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A Tribute To Sam Allen

We hope that it will be many years before this newspaper pays a final tribute to Sam E. Allen, who will resign as Register of Deeds of Warren County on July 6. But meanwhile we would like to eulogize the life of this fine gentleman who for nearly 38 years has so well and so diligently served the people of Warren County.

The dinner in Mr. Allen's honor Monday by court house officials and members of the Bar was a heart-warming affair in which a few of his friends paid well earned tribute and many others testified to their admiration and devotion to him by their presence. It was an honor to be included among that group on that occasion of warm fellowship.

General Lee is quoted as saying that Duty is the sublimest word in the English language. This was often quoted to the editor by his father who loved General Lee's memory with the same devotion always entertained for him by Mr. Allen. We seriously question that Mr. Allen ever thought of meeting the responsibilities of his office as a duty; he instinctively met his responsi-

bilities as a public office holder and as a private citizen in the manner of the great Lee.

Our contacts with Mr. Allen during the time he has served as Register of Deeds have been many. We have ever met with unfailing courtesy, friendly cooperation and kindness from this good man. Any differences have been amicable. The editor is happy that Mr. Allen was his friend before he entered public office and that he leaves office as his friend in spite of many shortcomings of the editor which must have often been manifested in an almost daily contact.

Even an editor, who must live by words, often find words inadequate to express deep feelings. Such is now the case with one who is unwilling to see a man of Mr. Allen's calibre leaving public life without some expression in this newspaper of his service and of his character. We can only wish him many happy years in his retirement, and say with thousands of other citizens of this county, without regard to color, race or creed, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Leadership Should Lead

The Smithfield Herald

Governor Moore's treatment of the Speaker Ban issue surprises no one who understands the current political situation in North Carolina, but it is nevertheless disappointing.

The Governor got rid of a hot potato by proposing that the Legislature authorize a study commission to examine the Speaker Ban Law instead of attempting to amend or repeal it. A careful study will be much more than what the law received before its hurried passage without debate at the close of the 1963 session of the Legislature, but the urgent need is not appointment of a study commission.

The urgent need is political leadership that will tell the people repeatedly and forthrightly that the Speaker Ban Law is not a pro-Communist law but a pro-democracy law. This law is not needed to protect us from college or university leaders who seek to promote Communism on the campuses. We have no such leaders in North Carolina's higher education, it is rather a law which stifles freedom of inquiry and thus runs against the grain of the purposes of true education. It is a law which imitates the thought-control methods of Communism.

Many well-meaning North Carolinians do not understand these things. They have misconceptions about the nature and workings of democracy. They are confused over the nature and workings of the educational pro-

cess. Their misunderstanding is reflected in letters to newspapers and other expressions of opinion.

Popular misconceptions should be corrected by political leadership, not followed. Governor Moore is intelligent. On more than one occasion, he has indicated his awareness of the weaknesses of the Speaker Ban Law. Some North Carolinians dared to hope that the Governor, who commands wide public respect, would emerge as a statesman by going before the people and explaining to them how the Speaker Ban Law is out of harmony with American principles of freedom and democracy which our nation has defended on fields of battle. The Governor could have helped to mold a sound public opinion, but he preferred to give in to a public opinion that is more emotional than reasonable.

NEWS OF FIVE, TEN, 25-YEARS AGO

Looking Backward Into The Record

June 10, 1960

The White House Milk Company of South Boston, Va., will begin the operation of a milk route in Warren County on June 16, L. C. Cooper, Negro Farm Agent, announced yesterday.

The average loan level for flue-cured tobacco for 1960 will be 55.5 cents per pound, W. S. Smiley, ASC chairman, announced yesterday.

The Warrenton Lions Club has won the state award for White Cane work among smaller clubs.

Miss Ann Rackley of Smithfield has been appointed assistant home economics agent for Warren County.

June 10, 1955

Miss Becky Stevenson has been employed as Warrenton's first policewoman. Her duties will be to check parking meters.

Dr. A. D. Gregg, Health Officer, announced this week that typhoid and children's immunization clinics would be held over Warren County, beginning June 13.

A donkey baseball game will be held at the John Graham Athletic Field on June 15, Leonard Daniel announced yesterday.

The board of town commissioners on Monday night ordered a revision of the town registration book.

Fifty-seven percent of subscribers favor the unification of the telephone exchanges of Macon, Warrenton and Norlina, according to a poll just completed by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

June 7, 1940

Warren County has raised more than \$700 of its \$1200 goal set by the Red Cross in raising funds for relief of war stricken families in Europe.

