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General Claude T. Bowers swaps stories with fellow Warrentonians during a reception and dinner held in his honor on Friday afternoon. At left is Retired Col. Sam Arrington, who now makes his home in Raleigh, and at right is Retired Lt. Col. Frank Banzet, a Warrenton attorney. The three had a close military association spanning four decades. (Staff Photo)

Filming Request Refusals

UNC-CH officials refused a second request by Warner Brothers to film "Everybody's All-American" on campus next spring, Bill Morrison, News and Observer Entertainment editor, reported yesterday. The decision could be costly for North Carolina, Morrison quotes Executive Producer Bob Larson as saying last month "If we can't use the university, we will not be able to make the film there (in North Carolina)."

Larson, who could not be reached for comment Monday, had said earlier that Warner Brothers had expected to spend a "goodly portion of the movie's \$13 million budget in the state."

UNC-CH first turned down the filming because it would be disruptive to the academic schedule. At that time TV news said that the book on which the film is based features Charlie Justice.

At that time Justice said he had not read the book but his

wife had and she was indignant. Justice said that he neither drank alcohol nor chased women, and that he was satisfied that President Friday has too much sense to permit the film to be made on the Carolina campus.

Spokesman for the University in Monday's denial was Rollie Tillman, Jr., vice chancellor for university relations. He said that Tommie Jones will play the factious UNC football hero. Tillman said that the UNC hero was not modeled after Charlie Justice, and that wasn't addressed.

And there the matter seems to rest. It seems to us that Justice is THE All-American Hero of UNC-CH for all time, and we would want no defamation of his character. As for the refusal on account of a disruption of the academic schedule, that is a subject, we feel, that North Carolinians are willing to leave to the good judgment of President William Friday.

Coates And His Dream

By JAN JENKINS

In The Southern Pines Pilot

Albert Coates of Chapel Hill is the absent-minded professor who never forgot his dream.

Because he turned it into reality, North Carolina has the Institute of Government and Coates has a secure niche on any reputable list of the most influential Tar Heels of the 20th century.

At 87, he continues to turn out delightful and informative monographs on a variety of subjects — a history of the State Highway Patrol, notable women, his hospital experiences, his long love affair with the University of North Carolina, and many others.

Qualities that have marked his life also characterized his prose: infectious enthusiasm, lively curiosity, keen intelligence and a zest for living.

Coates founded the Institute of Government in the early 1930s, begged and borrowed (to the extent of mortgaging his house) to finance it and gave it the direction that made it the important institution it is today.

Coates' idea was to take classroom theory into governmental practice. So over the years, the Institute has instructed thousands of local and state officials, conducted seminars, developed its own specialists in

numerous fields and provided invaluable research on major issues confronting North Carolina.

Staff members have gone from the Institute into public and private careers with marked success, each of them carrying in his baggage the zeal for service instilled in the earliest days by Albert Coates.

One of the thorniest issues that confronts the General Assembl. is redistricting—the realignment of legislative and congressional districts dictated by population changes. Census after census, Institute staffers have led the legislators through that thicket by clearly defining what they could and could not do.

State legislators who would have hooted regular professors out of a committee room heard and needed the calm and dispassionate young people from the Institute, always well armed with the facts and the law.

Countless other examples could be cited during the past half century.

Albert Coates couldn't have done what he has done without the support, sacrifice and encouragement of his charming wife, Gladys, who provided the ballast her husband often needed when he donned his seven-league boots.

To both of them from all of us, many thanks.

What's On Hunt's Menu?

By WALTER SPEARMAN

In The Smithfield Herald

Wide reading sometimes leads to startling bits of information.

For instance, the latest issue of "Go," distributed by the Carolina Motor Club, carries a two-column feature about "favorite Carolina Restaurants" recommended by various enthusiastic readers throughout the state.

Here's what Mr. and Mrs. John C. Nelson of Thomasville, N. C. have to say about "Jim Hunt's Restaurant" at Reeds, N. C. near Lexington:

"The best hot dog you have ever eaten can be found at Jim Hunt's Cafe. For a mere 60 cents, Mr. Hunt serves a steamed hot dog in a fresh bun topped with your choice of condiments. It's served on an old-timey waxed paper square with a fork stuck in the hot dog for eating the goodies that fall off."

What's all this about Jim Hunt's latest project? Is it a case of

mistaken identity?

Or will the real Jim Hunt please stand up and admit that he also serves at the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh where enthusiastic and honored guests have often admired the food — and eaten it with relish, if not with the hot-dog condiments offered at "Jim Hunt's Cafe" in Reeds, N. C.?

