Rural Nun Physician, UA Archivist, and Medical Inventor Speak During Health Heritage Week in April

by Camille Elebash

At nearly forty years of age, Roseanne Cook, a nun of the Sisters of St. Joseph, decided to enter medical school. Today at 54 she is one of only four doctors in Wilcox County and the only physician at the Grace Busse Health Clinic in Pine Apple, Alabama. Dr. Cook will be honored by CCHS during Health Heritage Week April 12-16. She will also speak on Thursday, April 15, at the noon conference in the Willard Auditorium in the University of Alabama Educational Tower at DCH Regional Medical Center. Her topic: "Meeting Third World Health Needs in Alabama."

Sister Roseanne Cook, M.D., with a patient at the clinic in Pine Apple, Alabama. She is one of only four physicians in rural Wilcox County.

Her talk will introduce to her audience the art and the practice of medicine in the "third world" of Wilcox County. Located 125 miles south of Birmingham, it is light years away in terms of health care.

The Grace Busse clinic serves 2500 people, 93% of them below poverty level. Dr. Cook feels outrage when she sees how inaccessible decent health care is. She specializes in family medicine, the kind of practice that experts say must be emphasized to provide cost-effective health care in the future. Dr. Cook says her biggest frustration is knowing that if many of her patients asked how long she planned to stay. She answered, "I don't owe the government anything. I came because of need and plan to stay for the same reason."

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Dr. Cook originally from Westchester County, New York, she spent a year and half at St. Louis University, after which she became a nun in the Sisters of St. Joseph. She then taught biology, math and religion at a Catholic high school, attended Founsboe College in St. Louis for more undergraduate courses, then earned a PhD in physiology at Washington University. At the suggestion of her fellow Sisters of St. Joseph she went to medical school at the University of Missouri.

Other speakers during Health Heritage Week are Dr. Jerry Oldshue, University of Alabama Archivist, who will talk about "Medical Heritage of the University of Alabama, West Alabama, and Tuscaloosa." Dr. Robert Hingson, a retired physician and UA alumnus, who invented the jet inoculation gun and developed the caudle anesthesia process for childbirth. His topic will be "Eradicating Epidemics: Finishing the work of Dr. Gorgas" on Friday, April 16, at the noon conference.

Jerry Oldshue, PhD, University historian, will discuss health pioneers.

Dean Roland Foken and Dr. Robert Hingson with the jet inoculation gun he invented which helped wipe out small pox.

A Commemorative Exhibit: "The Medical Heritage of the University of Alabama, West Alabama, and Tuscaloosa" will be open to the public 10-4 on Friday an Saturday, April 16-17, at the Bryce House on Bryce Hospital Lawn.

Note. Camille Elebash is professor emeritus of Advertising and Public Relations. She retired from UA faculty position in 1990 and now serves on the Capstone Health Services Foundation Board and CCHS Capital Campaign Steering Committee.
Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCE) will be given to third-year Medical students from all three University of Alabama School of Medicine (UASOM) campuses at the Coliseum in Tuscaloosa on May 18 and 19, 1995. There will be two 4-hour sessions each day with 16 "stations" each.

OSCE is a series of 15-minute "stations," each of which is a clinical situation a medical doctor might face. Most of the 16 stations will be patients, some real and some volunteers trained to pose as patients. Observers note how the student handles each. Each student analyzes the problem and answers or advises the patient. Observers are faculty members who give the students feedback immediately, before they move on to the next station.

"We want to give our students the experience of taking an OSCE prior to graduation," said Elizabeth Philip, M.D., "since the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) plans to introduce this method of examination as the new Step 3 for medical licensure." The class of 1994 will be the first graduating class to sit for the new Step 3 exam.

Philip, who has directed the OSCE process at the Wake Forest School of Medicine for the past seven years, is organizing the UASOM exam. She moved to Tuscaloosa last fall and is now associate professor of Family Medicine at CCHS.

The exam will not be used for grading purposes this year. Students will be told their results and how they performed in relation to the rest of the class, but the grades will not be counted this year, said Philip. Tuscaloosa third year medical students will test on Wednesday morning, May 19.