Dixon Ward led his class with an average of 96.2-7 it was announced at Graduation exercise at Fishburne Military Academy Sunday.

Joseph N. Bobbitt has been elected a member of the Warren County ABC Board. Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gibson of Warrenton on Sunday morning, June 2, a son, Sidney Burton, Jr.

To Sponsors

The Philadelphia Bulletin

A calm - and potentially deadly - approach to the problem of unwholesome television fare has been suggested by the editor of the PTA Magazine, Mrs. Herman Grant, of Chicago.

Not at all priggish, she accepts as a fact of life that sponsors must seek the dollar, and also that sex is fair as a basic ingredient of drama. But, she explained in an interview at the National Convention of PTA at Albuquerque, this acceptance does not extend to dramas which do not extend to extend to dramas which do not "illuminate" the problems - specifically such as "Peyton Place" - that strange town in which practically every inhabitant has "a sordid past, an equivocal present and a fearful future."

Starting in September, the PTA Magazine will make a point of listing sponsors of TV programs; readers will be urged to write directly expressing their opinions.

This seems fair enough. The sponsors of a wide variety of claptrap would be well-advised to read their mail, along with their cherished ratings. Calm ladies of the PTA are capable of blackening TV screens across the land.

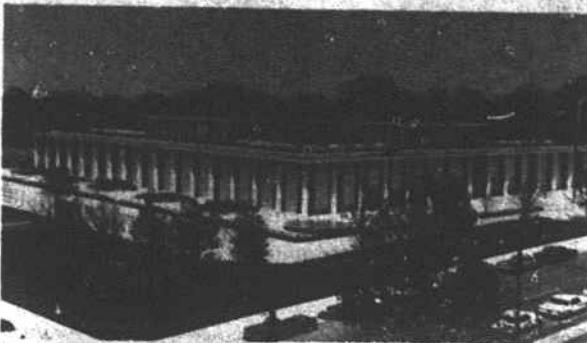
A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become well known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized. - Fred Allen.

The idea of strictly minding our own business is moldy rubbish. Who could be so selfish. - Myrtle Barker.

The thing to do with party leftovers is to help them out the front door. - Ralph Foral.

I want to be the white man's brother, not his brother-in-law. - Martin Luther King.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS



By Representative W. R. DRAKE Of WARREN COUNTY

RALEIGH - There seems little doubt that this week will ring down the curtain on the 1965 General Assembly Session. Probably the only doubt hinges upon further controversy over the "Communist Speaker Ban Law" and whether any proposal is offered to amend or repeal the law. Governor Moore has pretty well scotched this possibility by his suggestion that the matter be referred to a Study Commission. If this course is followed, and it probably will be, the question then becomes whether a special session will be called to deal with the subject. Frankly, it would appear that the people who want the law abolished are using pretty much the same tactics as were used by sponsors of the measure when it was rushed through during the closing days of the 1963 session. I fully believe that sound reasoning and good judgment will prevail in the end.

History was made last week when on Wednesday, and within a period of three hours, the general appropriations and capital improvements budget bills were considered and passed by both houses of the legislature. History was also made in the size of the budget since it is North Carolina's first \$2 Billion-plus biennial appropriation. It included a 10% pay raise for State employees who came under the Personnel Act plus a salary increase for teachers amounting to .05% for each of the next two years. It also included an increase of \$22 million for capital improvements. The most significant increase in funds for Education was in the form of reduction of class size in the first three grades. These are considered to be the most formative years of Elementary Education and it is important that the

teacher load be reduced in this area as a first step toward reducing class size throughout the entire elementary school.

Commenting on the work of this Legislature in general and with particular reference to Education, Governor Moore said in a recent speech: "They have done their job well. They have fulfilled their responsibilities as representatives of the people and they have fulfilled their responsibilities to the State. They have done more for Education in North Carolina than any General Assembly in our history." This certainly is a fine compliment to us and may be a bit flattering. However, there is still much that needs to be done and I hope the economy of this great State will continue to afford educational advancement.

On Friday of last week, a total of 96 bills were on the House Calendar for action and about 75 of them were disposed of in a session lasting from 11:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Despite the ongoing rush to adjournment, new bills continued to pour into the hopper in quantity - 136 altogether last week. The public bill introductions included proposals to regulate ambulance service, to create a State Education Assistance Authority to make student loans, to establish a loan fund for prospective college teachers permitting repayment by teaching service, to establish a Governor's Co-ordinating Committee on the Aging, to propose a constitutional amendment creating an Intermediate Court of Appeals, and to increase income tax dependency exemptions from \$300 to \$600 if revenue collections reach certain levels.

tunities to our young people. "My new position in Sanford is an interesting and challenging one. Having been employed there for three years, I have knowledge of the present situation and their plans for the future. I hope that I will be able to contribute to the successful development of their plans."