The Governor might even suggest a favorite menu he's planning to dish out to Jesse Helms in 1984!

Worth Quoting

The brain is to think. The mouth is to talk. In that order.—Robert Half.

A man who tells you he enjoys a cold shower every morning will lie about other things.—Ronald Reagan.

It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Mostly Personal

Heroes One And All

By BIGNALL JONES

The National Guard first proved its worth as a national fighting force in the First World War, and even more so in World War II. So after National Guardsmen were discharged from wartime service at the end of World War II, the War Department decided to re-activate the National Guard in all the states. General Metts was ordered to have this done, and called upon General Bowers to re-activate the 20 companies in Eastern North Carolina, from Burlington and Fayetteville east, which he was to command as long as he remained in service. The western counties were to re-activate the 120th infantry, as the eastern section had been known prior to the Second World War.

Several years later on Dec. 10, 1959, while presenting a portrait of General Bowers to General and Mrs. Claude T. Bowers, Lieutenant General John H. Manning sketched the military life of General Bowers and told of the re-activation of the 119th Infantry Regiment. In this sketch, General Manning said that "General Bowers gave unstintingly of his time to accomplish this, and in one year travelled over 17,000 miles in his own car and at his own expense to get his regiment organized."

Monday afternoon commenting on this phase of his life, General Bowers said that when he went into Fayetteville he went by the office of The Fayetteville Observer where he told the editor the purpose of his visit. The editor suggested that he contact Terry Sanford, which he did. This was the beginning of a friendship which was renewed here at the Warrenton Armory on last Friday afternoon.

Claude said that it took Sanford about a third as much time to re-activate his company as it did the other commanders. "He called me to tell me that his company had been organized, a drill place found, and invited me to come and inspect his company."

Some 36 years later officers concerned with the re-activation of the North Carolina National Guard met at the Warrenton Armory at 4:30 p. m. Friday for a reunion and pig-picking in honor of General Claude T. Bowers and his service to his country.

How many officers were present is not known as a partial list

sent to Mrs. Bowers by Retired Col. Sam Arrington of Raleigh. Colonel Arrington, a former Warrenton resident, who married Elizabeth Boyce of Warrenton, was present with Mrs. Arrington. The list was mailed prior to the meeting. A few officers brought their wives and there were a few non-military guests present, but since there were 65 seats used, one would think that around 50 former National Guard officers were present to honor General Bowers, their former commander. Among those present were five generals.

Some one said that the youngest former officer present was 58 and the oldest was General Bowers at 84. I should judge that the great number of them were in their mid-sixties, and most of them had served in World War II on the battlefield, and their ranks ran from captain to general, of which there were several.

Their ranks were not given in Arrington's list, but names and addresses were as follows: William E. Ingram, Elizabeth City; Ivan Hardesty, Raleigh; George W. Harrison, Henderson; Clifton E. Blalock, Durham; Bernard N. White-Hurst, Roanoke Rapids; John W. Cartwright, Raleigh; Roger F. Hall, Parkton; James C. Kannon, Jr., Goldsboro; Henry C. Merritt, Warsaw; James F. Strickland, Warsaw; Daniel K. Edwards, Durham; Harper K. Sanders, Jr., Durham; Lee R. Barnes, Durham; Henry S. Lougee, Durham;

Franklin W. Hancock, III, Oxford; William F. Keeton, Jr., Raleigh; Samuel T. Arrington, Raleigh; Scott P. Cooper, Morehead City; Frank B. Banzet, Warrenton; Richard J. Winstead, Wilson; Charles T. Eaves, Rt. 1, Henderson; John W. Stallings, Windsor; Hiram J. Cuthrell, Salisbury; Robert E. Ashford, Scotland Neck; Robert A. Hughes, Parkton; Robert M. Grissom, Myrtle Beach, S. C.; Casper L. Perkinson, Raleigh; and Joe O. Eakes.

Not listed, but present, was the long-time close friend of General Claude T. Bowers, former Governor and now Duke University President Terry Sanford. Governor Sanford announced the serving of dinner and later toasted Claude T. Bowers as "the kind of soldier whom I would be willing to follow anywhere."

Those present had a choice of eating picked pig or chopped barbecue, served with slaw and hush puppies. I can never remember eating any better. As I ate with and mingled with men who had honored their country's call, I felt highly honored that I had the privilege of being among those present among those men honoring our own General Bowers. I sensed that these were no ordinary men, but men who had risked their lives for their country, and who had devoted the greater part of their lives in building their communities. They made me proud to be a North Carolinian.