CCHS will arrange housing for students and faculty observers from Huntsville for Tuesday night before the Huntsville group arrives, and the Bham group on Wednesday morning. Birmingham students will rotate through the sessions scheduled for Tuesday morning and afternoon.

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Tuscaloosa Hosts OSCEs for Third Year Students
Behavioral and Community Medicine...

• is conducting research on heart disease. “Social Support and Coronary Heart Disease Risk Factors: A Community Study” is funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of NIH and is being carried out by Drs. William Dressler, James Bindon, James Leeper, and Yasmin Neggers. This research will examine how social support affects morbidity and mortality from coronary heart disease. A cross-sectional survey of social stressors, social supports, health behaviors, and arterial blood pressure and serum lipids will be conducted in a black community in the rural South.

• is studying Social Environment and Physiologic Adjustment in a Developing Society, a National Science Foundation-funded project. Dr. William Dressler is working with colleagues in Brazil to examine physiologic responses to differences in the social environment. Social, ethnic, and dietary factors will be studied simultaneously in a society (Brazil) which has experienced rapid and profound culture changes in the past 30 years.

• provides assistance through the Health Research Consulting Service. The consulting service is directed by Dr. M. Christine Nagy and encourages and facilitates medical research by CCHS faculty, professional staff, residents, and students. It also promotes interdisciplinary research in health sciences. Services include consultation and technical services, research promotion, development of research skills, and assistance in locating funding and personnel. Current projects are studying AIDS, diabetes, premenstrual syndrome, gerontology, Alzheimer’s, adolescent health, maternal and child health, and medical education.

• provides technical assistance to the Rural Alabama Health Professional Training Consortium. The consortium, funded by the Bureau of Health Professions and directed by West Alabama Health Services, Inc., has developed an interdisciplinary training program in Eutaw for students of medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, and nutrition. Dr. James Leeper serves on the Board of Directors and assists in program evaluation.

• has Rural Health Initiatives as a broad-based priority of the Department, and all faculty participate in various aspects of these activities. Dr. John Wheat is coordinator. He serves as Medical Director for the Student Coalition for Community Health and Preceptor for Rural Community Health Fairs; consultant to Alabama Office of Rural Health; and consulting Health Services Director for Health Development Corporation.

• operates the Occupational and Preventive Medicine Clinic, a Capstone Medical Center clinic directed by Dr. John Wheat. It serves several Tuscaloosa industries and is involved in residency training. The clinic contracts for services with businesses and factories all over the region. Dr. Wheat has published papers dealing with workplace health promotion related to medical cost containment and evaluation of medical school instruction of health promotion/disease prevention, and agrimedicine.

• offers Undergraduate and Graduate Instruction by BCM Departmental faculty including such courses as biostatistics, epidemiology, medical behavioral science, health policy and planning, and independent study in preventive and community medicine. Faculty members also serve on numerous thesis and dissertation committees. They hold appointments in the Departments of Sociology, Anthropology, and Management Science and Statistics, the Program in Applied Statistics, and the Graduate School.

• reports that Asthma and mortality statistics are research projects for Dr. Susan Austin currently. She and Dr. Elizabeth Cockrum are designing data collection instruments to study factors related to successful treatment of pediatric asthma patients. Austin is also investigating a pilot project to analyze proportional mortality distributions of cancer and other causes of death by occupation in Alabama. The project is based upon all Alabama death certificates from 1984-1988, ages 16 and above.

Pediatrics...

• operates General Pediatric clinics each day of the week, morning and afternoon. Patients can be scheduled for well baby visits, illness visits, annual physicals, or for any general medical problems. Emphasis is placed on disease prevention. Immunizations are provided each day of the week for patients, utilizing the latest recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

• provides specialty care clinics at the Capstone Pediatric Clinic to meet the needs of our patients and the community including the six-county radius we serve. These visits are scheduled by appointment. Clinics include:

Follow-up Clinic for High Risk Nursery

All infants who experience severe respiratory distress, low birth weight, and extreme prematurity are followed in this clinic. Many of these babies have spent the first 2-4 months of their lives in the nursery. Infants are followed by a team. The team is supervised and scheduled by a perinatal project director. Members of the team include a nutritionist, a person who performs developmental assessments, a social worker, an occupational therapist, and speech and hearing personnel. All babies are closely followed.