Mr. and Mrs. Brinson and family expect to leave Warrenton in about two weeks.

Allen

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presented a gift wrapped package to Mr. Allen, which he later opened. It contained a frypan.

The dinner was a complete surprise to Mr. Allen and the commissioners have for years been taking turns in alphabetical order as hosts for the commissioners' first Monday dinners. Just before the group left for the Inn, Mr. Allen insisted that it was his time to pay for the dinner.

Mr. Allen was appointed by the commissioners on September 22, 1937, to fill the unexpired term of the late Joseph Cook Powell. In 1940 he stood for election for a four-year term for the first time. This time he found four other candidates seeking the office. He beat them all in the first primary. Usually he was without opposition as he sought election. Once or twice he had taken resistance, but this never developed into a serious race.

It was the consensus of the board Monday that the people of Warren County would keep Mr. Allen as their Register of Deeds just as long as he wanted to serve.

Brinson

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Macon complex constitutes one of the finest small school organizations in the state. "It has," he said, "been a real pleasure for me to have been associated with it for the past two years. Plans are now being developed to further improve the school for next year. Five new faculty members have already been hired. New programs, policies and organizations will be in effect next fall. I definitely feel that the school is in excellent condition and that it will continue to improve and offer better educational oppor-

Oakley To Operate Dining Room At Colonial Lodge.

Beginning Sunday, June 13, the Colonial Lodge dining room will be under new management and will be open seven days weekly featuring three full meals daily, according to an announcement made yesterday by Howard Oakley, manager of the Lodge. The dining room will be under the direct management of Oakley, who has had extensive experience in dining room management in addition to wide motel and resort facility management. Oakley is a former owner and operator of Oakley's Cabins at Roaring Gap in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, an operation that earned a reputation as the finest dining facility on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Renn, who have operated the Colonial Lodge dining room for the past two years under a lease arrangement, are giving up the concession in order to move to their home in Henderson.

Under the lease arrangement, the dining room has been closed on Saturday and for Sunday evening meals. Due to the increased number of permanent residents at Colonial Lodge, however, Oakley said it is necessary to expand the Lodge's dining room service to a full seven days per week with three meals served daily.

"We plan to feature special luncheons for business people during the week, and we will endeavor to cater to the most discriminating tastes in fine foods at every meal period," Oakley said.

MYF Rally To Be Held At Kerr Lake

Zion M. Y. F. will attend the Raleigh District Rally at Camp Kerr Lake, near Middleburg, on Sunday afternoon, June 13, from 2 to 5 o'clock, the Rev. R. A. McLean, pastor, announced yesterday.

After the district program the group from Zion will have picnic at the Lake which will include members of the Junior and Senior MYF's, and this will be the regular June meeting. All members are asked to be at Zion Church with a picnic basket by 1:15 p. m. to obtain rides to the Lake. Mrs. Charlie Robinson and Mrs. Jake Norwood will be in charge and will be assisted by several other adults.

Mr. McLean also announced that Vacation Church School will be held at Zion Methodist Church Monday - Friday, June 14-18 from 9:00 to 11:00 each

"It will be our purpose to make the Colonial Lodge dining room a landmark among fine dining places in this section of North Carolina," he declared.

morning. Classes will be provided for boys and girls from kindergarten through the junior class ages. This school is sponsored by the Commission on Education of Zion Church of which Mrs. Alton W. Paschall is chairman. Mrs. Edd Hooker will be director in charge of the school. Boyd Mayfield is general superintendent of the Zion Church School.

Members of Jerusalem MYF are reminded to attend the Raleigh District MYF Rally at Camp Kerr Lake on Sunday, June 13, from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m., Mr. McLean said. This is primarily for Senior MYF members. More definite plans for this will be announced at Sunday School on June 13. Mrs. Joe Riggan and Mrs. Bernard Walker are senior counselors in charge of senior MYF activities. Mrs. Reynolds Perkins and Mrs. Harold Moseley are in charge of junior MYF activities.

A 70-year-old lady came to court for a divorce. Said the Judge: "You've been married for 50 years. You raised a fine family. Why do you want a divorce after all these years?" Said the lady: "Judge, enough is enough."

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