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Roger Limer

Friends gathered on Sunday afternoon in the churchyard of Providence Methodist Church at Afton where the body of Roger Limer was laid to rest among his Limer kin and other friends. While they grieved at his death, they rejoiced in the knowledge that his suffering was over.

and well-informed man with whom it was a pleasure to talk. He was a gentle and kind man, with a soft word and gentle smile for all with whom he came into contact. The world of his friends and loved ones is a poorer world because he no longer is in it, but a richer and better world for the example he set during the time he was in it.

Roger Limer was a well-read

Question Is Answered

The question has often been asked, "What can one person do alone?"

That question has been answered by a new resident of Warrenton, Mrs. Robert Kotal who now lives with her husband in the old Arrington home on Main Street. A granddaughter of General Braxton Bragg of Warrenton, she is interested in the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the history of Warrenton. This interest caused her to sponsor and follow up a project for the UDC that resulted in reprinting 200 copies of "Sketches

of Old Warrenton, North Carolina," by Lizzie Wilson Montgomery. This book was originally published in 1924 by Edwards and Broughton of Raleigh, and has been out of print for years, and much sought after.

Mrs. Kotal this week asked that The Warren Record express her deep appreciation for the assistance in purchasing the books by so many who are interested in Warrenton's history.

We testify that it is not only a very interesting book, but an instructive one, for which we feel very grateful to Mrs. Kotal.

A Radical Idea Afloat

In The News and Observer
With a few words in his State of the Union speech, President Reagan has set off debate again on a truly radical idea - that a constitutional convention be convened for the purpose of drafting an amendment requiring an annual balanced federal budget. There is, of course, rich irony in a president saying that "I approve of an amendment mandating a balanced federal budget" and then proposing a budget with a \$180 billion deficit. But, if such a convention were called, the consequences would be more far-reaching than the current political predicament of Ronald Reagan.

Already, 32 states have petitioned Congress, only two short of the number required by the Constitution for the calling of such a convention. The North Carolina General Assembly joined the petition drive back in 1979, when it approved a resolution urging that a convention be convened to propose a balanced budget amendment.

The prospect of a constitutional convention is chilling even to a conservative Republican like Melvin Laird, a former congressman and former secretary of defense. The United States has not had a constitutional convention since the one in Philadelphia in 1787, and Laird warns that it "could totally alter our way of life."

Writing in The Washington Post, Laird questions whether, in the absence of any precedent, a convention could be limited to the balanced-budget issue. Further, says Laird, the possibility of a restructuring of American government would be considerably disturbing to U. S. allies.

Thus, he writes, "the realistic fact remains that 200 years later there is no certainty that our nation would survive a modern-day convention with its basic structures intact and its citizens' traditional rights retained. The convening of a federal constitutional convention would be an act of the greatest magnitude for our nation...The concept that a constitutional convention would be harmless is not conservative, moderate or liberal philosophy. That concept is profoundly radical."

A balanced-budget amendment itself is neither necessary nor wise. It would put the federal government in-

to a fiscal straitjacket and would encourage all sorts of mathematical manipulations in the White House and in Congress over revenue and spending projections. In any case, President Reagan could have proposed a balanced budget - and Congress could enact one - even without a constitutional mandate.

Back in 1979, few North Carolina legislators raised objections to the resolution calling for a constitutional convention. It was merely a device by which legislators could make a politically expedient vote in favor of a balanced federal budget, and there was no real debate on the sweeping consequences of a convention. When they return in June, North Carolina lawmakers would be prudent to withdraw their petition in behalf of that radical idea.

Special Request

By JACKIE ROSE

In The Smithfield Herald

My eight-year-old son and I got ready for bed as usual the other evening, but before retiring I made a special request of him. I told him to remember me in his bedtime prayers because I had applied for a new job that I wanted very much.

He, in turn, asked me to remember him because he had a science test the next day that he wanted to pass very much.

With that agreement in mind, he asked me, "Which prayer do you think will be answered?"

I replied, "Which do you want answered?"

"Mine," he answered matter-of-factly.

I called him a selfish little devil, tucked him in, and kissed him good-night. In a moment he made a startling observation and said to me, "Mom, nobody is going to hurt you if you don't get that job, but if I don't pass that science test my dad is going to kill me."

As it turned out, he made a hundred on the test and I got the job.

Walking Sticks

Giant walking sticks, twig-like insects that live in trees, may grow as long as 12 inches on the island of Madagascar.