Pediatric Cardiology

Patients with possible cardiac problems within the West Alabama area are treated. Echocardiography and other state-of-the-art techniques are provided by UAB pediatric cardiologists who see each patient along with medical students and residents. This clinic has served not only as a valuable resource to the community but as a valuable educational tool to our students and residents.
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Hyperactivity and hearing disorders
Appointments are scheduled with a faculty member in this department as needed for children who are experiencing school/learning problems.

Pediatric Adolescent Clinic
One of the pediatric faculty members who has completed a fellowship in adolescent medicine regularly sees adolescents both for general health follow-up or specific problems.

- staffs the Pediatric In-patient Service at DCH Regional Medical Center.

- Infants will be cared for in the new 40-bassinet nursery (early bonding, rooming in, and breast feeding are encouraged) or in the modern high risk nursery, a recently renovated 28-bed nursery where life-saving equipment can be provided to these babies. Two board certified neonatologists with faculty appointments in the school of medicine supervise all care.

- provides a pediatric rotation for Family Medicine Residents. They rotate on the pediatric service for five months during their three-year residency. In their third year they spend one month as the Senior Resident whose responsibility includes overseeing the pediatric inpatient service.

- Medical Students matriculate through pediatrics for a ten-week clerkship. During this time they spend five weeks on the ward, three weeks in the clinic, and two weeks in the High Risk Nursery. Students are required to take the National Mini-Board examination at the end of their ten-week rotation.

- reports that Deborah Poette-Johnson, M.D., recently completed a research project on the effects of pubertal factors on pressure sensitivity thresholds in young diabetics. Dr. Poette-Johnson left CCHS in January to enter private practice with Tuscaloosa Pediatrics in Northport. She completed one survey regarding AIDS in Daycare Centers, and is working with Drs. Chris Nagy and Peggy Jesse on at least two manuscripts regarding this data. They also plan to survey Pediatric and Family Medicine residents regarding their knowledge, attitudes, and health-related practices with AIDS patients. Poette-Johnson is also working with a group that includes Dr. Jim Looper to study racial comparisons of suicidal behavior.

- announces that Michael A. Taylor, M.D., published a guest article for the Children’s Trust Fund April Newsletter, “Child Abuse in the 90’s: Why Be Concerned?”

- is involved in asthma research. Elizabeth Cockrum, M.D., is involved in research looking at Management of Children with Asthma as influenced by regional variability and physical specialty training.

Psychiatry...

- is completing a research project on “predictors of psychiatric diagnosis in primary care.” This project is funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH). Researchers are Dr. Lee Badger, Principal Investigator, Dr. Elizabeth Rand, and Julia Hartman, M.A., Research Associate (and faculty from the Departments of Behavioral and Community Medicine and Family Medicine).

- is initiating another depression study. Drs. Badger and Badger, with Robert J. Teare, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work, are developing a project on the effectiveness of social work intervention on the detection and treatment of primary care depressed patients.

- reports that "Music and Psychiatry" and "The Effectiveness of Utilizing Standardized Patients in a Primary Care Psychiatry Experience" are current research projects of Pam Parker, M.D.

- announces several studies by Nancy Rubin, Psy.D. "Sexual Misconduct in Therapy" is a study being conducted by Nancy Rubin, with Beverly Thorn, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology at the University of Alabama. Dr. Rubin is also working on a continuing study of "Depression and Asthma" and "Lifespan Development of the Single Woman."

Health Sciences Library...

- provides online literature searches of the National Library of Medicine databases, including Medline, for a fee (online connect charges plus a $5.00 service charge). For more information on Medline searches or to request a search, call the library’s Reference Office at (205) 348-1364.

- has available five years of Medline on CD-ROM for users to do their own literature searching. The Reference Librarian or a reference assistant is available during the day to help.

