

# THE TORCH

A department conducted for The Warren County Memorial Library By MABEL DAVIS The Librarian

### Startling News

Looking over the headlines in a recent edition of the News and Observer one of our junior readers who likes to keep abreast of the times remarked, "I'll say it's bad about the North Pole."

"What about it?" his father queried.

"It's burnt up! The Russians did it. The paper says they just blazed their way across the Pole."

### Books and Other Memorials

We are indebted to Mrs. R. R. Rodwell for two books—Life of David Livingstone, by Thomas Hughes, given in memory of Mrs. Mary Dowling Bowers, and Collected Verse of Edgard Guest, given in memory of Miss Mattie Brown. We are further indebted to Mrs. Rodwell for a unique piece of handwork done by Mrs. Caroline Patterson Hunter (the late Mrs. Henry Hunter Sr.) and used in the table decorations at a marriage eighty-five years ago. This antique has been framed and presented to the library in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clement C. Hunter.

### We Are Grateful

No more may it be said of the library that we are not up to date in the way of dictionaries. We have just received a brand new Webster's New International Dictionary and we are ready to challenge the world to name an English word or term not found within its 3,500 pages. The cost—\$20.00 the copy for such a tome—seems but a trifle when we consider the vast amount of work required to produce it. The total cost of the edition, however, \$1,300,000, staggers the imagination. That is more than half the total cost of nation's capitol including the grading of the grounds, when completed in 1827, thirteen years after the first capitol was destroyed by the British.

For this much needed and very useful volume we are indebted to the Reading Club, whose recent gift—a check—made it possible for us to purchase it at this time.

Two other books have been added during the week: "The Wind from the Mountains" by Gubranssen, author of "Beyond Sing the Woods," and "The Dressing Room Murder," by Fletcher, a mystery story.

### Newberry Prize Awarded

The coveted bronze plaque awarded annually at the meeting of the American Library Association to the writer who has made the greatest contribution to the stock of children's literature during the year was awarded to Ruth Sawyer, author of "Roller Skates," at the A. L. A. meeting in session at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City this week. We shall include this book in our next order.

Commenting on the annual award and the desire to honor the memory of John Newberry, born in 1713, the Richmond Times-Dispatch gives an interesting sketch of "The Father of Children's Literature," as Newberry has been called.

Newberry was a published, not an author. Perhaps, like the donor of the award—Frederick G. Melchior, he realized the need for more and better children's books and determined to stimulate the production. He felt that they should be attractive in format and in reading matter. "Spiritual Songs for Children," by J. Wright, represented his first effort in that direction. "The Little Pretty Pocket Book," published in 1744 was the first to bring renown to his name.

Those tiny little books would be in strange contrast to the brilliantly illustrated books of the present day, but it is peculiarly appropriate that the medal offered to encourage writers of distinction to contribute to the store of children's literature should bear the name of John Newberry, first publisher of children's books.

## BOARD HOLDS RECORD MEETING HERE THIS WEEK

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during their two-day session had bids for the construction of a school house in Sandy Creek township to open and discuss, as well as bids for the installation of sanitary improvements at the Drewry school, a delegation before them representing the John Graham High School seeking to save the agricultural and home economics department of the school by providing additional space for students enrolled there, representatives of the county and state boards of health before them in the interest of getting Warren to appropriate sufficient funds to give this county a health department,

the jail to discuss, the possibility of calling an election to vote a bond issue, matters to take up with the county attorney over the settlement of claims, and to appoint a successor to William Polk, who was named several weeks ago as a member of the County Welfare Board.

There was less dissatisfaction over the adjustment of property valuations than had been expected due to the fact that several months ago all property of the county was revalued, as required every four years by law. There were no gross irregularities found and the commissions, relying on the recommendations of Lawrence Robertson, who was head of the revaluation job and who was present at the board meeting to interrogate complainants, apparently gave satisfaction to the majority before them by cutting down slightly on the valuations in a few instances and in increasing valuations in several cases.

The commissioners took no action on the school house bids, which had been called for this time, nor the jail due to the fact that the Local Government Commission had advised Chairman William Burroughs that under the regulations of one of the recently adopted constitutional amendments no county could borrow more than two-thirds of the amount of county-wide bonds which were being paid off annually without a vote of the people. Under this ruling, the commissioners pointed out, they could not borrow money enough to repair the jail, to construct a school house in Sandy Creek township to take care of the negro students whose school was destroyed by fire and lightning last summer, or put in septic tanks at the Drewry school without letting the people vote upon these matters. It is expected that they will call for an election to issue bonds sufficient to care for these and other items.

