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CHET'S CORNER By Chester ROLAND DOUGLAS L. EMERSON

Douglas Emerson was born on February 10, 1926 to Charles and Grace Emerson. His siblings consisted of two brothers and two sisters, all of whom are deceased.

Living at 313 North Royal Street, **Doug** received his education at Washington, and Jefferson Schools before arriving at GWHS in 1940. While at GW, he met new friends such as **Norman Schrott, Julius Carporaletti, Bobby Brenner, Charles Rammel, and George Russell.** He listed **Mr. Miller** as his favorite teacher, and favored Woodworking and Auto Mechanics as his favorite classes.

Doug left GWHS to join the U. S. Marines. He went to Parris Island, SC, for his boot training along with another GW former student named **Bobby Roland.** He served in the USMC from 1944-1946 with a tour of duty in China.

Remember the moonlight cruises on the Potomac? Well, **Doug** went on one sponsored by the Alexandria Student Nurses. You guessed it! He met the love of his life, Miss Elaine Etter from Waynesboro, PA. Shortly after the cruise was over they went bowling on their first date. He proposed marriage in December, 1946, and on November 5, 1947, they took their vows which lasted a life-time.

Douglas had served as a volunteer firefighter for Alexandria until he became a paid firefighter on January 1, 1947. He reported to Engine Company #4 and through the years he rose to the rank of Captain. In 1975 he was fighting a fire when an explosion caused the roof of a house to collapse causing **Doug** to fall 2 ½ stories. Injuries from this fire

Congratulations Donald 'Huck' THOMAS

for being this year's recipient of the prestigious G. W. A. A. Annual Special Recognition Award. This Theodore 'Ted' Arthur Achievement Award was presented to **Huck** in grateful recognition of his contribution and devotion to the principles and ideals of the George Washington High School Alumni Association, Inc.

resulted in the retirement of **Doug** on a service-connected disability in 1975 after 28 ½ years of service.

The A. F. D. had many dedicated men serving through the years and if this writer was chosen to pick the ten most dedicated, **Doug Emerson** would be on the short list of the top five.

During the past couple of years, **Doug** has been battling cancer and at the present time is doing well. He hopes to return to the GFLB luncheons by the time this column appears in the GFLB Gazette.

Doug did not graduate from GWHS, but did receive his G. E. D. in 1956.

NEWS OF THE CLASS OF '46

A most welcomed letter was received from **Thomas (Tommy) D. Kelly** bringing us up to date on events in his life since 1946.



Thomas D. Kelly

Basketball King....he likes "new items"....just all-around with a smile to match.

Tommy writes:

"As you know, I finished G. W. in '46. I then entered VMI and graduated in June '50, just in time to try out my brand new ROTC commission in the Korean War. Left the Army in '52, met

a young beauty from West Va., married, and went off to graduate school with my new bride.

"Finished Harvard Business school in '54. After a couple of false starts with Shell Oil and a D. C. entrepreneur, I went to work at Melpar in Falls Church in '58. In '67 I was made V. P. - Finance; shortly thereafter the company was bought by LTV Corp. in Dallas. In '78, I moved to Dallas to join the corporate office, from which I retired in '89. Somewhere in there the company sent me to St. Pete, Fla., for a couple of years.

"After retirement, wife Norma and I moved to Lexington, VA. In 2001, we moved to Phoenix to spend the rest of our time close to our daughter here and her three children. Now they are growing up - Tommy (19) is a freshman at SMU; Kelsey (18) will be a freshman at Univ. of Mississippi in August; and Molly is completing her freshman year in high school in Phoenix."



1945 GWHS Champions

Tommy continues, "Over the years, we lost track of most of our GW/Alexandria friends; but about 8 or 9 years ago, **Ralph Partlow** tracked me down, and we renewed our friend-



VACUUM CLEANER

We Pick Up Anything

The GWHS Alumni Association held its annual meeting recently at the Green Olive Buffet on Richmond Highway, south of Alexandria, VA. Well, someone asked me for directions and how to get to the Green Olive Buffet. I informed the party that it was located on Route 1 Richmond Hwy at the foot of "Snake Hill." Her reply was she had never heard of "Snake Hill" and therefore had no idea where it was.