Easy Way To Paint And Use Stairway

What do you do if the stairway that needs painting must remain open to traffic around the clock?

You plan to do it as a two-day job. Paint every other step on the first day. This allows use of the unpainted steps while the new paint is drying. You can do the unpainted steps on the next day. Identify the "dry" steps by taping a piece of white paper to each of them before painting the others.

When washing painted walls in the kitchen or bathroom, is it best to start at the top or bottom of the wall?

Most people start the washing job at the top, on the theory that everything will come clean as they work their way downward. This is sometimes not true. Kitchen or bathroom walls are likely to contain grease spots. If you start at the top, the grease will run down the wall and can stain the dry surface below. Start washing at the bottom, removing everything as you go. Anything that does run down the wall will be easier to remove from a wet surface and is less likely to leave a stain.

Pouring liquid from a large can into a small opening without a funnel can be difficult. But you can make a funnel from heavy aluminum foil or a cone-shaped paper cup. Use two thicknesses of foil and mold it in the shape of a funnel or simply snip off the bottom of the paper cup. Pour with care, whichever you use, to avoid unnecessary spilling through overflow.

Looking Backward Into The Warren Record

December 3, 1943

Mrs. Katherine Pendleton Arrington of Warrenton, president of the North Carolina Art Society, spoke at the society's annual meeting on Wednesday at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

Second Lieutenant Sam Pinnell, son of Mrs. M. T. Pridden of Warrenton and the late Sam Pinnell of Warren County, has been accepted as an instructor at West Point, beginning June 1. He is now stationed in Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Margaret White of West Carolina Teacher's College in Greenville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred White of Norlina during the Thanksgiving holidays.

December 5, 1958

Joe N. Ellis, Warren County clerk of court, administered oaths of office to five new members of the county Board of Commissioners Monday afternoon. They are: Clanton C. Perkinson, Robert Thorne, Richard R. Davis, Amos L. Capps and Alfred J. Ellington.

Mrs. Scott Gardner entertained at dessert bridge on Tuesday evening for Mrs. J. E. Adams, III, of New Hope, Ala., house guest of Mrs. J. E. Adams.

Two political plums were awarded to Warren County attorneys Monday afternoon by county commissioners. Charles White, Warrenton attorney, was named Solicitor of the Recorder's Court and James H. Limer of Littleton was appointed county attorney.

December 6, 1973

Replacement of cement sidewalks with brick throughout Warrenton's business district is expected to come under discussion during the regular December session of the Warrenton Town Board.

Veteran board member Alban C. Fair was unanimously chosen to serve another term as mayor pro-tem of Warrenton and named to head two municipal committees during a special organizational meeting of the Warrenton Town Board Tuesday night.

More than half a million dollars has been added to Warren County's tax base as a result of lending activities of the Farmers Home Administration during 1973, according to James G. Elam, supervisor.

Dateline: Washington

Dangerous Drivers

By REP. TIM VALENTINE

We all have strong ideas as to what a common, violent criminal is. But the most common is the one who is most often among us. He's the driver who has had one too many; one for the road.

Drunk driving inflicts a truly horrifying level of death and destruction on our society. In recognizing this, the Congress unanimously approved and the President signed into law a resolution establishing the week of December 11-17, 1983 as the second "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week."

Each year 25,000 people are killed in alcohol-related accidents, and an additional 708,000 are injured. That means one American life is lost every 20 minutes. Alcohol-related crashes are the leading cause of death of young Americans between ages 16 and 24.

According to a recent insurance company study, drunk drivers cost American taxpayers up to \$24 billion a year. One out of every two Americans may be involved in an alcohol-related accident in his or her lifetime.

It is estimated that there is only one arrest for every 500 to 2,000 drunk drivers on the road. Many repeat offenders are a menace because some states have laws that are too lenient and judicial sentencing that is inconsistent.

Thanks to increasingly widespread awareness of the problem, volunteer groups have sprung up throughout the country to reduce the human and economic carnage on our highways. These groups have influenced legislatures, and in recent years lawmakers have responded with more stringent legislation affecting those who drink and drive. The success of their efforts is reflected in arrest figures, which increased from 561,000 in 1969 to 1.3 million in 1981.

During the awareness week, and throughout this holiday season, we should all strive to be more aware of the dangers posed by the most frequently committed violent crime in the U. S. today, perpetrated by the most common violent criminal: the drunk driver.



"If you're going upstairs, please take the freight elevator."