

Mrs. Jack Scott Writes Sequel In Which She Tells Of Childhood Memories

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I have had numerous requests for a sequel to my article several weeks ago on my grandfather, John Early Boyd, and "Sylva Sonora" and that I didn't write near enough.

Well, dear reader, with the possibility of boring you, I shall endeavor to jot down a few of my memories of my early "growing up."

First, so many have requested more details on

the house plan of "Sylva Sonora." On the ground floor (no cellar) there was the dining room, 40x20 ft. long with china cabinets built in a long wall, and three other rooms known as "the boys' rooms" with two long flights of steps leading to the second and main floor.

As you entered the main front door, there was a wide hall with long, curving staircase leading to the third floor. On each side of the wall were two front parlors and large sliding doors, into the wall, between

the front and back halls. In the back hall was Grandmother's bedroom and "dressing room," and across the hall, a large nursery.

On the third floor were four large bedrooms (for the ladies only) and no gentlemen allowed!

The walls on the halls were painted in blocks of simulated marble, very beautiful. The wood work was heavily carved. The floors were wide and smooth as glass and in each room, twelve in all, were lovely

carved "mantle pieces."

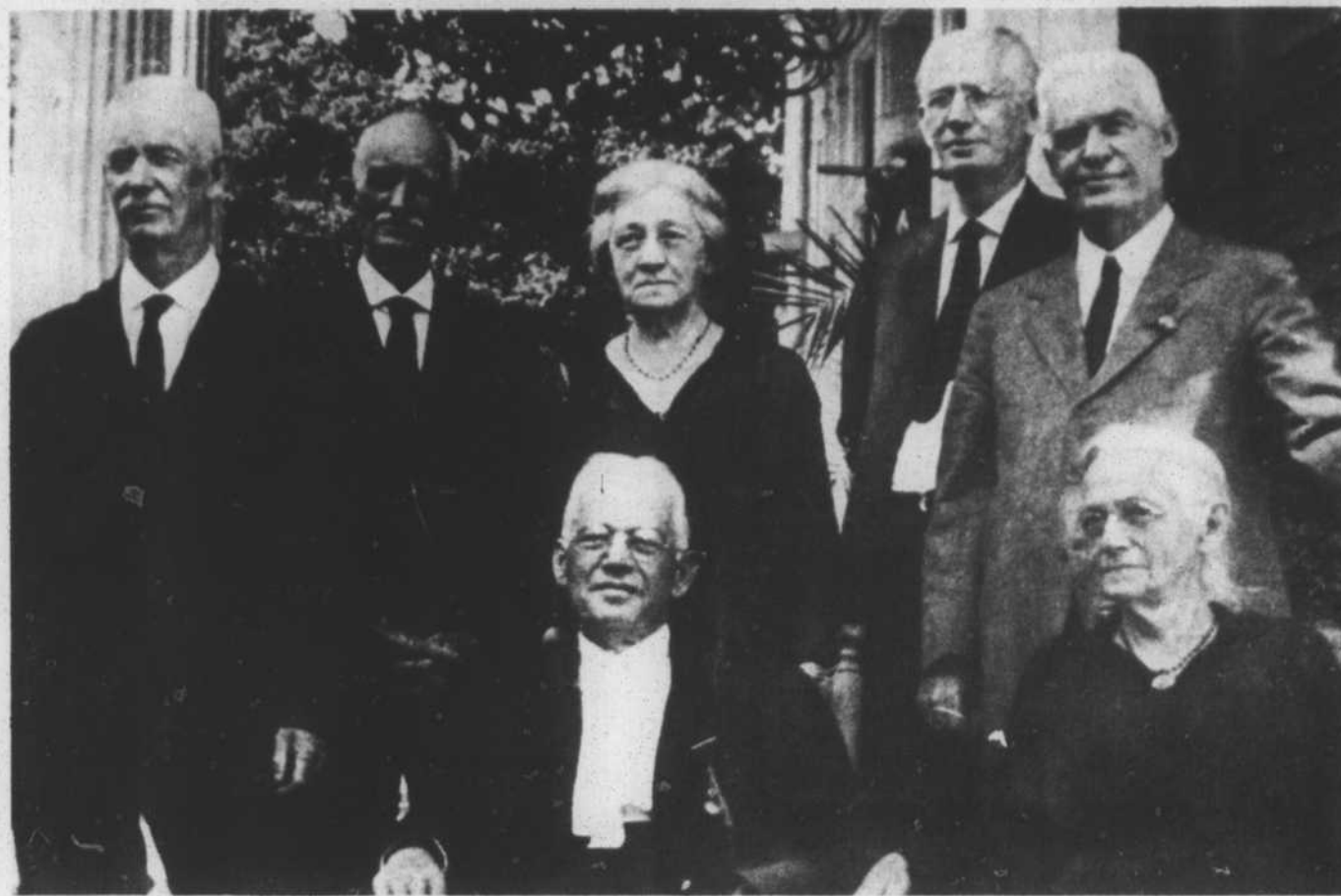
Around the front door of "Sylva Sonora" was very lovely with blue stained glass and amusing figures, built in, which today would be priceless, I suppose.

