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Dr. Frank Patterson Hunter

Dr. Frank Patterson Hunter, who died at Warren General Hospital last Friday, was a Christian country physician of the old school, and we do not know how to pay a greater tribute to anyone.

The Warren Record and its editor wish to add their tribute to those of literally thousands of persons in Warren County who sincerely and deeply mourn his loss, while at loss for words to properly eulogize him.

Bobby Blaylock, local mortician, commenting to the editor on Monday afternoon about Dr. Hunter, said he believed that he was one man without a fault and told a story illustrating his courage, which we liked.

Bobby said that a few years ago when his firm operated an ambulance he was called to take Dr. Hunter to the hospital as he was suffering with severe chest pains.

No matter how great his infirmities, how late the hour or how bad the weather, Dr. Hunter always answered the cry of those in pain.

A delightful thing that we all remember about Dr. Hunter is wit, which was never malicious, and his keen sense of humor that often was a tonic to his patients and a delight to his friends.

Sunday night the editor of this newspaper returned from a long weekend at Charlotte to learn that his friend was dead. In a sense of regret that he is no longer with us, came the consoling knowledge that he is beyond sufferings of this world and the hope that a just and merciful God will make him whole, and the knowledge that this man so lived as to be an inspiration to all who were privileged to know him.

That he was a skilled physician is attested to by the number of his patients; that he was a good friend was revealed by the large number of persons who truly loved him; that he was courageous was shown by the way he conducted his practice when crippled by disease that would have incapacitated a lesser man.

Hospital Controversy

This week we break a rule when we comment on a letter to the editor from Mr. Robert Young of Wise over a controversy at Warren General Hospital over the discharge of a nurse.

Warren General Hospital means much to the people of Warren County and its operation is a worthwhile service to the county. It is unfortunate when it becomes a bone of public contention and newspaper controversy.

For this reason, until last week this newspaper refrained from publishing differences it knew existed in the hospital administration in the hope that an amicable settlement could be worked out, with the exception of a bare notice that Mrs. Miller had filed a suit in Superior Court.

However, when a Superior Court judge made a ruling on the case and it became a part of the court records, we had little choice about its publication. We copied the entire ruling in order that the public might be informed of the issue with the least involvement on the part of the newspaper. Unfortunately, the basis upon which a restraining order was issued, although clearly stated, was misinterpreted by Mr. Young, and perhaps by many others. This is unfortunate.

The issue before Judge Hamilton Hobgood and Judge Coy Brewer had nothing to do with the character and/or abilities of Dr. Charles Bunch or Mr. Bernard Thompson, nor was it a racial matter; neither did it have anything to do with the abilities of Mrs. Miller.

The entire issue before the judges was who had the authority to employ and discharge personnel at Warren General Hospital. Since Dr. Bunch had a contract with the hospital directors in which he was named director of administrations, and Mr. Thompson held no such contract, Judge Brewer ruled that the authority was vested in Dr. Bunch, and

issued a temporary order granting Mrs. Miller the right to work at the hospital.

In Interest Of Justice

Whiteville-News Reporter

The final result of Governor Bob Scott's suggestion that incorporated towns and cities in the state receive an additional half cent of the gasoline tax under the Powell Bill is going to be interesting to say the least. We say interesting provided the General Assembly takes up the suggestion and does something about it.

If the increase becomes a fact, it will take some \$12 million out of the highway building program for the building and maintaining streets in incorporated municipalities.

People who know about the plight of municipalities and the growing need for more money for streets are not going to grumble about the proposed hike, that is, if they are not biased and want justice done.

Here and everywhere else taxpaying residents are living on dirt streets while great stretches of rural roads have all-weather pavement.

We are not begrudging rural people on the matter of paved roads. They are entitled to every foot of pavement they can squeeze out of highway funds so that they might have good roads over which to transport their harvest to market and to carry their children to school. We are with them all the way.

On the contrary, the feeling does persist that taxpayers in congested towns and cities should have greater consideration in the distribution of the gasoline tax for traffic avenues.

