

Robbins Talks On College Growth

"Louisburg College is a bridge between high school and the big college", Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisburg College, told members and guests of the Warrenton Rotary Club at their regular meeting at Hotel Warren on Tuesday night of last week.

Dr. Robbins was here in the interest of, and to attend a meeting of The Louisburg College Fund, of which W. E. Perry, Jr., is local chairman. He also attended the meeting of the Rotary Club as their guest speaker. He was accompanied by Mr. R. R. Winkelmann, an associate of the Development Fund Campaign. In a drive of which Warren County is taking an active part. The college has a goal of \$900,000 for new buildings and equipment, of which more than \$150,000 has already been raised, it is understood.

"All colleges have their struggles", Dr. Robbins said, "but we feel that Louisburg is at the threshold of its greatness and ready to go forward and give to the young man and woman the very best possible

instruction to be found in a junior college and to prepare them to meet the demands in their junior and senior years at the four year college of their choice, he pointed out. We are justly proud of the fine academic record of the college which has stood up since the college was chartered in 1787 until the present. Dr. Robbins said that the college was first a woman's college but became a co-educational in 1931. Last year Louisburg had 552 students and this year they expect 600, he said.

An interesting part of his talk was illustrated by slides which showed the physical equipment of the college including a new boys' dormitory which will house over 90 students. This new dormitory will be ready for occupancy this September, it is understood.

Dr. Robbins, a former pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church here, was presented by W. E. Perry, Jr., who presided over the meeting in the absence of Troy Barrett, president of the Rotary Club. Guests included W. R. Drake, R. R. Winkelmann and Duke Jones.

Letters To The Editor

ANSWERS MRS. PERKINSON To The Editor:

There was a letter printed in the Letter to the Editor column in The Warren Record of June 1, 1962, by Charlotte Story Perkinson which deserves a reply by a member of the medical profession. The following is that reply:

It was stated, "the reason doctors would not come there to practice is because of the economic conditions." Let me reassure everyone that that is not the reason. I came to serve the community and the county with the best medical care we can offer. Although the economic factor exists, this was way down the list in the consideration of coming to this county. Also a new, young surgeon has come to Warrenton this month. Three new young physicians in less than two years refutes, in my opinion, the above statement. DOCTORS HAVE COME!

Further in the letter is stated, "the county is one of the depressed areas." This has always been true of any primarily rural county in late winter when there is essentially no farm work to do. I challenge the writer to check the employment scale in late summer and autumn to arrive at a better conclusion about this point. And anyway, what does unemployment have to do with medical care for the aged in our

county? "No one in Warren County pays exorbitant taxes and the few additional dollars paid into Social Security would be negligible," she writes. True, initially this would probably be negligible, but within a few years this will rise higher and higher. Within the bill itself there is the formula for an increase to 4 3/4 per cent in 1968 for employee and 4 3/4 percent for the employer, or a total of 9 1/2 per cent in only six years! How much higher it would go after that, God only knows.

Further, she stated, "it is like putting money in the savings bank to help yourself and your family when you can no longer work." Dear lady, nothing could be farther from the truth. "Health Insurance Benefits Act of 1961" or the King-Anderson Bill (H.R. 4222) takes money from the working person NOW to pay for services rendered NOW to someone else who has paid nothing into this fund. This fund (Social Security) is a TAX (and is so stated within the context of the bill itself) by the government and the government spends the taxpayer's money only as it sees fit. As she so candidly pointed out, this is socialism for sure.

In a lengthy discussion about the farm program and parity (which has little to do with medical care for the aged except both are socialist in their nature) she champions the loss of freedom for the individual. She asks, "Is all this socialized agriculture?" I

reply, yes, and suggest she speak to any farmer on this subject. I have, and have not heard a one yet who liked what was happening to him. It was very heartening to see Mr. W. H. Bender's reply last week from a farmer's viewpoint. She also suggests that the King-Anderson bill "is for the general welfare, the greatest good to the greatest number." She is wrong! The ones most in need (and I realize there is a general need) would not be covered by this bill. In reality this bill is bad legislation for a minority group as a political maneuver.

"Aren't there other people in Warren who will support President Kennedy or are you afraid to speak out for fear you will not be able to get a doctor if and when you need one?" BOSH! The Warren County Medical Society has invited comments and criticisms. None have been voiced to us from the citizens of Warren County. Political opinions have never influenced my practice of medicine and never will influence my relationship to my patients as a physician. No patient, to my knowledge, has ever been refused care since I have been in this county and this is irrespective of ability to pay. The Warren County Medical Society will stand on its record on this point. Further, I resent this intimidation, for we have a fine hospital here and anyone needing medical attention need only present himself there for care. This is available, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. Seven physicians are on the hospital staff at the present time to provide medical care to the citizens of Warren County. No one need ever be denied care, and certainly not from fear of having wrong politics.

