- A Talk With John Terres -

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to that I don't like is humanize hem. They write about birds as birds were little feathered hus, and it gets awfully goney little old ladies did that years or but nature writers would be n so which more solid ground if ey'd write about birds the way hey are. I mean, they talk about bards flirting, and having love afairs, and that kind of thing, and tat isn't the way it is at all. When a male bird courts a female, it's just like the combination lock on one of these big safes. The male does certain sings, goes through certain motions, and it opens the lock, the female opens up and accepts him. It's like a mechanism. The male may feel some sort of affection, but he knows just what to do and he does it and the lock opens. There's no flirting or anything like that, I'm a trained scientist. and I know it's much better to tell about these things just the way they are

"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. Just at that time I had what the doctor thought was an arrested case of TB, and he said I ought to go to a sanatorium, but if I couldn't I should go do outside work. So I went into construction work, engineering. and after a while I took a course in engineering so I was qualified as a job engineer-read plans and everything. I did that for about twelve years and then the depression came along

During the depression Mr. Terres worked for the government as a field naturalist and also went to two colleges for training the took all the zoology courses Cornell offered. While in the Army during World War II he began to sell articles to magazines. After the Army his writing led him to the managing editorship, then the editorship of Audubon Magazine "But I loathe New York City,"

"Everybody kept saying, 'John, you're a naturalist, why are you living in New York?" and I'd say I have to, but then after a while I got in such a, well, it was an emotional state, that I decided to give myself a year down here free lance writing and if it worked I'd stay. My wife is still in New York, she has a job with an advertising agency. We just couldn't make it with both of us being down here. I came here because, well my wife and I came through here a few years ago coming back from Florida we'd been down there taking bird pictures-I used to do a lot of photography- and we came through and liked the town, and my friend W. L. McAtee was here then and he said he'd come here because the town had a large hospital and two banksthat gave an indication of the size of it, you see, it needed two banks to serve it-and it had between ten and fifteen thousand people, and it had a very good library. He said, 'John, you ought to think about this place when retirement comes,' and now retirement has come and I haven't regretted a minute of it

"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." He pulled out a frame with four large cicadas pinned to it with their wings spread out. "You have to spread specimens out right away after catching them, otherwise a sort

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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 fried. 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 it-

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. "A specimen is no good to a scientist without a label. I catch these in a special killing jar, here, I don't want you to get too big a whiff of it that's cyanide gas in that little capsule on the lid of the jar, and I wet the capsule before I go out and then put the insect in the Sometimes I use a net, and sometimes I catch them right in the jar and slip the lid on I do most of my naturalizing down at

"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. There are a lot of things bird lovers would like to know that aren't in one volume. Things like, well, albinism, you know when a bird turns white, what is albinism, why do birds turn white, and the food habits of birds and things like abmigration. That's a term proposed by the English a few years ago to describe a peculiar migration out of the ordinary, like ducks, ducks don't migrate the way other birds do. Things like that. And famous naturalists, too. It's going to be an encyclopedia, really. guess it'll be about twice as thick as this copy of 'Leaves of Grass A size you can handle. I'm only the C's now, so I guess won't be finished for another five years. I've planned it that way But it's going to be written very simply I don't believe in writing down to people, but I'm describing things so anybody can un-

And I review nature books for the New York Times, too You know this book that just came about the man experimenting with porpoises? I read the first three paragraphs of that and was just horrified. The man who wrote it is an M.D., and his whole theory was preposterous. He thought if he could figure out the electrical impulses from a porpoise's brain he could find where the speech centers were in the brain. He said he thought porpoises had a language all their own which man could understand. So he borrowed five porpoises from the Marine Biology Lab in Florida and experimented on them and killed all five of them amining their brains And each time he killed one he said it was a pity 'because we had become rather attached to the animal. One experiment he described just made my blood kind of boil and curdle. He strapped down a porpise so it was half out of the water and then he hammered the sheath of a hypodermic needle down into its brain, and through the needle he drilled an electrode into the porpoise's brain, going into the brain about a millimeter at each turn, so he could measure electric impulses. I just sent the book back. I couldn't review it. It just horrified me. You know, the anti-vivisectionists have a very strong voice in this country. I'm not an antivivisectionist, I know scientists have to

use animals to experiment for the benefit of humans, and I don't object to people hunting, either, just don't hunt myself because I don't like to kill things. But the antivivisectionists don't believe in killing anything for any purpose. I think that doctor will hear from them.

"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. They were just watching that beautiful bird all the time. At the end of a speech I always let a boy carry the falcon up to the balcony and when he was up there I'd swing a lure around my head. A lure is a padded weight with fresh meat tied to it, and I had trained the falcon to feed to it and I'd swing it around my head and the boy would let the bird go and she'd swoop down over the children's heads and catch the lure. It was very dramatic, always the last thing I did. Falcons take a lot of time, and you have to be so careful of them to make sure they're comfortable. All my perches were padded because if a falcon sits too long on a stone or a wooden perch he gets sores on his feet, and they can get gangrenous. And then you can't give them too much fresh beef And the beef can't be tainted or they get a disease of the throat called frounce, which starts like a sore throat and ends up rotting the throat and swelling so the bird can't swallow and just stary es to death

"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 secre tary's 11-year-old daughter, haura Lee, had been given a copy of my book. 'The Wonders I See. which was about experiences I've had with nature, and the secre tary 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 flatter ing 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

– 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. Provision for regular trust consultation in the West Franklin Street office will make trust services more readily available to residents of the Chapel Hill area

Other offices are located in Apex, Butner, 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. The bank was chartered in 1903 as Durham Loan & Trust Company, with the late John Sprunt Hill as a director and its first president. In 1937, through an amendment to the charter, the word "Loan" in the bank's title was replaced by "Bank," giving the institution its present designation.

