

November 26, '80

Dear Rudy,

We received your letter + paper clippings today, all of which were interesting. It was good to hear you on phone Sunday night.

Guess you are planning a big Thanks - giving dinner. I will have to work as usual. Maude is off Thursday and Friday.

In response to us getting a photo picture book, I wrote the guy about two weeks ago but haven't heard from him. One of his 1st Cousins visited him last month. She lives at Wofford, N.C. and said he was still concerned + working on it, but that he said he may have to make another trip to N.C. next summer before he could go forward with it. She said if he came next summer he was going to arrange to be here for the reunion.

Sincerely
Norman

Do not return any of the clippings

Nov 16, 1980

Dear Herman + Maude, Stones,

Think of you often + wish I could see you both + get together once again. Look back on our visits with pleasure. Let me hear from you?

I noticed this article in paper to day. Edward G. Plyler's parent is on page 306 of the Plyler book. A son of G. Wash. Plyler b 1871 - died 1934 was a Arthur Herbert Plyler b 1897. I forget who he married but Edward G. was his son, born in Albemarle. He had a place of business near where I worked in 1965-66. etc. + I got to know him passing his business +. Made it my business to introduce myself as I knew he had to be one of our Plylers. I used to take him my copies of the Stanly News + Press. I believe both his father + mother are dead now.

He moved over to Va., some time ago + I understand he has a pretty good business over there. Interior decorating.

Anyway the Lee connection puzzles me. If it's so it would have to come from his mother's side as we don't pay claim to any Lee ancestors on the Plyler side can we? I hesitate to call him, + ask! But I'd like to know the connection wouldn't you? + his proof?

He's a little on the "queen" side if you know what I mean! I don't know as I

am completely correct as to his father being Arthur Herbert, it could have been Ernest Glenn, b 1905. I think that Mollie K. Pyle b 1919 and Homer Daniels of New London N.C. is still alive. At one time she was much interested in the family but now seems to have forgotten her interest. Any way that the clipping would be of interest to you. Let me hear from you.

I must call or write Ruby, it isn't easy for me to write well these days & I keep being "doing nothing" as they say. I don't seem to get much of importance done when you come right down to it. I was 80 in Sept. Three (3) of us went up to Cabot, Mass to a Nickerson family Reunion in Sept & I stayed up myself a couple of weeks went around visiting. I had a good time, still some of us "old timers" left. The weather was beautiful.

My daughter & her husband are now in Lake Worth, Florida & he is working for his outfit in Lakeland Fla., & the oldest girl, Pam, is in real estate in Jupiter, Fla., she does well. She'll be 28 in Dec. Guess Mike is also now 28. Phillip (31) is out on his own & has his own apt. He works steady & is a very nice boy. I miss him as he was always my helper around the house. Pam & Penny are quite near each other. That's nice for them.

Does the Carolina Genealogy
Society still exist? I miss their
bulletins ^{letters} & write ups. I don't do as
bulletins (sp?) much genealogy as I
used to but pick at it once in awhile.
Guess we'll never solve all the questions.

Hope you are all well & happy.
Do write me please.

Again, yours always

Agnes M. Carter

Aaron Plyler is a son of the old man whom Plyler who lived here at Monroe

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VIEWPOINT

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Proper lobby got project approved

Apply the proper leverage in the proper place, and a seemingly immovable object will gather motion. In political circles, placing a proper lobby in the proper place can get proper legislation (or projects) approved.

Union Memorial Hospital, acting as the lead agency for the citizens of Union County, began the long journey through a bureaucratic maze in search of a new, 160-bed facility. The citizens (in 1979) had gone to the polls and, by an overwhelming margin, had approved a \$13 million bond referendum, in effect, putting an extra tax levy on themselves.

Armed with the mandate (the overwhelming vote) and reams of statistics to support the idea of 160 beds, Union Memorial Hospital began winding its way through that bureaucratic maze.

The trip was not fruitful. The hospital's administration and board of trustees gained token support from boards which agreed on the need for more beds, but nothing close to 160.

In olden days, the information garnered by the hospital would have formed a battering ram capable of breaching the defenses of the world's most secure castle. In modern times (and politics), the bureaucrats were barely dented.

Persistence kept the hospital going.

Early this summer, Rep. Aaron Plyler entered the picture. Twice he went to Raleigh. Once, Union County's representative in the General Assembly went with Henry B. Smith (chairman of the board of trustees), Harry Sherwood (former chairman who led the successful bond drive) and Frank Griffin (the county's attorney). He returned in September with Sherwood and Jane Austin (hospital administration). Both times Plyler and the contingents carried amendments to the hospital's plea.

"We got no commitment, by any means," Plyler said recently. "But we did get encouragement we were on the right track."

"We were told we would get full consideration," he added.

Plyler had conversations with Gov. Jim Hunt, too.

"The governor told me he knew the people of Union County would not go out on a bond and approve it by a wide margin unless the beds

were absolutely needed," Plyler noted.

Last Tuesday, Plyler was back in Raleigh. He had appointments with Dr. Sarah Morrow, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and Tom Gilmore, the deputy secretary.

Plyler took a copy of The Enquirer-Journal with him and noticed the editorial (the Nov. 17 issue) calling on the county's representatives in Raleigh to lobby for the 160 beds.

"I had wanted to work quietly so the hospital issue would not become a political football," Plyler said, referring to the November election when he won another term.

"But, that editorial gave me the support I needed," the representative commented. "I made copies of it and gave them to Dr. Morrow and Gilmore."

"I'm sure it (the editorial) had influence with them," Plyler continued.

After meeting with Morrow and Gilmore, Plyler talked to Buck Lattimore (who conducted a public hearing in Union County) and I. O. Wilkerson (director of the human resources department's Division of Facility Services).

Plyler said he had no commitment when he left Raleigh, but he felt good about the situation.

Obviously, Plyler's good feelings were not without basis. A sudden reversal in Raleigh confirmed the need for 160 beds in Union County. That need is another process, one which Plyler is satisfied will end with the county getting all 160 beds.

Would Plyler have quit if the answer had been no?

"If I had not felt good about Tuesday's meetings, I would have gone back and gone all the way (to the governor)," Plyler said.

Plyler added all of Union County's representatives (Jim Garrison, Bob Jordan, Betty Thomas and Dwight Quinn) were 100 percent behind the need for 160 beds.

Plyler became that proper lobby (over and above the concerted efforts of the hospital's administration and board of trustees). Making the proper moves, the representative got the proper project approved.

In a nutshell, that proper lobby moved a bureaucratic mountain.