

A Talk With John Terres

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do that I don't like is humanize them. They write about birds as if birds were little feathered humans, and it gets awfully goofy.

"I quit school at sixteen because we were a large family and my mother needed my help. And I wasn't too interested in school anyway.

During the depression Mr. Terres worked for the government as a field naturalist and also went to two colleges for training.

"But I loathe New York City," he said. "Everybody kept saying, 'John, you're a naturalist, why are you living in New York?'"

"Here, let me show you some things. Come on out here to the kitchen. This here is a drying cage. It has screen on the back and screen on the front and the door opens, and inside I keep these insect specimens on spreading frames."

of rigor mortis sets in, and after that if you try and move the wings they break. The muscles and ligaments tear. They're not preserved, really. They're just dried. After about a week all the body juices dry up and leave just the chitin, 'ch' only it's pronounced like a k, that's the body itself."

He pulled boxes of finished mounted insect specimens from a closet and described their contents: large royal walnut moths, luna moths, butterflies, all carefully labeled.

"Right now I'm working on an encyclopedia of birds. When I was at Audubon Magazine I noticed that there was no real dictionary of bird information about this continent and I decided I'd do one.

"And I review nature books for the New York Times, too. You know this book that just came out about the man experimenting with porpoises? I read the first three paragraphs of that and I was just horrified.

"You know, the anti-vivisectionists have a very strong voice in this country. I'm not an anti-vivisectionist, I know scientists have to

use animals to experiment for the benefit of humans, and I don't object to people hunting, either. I just don't hunt myself because I don't like to kill things.

"I used to keep falcons, and people are fascinated by falcons, particularly children. I remember I once spoke about falconry at a high school and there were about a thousand children in the audience, and I had my peregrine falcon with me, and you could have heard a pin drop all the time I was talking.

"You get a great reward from teaching things to children. Thoreau once wrote that when a sparrow lit on his shoulder it was the greatest honor he could have received, and just recently my wife wrote me that her secretary's 11-year-old daughter, Laura Lee, had been given a copy of my book, 'The Wonders I See,' which was about experiences I've had with nature, and the secretary said one of Laura Lee's friends called her up one night and she heard Laura Lee say, 'Oh, I'm not reading trash any more. I'm reading John Terres's book. He's a great man. He's one of our friends. That pleased me more than anything could. You know, when a child says she thinks you're great, she means it. An adult can say he thinks you're great and you think he's flattering you or something, but not a child. They mean it when they say that. I felt just as honored as if a sparrow had sat on my shoulder.'"

Bank Merger

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ties in the central Carolina area. In Chapel Hill, University National's offices on West Franklin, and at Franklin and Columbia Street will carry the name of the new bank.

Other offices are located in Apex, Butler, Cooleemee, Creedmoor, Erwin, Hillsboro, Mebane, Roxboro, Wake Forest and Youngsville.

The change in the bank's name removes from the scene a name familiar to generations of bank patrons of the Durham area.

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Transfers

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"It would be extremely difficult to increase by two teachers," said Dr. Johnston. "It would be more reasonable to increase by one. But we're squeezed now."

He suggested that transfers would be the best solution, all things considered. Dr. Peters moved the Board empower Dr. Johnston to transfer excess pupils out of Estes Hills, and not to assign more children to Estes classes over "a suitable number consistent with classes in other schools."

"I think I can predict there will be about twenty unhappy families out there," said Dr. Cameron. "Sure," said Dr. Johnston, "and they'll all be in my office."

"This is just a touch compared to what we're going to have next year," said Board member Grey Culbreth.

Dr. Peters' motion was carried unanimously. In addition, Dr. Johnston was instructed to write to the State Board of Education investigating the possibility of renting mobile classrooms from the State.

Dr. Johnston said after the meeting that he wasn't sure how many pupils would have to be transferred.

"In order to get each classroom down to 35," he said "you'd have to transfer 20. You'd have to transfer 40 to get each room down to 30."

He said he would begin working on the transfers this morning, and hoped to have them completed by the first of next week. He didn't say how pupils would be selected for transfer.

In other business, Mrs. Ross Scroggs suggested, "We should make public the number of students expected to be in the schools this year who did not show up on the first day of school."

Dr. Johnston said that if attendance at Chapel Hill High had been five pupils higher per day for the first ten days, another teacher would have been allotted the school by the State.

"We had fewer late entries this year than in the past," he said. "The difficulty is that the State makes no allowance for contagious diseases in counting that attendance, and we had two religious holidays to which people were committed."

The State allots additional teachers at the beginning of each school year on the basis of the first ten days' attendance.

"We had already hired that teacher in anticipation of this happening," said Dr. Johnston. "If the enrollment hadn't gone up enough to get that teacher we would have had to spend our own money."

The final enrollment figures for each school as of the tenth day of school, and their increases over the tenth day last year:

Carrboro Elementary, 437 (up 24); Estes Hills, 509 (59); Glenwood, 708 (25); Northside, 605 (down 13); Junior High School, 690 (60); Chapel Hill High, 432 (18); Lincoln High, 474 (51).

Dr. Peters requested Dr. Johnston to find out whether it was imperative that Junior High pupils pay \$4 each for athletic uniforms.

