

Visiting Author Says:

Write, Write, Success Will Come

Keep writing and writing and writing is the advice Robert Turner, television and magazine author, gives budding writers.

Turner and his wife, the former Jessie Pearl Anderson, are visiting Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson of Eagle Rock.

He said aspiring writers should never give up. Write and read. Read and write. Success will come eventually.

Turner has been setting words down on paper for a good many years—in fact, since 1938, when he sold his first story. He started with pulp and little known magazines.

How many rejection slips did he rack up in the three years that it took him to make a sale? He says at least a hundred.

Turner, a Jamaika, Long Island, native, sort of drifted into writing. He held a number of jobs shortly after he was first married during the depression years. None of them seemed to be right for him. He didn't like routine—9 to 5—and still doesn't.

So, during these years, he read a lot. Finally, he decided that he could write as well as the things that he was reading. So, he tried. But it took him three long, lonely years before he achieved that goal all writers long for—a sale.

Just back from Hollywood where he has been writing for television, Turner said that television writing is harder than magazine writing. He said this is because of restrictions and narrow areas in which a teevie writer must work. In a magazine story you can plunge ahead. You are not restricted to any number of characters, where the setting may be, and many other factors that you run into when writing for television.

Turner said that teevie producers work on a tight budget and don't like scenes that cannot be shot on the production lot.

However, he enjoyed writing for teevie. His work is seen and heard by a lot more people. And, he says, people seem to think that this means something. The nicest thing about television, however, are the residuals. Only last week, he received three residual checks.

On thing which deeply concerns Turner is teen-age marriage. His own two daughters married when they were very young. He believes that something must be done about this problem in the United States. And he believes that the writer can help.

Turner sometime ago wrote a long novel about this teen-age marriage problem. He felt that it was good and so did his publisher—the first half. In fact, the publisher like the first half so well that Turner was sent a handsome advance.

But somehow the last half of the novel didn't suit the publisher's fancy. The novel was turned down. Turner said it is still going the rounds to publishing houses and is still being turned down.

But Turner believes it is a good novel. He believes that the publishers are scared to publish it, because Turner put the blame where he believes it should be—on the parents.

He believes that to be able to write well you must be sincere. He says sincerity is very important, no matter what the medium is.

He discussed paperbacks and hardbacks. He feels that you can find some very good writing in the paperbacks. There is a wider field of material style, story line, and color than in so-called literary books.

There is the snob appeal, though, for the hardback book. Movies will pay more for hard covers. So, he laughingly said, if you write, write with an eye toward the hard covers.

When does he write? When he drives himself to the typewriter. Seriously though, he writes at all times. Generally, his working hours are at night. When he is well into a story, however, he can write any time.

He gets germs for his stories from life itself. Experiences of the people he meets, their feelings, emotions, drives, ambitions, desires. He feels that a small town has many, many themes for stories.

Turner says he feels that a good writer must feel strongly. He himself feels very strongly about certain things; i.e., teen-age marriages. A writer, he says, usually is emotional. He doesn't believe any writer can write with detachment. Those who say they do do not display emotions outwardly, but inwardly they are there and come out in the written work.

To make your characters come alive, Turner says you must like people. You must study people, try to understand how and why they act the way they do.

Turner, who has written a variety of stories, is fascinated by the subject of crime in all its aspects. He has possibly done more crime stories than any other. He doesn't, however, like the whodunit.

Some of his favorite authors are Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett, Hemingway, John O'Hara and Grace Metalious. He thought "Peyton Place" was very, very good. Style, story, writing, everything.

No, he doesn't care at all for women mystery story writers. They nauseate him. He feels they think crime is cute, and to him crime is not cute. It is a serious (Continued on Page 5)

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Hospital To Be Landscaped With Living Memorial Plants

Cost To Be About \$650

Residents of this community will be able to make contributions to living memorials to their deceased relatives and friends under a plan adopted last week by Wendell and Zebulon civic clubs, according to C. V. Tart, president of the Zebulon Ruritan Club and chairman of a Wendell-Zebulon hospital beautification group.

