We are publishing rules, directions and suggestions, and also a copy of the Registration card. We have gone to some expense to get this information before the men of Warren county who are between 21 and 31 years old. It will be well for you to read and reread these directions, in order that you may be able to give the correct answers.

REPORT OF STREET COMMITTEE.

STATEMENT OF C. R. RODWELL, SECTY. TO STREET COMMITTEE 1916.		Receipts
Nov. 20.	To C. Net proceeds of note discounted at Citizens Bank.....	\$14,848.25
Dec. 12.	To county order for curbing around Court House.....	319.00
Dec. 12.	To cash Town order.....	2,832.75
Jan. 2.	To cash Town order.....	5,638.25
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1916.		Disbursements
Nov. 20.	By ck. sent R. J. Lassiter Co. on contract.....	\$10,000.00
Nov. 20.	By ck. sent R. G. Lassiter Co. on contract.....	5,000.00
Nov. 22.	By ck. sent R. G. Lassiter Co. on contract.....	5,000.00
Nov. 22.	By Balance due.....	5,638.25
		\$25,638.25

Respectfully submitted

H. A. MOSLEY, W. N. BOYD, C. R. RODWELL, Committee.

REPORT OF C. R. RODWELL, SECTY. TO WATER COMMITTEE, SHOWING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM

1915.		Receipts
Oct. 12.	To cash from net sale of \$50,000.00 Bond Issue to Spitzer Co.....	\$47,594.03
1916.		
June 5.	To cash from Citizens Band and Bank of Warren, 4 per cent Int. on Deposits until checked out.....	507.31
June 5.	To cash from R. J. Jones, Secty. and Treas. from General Fund.....	7,000.00
1917.		Disbursements.
Apr. 30.	By cash paid for advertising Election, Bonds and bids for Construction.....	\$ 295.44
Apr. 30.	By New York attys. for passing on validity of Bonds, ect.....	100.00
Apr. 30.	T. Polk, Atty.—Legal Services of all kinds from Oct-1915 to date.....	125.00
Apr. 30.	By cash paid R. J. Jones for extra work and Expense as Secretary.....	50.00
Apr. 30.	By cash paid W. G. Rogers for site for Tower and Tank.....	126.75
Apr. 30.	By W. A. Plummer, cleaning off grounds for deep well site.....	7.50
Apr. 30.	By cash paid E. Light Co—pole, line and equipment from Main St. to pump house.....	207.89
Apr. 30.	By Tapping machine, meters, meter boxes pipe, special ect., for making water and sewer connections.....	2,045.62
Apr. 30.	By damages paid on sewer outfall for crops and property.....	98.30
Apr. 30.	By cash paid Virginia Machine and Well Co. for 391 1-2 foot well.....	1,955.83
Apr. 30.	By cash paid Sydnor Pump & Well Co for pump installed.....	1,949.00
Apr. 30.	By cash paid Wm. Wilkes Co. for completed water and sewer system and pump house.....	41,898.59
Apr. 30.	By cash paid Wm. Wilkes Co. for 1-2 contract price of tower and tank.....	1,695.00
Apr. 30.	By cash paid Gilbert C. White, Engineer, commission on total cost of W. & S. system.....	2,980.47
Apr. 30.	By Balance.....	1,565.95
		\$55,101.34
1917.		
Apr. 30.	To Balance on hand—Citz. Bk, \$690.17—Bank of Warren \$875.78.....	\$ 1,565.95

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MARMADUKE ITEMS.

Mr. Jim Clark, of Richmond, visited his fathers family here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Riggan visited her kinspeople in this and Halifax counties from Sunday till Thursday of last week.

Rev. Geo. M. Duke and son spent Saturday in the home of his brother, Mr. M. T. Duke.

A few from this neighborhood attended May Day at Reedy Creek Sunday. The crowd there was said to have been the largest that has congregated there in several years.

Miss Sallie Powell and Mrs. J. D. Riggan accompanied their sister and family home one Sunday recently, returning home Wednesday morning with two of their little nieces, Sadie May and Mary Davis Alston, who are greatly pleased to visit their grandparents here for an indefinite time.

Mr. Jesse C. Pridgen and family spent Sunday with his wife's parents here.

New York, May 31—While Napoleon was idolized by his soldiers as the "little corporal," tiny Robert Bonner, of this city, is the dapper "little sergeant" of the United States Marines, and he proudly wears his sergeant's chevrons and sharp-shooters medal with all the dignity of a grown-up sea-soldier.

"Bob" has been chummy with the soldiers of the Sea all his life, and was never fully satisfied until attired in full regulation uniform—red stripes, yellow chevrons, medal, brass buttons and all—a costume that he is unwilling to take off, even to go to bed. He tells his mother that regular soldiers never take off their clothes, a statement that is not far from the truth, in France, at least.

Fred Bonner, 5 Bonner Place, the father of the undisputed "youngest Marine," is proud of the fact that the regular enlisted Marines have accepted his son as a comrade.

HOW CHAUTAUQUA WILL DO ITS "BIT"

Arrangements Made For a Patriotic Day With Special Music

ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED.

The Whole Program Will Ring With Patriotism—Why it was Named "The Greatest Thing in America" by Theodore Roosevelt.

"How can we do our bit?" is the question millions of Americans are asking each other in these war times. The Chautauqua committee has been wondering how the Chautauqua could do its bit in this great national emergency, and from Chautauqua headquarters in New York city there comes the interesting information that the Chautauqua will do quite a big bit in taking advantage of its wonderful opportunity in getting right down to plain facts with the people on some of the big problems that we are going to find ourselves staring in the face before the end of another year.