"Snake Hill" begins approximately 3 miles south of Alexandria at Popkins Lane, and continues on south to Hybla Valley on Richmond Highway; or Lockheed Blvd. Back in the 30's and early 40's the hill got its name because of the many twists and turns to get to the bottom. The road was dubbed "Snake Hill" due to the snake like features it possessed. Also the Virginia Police grew tired of the many fatal accidents that occurred on Snake Hill. So the Highway Department straightened out the road, but some of us still refer to it as "Snake Hill."

My thoughts then reflected on some hills we had in Alexandria. There is "Schuters Hill" located in the neighborhood of the G. W. Masonic Temple, appropriately named after General Schuter who commanded an outpost there during the Civil War. I also recalled "Mushpot Hill" which was in the 500 and 600 blocks of North West Street. How about "Vinegar Hill?" Vinegar Hill used to be in the South Alfred Street and Franklin Street area. I have heard there was an old vinegar factory located there years ago.

We all remember "Blueberry Hill," the big pop hit of days gone by. And finally I recall the area called "Snob Hill." Snob Hill was located west of the R. F. and P. Railroad tracks. It was dubbed "Snob Hill" due to some of those that resided there, and for various and sundry reasons.

I'm sorry to report the death of **Frankie Brewer**. **Frankie** was one of Alexandria's finest baseball players. I met **Noel** and **Pat Leitch Walter** recently at the Old Dominion Boat Club. They are residing at Montross, VA. They both enjoy fishing. **Pat** and **Noel** were visiting the Boat Club for lunch.

Time to cut off the old vac – too many hills.

On. G. W.!

ship at that point---first by jointly attending a GWHS reunion in Alexandria, then by staying in touch by phone, mail, and occasional visits. **Ralph** came to Arizona last year, and I hope to see him out here again this year. He has not changed in the past 60 years---I wish I could say the same.

"So, the past 60 years have taken me to Lexington, Va., Korea, Boston, Baltimore, Dallas, St. Pete., Fl., and finally Arizona. I have enjoyed them all (except Korea), but my heart remains in Virginia.

"My folks bought a house in Alex. In 1936, paid about \$7,000 for it. I understand that the current owner--who re-built it--has \$700,000 invested in it. Times have changed, haven't they?"

Thanks, **Tommy**, for taking the time to drop us a note and bring us up to

date. **Tommy** and his wife, Norma, live at 7601 North Central Avenue, No. 4, Phoenix, Arizona 85020. I am sure they would welcome a note from their classmates.

Sick Bay:

Brownie VARNELL DODGE

Rob HOFFMAN

Janet HOFF Dawson

Barbara BLEDSOE Butterworth

Evelyn GALLAHAN Boger

Charles ROHR

Joe GARDNER

Rae Totolo (wife of Bob)

The following poem was written by Darlene Smith Moore in memory of her mother. Darlene states "As the words come to mind, they were in

the form of a song. I am sure it was a gift from the "Songbird of GWHS" as she knows how much I miss her."

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER AND "NANNY"

BETTY JEAN STANLEY SMITH

It was a Thursday night
When she started her new live
Up in the heavens with Jesus.

Although we miss her so
We just had to let her go
Up in the heavens with Jesus.

There's not a day that goes by
When a tear comes to my eye
Knowing she's in the heavens with Jesus.

Oh God, we know she's in your care
And she lived her life to be there
Up in the heavens with You.

So, please relieve her pain
And the suffering she gained
Trying to live her life for us and You.

Now she deserves only the best
As she has left the hurtful rest
Here in her earthly life.

Her new life with You
And the loved ones she missed
Can only be a gift from You.

So, please give her the happiness
For such a long time she missed
Because this is the gift she deserves.

Because she had faith in You
And to this her heart was true
Please surround her with Your love.

So, please ease all her pain
And let her know we are strong
And we'll never stop loving her.