'Don't Quit'

By BIGNALL JONES

During the dinner given at the Middleburg Steak House on January 2 honoring Glen Newsome, former Warren County Manager, Willie Griffin, community developer, gave the benediction, and also read a poem. Impressed by the poem and the eloquent way in which he read it, I asked Mr. Griffin for a copy. He complied and also enclosed with "The World Is Mine," another inspirational poem, "Don't Quit," which he fancies.

In spite of my delay in publishing these poems, I think many of the readers of this column will enjoy both poems, which are published as follows:

The World Is Mine

Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her—she seemed so gay—and wished I were as fair
When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle,
She had one foot and wore a crutch, but as she passed, a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two feet—the world is mine!

And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The lad who sold them had such charm.
I talked to him—he said to me:
"It's nice to talk with folks like you.
You see," said he, "I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two eyes—the world is mine!

Then, walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said: "Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew, he could not hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two ears—the world is mine!

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset glow,
With ears to hear what I would know,
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I'm blest indeed! The world is mine!

—Author Unknown

Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.
Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out—
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Buddy's Workshop

Don't Build A Fire Unless Chimney Safe

Could you make an old chimney usable by covering the bricks with a layer of mortar to a height of several feet? Building a fire in an old chimney would be hazardous. If the chimney is old, new mortar will not adhere, anyway. The chimney should be inspected by a professional, who will probably offer two alternatives—rebuild the chimney or have a liner installed.

Why do you sometimes see wire mesh covering the opening of beehives? What small animal would invade a beehive?

Mice, perhaps looking for warmth, will move into beehives in the fall. They destroy the hives in the making of nests.

How do you unthaw a frozen water pipe?
If you have access to water, you can wrap the frozen pipe in cloth and pour boiling water on the cloth. A preferred method is use of an electric heating cable, which will unthaw the length of the pipe. Blowtorches, or propane torches may be used to thaw pipes but these should not be used by amateurs. Most pipes are located near flammable materials such as floor beams. If the first two methods aren't successful, the inexperienced should call for professional help.

DID YOU KNOW? BY JONES

POCAHONTAS
AMERICAN INDIAN PRINCESS WAS THE DAUGHTER OF POWHATAN, CHIEF OF SEVERAL TRIBES. HER NAME MEANT "PLAYFUL ONE." SHE WAS 13 WHEN SHE ALLEGEDLY SAVED CAPT. JOHN SMITH FROM EXECUTION BY WAR CLUB. BY PLACING HER HEAD ON HIS. LATER, SHE WAS BAPTIZED AND RE-NAMED REBECCA. SHE MARRIED JOHN ROLFE, AN ENGLISHMAN, WHO TOOK HER ON A TRIP TO ENGLAND, WHERE SHE CHARMED LONDON SOCIETY. SHE DIED THERE IN 1617.

ALBERTO SANTOS DUMONT
BRAZILIAN INVENTOR WAS THE FIRST TO SUCCESSFULLY COMBINE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES WITH BALLOONING. HE DID SO 2 YEARS BEFORE ZEPPELINS WERE FLOWN.

COMEDY STAR RODNEY DANGERFIELD
HAS DELIVERED 14 ONE-LINER JOKES IN 60 SECONDS.

HOW HEAVY IS PLANET EARTH?
IN TONS, THE ESTIMATE IS: 6,585,600,000,000,000,000.



RUFFIN

Friends Plan WVSP Benefit

The Warren - Vance Friends of WVSP is holding a benefit luncheon for the 100,000 watt community-based radio station at noon on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Silo in Henderson. Key-note speaker for the occasion is Benjamin S. Ruffin, special assistant to the governor of the State of North Carolina. Music will be provided by jazz pianist Yusef Salim and bassist Freeman Ledbetter, both of Durham.

Ruffin was appointed special assistant by Governor Jim Hunt in February 1978. Prior to this appointment, he served as executive director of the North Carolina Human Relations Council.

As special assistant to the Governor, Ruffin serves as the primary conduit between the Governor's Office and the statewide minority population, keeps the governor apprised of pertinent issues of minority interests, concerns, activities and problems, participates in the appointment of boards and commissions, and assists in the facilitation of the State's Affirmative Action program.

He serves as chairman of the Durham Housing Authority, is a member of the boards of directors of Durham Homes, Inc., Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, and the Southern Regional Council and is a member of the Democratic Executive Committee.

