

goes to bed hungry, and everyone has a home and hope.

IN HONOR OF THE MONTEREY  
COUNTY HEAD START PROGRAM

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2005*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Monterey County Head Start Program. The program provides a comprehensive child development program to preschool children whose families live below poverty level. The Monterey County Head Start Program is dedicated to serving and supporting the communities of Monterey County through educational development of children that fully prepare them for school and their experiences in life.

The Monterey County Head Start Program originated in Castroville in June 1965 with the help of the Community Action Agency. The program expanded to Salinas and Seaside in 1975 with grant support from the Monterey County Office of Education. Now, the Head Start Program operates 26 preschool centers in Monterey County, providing services to well over one-thousand children and their families. Their goal to provide the highest quality program for the children and families in the county has been very successful.

Every child in the Head Start Program is provided the highest quality child development program based on the internationally acclaimed, research-based High Scope Curriculum. Physical and dental examinations are given to each child, as well as an individualized educational program to suit each child's needs. The program also offers the Early Head Start Program which is designed to provide assistance to qualifying pregnant women, infants, and toddlers; as well as parent education for nutrition, first aid, and self-sufficiency skills. Truly, this is an inclusive program that has enhanced the lives of so many residents in the 17th district.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate the Monterey County Head Start Program for forty years of outstanding service. The Head Start staff performs an exceptional job daily facilitating school readiness for children and fostering lifelong independence and personal responsibility for low-income families. The Monterey Head Start Program provided services to over thirty-thousand children and families in the rural and urban communities of Monterey County, and our community is immensely grateful for their contribution.

TRIBUTE TO BILL HORNER, JR., A  
RESPECTED NEWSMAN

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 11, 2005*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing of a distinguished gentleman. Bill Horner, Jr., the former publisher of The Sanford Herald, was a great North Carolinian. He died last month after a 3 year battle with cancer, and is survived by a fine and lov-

ing North Carolina family. I ask permission to submit for the RECORD several newspaper reports on this sad occasion.

BILL HORNER JR., 67, NEWSMAN WAS  
PUBLISHER OF THE SANFORD HERALD  
(From the Associated Press)

SANFORD.—Bill Horner Jr., the middle man in a family tradition of publishing The Sanford Herald, died Thursday of cancer, the newspaper reported. He was 67.

Horner died in Sunset Beach, where he had moved after his retirement 7 years ago.

Beginning in the 1960s, William Edward Horner Jr. worked in all departments of the paper before he finally followed in the footsteps of his father, Herald founder W.E. Horner, as publisher in 1991.

He retired April 1, 1998, when the newspaper was sold to Paxton Media Group, a family-owned company based in Paducah, Ky. His son, Bill Horner III, is the current publisher.

Horner was born in Sanford and graduated from Sanford Central High School. As a youth, he delivered the Herald on his bicycle and later spent afternoons and evenings working in the mailroom.

He earned an English degree at UNC-Chapel Hill in 1959, working in the newspaper industry during the summers.

Horner served 2 years in the Navy after graduation, then returned to the Herald at the behest of his father, who told his son he would start as a printer's devil.

"I had some idea of what a printer's devil was," Horner wrote in 1980, "and it didn't sound nearly as flashy as being a lieutenant (jg) in the U.S. Navy."

But he came home nevertheless, working in the print shop and then moving on to other parts of the newspaper, including the newsroom.

He gradually assumed a greater role in the management of the newspaper, taking over major decisions about the business upon W.E. Horner's semiretirement in 1966 at the age of 65.

"Bill was very kind and supportive to me over the years, and I always considered him more of a friend than as my boss," said R.V. Hight, who began work at The Herald in 1979 as sports editor and now serves as special projects editor.

"He loved this newspaper and was a strong leader as both general manager and publisher. I am grateful to have known Bill, and I shall miss him."

In addition to his son, he is survived by his daughter, Belinda Horner Cooper of Hampstead; close friend Carol Bowman of Sunset Beach; sisters Louise Horner Bowles of Greensboro and Nancy Horner Hulin of Carolina Beach; four grandchildren; and two nieces and a nephew.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, people consider making donations to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCareCenter, 10 Doctors Circle, Suite 4, Supply, NC, 28432, or to the charity of their choice.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

[From the Sanford Herald]

FORMER HERALD PUBLISHER, 67, DIES

SUNSET BEACH.—Former Herald Publisher Bill Horner Jr., who oversaw the newspaper's conversion from "hot-type" to "cold-type" offset printing, died Thursday of complications following a three-year battle with cancer.

William Edwin Horner Jr., 67, was the son of Herald founder W.E. Horner, who died in 1994, and father of current publisher Bill Horner III. A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Luke United Methodist Church, where Horner was a member.

The Rev. Bob Yandle, a friend of Horner's for many years, will officiate.

Diagnosed with esophageal cancer in the fall of 2001, Horner underwent surgery for the disease on two occasions and was in remission for a time, but the cancer returned and his health declined steadily in the last year.

In addition to his son, he is survived by his daughter, Belinda Horner Cooper, of Hampstead, and her husband Billy; his special friend Carol Bowman of Sunset Beach; sisters Louise Horner Bowles of Greensboro and Nancy Horner Hulin of Carolina Beach; and grandchildren William E. "Zachary" Horner IV, Addison Horner and Karis Horner, children of Bill III and his wife, Lee Ann. Also surviving are nieces Cheryl Hulin Brown of Knightdale and Laura Bowles Warren of McLean, Va., and nephew Jim Hulin of Jamestown.

In addition to his father, Horner was preceded in death by his mother, Nannie Andrews Horner, in 1978.

Horner was born in Sanford and graduated from Sanford Central High School, completing his high school degree while working afternoons and evenings in the mailroom of The Herald. Upon turning 12 years old, he took a bicycle paper route that served 125 customers in a section of downtown Sanford near the family home. Following high school, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning a degree in English in 1959.

During his college years, he stayed close to the newspaper business—working one summer as a reporter for The Raleigh Times, the now-defunct sister newspaper of The News & Observer, and another selling subscriptions door-to-door in rural Kentucky for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal.

After his graduation from Chapel Hill, Horner—who was a part of the Reserve Officer Training Corps during his college years—was commissioned as an ensign and called up for a two-year hitch with the Navy. He spent most of that time aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal as chief disbursement officer on the ship's supply officer staff.

Horner wrote in the 50th anniversary edition of The Herald in 1980 that while aboard the Forrestal, his duties ranged "from being disbursing officer in charge of the ship's finances and safes, in which I kept more than \$7 million in cold, hard cash, to being an assistant stores officer when about all I had to do was check storerooms to make sure the pliers, wrenches and ballpoint pens were counted correctly."

Eventually promoted to the rank of lieutenant (junior grade), Horner was about to disembark in Naples, Italy and fly back to Norfolk, Va., for mustering out when he wrote he "received THE letter from the 'old man'—not the Navy one, the Herald one."

Horner said his father detailed plans in the letter for his son to come back to the newspaper to formally learn the trade—beginning with the job of "printer's devil" in the newspaper's "back shop," and then learning to operate a linotype machine, before moving to the other departments of the operation.

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By then, he was married to his first wife, the former Shirley Prendergast, whom he met in the Navy, and Horner eventually worked his way through all departments of the newspaper, even serving as interim editor for a period in 1964.

One of his experiences that same year as a reporter, he'd later say, showed him the importance of a newspaper's role in the community.

He was assigned to cover a gathering of the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, which was