It was about ten years ago that Theodore Roosevelt came out with the statement when he was in the White House that the Chautauqua was the "most American thing in America." The statement was flashed across the country, and those who knew of the work of the Chautauqua knew what he meant. Some didn't know. Some are still guessing.

Simon Pure Americans.

What he meant was that, this being a country given to intimate and close study of all great issues on the part of the people, they had the best opportunity in the world to look squarely at big issues in the Chautauqua. Therefore the Chautauqua afforded them the best possible chance to be simon pure Americans.

Announcement comes from New York that this will be Patriotic year in the Chautauqua. The spirit of patriotism will ring in the music on each of the five days, and it will be sounded time and again in the lectures to be given, and Americanism will be the keynote of the week. Why not? It's "the most American thing in America." If present plans are carried out the stage decorations will be in keeping with the air of patriotism that will sound in the program. Red, white, and blue muslins and pennants will adorn the platform and the American flag will be prominently displayed.

Says Loring J. Whiteside, general manager of the Community Chautauquas, Inc., in New York:

Country Not Awake.

"Our Chautauqua will come in direct touch with several hundred thousand people this summer. We are at war. We don't know how long we will be at war. The plain facts are that the country is not awake to the seriousness of conditions they may be facing.

"The Chautauqua's duty is to bring the issues home to the people as nothing else can do. Think what it would have meant to England and France if 6,000 Chautauquas had been in full blast in the summer of 1914 when the governments of these countries and later the people found they were really at war. It took these countries months to bestir themselves. They had no means of going direct to the people, and the facts had to sift through gradually and slowly.

The Chautauqua's "Bit."

"We are going to make Chautauqua a great rallying place of patriotism in every community. That will be the Chautauqua's 'bit.' We want, and we must have, the unstinted co-operation of every local influence that is going to be effective in bringing the people to the Chautauqua.

"As to the program, it is a stronger program than we have ever attempted. I know, because I planned it myself, and I know what it cost.

"The big feature will be the patriotic program on the first night. We are bringing as the principal speaker for this program ex-Governor A. C. Shallenberger of Nebraska, and I don't believe we could have found a stronger man in the country to make this patriotic address. He is a member of the military affairs committee in congress, a magnificent orator and a sea-seasoned Chautauqua speaker. He has addressed hundreds of Chautauqua audiences throughout the east and middle west. He will speak on the first night on "The True Patriotism." Music for this day, both afternoon and evening, will be strongly patriotic.

SUMMER SCHOOL BUT TWO WEEKS OFF.

(By W. T. Foster.)

Raleigh, May 29—Twenty-five seniors of the 85 who would have attended the commencement exercises of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, went out today and with the student body of the institution turned the college over to the summer school which is but two weeks off.

The college has furnished more than 60 men to the army service of the country and today when Ambassador Henry Morgenthau lately returned from Turkey, made the final address to the graduating class he left no doubt of the need for all men who have gone from the college and even less doubt of the demand for those who are left at home.

Discussing the plans of the College for the summer today members of the faculty indicated that its purposes to meet, with the course offered, the immediate needs of the country have gained intensely by the commencement messages. The summer school is to give special preparation for the teachers who must both by teacher's knowledge and by their understanding of the great world demands, carry the peaceful side of the war to the masses.

The school has ten courses in agriculture and five in home economics which fit admirably into the great national scheme of economic preparedness. The peculiar needs of state and nation therefore call for special preparation and the institution which gets its accent on engineering and agriculture will the acute emphasis upon agriculture in the seven weeks that will be gone over between June 12 and July 27 of this year.

The faculty has put the school within such easy reach as to make the first visit of scores to Raleigh a happy combination of work and recreation. The college dormitories, dining rooms, Y. M. C. A., gymnasium, swimming pool and the college physician are the student's on call. The dormitories and dining room are hotel, the Y. M. C. A. the church and religious life, the gymnasium the perfect physical relaxation, the swimming pool the substitute for the surf and the doctor the man on the spot if needed. This fine equipment for a summer trip is laid down in the beautiful capital city at a rate not dreamed in a day like this. And every teacher gets his credit for work done here.

The Musical Numbers.

"The musical numbers stand out particularly strong. They include the Hawaiian Singers and Players; the Royal Blue Hussars Band, with Signor Louis Castelucci director and Irving Joy, lyric tenor; the Tschakowsky Quartet, headed by Leon Weltman, famous Russian violinist; the Boston Musical Entertainers, with Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Pierce of the Pierce school in Boston, and the Mendelssohn Sextette.

"James S. Knox of Cleveland, the leading lecturer to business men's organizations in the country, is coming to discuss wartime efficiency, community progress and business and community problems generally. Dr. E. L. Williams of Chicago, known the country over as Chicago's 'Fighting Parson,' will tell of his work in fighting vice in Chicago, and John Kendrick Bangs will present his great patriotic masterpiece, 'Salubrities,' one of the most famous lectures ever heard on the American lecture platform.

Entertainment Also.

"Then there are entertainment numbers which I can only touch upon. These include Josephine Chilton, the southern reader, who will give an afternoon of southern stories, and the Pierce Community Players, who will appear in 'The House of Happiness,' a most delightful New England comedy.

"The Junior Chautauqua will be a big feature for boys and girls and deserves a whole story in itself.

"I am sure that our friends will agree that it is a big lot for the money. If every one will get behind and boost for a great patriotic Chautauqua it will be one of the really big events of the community that you'll look back to in years to come.

"The season tickets bring the cost down to a few cents a number. They may be procured from the business men backing the Chautauqua. I might add that one-half the single admissions for the first day will be given to the local Red Cross."