The board heard Dr. Cooper and Dr. Morton of Raleigh, members of the State Board of Health, outline the advantages which a health department would offer this county, and plead with them for an appropriation of \$3,000 to give this county this work.

Speaking briefly, Dr. Cooper, head of the State Board of Health since it was organized in North Carolina approximately 20 years ago, explained that unless a health department was established in this county that Warren would be unable to participate in or receive any benefits from the state and federal appropriations for health work. He reminded the board that a nurse had been placed in this county for one year through funds appropriated by the Social Security Act at Washington, that Warren was one of the few counties of the state to receive this service, that this county was favored in this manner on account of the cooperation of the county medical profession, and because this was the home of Congressman John H. Kerr, who, he said gave more encouragement to health work while he was on the bench than any other person in North Carolina, with the possible exception of Judge Grady, and because of the high death rate and large number of midwives in this county. Dr. Cooper was followed by Dr. Morton who gave a detailed account of the service such a department would render, the cost of the same, and the saving it would bring about in appropriations which are at present being made for health work.

Told by the commissioners of their predicament in regard to raising funds and asked them to wait until a later date for a decision, Dr. Cooper said that would be perfectly satisfactory with him, the only thing was that the year for which Mrs. Jones, the nurse, had been appointed had expired. "However," he said, "I will take it upon myself to continue Mrs. Jones for 30 more days in order to give you gentlemen an opportunity to consider the matter further."

The board appointed W. W. Taylor Jr. to succeed William Polk as a member of the Warren County Welfare Board which will determine the amount of money to be received by those eligible for benefits under the Social Security Act.

In executive session the board passed the following two motions: "Executive board meeting held with county attorney. No action taken on bill presented commissioners as to the death of Sam Pinnell. Matter left in hands of county attorney to study the case thoroughly and construe law to them next first Monday."

"Motion that the county attorney be requested to give the Board of Commissioners an opinion as to the liability of the Board of Commissioners for payment of \$2,000 as provided by H. B. 866 of 1937. Motion by R. L. Capps, seconded by S. D. King."

### OLD MACON LETTER OFFERS CONDOLENCE

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ished than you would willingly con-

sent to spare. I know by sad and melancholy experience that to grieve is according to nature, and that time is the only cure which kind nature has pointed out, and which is as certain as time itself; to cease to grieve is not to forget. You like other people will cease to grieve, and you like other people will never forget him you have lost. Death is certain and no condition however reduced by sickness, and however certain is that event, which is to separate us for time, can prepare us to meet with grief the expected separation; come when it may, it instantly changes all our feelings, and gloomy grief takes the place of anxious hope. But providence has so made us that we can bear it and in time cease to grieve. The duty we owe to the living, by employing our thoughts to promote their welfare, is sure to relieve us to a certain extent, and daily business which engages our time will turn our attention to other objects which also tends to relieve our mind. I am well aware that you may not at this minute agree to the truth of these observations, but I am well convinced that time will prove their correctness. Permit me to add that it is a duty we owe to the living not to yield to grief, and to endeavor to overcome it.

If kindness, hospitality, and a desire to do evil to no one, with the most polished manners, form a good character, the deceased has left such a one behind him, and which ought to be well pleasing to his family.

I am, Madam, Your obedient servant and friend, NATH. MACON.

### BOATS MAY BRING

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ning for Waterways Program. "There are thousands and thousands of acres of the richest bottom lands in Halifax, Northampton, Bertie and Martin counties that prior to the Civil War were diked at private expense, and much of these lands are still in cultivation but under very precarious circumstances. If these Bills are enacted this element of danger will be removed and cultivation can continue without the hazard of destruction of crops by floods.

"On account of the tremendous increase in barging commerce, if navigation can be resumed as far as Weldon on the Roanoke it will mean new life given to this water borne traffic which will not only result in improved navigation but will add several dollars per thousand to the stumpage price on timber in this valley and adjacent areas."