The plan, adopted in principle August 2 by representatives of civic clubs in the two towns served by the Wendell-Zebulon unit of the Wake County Memorial Hospital, allows donors to contribute specific amounts for designated trees or shrubs and to have the particular item noted as being donated in memory of a particular person. Names of donors and persons honored will be published.

The landscaping plan, worked out in cooperation with John H. Harris, the Tar Heel Gardener whose radio programs are heard locally, call for approximately \$650 to be raised by individual memorial gifts or by civic clubs of Wendell and Zebulon. Each community will be asked to underwrite \$325 of the project with individual donations being made by September 1, and various clubs raising the balance of the money required during September.

The shrubs, described as adequate by Frank Ceruzzi, small unit hospital administrator, include the following, listed by price and number:

Pfizer junipers, 12, \$4.00 each; 3 Japanese flowering cherries, \$5.00 each; 7 pyracanthas, \$1.00 each; 5 crape myrtles, \$5.00 each; 100 Liriope, 75¢ each; 4 purple leaved plums, \$5.00 each; 11 magnolias, \$22.00 each; 6 flowering crabapples, \$5.00 each; one American holly, \$5.00; 30 ligustrum, 75¢ each; 18 Japanese hollies, \$2.00 (Continued on Page 5)

Pretty Zebulon Girl Joins Teen-Age Recording Stars

A pretty petite Zebulon girl has joined the ranks of teen-age recording stars.

Diane Bailey's recording of "Someone Else's Hands" was released last week for sale, and is in the hands of disk jockeys throughout the nation. The recording is on a Swan label, a Philadelphia recording firm.

This is the first entry of the local girl into the big time recording field. She has previously done recordings for a Chapel Hill recording firm.

"Someone Else's Hands" is a rock and roll number, and it is felt that it will be especially attractive to the teen-age set. The flip side has a pop recording.

While in Philadelphia she also made two more records which will be released at a later date.

Bruce Creekmore, disk jockey at Radio Station WETC, Wendell-Zebulon, said he feels that the record has very good potential.

Diane is to appear on Dick Clark's Band Stand in the very near future. She is also making personal appearances on a number of North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland television stations.

She is being managed by Thomas Lawrence of Enfield.

Diane, who will be in the seventh grade at Corinth-Holders School this fall, has been singing since she was two years old. She has participated in 25 singing contests and was first place winner of 23.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson Bailey of Route 1, Zebulon.

Former Residents' Son Gets God and Country Scout Award

Ted E. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade David of Richmond, is a recent recipient of the coveted Boy Scouts of America "God and Country" award. The award was presented to him by his minister, the Rev. Luther Derby, pastor of Lakeside Methodist Church of Richmond.

To be eligible for this honor, it was necessary for Ted to work closely with his minister and church for a period of a year.

He is the grandson of Mrs. J. E. David and the late Mr. David and Mrs. C. F. Allen and the late Dr. Allen, all of Richmond. His parents were at one time residents of Zebulon.

Hospital Notes

The following were patients at Wendell-Zebulon Hospital Wednesday morning.

White

Elizabeth Morgan, Flossie Hicks, Harris Perry, Pamela Gurley, Lucille House, C. B. Eddins, Ramis Catlett, Harry Liles, Marion Jackson, Elizabeth Eddins, Jenny Medlin, Eleanor Barnes, Marshall Boykin and John Spell.

Colored

Betty Jean Hartsfield.

Colored Births

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen O'Neal announce the birth of a baby girl Wednesday, August 9.

Witnesses Convene

According to a statement made here this week by Cephas Dunstan, local presiding minister, about 38 delegates from the north unit in Zebulon will attend the three-day circuit convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Durham, August 11-13.

More than 450 delegates from the sixteen congregations of circuit 36 are expected. The area of the circuit extends from Washington, N. C., to Sanford.

The meeting will be held at the Central Civic Center Building, corner Foster and Morgan Streets in Durham.