- can advise on the use of Interlibrary loan of Grateful Med to do literature searches from office or home. Grateful Med is a user-friendly software program developed by the National Library of Medicine to search Medline.

- photocopied (within the copyright guidelines) at the cost of $1.15 per page.

- will fax copies of Medline searches or photocopied articles to your office. The cost of this service is $6.55 per page.

- obtains photocopied articles and borrow books from other libraries. Interlibrary loan charges are $5.00 per item.

- has an online card catalog and circulation system called Anedia. Anedia also provides access to the other University Libraries (Main, Business, Education, Science and Engineering).

- checks out books for a 30-day period to CCHS faculty, residents, medical students, UA faculty, staff and students; and other health professionals.

Obstetrics and Gynecology...

- has been expanding the use of computers in medical education. Students are learning through this interactive method and continuing to obtain higher than average board scores. The students also do mini research projects in selected topics in ob/gyn.

- is responding to residents who continue to demonstrate high interest in obstetrics. The staff welcomes and encourages residents to do extra-ob. At present, we have two residents with junior attending privileges and several interested in obtaining these privileges.

- reports that Ghassan Hamadeh, M.D., family practice attaining, has just completed a 6-month fellowship in ob. He is returning to his...
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homeland of Lebanon.

• will soon send Blane Shilling, M.D., from his ob fellowship to a promising practice together with David Tuten, M.D., in Pickens County.

• recognizes that Talladega County is also benefitting from the skills brought by graduates of our fellowship. Coosa Valley Medical Center, Sylacauga is hearing the cries of healthy newborns once again thanks to the highly successful efforts of Dr. Phil Smith.

• announces that Kevin Sherman, currently a junior attending for ob, will enter an ob fellowship position in July.

• has contributed to area health care by working with the community on contraceptive information. Michael Watkins, M.D., has criss-crossed the state teaching physicians how to insert the Norplant contraceptive capsules.

• can advise other health care centers in DepoProvera use. The FDA has given the green light for the use of DepoProvera as a contraceptive method. The U of A has been an area pioneer in this contraceptive method.

• reports that University physicians have been assisting the Maude Whatley Health Center in providing prenatal and some gyn care to patients at that center.

• conducts a busy schedule of patient care at the Capstone Medical Center. Our services range from Norplant insertions to office Laser and Leep procedures. In the 91-92 year there were 7,126 outpatient visits and 868 babies delivered by our service.

Internal Medicine

• is conducting research to profile Diabetic Patients in a Model Residency Training Program. Keith DeBell, M.D., Robert Pieron, M.D., Cathy Gresham, M.D., and Chris Nagy, PhD, are involved.

• reports that Dr. DeBell is also initiating research for comparison of Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) performance of third year medical students at a clinical campus with controls from a traditional clinical campus. He is working with Elizabeth Philip, M.D., Cathy Gresham, M.D., Debbie Sidrys, M.D., and Chris Nagy, PhD.

• is comparing anxiety and satisfaction scales over time during the four-year medical school curriculum. The research is being conducted by Drs. Debell, Gresham, Sidrys, Philip, and Nagy.

• is surveying primary care residents as part of an HIV research project. The research by Drs. Gresham, Deborah Poteet-Johnson, Chris Nagy, and Peggy Jessee, is currently in progress.

• reports that Dr. Gresham, who is active on the Medical Student Education Program Committee, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa Program, is working on Problem-based Learning and OSCE Workshops with Drs. James and Elizabeth Philip. She has assisted with Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCE) in planning and implementation of stations. She is also compiling information about our medical school and the problem-based learning in the CCIS Department of Internal Medicine to be considered for presentation at the Association of American Medical Colleges annual meeting in Washington, DC, in November 1993.

Surgery...

• is staffed by faculty who are all part time because they are practicing physicians of Tuscaloosa in general surgery; thoracic surgery; ear, nose, and throat surgery; neurosurgery; orthopaedic surgery; ophthalmology; urology; and anesthesiology. Even the Discipline Chief, Arthur F. Snyder, M.D., is "part-time." There are 57 "part-time" and "volunteer" faculty members that participate in our teaching program. Our only "full-time" staff member is Administrative Specialist, Nikki Moore, who coordinates our rotation schedules, conferences, and other departmental matters.