### JAMES E. KIMBALL PASSES IN VANCE

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Vance County for many years and was known as a leader in church and educational affairs. He had served for many years as a member of the County Board of Education and was a teacher of a Sunday school class at Rock Spring Baptist church. He was a member of the Mount Auburn Christian church near Drewry. Surviving are his second wife, Mrs. Octavia Burroughs Kimball, and the following children: Misses Lillie Kimball, Helen Kimball and Arline Kimball, Mrs. L. W. Perkins of Wise, Mrs. W. H. Read of Pamer Springs, Va., Mrs. F. E. Bobbitt of South Hill, Va., J. P. Kimball of Townsville and Victor I. Kimball also of Townsville, and three brothers, Weldon, W. W. and J. A. Kimball, all of Manson.

Cooperating with Federal agencies the Extension Service of State College has organized the buying of surplus Irish potatoes in eastern North Carolina to improve market prices. The May pea crop in Pasquotank County left a lot of headaches and empty pockets, reports county agent G. W. Falls, who says growers want some kind of farm program to aid truck growers in that section.

## FACING THREATS OF LOSS TEACHERS, BOARD VOTES FUNDS FOR BUILDING

### YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BUSY WEEK

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The first of the series of entertainments to be held was a lawn party given at the home of Mrs. W. N. Boyd on Tuesday afternoon with Mesdames Boyd, G. H. Macon, J. G. Ellis, T. J. Holt and W. H. Dameron as hostesses. This was followed by a dance at the home of Boyd Davis on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday evening Mesdames H. W. Rodwell, V. F. Ward, Sam Davis, C. A. Tucker, A. A. Williams and E. E. Gillam entertained at a picnic supper at the golf course.

Following another picnic supper arranged at the golf course by the various hostesses for Thursday afternoon, a square dance was enjoyed in the armory with many couples cutting the caper to the tune of the Ball Brother's band.

Climaxing the entertainment will be a dance in the armory on Friday night by the music of Paul Jones and his band, which, in addition to the guests who have been here throughout the week, will include other out-of-town guests.

Following is a list of the out-of-town guests who began arriving on Tuesday to enjoy Warrenton's hospitality: Miss Martha Scott Dameron, Ernest Spruce and Marshall McDonnell of Goldsboro, guests of Miss Laura Ellis; Miss Betsy Gayle of Richmond, Miss Frances McKee, Arthur McKee and Ben Dixon of Raleigh, guests of Miss Mariam Boyd; Miss Virginia Wynn of Marion, S. C., guest of Miss Mary Macon; Misses Ann and Rebecca Byran of Scotland Neck, Margaret Bellamy and Lngie Watters of Wilmington, Walter Brodie Burwell and Thad Yelton of Shelby, guests of Miss Katherine Williams; Miss Ann Peace of Henderson, Doris Daniel of Badin, Elizabeth Gregory of Richmond and George Gregory of Richmond, guests of Miss Rozella Dameron; Misses Sue McGann of Franklin, Va., Mary Helen Rose of Elmwood and William Jordan of Fayetteville, guests of Miss Helen Holt; Miss Frances Daniel of Henderson, guest of Miss Betsy Rodwell; Miss Mildred Pittan of Asheville, guest of Miss Nancy Gillam; William Hendrickson of Maysville, Ky., and Herbert Badley of Greenville, guests of Charles A. Tucker Jr.

### Senator Reynolds May Attend Celebration At Macon Home Tuesday

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for the exercises which get underway at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and last until after dinner, which is to be served picnic style. Lieutenant Governor Horton has announced his intention of attending, and Congressman Harold Cooley has signified that he would be present if circumstances permitted. Other members of the North Carolina delegations in Congress have been invited and may attend, and a number of ladies who rank high in patriotic organization of the state are expected to be present.

With the exception of a few minor details, plans have been completed for the celebration, which has been predicted to become one of the biggest events of this type to have ever taken place in historic Warren, and reports coming from various sections of the county indicate that attendance is to be unusually large.

Food has been provided for the especially invited guests and their wives, and all others who attend are asked to carry a basket lunch. Work has been going on in each township for several weeks to make the day a success from every standpoint.

of the recently passed constitutional amendments which limits the borrowing power of a county to two-thirds of the amount of county-wide bonds which are being retired each year without a vote of the people. This county, which has one of the best financial ratings of any county in the state, is retiring around \$8,000 worth of county-wide bonds each year, which gives it a borrowing power of approximately \$5,000, but the board recently borrowed \$1700 to relieve unsanitary conditions at the Hawkins High School.