SALES TAX

Because of the recently enacted State Sales Tax law, which became effective July 1, 1961, it is necessary that a 3 per cent sales tax be added to the subscription price of *The Zebulon Record*.

FLB Association Holds Annual Meet

Stockholders of the Federal Land Bank Association of Smithfield held their 44th annual meeting in the main courtroom of the Johnston County Courthouse in Smithfield Saturday morning, August 5. George D. Richardson of Wake County served as chairman of the meeting.

In giving the report of the board of directors and loan committee, W. J. Woodard declared that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, 81 new Land Bank loans amounting to \$751,450. were granted to Johnston County farmers, 43 new Land Bank loans amounting to \$421,300. were granted to Wake County farmers and 39 new Land Bank loans amounting to \$259,000. were granted to Wayne County farmers—a total of 163 new loans amounting to \$1,431,750.

L. M. Gould, Manager, declared in his report that the income of the association for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, was \$47,881.25 and operating expenses were \$25,167.53, with net earnings of \$22,713.72. He said the statement of condition as of June 30, 1961, showed assets of \$482,288.72 with liabilities of \$10,480.15 and a net worth of \$471,808.57; that the present membership of the asso-

ciation, some 1100 Wake, Johnston and Wayne County farmers, were using Land Bank loans which totaled originally \$6,663,300.

Marshall W. Bennett of Route 5, Raleigh and Henry S. Hood of Route 1, Goldsboro were re-elected to serve on the board of directors for three year terms. Other members of the board are George D. Richardson of Raleigh, W. J. Woodard of Route 1, Clayton and Paul Dunn of Route 1, Selma.

Officers of the association were elected at an organization meeting of the board of directors held following adjournment of the stockholders meeting.

They are George D. Richardson of Raleigh, president; W. J. Woodard of Route 1, Clayton, vice-president; L. M. Gould of Smithfield, manager, Robert O. Edwards of Smithfield, assistant manager and Mrs. Ruby S. Coats, senior office assistant.

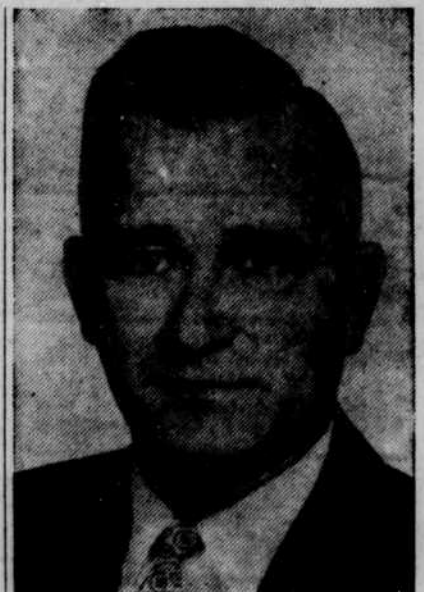
The association, a farmer credit cooperative, is chartered to make and authorized to service Federal Land Bank loans on farms in Wake, Johnston and Wayne Counties and is a unit of the Federal Land Bank loans on farms in been making long-term, low interest rate farm mortgage loans for 44 years.

Local CP&L Engineer Named To Pioneer Club Membership

W. Ray Goodwin, senior district engineer for Carolina Power & Light Company at Zebulon, has been named to membership in the company's Pioneer Club. The honor comes upon completion of 25 years of service.

Goodwin is a native of Chatham County, attended Apex public schools and took special courses in electrical engineering at N. C. State College. He worked three years as clerk in the Apex post office and joined CP&L in 1936 as helper in a Raleigh line crew. He has worked up through the ranks and was promoted to his present post in 1952.

The new pioneer is a deacon, teacher and former trustee in the Wakefield Baptist Church. He is chairman of the Zebulon Recreation Commission and past president of the Zebulon Lions Club. He has coached local Little League teams and took the company's softball team to the Raleigh city league championship in 1941.



Mrs. Goodwin is the former Jackie Wheeler. They have two children, Mrs. Billy Bunn of Oxford and Martha Raye of the home.