• teaches the Family Practice Residents during the entirety of their three-year program as well as teaching medical students during their third and fourth year. The program for residents and medical students helps them become acquainted with a broad field of general surgery and specifically with pre-operative patient evaluation and post-operative care.

• provides training to residents and medical students on the surgery service at three of our facilities here in Tuscaloosa: DCH Regional Medical Center; Northport DCH Hospital; and the Tuscaloosa Surgical Center.

• operates a Minor Surgery clinic and an Orthopedic clinic each week that the resident and medical student can take advantage of at the Capstone Medical Center.

• encourages faculty to achieve greater professional proficiency through board certification, recertification, advanced degrees, and special learning experiences and continuing education. Faculty in the Surgery Department participate in post-graduate medical education programs. For example, three of our faculty attended special fellowships. They were:


  Dr. John Buckley-Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Mayo Foundation, Fellowship in Myovascular Surgery-April 1991-Sept. 1991.

  Dr. Stephen Iard-Tufts Univ. School of Medicine, New England Baptist Hospital, Fellowship in Total Joint Replacement-July 1989-Dec. 1990.

• reports that Dr. William R. Shamblin will attend the American College of Surgeons meeting held at Point Clear, Alabama, during May.

• contributes to post-graduate medical education programs for the entire physician community of West Central Alabama.

During the month of July and August each year The College of Community Health Sciences Continuing Medical Education (CME) presents a "Medical Emergency Series" to these residents, medical students, and faculty. These conferences are also attended by DCH faculty, Bryce Hospital faculty, Partlow Hospital faculty and faculty from the VA Hospital. They are always open to our alumni and faculty. Surgery faculty participate during these special presentations.

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- presented conferences during the year. They include: Dr. Howard Falgout - Emergency Room-Thoracotomy Update; Dr. James H. Wallburn - nose bleed; and Dr. James E. Shotts - Sinus Diseases.
- added books, articles and audiovisual teaching programs of surgery procedures to our Surgery Library so we will have on hand "updated" information for our residents and medical students. These references are also taken advantage of by our own faculty members. Contact Nikki Moore at 348-1520 for more information.

Family Medicine

- is developing an Occupational Medicine curriculum through a Family Medicine Residency Training Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Russ Anderson, M.D., Jerry McKnight, M.D., and John Wheat, M.D., are contributing to this project.
- reports that Margaret Garner presented “Sports Nutrition” at the Southeastern Athletic Trainers’ Association Student Athletic Trainer Clinical Symposium on February 6, 1993. She has also presented “Understanding Cholesterol and your Health,” “Obesity and Diabetes Mellitus,” “Type II Diabetes Mellitus,” and “Nutritional Considerations for the Competitive Athlete.”
- continues to develop the Practice Management curriculum for the Family Medicine Residency Training Grant awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Bob Ireland is directing this effort. He is also clinic Director of the Family Medicine clinics at Capstone Medical Center and Secretary of the Family Medicine Section at DCH Regional Medical Center.
- is conducting second year activities for the Residency Training Grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Jerry Jones continues as Principal Investigator. He also contributed a chapter on “Diarrhea” to be published in Essentials of Family Medicine by W. B. Saunders during 1993, and he prepared “Parasitic Disease” for the AAP Home Study Audio Program.
- has received Alabama Family Practice Rural Health Board Grants including Student Coalition for Community Health, Preceptor Development Grant, and Rural Rotation for Family Practice Residents-Development of Model Rural Training Sites. Dr. Alan Maxwell, Discipline Chief, and other faculty have made these projects a priority.
- announces that Dr. Jerry McKnight received the 1992 Annual Family Practice Award from the Tuscaloosa Family Practice Association and was appointed as Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine for 1992-1994 at DCH Regional Medical Center.
- is preparing grants by Family Medicine faculty which include Prenatal group counseling in pregnant teenagers and pregnancy outcome (co-investigators: Drs. Elizabeth Philp, Pam Tietze, and Florencia Patterson) and a study of medical student demographics, their mood scores on standardized instruments, and their choice of medical specialty (co-investigators: Drs. C. Gresham, D. Sidrys, K. Debell, and Elizabeth and J.R. Philp).
- will conduct OSCEs for all third year students. The Objective Standardized Clinical Exam for third year medical students on all U.S. and Canadian medical school campuses is being organized by CCHS Family Medicine faculty member Elizabeth Philp. (See story, p. 2.) She is also preparing a Continuing Medical Education Program to train community-based family medicine preceptors in problem-based learning techniques.
- conducts Gynecology clinics through a contract with West Alabama Health Services. Pam Tietze, M.D., staffs these clinics. Dr. Tietze is also course coordinator for first year resident conferences, and she developed and implemented residency curriculum in gynecologic and obstetric procedures, including colposcopy, biopsy techniques, and ultrasonography.