Until the early 1930's the bank's only office was located in Durham. In the depression years, other offices were established in communities which found themselves without banking facilities-Apex, Cooleemee, Creedmoor, Hillsboro, Mebane, and Wake For-

In 1960, Durham's Home Saving Bank, an old and respected institution, joined resources with Durham Bank. Through a merger with the Bank of Harnett, an office was established in Erwin in 1955. A merger with Citizens National Bank of Durham in 1959 brought four new Durham offices, one in Roxboro, into the Durham Bank system.

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- Transfers -

next meeting.

was estimated at \$2,000.

per property owner.

school functions.

to Burlage Drive.

eral ordinance.

every 600 feet.

mary street,

three new police cars.

meetings last year.

ter policy clarifying cost so as not

to exceed \$3 cost per front foot

The Aldermen voted to ask the

of the 125 feet beyond, since it is

primarily a parking space for

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 ef-

The Board agreed to change

the name of Meadowbrook Drive

extending 4 mile off Estes Drive

Concerning a general standard

to deal with stop and yield inter-

sections, Mayor McClamroch re-

quested the matter be put on the

agenda for the next meeting. The

town attorney and town manager

were authorized to draw up a gen-

Proposed by town manager Ro-

bert Peck and adopted by the

Board was the following stand-

ard regulating street lights: a

light at each intersection; a light

at mid-block where blocks are

over 800 feet between intersec-

tions: a light approximately every

600 feet in exceptionally long

Where curves or hills made ad-

ditional 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

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, Brandon

Road, Hamilton Road, Rogerson

Drive, Lanark Road, Gimghoul

Road and a section of E. Rose-

The Board decided to purchase

High School PTSA

The Chapel Hill High School Pa-

rent-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 min-

Parents will be given an op-

portunity to meet and talk with

the teachers. Each parent is re-

quested to obtain from his or her

child the name of the child's home-

room teacher before coming to the

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

He suggested that transfer would be the best solution, all things considered.

Dr. Peters moved the Board empower Dr. Johnston to transfer excess pupils out tof 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 famillies 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. The availability of mobile classrooms would give the School Board flexibility in dealing with future space problems

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

"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 busines. 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

Dr. Johnston said that if attendance at Chapel Hill High had been five pupils higher per day for the 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. Absences for contagious diseases or religious holidays are not excus-

The first ten days' attendance records have gained one more State-allotted teacher for Lincoln High School

"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

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 uni-

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 utes earlier than the association's 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 some-thing," 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 Mar-

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

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 ham is dissatisfied with the Another action by the Board schools here he will have to make consisted of setting up temporary sacrifices. I think the Board parking facilities for both sides would be on very shaky ground in West Rosemary street with cergiving him a tuition grant. tain exceptions. The Board also Mrs. Marvin Allen, another

moved to hear an ordinance on Board member, said, "I don't parking on both sides between Cothink we should punish Mr. Bir lumbia and Church street at their mingham because he chooses to exercise a right guaranteed him Further discussion was raised under law. We spent a lot of time concerning construction of sideand money persuading Carrboro walks on W. Rosemary street. A we had better schools because of resolution, suggested by Town the school supplement, and I Manager Robert Peck, which don't think Mr. Birmingham said that property owners along should be punished by having his W. Rosemary street be offered a children sent to a school we think 5-foot concrete sidewalk in re-

turn for an easement for sidewalk "What the heck is the State and utility purposes, was passed. hanging fire on this for?" said The town would agree to move or Board member Grey Culbreth. replace existing steps, walks and This is a wishy-washy judgment from Mr. Bruton, in my opinion. Concerning construction of a The Board had already receivsidewalk on the west side of ed a written ruling from State hurch street from School Lane

Attorney General Wade Bruton to McDade street, the Board deexplaining the basis on which a choice should be made between a cided that if all property owners reasonable and practical reassubmit a petition saying they will remove all existing objects such signment, and a recommendation as trees and walls 171/2 feet from for a tuition grant. "What do you the center of the existing paved have to do to get a grant?" said street, a sidewalk would be laid. Mr. Culbreth. "All you have to do," said Dr

Construction of the sidewalk Johnston, "is decide whether i would cost about \$1,500 to \$2,000. The Board voted to pave School is reasonable and practical to reassign a child to another school Lane to the east end of the school If it is not reasonable and practiparking lot but not including the parking lot. Cost of the paving cal, then the Board can recommend a tuition grant for the child to attend a private, non-sec-Town attorney J. Q. LeGrand tarian school approved by the was asked to prepare an ordinance amending the curb and gut-

It was agreed that the Twaddell School was, doubtless, a State-approved school In a discussion of whose inter-

school to take care of the paving pretation of the circumstances decided the reasonableness and practicality of reassignment, an examination of the statute indicated that the decision was up to

"I feel that whatever we do, this will be tested," said Dr. Johnston, "There has been no test of this so far.

'I would like to assign your children to Hillsboro and let you appeal to the State," said Dr. Fred Ellis, another member of the Board.

"I don't have that kind of time." said Mr. Birmingham. T've got to make a living.

Following discussion of the probabilities of a suit resulting from the Board's decision, it was agreed that if the tuition grant were recommended to the State Board of Education, the State would be party to any subsequent suit as well as the Chapel Hill School Board.

— 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. John-

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

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 mo-

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 Pearsall Plan is worth its salt, it will

stand. Dr. Johnston said following the meeting he was not sure exactly what the procedure was in recommending a tuit on 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

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





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