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Information Sought

Warren County was formed in 1779 and any preparation for the celebration of this event must be completed in little more than a year.

This thought was brought to our mind by an enjoyable short talk with Dr. James Clark of State College on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Clark, grandson of the late Otis Clark of Fork Township and Matt D. Nelson of Vaughan, has purchased the old Pitchford Place, where his grandfather Clark and his grandmother lived for many years, and plans to live there while restoring the old home place.

The purpose of Dr. Clark's visit was to find out if we had any information concerning the location of the grave of Governor James Turner. He said that a number of years ago an old colored man had pointed out a spot in that vicinity and told him that that was the site of the grave of Governor Turner, but that he was unable to find any marker. This gives some credence to a legend that the

governor was buried on or near land of the late J. C. Pridden at Creek. We suggested that Dr. Clark see Alton Pridden for more information.

Dr. Clark remarked that it would be a shame if we could not find out this bit of information prior to the celebration of Warren County's 200th birthday. Governor Turner's son married the daughter of Frances Scott Key, author of the Star Spangled Banner, and his daughter Mary is buried in Emmanuel Episcopal Churchyard. Some years ago we commented on this fact in a newspaper article, but can't remember when, and this had slipped our mind at the time we talked with Dr. Clark.

We would like to have any information we may obtain concerning the death and burial of Governor James Turner, and will greatly appreciate anyone having such material or information about such material sending it to the Editor of The Warren Record, Box 70, Warrenton, N. C. 27589.

Mostly Personal

Weakness Of Our System

By BIGNALL JONES

In reading the short stories of Tolstoy years ago I was impressed by the love of country expressed by the great novelist and in reading *The Russians* by Hedrick Smith, Chief of the Russian Bureau of the New York Times from 1971-1974, I found this deep love of country to be just as strong as when Tolstoy wrote his short stories a hundred years ago.

Also, I found modern Russia to be a land of privilege for its rulers and a slave state for most of its people, and the real difference between Russia under the Zsars and under the Communists to be negligible, with the difference that the goal of its founders was Communist International, which may well be doomed because of the extreme nationalism of the Russian people.

If one single thing was evident in the private conversations with Russians of all walks of life, it was that the Russians want peace. It was also evident that the Russian state is not going to change its communist system at any time in the foreseeable future.

It is hard to see how any people can put up with the dictatorship of the Communist Party which can only be explained by the centuries of a dictatorial government under which the Russians have lived. By Western standards their standard of living is low, but, except for the relatively few that express dissent, there is no unemployment and the knowledge that he will always have a job is considered a great boon by a Russian. In many respects the Russians are great and lovable people, who are inclined to consume too much vodka.

I think that the book is well worth reading and should be required reading for all our Congressmen and others in authority.

But the book was not easy reading and I confess that I was glad to have finished all 509 pages of the book, lent to me by my daughter, on Sunday night. I am also glad that I had an opportunity to read the book.

Last Friday morning when I was in the Warren County Memorial Library Congressman L. H. Fountain of Tarboro walked in and I had an opportunity for a few minutes talk with him about a heating system he is thinking of installing in his pretty home in Tarboro which was pointed out to me as we passed through Tarboro on Sunday afternoon of last week, and on another matter of some immediate concern to me. During the conversation I mentioned that I was reading *The Russians* and suggested that he might find the book both entertaining and informative. He said that he would like to read it, but keeping up with information concerning his duties as a Congressman unfortunately gave him little time for reading.

I was reminded of a similar remark made to me by the late John Kerr, Jr., a number of years ago. We grew up together in Warrenton and attended school together. John was an excellent student and an avid reader, and while I was not an excellent student, I was an avid reader. One day in later life when he had accumulated quite a bit of political power I asked him if he had read "Coniston," by Winston Churchill (the American writer) he was almost startled and asked me when I had read it? The book was a story of an obscure citizen, who had built a national political machine through pyramiding power, and could have given John some ideas in his rise to Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

At another time I asked him if he had read some book whose title I have forgotten. He said no and confessed that after he kept up with his law reading and his correspondence he had little time for any other reading. He was almost plaintive as he made the confession. John was well educated at the University of North Carolina, where he won many honors, and at Wake Forest College, where he studied law; he had an excellent mind, and kept up with current events fairly well, but I think that he fully realized that a man cannot forsake good solid reading without some loss. And I think that this lack of familiarity with good books is a weakness of our political system.