Health Service offers list of 800 numbers

The U.S. Public Health Service has toll-free 800 telephone numbers which offer recorded data, referrals, written materials, and sometimes personal counseling for health problems.

- Some of the most popular: National AIDS Hotline 800-342-AIDS; Spanish language AIDS hotline, 800-544-7432; both lines open 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. EST; Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Treatment Center, 800-385-4357, 24 hours; National Institute on Drug Abuse helpline for Managers and CEOs, 800-445-4971, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time; Asthma and Allergy Foundation of American 800-7-ASTHMA, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST; National Child Abuse Hotline, 800-422-4553, 24 hours.

There’s even an 800 number for the PHI agency that can help people locate an 800 number for a specific health topic; it’s 800-336-4797 and, in Maryland, 301-565-4167; both lines are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.
Jimmy Faulkner of Bay Minette cannot be described easily and certainly not simply. He is a man who began as a journalist (by happenstance, he now says) but had to buy himself a newspaper to find the job he wanted. From there his business grew to include ownership of more newspapers and then radio stations, timber, real estate, investments, housing, insurance companies, and currently (since 1958) engineering and construction with David Volkert and Associates, Engineers and Architects.

Along the way he ran for governor twice (in 1954 and 1958); became the youngest mayor in the country when he was elected at age 23 by the city of Bay Minette, his adopted home; and was named "Most Outstanding Freshman Senator" in the Alabama state senate in 1955. He also chaired the hospital board, housing authority, airport authority, and industrial development boards of Bay Minette; and he raised money for charity, political allies, and higher education (the worthy cause closest to his heart). In addition, Faulkner has been active in civic service.

He was a director of the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce from 1940 until 1989. A director of the Bay Minette Chamber of Commerce since 1948, he has been a key figure in bringing new industry to Baldwin County.

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Plant, Bay Slacks, and Den-Tal-Ee are three plants which Faulkner takes pride in bringing to Bay Minette. Each has expanded in production and number of employees since locating there.

Harold Pearson, then President of Den-Tal-Ee, first met Faulkner when he was searching for a place to build his dental equipment plant. He had the prime role in Pearson’s decision to locate there. "He knew everybody in the state of Alabama," Pearson said of Faulkner, who helped him with tax and worker training issues. "Jimmy made things happen for everyone. He was a fantastic gentleman who did nothing but good for his community."

Depending on who is asking, Faulkner wants only a "Yankee dime" for his biography, which was written by Sandra Basley Pearson (formerly state editor of the Mobile Press Register). The book is amazing not only for its interesting account of the details behind the news stories about this complex man, but because the author and the subject met when she sued him for a series of articles she wrote about his power and influence over county boards which he has said were "out of context, misleading, and libelous."

A Lamar County native, Faulkner was born in 1916 to a farmer father and a teacher mother. He credits his mother, who worked part time but determinedly for years toward her teaching degree, with his great respect for education. His mother’s faith inspired his lifelong membership and support for the Church of Christ. He attended a Christian college and has endowed Christian schools throughout his life. Alabama Christian College, Tuscaloosa, was renamed Faulkner Christian in his honor.

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