In addition, both the governor and the highway chairman ought to go a step further and take some of the abuse out of the Powell Bill. For the past 10 years real estate people have been feathering their nests from the Powell Bill by incorporating their developments so that they can receive such funds. They lay out miles of streets with no residents on the streets, but by so doing become eligible for such financial help. Match this against communities with thousands of residents who need and are entitled to better streets. But, so far, they have received only slight consideration from the Legislature. In this respect, candidates for and members of the Legislature seem to think residents of municipalities don't vote.

Justice demands the additional half a penny of the tax and that the abuse of the bill be removed.

Mostly Personal

By BIGNALL JONES

When I returned to my desk recently I found an unsigned article from the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club announcing the formation of a Watchers Club as part of an anti-litter project. When this appeared in the Warren Record on Oct. 22 it not only stated that the Watchers Club was being sponsored by the Little Garden Club but quoted Mrs. W. H. King as publicity chairman for the anti-litter campaign of the Little Garden Club.

At the next meeting of the Junior Woman's Club the matter was brought before the members who expressed amazement that any article should be so mixed up, which may have shown some ignorance of the ability of a newspaper to mix up an article. For instance, there was the case of where a newspaper mixed up a wedding and a funeral with disastrous results, and in my case many years ago when I sat at a handwritten wedding account for a Mrs. Butler, finding that the writer had crossed the I with the T in every case where the name appeared, I

wrote it Mrs. Butler all through the article. She didn't like it even a little bit. In spite of this, I must confess that it would appear to be difficult to do a more mixed up job than the account submitted by the Junior Woman's Club, and yet the reasons were perfectly logical.

A rule of a newspaper is not to use first person or express opinion except in editorials or articles with by-line. Unfortunately, most people who send in articles for publication are not familiar with this rule and "our club," "the best we have seen," etc., frequently occur. To get around having the newspaper express its own opinion and for clarity's sake we frequently attribute the quotations to the persons sending in the article.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Fred Bartholomew and Mrs. W. H. King, members of the Warrenton Little Garden Club, came to my office to tell me that the Little Garden Club had adopted an Anti-Litter program as their project for the Month of October. At that time they submitted an announcement and told me that they would like to have an article and a picture for each week in October. They agreed to have the articles in each Monday, and each week they have told us the pictures they wanted published.

The second week the article was brought in on Monday by Mrs. King. At that time she told me that she was publicity chairman for the Little Garden Club and I quoted her as such in writing the article. Incidentally, she is a most charming lady.

However, last week my brother, Duke, went to the school to take pictures, but Mrs. King failed to bring the article in on Monday and it was Tuesday before she brought in the article. Meanwhile, I found the article from the Junior Woman's Club on my desk. Under the impression that the article was from the Little Garden Club, I quoted Mrs. King as publicity chairman. But at that time I wrote that it was the Junior Woman's Club, as it was written, thus at that time committing but one major error. When the paper was made up and we were about to send it to the camera, I noticed that it was written the Junior Woman's Club. "Wait a minute," I said, "It is the Little Garden



BROWN

Warrenton Girl Is Member Of Queen's Court At Duke

Miss Thurletta M. Brown was one of twelve Duke University coeds selected to represent the women's dormitories for the annual homecoming football game on Oct. 31 in Wallace Wade Stadium. Miss Brown, representing Alspaugh House, is a second semester senior and will graduate in January with a major in Sociology.

During the elaborate halftime ceremonies, following performances by Georgia Tech and Duke bands and cheerleaders and the introduction of the twelve representatives, Mr. John A. Forlines, Jr., Duke Alumni president, crowned Miss Christy Stauffer, Decatur, Ga., as homecoming queen. Duke coeds in the queen's

Club that is sponsoring the anti-litter campaign here." I ordered it changed, and that is the way it appeared. Before I had finished mailing out the paper, we had heard from both Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. King, and really, no wonder. I have found the members of Warrenton's civic clubs to be most personable young women, full of good works and I have enjoyed working with them. For that reason the error was doubly regrettable, but it happened just as I have recounted.