Zion 4-H Club Attends Session

By SUE SALMON

The Zion 4-H club participated in a terrarium workshop at the Warren County Agriculture Building on Wednesday, August 10, at 1:00 p. m. The workshop was led by Sue Salmon and Cynthia King of the Zion 4-H Club assisted. The 4-H'ers were first taught how a terrarium was made, how to collect plants, and which plants and animals were suitable for a terrarium. Then they learned how to care for a terrarium and the living things inside it. The club members then made their own terrariums, worked on project books, and turned in their completed terrarium project records.

Participating in this 4-H terrarium workshop were 4-H members Cynthia King, Martha Newman, Paula Hayes, Ada Lynne Faulkner, Beverly Rooker and Laura King. Also attending were Mrs. Alice King, leader of the Zion 4-H Club and Crystal and Lamar King.



Pictured above is the Halliwa Indian Tribal Building located in Halifax County. The building was constructed by the Halliwa Indian Tribe through their own funds and labor. Located in the building are five offices, including the N. C. Commission of Indian Affairs, field office, Chief W. R. Richardson, chairman of the commission, and designer of the brick building structure and classroom space for Adult Basic Education classes, in conjunction with Halifax Technical Institute. The building shown below will be used as a multi-purpose building, housing a day care center and a center for senior citizens. (Staff Photo)



Greater Lovely Hill Baptists Planning Anniversary Festivity

The 111th anniversary of Greater Lovely Hill Baptist Church will be observed on Sunday, August 21, with worship at 11 a. m. Like many Southern Baptist Churches, Lovely Hill church had a simple brush arbor as its first place of worship. Twelve Christian believers following the encouragement of Mrs. Lizzie Clanton were successful in establishing the first congregation in 1866.

In spite of meager finances and hardships suffered during the decade of the 1860's, the church survived. Church deeds for real property date back to September 13, 1882, at which time one acre of land was purchased. Later purchases included 2 1/2 acres presently used as a cemetery and two acres upon which the present sanctuary is located. There have never been any mortgages on church properties since its beginnings.

An inspirational church history of fellowship has followed since the church's early conception. The first pastor was the Rev. Loveless Brown, Sr., who served a four-year tenure. Ten pastors have served the church and in addition to the Rev. Mr. Brown, Sr., they were: the Rev. Saul Clanton, 1870-1902; the Rev. Loveless Brown, Jr., 1903-1911; the Rev. Guilford B. Fitts, 1912-1916; and 1925-1929; the Rev. Nick V. Davis, 1916-1925; the Rev. John J. Brame, 1930-1937; the Rev. Clifton E. Griffin, 1937-1945; the Rev. Ernest B. Suggs, 1945-1953; the Rev. John H. Foster, 1954-1961 and the Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, 1961-1966. Presently, the Rev. Monsie R. Hedgepeth is pastor and has served for the past 11 years.

Upon completion and dedication of the present sanctuary under the leadership of the Rev. John H. Foster, the name was changed to Greater Lovely Hill Baptist Church.

A lithographed commemorative anniversary publication with a complete church history has been prepared and will be

available at the church on Sunday.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Curtis Clanton of Baltimore, Md., a descendant of one of the original founders and related to the second pastor, the Rev. Saul Clanton.

Music will be by The Gospel Travelers of Red

Bank, N. J., and The Parker Singers of Brooklyn, N. Y. Following the morning worship, dinner will be served under the oaks. All are invited to worship and the dinner.

Pres. James K. Polk practiced law in Columbia, Tenn.

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Important To All Friends of the Rocky Mount Sanitarium

The Rocky Mount Sanitarium, a privately owned general hospital built in 1913 by Dr. L. W. Kornegay, Sr., made application to the appropriate State agency to be allowed to replace its present structure with a new and modern facility. This entailed the private funding of an entirely new hospital of the same bed capacity, and did not require the use of any State or Federal funds whatsoever. The Executive Committee of the regional approval board voted overwhelmingly to approve the application to build; in a totally unexpected move the full board voted to deny the application. An appeal by the Sanitarium is now being made to the over-all regulatory Board in Raleigh.