A native of Durham, Ruffin received his B.S. degree in physical education from North Carolina Central University in 1964. In 1976, he was awarded his Masters of Social Work and Social Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

WVSP began broadcasting in August 1976. The station was founded by Sound and Print United, Inc., to provide alternative musical, informational, and news programming.

The non-profit, non-commercial station operates from 6 a. m. to 1 a. m. daily at 90.9 FM. It depends largely upon contributions from listeners for its survival. Located in Warrenton, the station serves seven North Carolina counties and parts of southern Virginia in primary coverage.

Tickets for the benefit can be acquired by contacting members of the Warren Vance Friends of WVSP. They are Dr. J. P. Green, Terry Garrison, Floyd B. McKissick, Bernadine Ballance, Magnolia Williams, and Doris Terry Williams.

Tickets and more information may also be acquired through the radio station. Call 257-1909 or go by the station at Franklin and Front streets in Warrenton.

Letters To The Editor

Recognition Is Due

To The Editor:
I think it is high time that the people of Warren County should take note of the accomplishments of one of its outstanding young black citizens.

The Durham Herald in its Sunday edition of January 29 carried a feature article in its Sport Section concerning this young man, David Henderson, a Warren County resident and probably one of its future millionaires. He plays basketball for Duke University and is in his sophomore year there.

I understand that his grades are excellent and if he continues as an outstanding basketball player, he will, undoubtedly, ultimately end up playing for some professional team.

I think he should be commended for his past accomplishments, and I wish him well for his future success.

GEORGE A. BURWELL
Warrenton

Error Is Discovered

To The Editor:
On reading your article (actually, Ms. Horner's article) about "Hobby Proved Attractive as Well as Inexpensive" in the February 1 edition of The Warren Record, I discovered a glaring error.

It was stated that Ellis' Market was located where Attorney Ballance's office now stands. As you know, the market stood on the property adjacent to Attorney Ballance's office. I just wanted to bring this inaccuracy to your attention.

OPAL ELLIS JONES
Killeen, Texas

Members Are Sought

To The Editor:
During 1983, the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni (NACCCA) celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

The NACCCA is trying to locate about two million former members and persons who were connected or affiliated with the CCC during the 1930s and 1940s. It is a known fact that many of these persons reside in North Carolina and areas served by The Warren Record.

I am sure that many of your readers have often wondered what became of the CCC. You can tell them the CCC lives again in the NACCCA. It is a young and growing organization with 96 chapters throughout the nation and one of its major objectives is to have the CCC reactivated.

A commemorative CCC postage stamp has been available for purchase since April 1983.

Anyone interested in the organization can write to NACCCA, Loehmann's Plaza, 7245 Arlington Blvd., Suite 318, Falls Church, Va. 22042, for more information and literature.

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News Of Yesteryear

Looking Back Into The Warren Record

February 18, 1944

The local Western Union Telegraph Office, located for more than 60 years in the Hunter Drug Co., was this week moved to Gilliam Auto Co. where it will be operated by a modern teletype machine.

Mrs. T. F. Stallings and Miss Margaret Stallings left Monday to make their home in Durham where Mr. Stallings is located permanently. They have recently purchased a home there.

Francis Burrows returned to his work at Newport News, Va. Monday after spending a week with his parents.

February 13, 1959

The number of employees at the Carolina Sportswear Company reached the 150 mark this week as the comparatively new company became the largest single employer of labor in Warren County.

Master Warren Emil Seaman, infant son of First Lieutenant and Mrs. Emil Seaman of Triangle, Va. was baptized at the regular Sunday morning workshop service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Feb. 8.

Contracts between the Warren County Board of Education and George W. Kane Construction Company authorizing the erection of a \$150,000 gymnasium here are expected to be signed within the next 10 days, a spokesman for the school board said yesterday.

February 14, 1974

Cecil P. Pope, chairman of the Warren County ASC Committee, has retired after serving for more than 13 years as community and county committee-man.

The Warrenton Town Board voted Monday to lease property expected to accommodate 100 cars at the corner of Bragg and Macon streets.

Plans for a half-million-dollar rest home midway between Warrenton and Macon were officially unveiled this week when a Wilmington-based company announced the purchase of a 16-acre site off U. S. 158 containing the Warren Plaza Motel and Restaurant.

In 1896 Marconi succeeded in transmitting radio signals for a distance of more than a mile.