GARDEN TIME M. E. GARDNER N. C. STATE COLLEGE

These tips on growing African violets are contributed by Mrs. S. E. Collins, Sr., of Marion. "Will Rogers' favorite saying was: 'Well, all I know is what I read in the papers.'" Well, all I know about growing African violets is from trying and failing, and trying again. And, as practice makes perfect in all things, so goes in growing African violets.

"I found their likes and dislikes. They do not like direct sunlight in the heat of the day. They never like it too hot or too cool. Set them back a ways and in front of a south or southeast window with a venetian blind open. They don't like it too wet in rainy weather; if they are left standing in water the leaves on the underside will drop off. Before watering, let the soil begin to feel dry on top. In hot and dry weather give plenty of water. One of my lessons I learned was, don't try to grow them in planters with no drainage. Plant them in clay

court other than Miss Brown were Misses Kathy McGrath, Atlanta, Ga., Marcia Kyzer, Sumter, S. C., Linda Collins, Lakeland, Fla., Merrill Ware, Huntington, N. Y., Leigh Emerson, Wayne, Pa., Hope Evans, Lakeland, Fla., Georgia Pour-naris, McLean, Va., Lauren Munre, Statesville, Grace Efred, Winston Salem, and Carolyn Reid, Alexandria, Va. Miss Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Brown of Warrenton.

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Letter To Editor

FAMILY PAYS TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANK P. HUNTER

To The Editor: Words are inadequate to express our sincere sympathy to the family of the late Dr. Hunter.

We have truly lost our doctor; he took care of our mother and father until death and was the family doctor for many years. It would have been hard to find a better one.

There is no time that we could set for parting. We who must remain are never ready for such pain. Even our prayer would be: Not yet! not yet, dear God— Another day with us Let our beloved stay. We must believe, when Falls the blow, that, Wisely, God has willed it so. —Children of the late Pattie and Hugh Powell of Warrenton 5360 Broadway No. 5-D New York, N. Y. 10463 Nov. 3, 1970.

The children are Elijah Powell, Edith Powell Harris, Arthur Powell, Queen Marie Powell Webb and Eugene Powell all of New York City, Bessie Powell Pulley of Richmond, Va., Jasice Powell Harris of Warrenton and Jane Powell Carter of New Brunswick, N. J.

HOSPITAL CASE

To The Editor: After reading the article concerning the hospital in the paper last week, I feel compelled to express my opinion on the subject.

First of all, if Mr. Thompson discharged the nurse in question, he must have had a good reason for doing so (and, by the way, in the whole write up no mention was made of why he discharged her). It was a case pure and simple of playing favorites.

I think Mr. Thompson got a dirty deal. In my opinion, he has done more for the hospital in the time he has been there than anybody who has had the job in the last ten years. He has helped to put the hospital on a self-supporting basis, and that is something to think about. If the hospital already had a Director of Administration, why did they hire another administrator?

All one has to do 's yell prejudice and the judges will lean over backward in their favor. In fact, it doesn't pay to play by the rules anymore. Maybe if Mr. Thompson will let his hair grow about a foot long, grow a beard, and wear a striped pair of pants, they might let him rejoin the staff with full honors.

A hospital is supposed to be a place of healing, not a place where chaos and disorder reigns. When I go to a hospital, I like to think that the nurses are there because they want to serve, not because they want to court in order to get the job. I like to think that they deserve the name of "Angels of Mercy" not the produce of a court order.

How about it, citizens of Warrenton County? ROBERT YOUNG Wise, N. C.



In 1940, Bogey played Chips Maguire in "It All Came True." You paid 20 cents to watch. And if you were really in the money, you had a nickel left over for a bag of popcorn. Since then, the cost of living has gone up about 160 percent. But the average price of electricity for your home has gone down. Today, it's just about half what it was when the chips were down for bad guy Maguire.

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