Friends of the Sanitarium here in Warren County can make a significant contribution to their cause. There are many hundreds of citizens who over the past 64 years have received some medical or surgical care at the Sanitarium. It is one of the pioneer general hospitals in Eastern North Carolina there having been but three in the entire region from Raleigh to the coast at the time it was built. Upon the death of Dr. Kornegay, Sr. during World War II its stewardship passed directly into the hands of his sons, Dr. Robert D. and Dr. Lemuel W., both eminent surgeons. Those familiar with the opening of the Warren General Hospital in 1951 will remember that Dr. Lemuel W. Kornegay was its surgeon and medical director; and that without the back-up help of the Sanitarium in sending over needed equipment, teams of surgical nurses, anesthetists and radiologists during the early critical years that this local institution would not have survived.

Our citizens can now offer their help. If you have ever received any medical care from the Sanitarium and feel that you were treated well, won't you please write a letter to the address below stating your feelings that the Sanitarium has indeed earned its right to enjoy a new facility. If you have never been a patient, but feel that no governmental agency should have such dictatorial powers, then please write and protest this encroachment upon the rights of private citizens to invest their own monies as they see fit. Time is most important - please do it today.

Address your letter to:
Mr. Lawrence B. Burwell
N. C. Dept. of Human Resources
325 N. Salisbury
Raleigh, N. C.

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Speaker Questions Vitality Of Legion

Is the American Legion a dying institution after more than a half century of service to the veterans of this area, the nation and the community because of the lack of interest and leadership in the community?

This question was propounded to members of Moses Davis Post No. 260 of the American Legion on a recent visit to the Post by District Commander Leland Gottschalk, who also suggested that the lack of interest might be due to a lack of knowledge of the services rendered members of the Legion and their families by this service organization, plus their inability to convey this information to the younger veterans. Apparently, the Commander said, the younger veterans do not know what their benefits are and that they could be lost if veterans do not take an active roll in preserving them. "I'm sure," Gottschalk said, "that they do not want to be treated as welfare recipients."

"How many could afford a long stay in the hospital with a kidney ailment, open heart surgery, heart attack or cancer?" Gottschalk asked, "How many have burial funds? How many are concerned for the children and widows of the Veteran? How many Dare to Care?"

Of the 14,223 veterans in this district, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren Counties, only 1,139 veterans cared enough to support the programs for the veteran and are on the American Legion Rolls, the commander said. This is far fewer than those who are receiving support benefits from the Veterans Administration, but still the American Legion has done nothing for them. Of the 6,400 black veterans in this district there are but 136 on the American Legion Rolls, 60 at Oxford, 46 at Henderson, 30 in Warrenton (Warren County's potential is 981).

It was explained that the National and State Governments are very much concerned over the unemployment of the Korean and Vietnam Veterans and

have suggested that each post have a veterans employment committee and that the chairman of this committee be available to meet with the CETA board as this program expands. Also, that the Region K, VER Representative (Veterans Employment Rehabilitation) should be invited to all posts to explain his program, how it affects the community and how it is working in Region K. That those who are going to school under the GI bill are also eligible for CETA jobs while going to school.

Gottschalk said that there are moves under way to try to get a new American Legion Post for the Essex area, that black posts in Franklin and Person Counties are being activated, and there is a desire to get the veterans attending Granville-Vance Tech into the surrounding posts.

Members Of Three 4-H Clubs Gather

By SUE SALMON

The members of three Warren County 4-H Clubs, on Saturday, August 13, at 8 a. m., studied forestry and wildlife at the home of 4-H leader, Sue Salmon. They were Norlina Youth Improvement 4-H Club-Curtis Wayne Kersey and Charlie Fields, Jr.; One 4-H Club-Raymond Alexander and Percell Harrison, Jr.; and Wise-Paschall-Tina Salmon, Pam Currie, Susan Currie and Julia King.

Sue Salmon first told the members about the importance of tree identification and conservation of forest and wildlife. Then workshop leader, Jeffrey Bender from the Warrenton 4-H Club, told the club members more about forestry conservation, selection, and clear cutting. He also gave a demonstration to the members on identifying trees by their leaves and how to use a leaf key for identification.

After the demonstrations and teaching, the 4-H'ers went on a three-hour hike and collected over 25 different tree leaves. Refreshments were served afterwards.