Mrs. Marvin Allen moved that a High School curriculum study be set in motion, "making use of University personnel, the faculty of the high schools, and laymen." Completion date is to be April 1.

And Dr. Jones suggested that the Board hold its regular meetings at different schools during the year so that the members would have an opportunity to observe existing physical problems in each school.

"Maybe we can get some of these places to provide a little strawberry shortcake, or something," he said.

Bowman

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where he studied under Dr. Lyman Kittridge, Professor Copenhaver and Dean Briggs. He taught English at Iowa State College at Ames from 1910 to 1920 and was head of the English Department at Michigan Northern State Teachers College at Marquette.

He was married in 1911 to Miss Mabel Edna Fessenden of Cambridge, Mass. She died in 1958. Their only daughter, Claire, died in 1936. There are no survivors.

Dr. Bowman was a member of the Modern Languages Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, the Eugene Field Society, the Masonic Lodge. He served last year as a member of the section on Books for Children of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Funeral plans are being made by the Rev. Charles Jones, pastor of the Community Church. The body will be cremated and burial services will be in charge of the Masonic Lodge in Marquette, Mich.

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Aldermen

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discuss and settle the matter.

Another action by the Board consisted of setting up temporary parking facilities for both sides of West Rosemary street with certain exceptions. The Board also moved to hear an ordinance on parking on both sides between Columbia and Church street at their next meeting.

Further discussion was raised concerning construction of sidewalks on W. Rosemary street. A resolution, suggested by Town Manager Robert Peck, which said that property owners along W. Rosemary street be offered a 5-foot concrete sidewalk in return for an easement for sidewalk and utility purposes, was passed. The town would agree to move or replace existing steps, walks and walls.

Concerning construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Church street from School Lane to McDade street, the Board decided that if all property owners submit a petition saying they will remove all existing objects such as trees and walls 17 1/2 feet from the center of the existing paved street, a sidewalk would be laid. Construction of the sidewalk would cost about \$1,500 to \$2,000.

The Board voted to pave School Lane to the east end of the school parking lot but not including the parking lot. Cost of the paving was estimated at \$2,000.

Town attorney J. Q. LeGrand was asked to prepare an ordinance amending the curb and gutter policy clarifying cost so as not to exceed \$3 cost per front foot per property owner.

The Aldermen voted to ask the school to take care of the paving of the 125 feet beyond, since it is primarily a parking space for school functions.

In regard to a bond anticipation note of \$65,000 for the acquisition of the property at Columbia street and Airport Road, the Board adopted a resolution to that effect.

The Board agreed to change the name of Meadowbrook Drive extending 4 mile off Estes Drive to Burlage Drive.

Concerning a general standard to deal with stop and yield intersections, Mayor McClamroch requested the matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting. The town attorney and town manager were authorized to draw up a general ordinance.

Proposed by town manager Robert Peck and adopted by the Board was the following standard regulating street lights: a light at each intersection; a light at mid-block where blocks are over 300 feet between intersections; a light approximately every 600 feet in exceptionally long blocks.

Where curves or hills made additional light necessary but not less than 300 feet apart; at dead-end streets every 500 feet apart, and on streets where there are at least three residences, one light every 600 feet.

Also proposed was that \$28,000 of the Powell Bill funds be used to resurface the following streets: Audley Lane, Douglas Road, Davie Circle, Pickard Lane, Park Place, N. Boundary street, Senlac Road, Whitaker street, Senlac Drive, Hamilton Road, Rogerson Drive, Lanark Road, Gingham Road and a section of E. Rosemary street.

The Board decided to purchase three new police cars.

High School PTSA To Meet Oct. 5th

The Chapel Hill High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association will meet at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the school auditorium. Attention is called to the fact that the meeting is being held 15 minutes earlier than the association's meetings last year.

Parents will be given an opportunity to meet and talk with the teachers. Each parent is requested to obtain from his or her child the name of the child's homeroom teacher before coming to the meeting.

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School Tuition Request

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"It would appear to me that this Board will become party to a suit alone if we assign the children to Hillsboro," said Dr. Johnston.

Dr. Peters' subsequent motion that the Board recommend the tuition grant, "with the understanding that the whole Pearl Plan be put to a test" was withdrawn.

In its place the Board recorded in its minutes a simple statement that "We do not find it reasonable or practical to assign the children to another school and we recommend that they be given a tuition grant."

Mr. Culbreth, Mrs. Allen, the Rev. J. R. Manley, and Mrs. Ross Scroggs voted for the motion.

Dr. Peters voted against it. Dr. Ellis abstained. "I can't decide whether it is reasonable

and practical to reassign the children," he said.

Indicating his agreement with the motion, Board chairman Dr. J. Kempton Jones said the matter should be given to the State to decide, "and if the Pearl Plan is worth its salt, it will stand."

Dr. Johnston said following the meeting he was not sure exactly what the procedure was recommending a tuition grant, since "nobody has ever done it before," but that he intended to contact the State Board of Education and find out.

He added that he had been trying all summer to find out how to effect such a recommendation, but that officials in Raleigh didn't seem to know—or were unwilling to say.

"Now they'll just have to know," he said. "It's at their doorstep."

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