Love to my Mother.....Darlene
April 23, 2006

Obituary:

Charles E. Loven

Robert J. SCHOEN (1948)

Charles R. MADARIS (1944)

Frank BREWER (1936)

William Riddick (MVHS 1961)

Donald L. KIRBY (1944)

Special Dates in June (and previously missed ones):**Wedding Anniversary Dates:**

- 6/4 Bart and Jackie MEYER Bartholomew (57 years)
 6/6 Tommy and Wanda JOHNSON Johnson (57 years)
 6/9 Ashby Lee and Helen DIXON ALLEN (59 years)
 6/9 Jim and Jane PENDELL GRIF-FIN (55 years)
 6/10 Oresto and Regina CAPORA-LETTI GIUSEPPE (56 years)
 6/14 William and Patricia SIMMS (55 years)
 6/27 Don and Mary Moore Douglass (53 years)
 6/30 Leroy and Dolores Downey DEMAREE (55 years)

Birth Dates:

- 6/2 Barbara McFARLAND Matthews
 6/4 Margaret BURNELL DAWSON
 6/6 Marge HURST Hubbard
 6/6 D Joan ROLAND
 6/7 Gerald SWISHER
 6/7 Kitty BARENTINE Kohnke
 6/7 Harry LEACH
 6/8 Ryland DODGE
 6/8 June PARSONS BARRY
 6/8 John 'Joe' CORNNELL
 6/9 Ellen DAWSON Beach
 6/13 Fred THOMAS
 6/14 Bobbye Jo HUSKISSON Lawlor
 6/16 Howard OLMSTED
 6/17 William T BARRY
 6/18 Willie FIELDS
 6/18 Geraldine POLING SPANGLER
 6/20 Lona SIMPSON Talley
 6/22 H Richard POWELL
 6/22 Robert POWELL
 6/25 Sue BRISCOE Rich
 6/26 Daniel F. O'FLAHERTY
 6/26 Robert V. MOORE
 6/26 Richard BOLTON
 6/27 Margot BEATTIE Storm
 6/28 Walter 'Buddy' BEST
 6/28 Patsy MURPHY SEVERSON
 6/29 Tom RUNALDUE

Tid-Bits

Article from Alexandria Gazette
 6/14/1934

(Contributed by Chester McINTOSH)

3 PHYSICIANS DIE WITHIN 30 HOURS

Three well know practicing physicians were summoned by death within approximately 30 hours of each other over the week-end. They follow: Dr. Walter E. Beattie, who died at the Alexandria Hospital at 7 o'clock Saturday morning; Dr. Chester A. Amos, fatally injured in an auto crash at 3:20 a. m. Sunday morning, and Dr. R. Lee Wilkins, died at the Alexandria Hospital at 1:20 p. m Sunday afternoon. According to health records it is the first time in the history of the city that three doctors have died within such a short space of time here.

Honoring His Great-Grandfather

(Excerpts from Potomac News – 4/6/2006)

“If a headstone was placed on the grave of Charles William Jones when he was buried in 1909, it is long gone.

“So is the Belle Haven Baptist Church that stood beside the cemetery and the village of Kopp that surrounded it.

“Jones’ great grandson, **Raymond Webster (Buck) Jones** (1948), however, made sure that he wouldn’t be forgotten. After five years of researching his family history, he was able to locate and prove to the federal government where Charles Jones was buried in the Belle Haven Cemetery aboard the Quantico Marine Corps base.

“I’m 78 years old. Once I die, this would never have been done,’ Buck Jones said.

“He will not be forgotten as long as that stone is there,’ he said.

“Since his great-grandfather served his country—albeit in the Confederate Army—Jones was able to get a headstone from the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

“I was surprised they would do it for a Confederate soldier, but they did. All I had to pay for was to have someone put it up,’ he said.

“**Jones** and his family and friends held a ceremony at the Belle Haven cemetery, a fenced-in area in the western part of the Quantico base near Independent Hill. The Marines use the area for training and cemetery is sur-

rounded by a lot of trees and forest land.”



IMPORTANT MESSAGE:
 (Contributed by **Norman GRIMM**)
JURY DUTY SCAM

Please pass this on to everyone. It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call.

Most of us take those summons for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced. Fall for it and your identity could be stolen, reports CBS.

In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn’t show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator.

If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers. Give out any of this information and bingo! Your identity just got stolen.

This scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado, Texas, and California. This scam is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they’re with the court system.