We physicians welcome comments and encourage opposing viewpoints. I hope further discussions will appear in this column. In last week's editorial was an excellent truism. "No man is wise enough to know all the answers, and furthermore, the readers are entitled to have more than one side of a question presented to them."

I plead that we not travel the same socialistic road which destroyed the Roman Empire and that era of history and civilization. I would like to think that we love our children and grandchildren enough not to leave them with a dying country and a wasted democracy that was founded to preserve and insure individual freedom.

ROBERT S. CLINE, M. D.
THE KERR-MILLS BILL IS NOT THE ANSWER
The Kerr-Mills Bill for medical care for the aged is not the answer for medical care for the aged. It is operable

only in 28 states. I understand you have it in North Carolina and in Maryland but not in Virginia.

Why should the richest country in the world fail to provide for its aged without making them sign a pauper's oath, which is what they have to do under Kerr-Mills, saying they cannot pay their hospital bills and do not have any children able to pay them.

In addition to the doctors (some of them, not all), and the insurance companies, about the only people who really object to the King-Anderson Bill are those children whose parents are so old that they were not covered by S. S. and whose duty it is and always has been to look after their aged fathers and mothers. In a few more years this condition will automatically correct itself through Social Security. Only a few of those now under Social Security could pay the high cost of medical care. Certainly a monthly income of from \$40 to \$100 unless they have other income could not do it.

When I said "If this is socialism let's have more of it," I did not refer to medical care but to the very great changes in the farm picture since a farmer gets parity and since there is crop control and green fields instead of washed out poor land.

Only a small percentage of the people over sixty-five have an income of more than \$1300 a year, including S. S., and it is estimated that medical care under the King-Anderson Bill will cost the worker only \$1.00 a month in taxes. Private insurance costs about \$4.74 a month under Blue Cross, and \$7 a month under Blue Shield. The conditions I referred to under the old crop lien system, little better than slavery, allowed a poor farmer no chance whatever to save. He worked all right and so did all his family, but he often ended up worse than when he started. He could not live beyond what he did not have. Having been born in New England, I know and have al-

ways practiced thrift. But before one can save, one has to have something to save.

I am sorry we have to have such a large national debt, but that is mostly for national defense, and very necessary under world conditions at the present time, and while I never liked the expression "Charity Begins at Home," I do think that before we send too much money out of the United States to help feed and protect other peoples in need, we should first take care of our own senior citizens too old to work.

The matter of having to pay the first \$90 under King-Anderson Bill is a safety valve. It will tend to keep people who are not really ill from taking hospital beds which are desperately needed by others. That is one of the troubles with private hospital insurance now. Some who have it think they would like to take a little rest in a hospital and often find a way to get a doctor to hospitalize them unnecessarily. I once knew a woman who felt that she should use her thirty days hospitalization once every year.

Really the only people who do not have to worry over the possibility of those huge hospital bills are the very poor and the very rich. Those in the middle income brackets and drawing S. S. are the ones who worry over sickness the most. In a city like Norfolk the Welfare Department sees to it that the indigent ill are well cared for. Really I can not see why that here we need the Kerr-Mills Bill. Also some of our wealthier churches maintain a cot fund which

Warren Boy Shoots In International Match In Germany

A Warrenton boy who is making a career of the army has added laurels to his record as a pistol shot.

Sgt. Sam Hunter, son of George Hunter of Arcola, brother of Edward Hunter of Warrenton, and a former employee of the Citizens Insurance and Bonding Company, was a member of the U. S. Pistol Team which set a new world record for the International Centerfire Match recently held in Wiesbaden, Germany.

This was revealed in a recent postal card from Hunter to Gordon Poindexter, president of the Citizens Insurance and Bonding Company, mailed

from Biel, Switzerland. He said that he did "fairly well" individually, winning the C. F. honors and placing second with the free pistol.

On May 17, members of the U. S. team were guests of the German Shooting Club on an excursion down the Rhein River in the heart of the famous Rhein wine growing district.

Hunter said that he was having a lot of fun but would be happy to get back to the United States.

Mr. H. M. Williams and Mr. Mark Williams of Rocky Mount visited their brother, Mr. Graham Williams, in Atlanta, Ga., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Daniel and Mary Elizabeth of Littleton were dinner guests of

Miss Mary Frances Rodwell on Sunday.

Mrs. F. B. Twitty and children are visiting relatives in Louisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hall, Jr., of Durham were here over the weekend.

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