In making the appropriation for the John Graham school, the commissioners decided that they could raise enough money without a vote of the people to prevent the loss of the agricultural and home economics teachers, but that they could not raise sufficient funds in this manner to repay the jail, give the negroes of the Sandy Creek section a school or meet other demands. They are considering calling for an election to raise additional funds and to include these and other items in their bond issue.

### PUBLIC MAY INSPECT POSTOFFICE TONIGHT

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the benefit of those who had not had an opportunity to inspect the building he would be there on Friday night from 8 until 9 o'clock.

It is not known when the boxes will be here and the change will be made from the old post office to the new.

With the erection of the new post office, Dr. C. H. Peete, in a letter to the editor of this newspaper, voices a sentiment which has been expressed orally by numerous persons since the work on the post office started. The Warrenton physician writes as follows:

"To the Editor: "Our handsome new post office is now about completed, and I am sure I am one of many of the community this convenient building will serve who wish to thank our Congressman, Hon. John H. Kerr, for his efforts which have made it possible for Warrenton to have this fine new post office. "C. H. PEETE."

point. Miss Amma Graham, head of the U. D. C., this week requested that all those who have folding chairs and other types of seats and cushions which may be transported conveniently, to carry them to the home place of "The greatest Roman of them all," as Mr. Macon was spoken of by Thomas Jefferson.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Plato Durham and daughter, Miss Lucy, of Richmond have returned after visiting relatives here for several days.

Miss Mariam Boyd spent last week end at Virginia Beach. Miss Immogene Pence and Messrs. Robert and Thomas Pence of Rockingham were week end guests of Misses Annie and Nellie Hudgins.

Master Charles Dinen of Miami, Fla., arrived this week to spend some time with Mr. J. A. Hudgins and family.

Miss Madge Hudgins of Raleigh spent the week end here.

Friends regret to learn that Mrs. Henry Weaver is ill at her home at Warren Plains.

Misses Emma Kelly Moseley and Nancy Peete are visiting relatives in Kittrell this week.

Mrs. W. J. Davis, Miss Bessie Davis and Miss Josephine Cook visited relatives in Kittrell this week.

Notice the date on your label and renew your subscription.

## Skinner Feels For Board's Position Under New Law

Editor, Warren Record: Your article about the difficulties of our splendid Board of County Commissioners with reference to the county jail was read with a great deal of interest. This matter presents several very interesting possibilities.

I cannot refrain from saying "I told you so." When the people of our state voted for these amendments to the constitution they were following a false leadership, this leadership will cause trouble for years to come. What would happen if the people voted against bonds for a new jail? Will our Commissioners have to go to jail for something they cannot help? I am proud of the fact that the citizens of this county had sense enough to defeat all of these foolish amendments and I think that it is the height of irony that a Board of Commissioners who voted against them should be the first to be pinched.

Here is an interesting possibility; if some large industry should decide to move to Macon and there was the necessity for a much larger school building, suppose the people should vote against the issue of the bonds and the county had not retired more than eight thousand dollars of indebtedness the preceding year, what would happen? This very thing is in sight right now in one of the best counties in the state and frankly some of the best minds in the state do not know what to do with the matter. It is a foregone conclusion that the bond issue in this instance will be defeated badly.

With reference to the classification amendment, there was a proposal at the last legislature to list all forest land in the state for not more than four dollars per acre. This would have made a reduction of more than a quarter of a billion dollars in the total valuation of the state. Yea, verily, the good people of this state were sold a gold brick under the guise of tax reform. The possibilities for future trouble are almost limitless; we will see within the next few years, more trouble than we have ever dreamed, meanwhile I will continue to say, Yah, I told you so.

Yours truly, J. L. SKINNER, Member Local Govt. Commission.