The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites warning consumers about the fraud.

Dee Campbell

In an article from the Alexandria Times (April 13-20 by Kara Urbanski) it was stated “to have a school building named in your honor, you must be dead for five years or more.

“And although **Dee Camp-**

bell, a long-time, beloved rowing coach, has retired to Florida, he's alive, well and kicking."



"Campbell, now 80, and living in Daytona Beach, was born in Alexandria. He started rowing in 1947 when he left the Navy after World War II. Rowing was his first love. He would later say he was 'married to crew.' No wife would put up with the early morning practices and intense competition schedules.

"Members of the board's facilities committee agreed to review the policy and regulations and clarify the approval process for naming part of an existing school building."

Dee is a 1944 graduate of G. W. H. S.

New Attendees:

The GWHS Golden Friends Lunch Bunch would like to welcome our new attendees at our luncheon on April 18th, at Old Country Buffet, Dale City, Virginia. Among those attending for the first time were Robert (Bob) ROHR (1950), Verda Richardson (Ontario 1947), Bill Richardson (Toronto 1948), Jeff Willis (Meyers HS, Wilkes-Barre PA 1978), Vince Willis (Kalani HI 1999), and Carolyn Norris Liddell (TCWms 1973).

We hope each of you will continue to join us for our monthly gatherings. The total attending in April was 150. Thanks to everyone for your participation.

The next luncheon will be on Tuesday, June 16th, in Dale City, VA

Bad Day

(Contributed by **Bobby Moore**)

A little guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big trouble-making truck driver steps up next to him, grabs his drink and gulps it down in one swig. The poor little guy starts crying

"Come on man, I was just giv-

ing you a hard time," says the truck driver. "I'll buy you another drink. I just can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," says the little guy between sobs. "I can't do anything right. I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me.

"When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I have no insurance.

"I grabbed a cab home but after the cab left, I discovered my wallet was still in the cab. I got home and discovered my wife had left me for my best friend. And then you show up and drink the poison!"

IMMUTABLE LAWS

From **Jerry Swisher**

When one wishes to unlock a door but has only one hand free, the keys are in the opposite pocket (Von Fumbles Law).

A door will snap shut only when you have left the keys inside (Yale Law of Destiny).

When one's hands are covered with oil, grease, or glue, your nose will start to itch (Law of Ichiban).

Your insurance will cover everything but what has happened (Insurance So Sorry Law).

When things seem to be going well, you've probably forgotten to do something (Cheney's Second Corollary).

If things seem easy to do, it's because you haven't followed all the instructions (Destiny Awaits Law).

If you keep your cool when everyone else is losing his, it's probably because you have not realized the seriousness of the problem (Law of Gravitass).

Most problems are not created or solved; they only change appearances (Einstein's Law of Persistence).

You will run to answer the telephone just as the party hangs up on you ((Principle of Dingaling).

Whenever you connect with the Internet, the call you've been waiting for all day will arrive (Principle of Bell South).

If there are only two programs on TV that are worth your time, they will always be at the same time (Law of

Wasteland).

The cost is always higher than one budgets for, and it is exactly 3.14 times higher, hence the importance of pi (Law of Pi Eyed).

The probability that one will spill food on one's clothes is directly proportionally to the need to be clean (Law of Campbell Scoop).

Each and every body submerged in a bathtub will cause the phone to ring (Law of Yes Now).

Wind velocity will increase proportionally to the cost of one's hairdo (The Don King Principle).

After discarding something not used for years, you will need it one week later (Law of Fatal Irreversibility).

Arriving early for an appointment will cause the receptionist to be absent, and if one arrives late, everyone else has arrived before you (Law of Delay).

Do not take life seriously, because in the end, you won't come out alive anyway (Theory of Absolute Certainty).

From **Janice Matheny Maguire:**

Only in America do people order double cheeseburgers, a large order of fries, and a Diet Coke.

Only in America do drugstores make the sick customers walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions.

Only in America do banks leave both doors open, and then chain the pens to the counters.

Only in America do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and keep useless junk in the garage.

Only in America do we buy hot dogs in packages of 10 and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America do we use answering machines to screen calls, and then have call waiting, so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.

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