A unique feature I think was that it had four long complete staircases built in the wall, all but the one in the front wall. The house had two long porches, one in the front and one in the back. The one in the back having the well of water, brought up to its level, and water drawn up by buckets. My sisters and myself were forbidden to ever go as far out as the "well porch."

The yard was an acre surrounded and fenced in, a white picket fence. Around the house and up numerous walkways were lovely old English boxwoods, which so many of the old homes today are famous for. Mimosas, crepe myrtle, cedar and maples completed the landscape.

In the backyard was the kitchen (2 large rooms, the "smokehouse," and the ice house.) One of my most vivid memories is seeing a dozen or more wagons, pulled by mules, oxen, or horses, lined up, full of ice from Roanoke River and surrounding ponds, waiting their turn to dump the ice in the ice house. Then as the summer became hot and days long, colored and white, would come each day and climb down a ladder, and get what ice they needed.

In a thirty-acre oak grove in the back of the house, was a tremendous grainery, for storing wheat, and a large complete stable for horses, work horses and carriage and riding horses. As a child I remember going to the third floor of "Sylva Sonora," and gazing out windows at the lovely, slow



The picture of the members of the John Early Boyd family was taken in the porch of the W. B. Boyd (now Mrs. John Kerr, Jr.) home by the late J. Willie White. Members of the family, left to right, are: William Boyd

(father of Mrs. Scott), John E. Boyd, Mrs. Joe Ware, Henry Boyd, Edwin Boyd; seated, Walter B. Boyd, and Panthea Boyd Massenburg.



Sylva Sonora, John E. Boyd Home

National Hospital Week To Be Held From May 6-12

Warren General Hospital will join other hospitals across the nation next week in the annual observance of National Hospital Week, May 6-12. Theme selected for 1979 is "The Voluntary Effort - It's Working For You."

According to George Fleming, who assumed duties as hospital administrator this week, Warren County residents have special reason to recognize the accomplishments of the hospital's governing body and staff.

"The spirit embodied in

the National Hospital Week theme for 1979 has been a guiding principle at Warren General since it was established," he said.

The Voluntary Effort (VE) is the health industry's voluntary program to contain health care costs without compromising the quality of care provided.

In 1977, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-IL) challenged health care providers to develop a voluntary initiative to reduce the rate of increase in health care costs. To meet this challenge, the VE was organized

under a national steering committee.

Results of the VE to date have been significant. American Hospital Association economists estimated that nation-wide hospital savings for 1978 exceeded \$1.38 billion. These savings translate into a reduction in the rate of increase of health care costs to consumers.

Careful management of Warren General resources, by retiring administrator Col. Herman S. Andersen, produced notable achievements for the hospital during 1978, Fleming said.

"Recently released Duke Endowment comparative data on 19 North and South Carolina hospitals, ranging from 12 to 40 beds, showed Warren General as an admirable performer in the area of cost containment," he emphasized.

Of the 19 Endowment assisted hospitals considered, only one was reflected as having a lower total operating expense per patient day.

Most hospitalizations do not require the awesome array of technological capabilities and high degree of specialization found in large medical centers, Fleming said.

These centers are needed for education, research and the treatment of certain severe diseases and injuries, he pointed out. However, the treatment of many common ills can be handled just as adequately and more cheaply by small hospitals.

"At Warren General," he concluded, "we are proud to be a very vital part of the American health care delivery system."

Grant Made For Lung Study At EC Medical School

GREENVILLE - Dr. Dan Crittenden, research associate in the Department of Physiology at the East Carolina University School of Medicine, has received a \$1,300 grant from the N. C. United Way to study changes that occur in the lungs as a result of stellate ganglion stimulation, an effect that produces alterations in respiratory function similar to those resulting from head injuries.

Crittenden plans to simulate head injuries in animal models to learn more about how a massive discharge of adrenalin produced by the injury cause the lungs to be less elastic and unable to function properly.

Head injuries are common in traffic and occupational accidents, and they frequently produce respiratory complications more serious than the initial trauma. Large amounts of adrenalin triggered by the injury reduce the lungs' ability to expand, thereby reducing the amount of oxygen to the victim.

Crittenden says the project will provide more information on whether the effect is caused by the constriction of small airways in the lungs or by the collapse of tiny alveolar sacs in the lungs.

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