### Franklin Boy Enters Naval Academy

Information has been received that Richard Fenner Yarborough Jr. of Louisburg successfully passed the physical examination for entrance to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and was sworn in as Midshipman there on the 18th. He is the son of Dr. Richard Fenner Yarborough and Mrs. Martha Ballard Yarborough, a grandson of Col. William Henry Yarborough, distinguished Confederate veteran and Mrs. Loula Davis Yarborough, and the Hon. B. W. Ballard and Nellie Parker Ballard (formerly of War-

renton). Richard, who received his appointment to the Academy from the Hon. Harold D. Cooley, Congressman from the Fourth District, attended the Marion Military Institute at Marion, Ala. Due to his scholastic records there, he was not required to stand entrance examinations. The appointee has had three cousins at Annapolis from Franklin County, Commander Archibald H. Davis, Lieut. John Neal, who died during the World War, and Lieut. Benjamin Ballard Chatham, now stationed on the Pacific coast.

### Skillman Returns From Wrightsville

Harold R. Skillman returned Wednesday night from Wrightsville Beach where he represented the town of Warrenton at a two-day semi-annual joint session of the North Carolina Chapter, International Association of Electrical Inspectors, and the North Carolina Electrical Contractors Association. The electrical men discussed ways and means of putting special ordinances aimed at safeguarding life and property into everyday language so that the unacquainted with the electrical profession might understand and benefit by them.

### Negroes Hold Flower Show

Negroes of the county held their first flower show on last Saturday in the Community Center. Despite the fact that it was their first undertaking of this type and the season was far advanced for flowers, they had a number of attractive displays which were viewed by a number of white persons as well as many members of their race.

### Threshers Must Be Licensed, - Powell

All threshers who have not obtained their 1937 thresher's license are urged to do so at once if they wish to avoid debarment or a \$25.00 fine, or both, Joseph C. Powell, Register of Deeds, announces. These licenses can be obtained at the office of Register of Deeds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Boyd, Miss Elizabeth Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meade visited Nags Head and Roanoke Island this week.

Mr. Armistead Boyd of Richmond is expected to spend the week end here with his parents.

FOR RENT—5-ROOM COTTAGE near home of Mrs. E. S. Allen. H. P. Reid, Phone 396-1.

NOTICE Matthew Bullock having contracted with me to work for me for the year 1937 and having left my service in violation of his contract, any one is forbidden to hire him under the provision of section 4770, Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina. This 23rd day of June, 1937. j25-4tc C. B. OVERBY.

## The HUNTERGRAM

A Newspaper Within A Newspaper

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There has been great interest in the qualifying golf tournament at the course this week. The course is proving awfully popular these days. A large crowd enjoyed listening to the fight around our radio Tuesday night. Again age was conquered by youth. Though Brad-dock lost, he won the respect of the world for his Irish determination. The town got a bit excited the other night over the fire which occurred in Mr. Plancon's paint truck. We are glad to report that blaze was extinguished before serious damage was done to the truck. Here's hoping for a successful Nat Macon celebration. We are sorry to learn that Dr. Bill Rodgers has not been well this week. Doc Jones has been full of jokes since his return from the beach.

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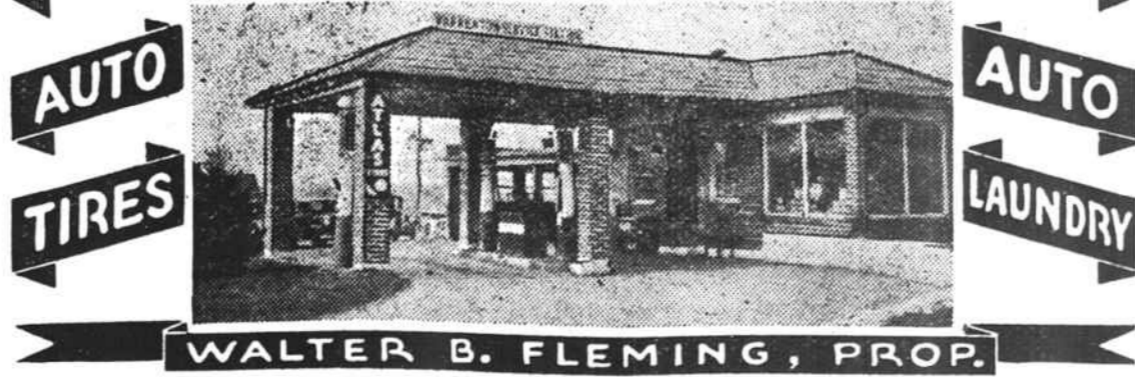
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