

send him down to Norfolk, Virginia, to work.

Many of you have expressed an interest in what Granddaddy Bolles was like, what he did, and what he was interested in. I'll try to give you a little bit of background. He was born in Brownstown, Indiana, and grew up there. Then he went to Purdue and studied engineering. This was quite unusual because at that time, very, very few people went to college. Purdue was a little school and I would guess that Charlie Bolles was probably the only kid in Brownstown that went away to college at that time let alone some place like Purdue. He liked Purdue, did well there, and joined the Sigma Chi fraternity. He had a great time with all the Sigma Chi's and told many stories about his days at Purdue. Among his buddies at Purdue that went on to be what I'll call well known in their era, were people like John McCutcheon, who became a cartoonist for the CHICAGO TRIBUNE. He met on occasion, although he wasn't a good friend, with George Aid. Larry Downs, who went on to be President of the Illinois Central Railroad was a roommate of his, and Charlie Studebaker was a big buddy of Charlie's. Another person he got to know quite well at Purdue was a fellow named Michael Golden. Michael Golden was a professor at Purdue at the time Granddaddy Bolles studied there. In fact, Michael Golden kept Granddaddy Bolles from being kicked out of Purdue at one time.

Granddaddy Bolles, while we were growing up, played the piano a lot, took us to Sunday School and had become a very religious Methodist. It is surprising that he and his friends all whooped it up so much in the 1890's. Every year the Homecoming Parade at Purdue was lead by the Sigma Chi's in a great big horse-drawn carriage they called the Tallyho. They all thought this was a big deal. One year while Charlie was at Purdue, the Sigma Nu's, unknown to the Sigma Chi's, had rented the one big Tallyho that was available in Lafayette. The Sigma Chi's didn't find this out until the week before homecoming. They were not to be out done by the Sigma Nu's, and they found out there was an even bigger Tallyho in St. Louis. So Charlie and about four other Sigma Chi's cut class, which was unheard of at that time, and took a train to St. Louis. Then they drove the Tallyho back to Lafayette and arrived in Lafayette on Saturday morning just before the festivities. They got everything organized and right before the Homecoming Parade started, they drove out in front of the parade with their great big new Tallyho. Of course, the university figured out what was going on right away. The president called all four of them in and promptly kicked them out of school. Michael Golden being the kind of fellow he was, went to bat for Charlie and his buddies. He convinced the President of Purdue that they could stay in class at least until the end of the year, and if they behaved themselves, they could come back for another year. Granddaddy Bolles was always very fond, naturally, of Michael Golden.

After Granddaddy Bolles got out of Purdue, he went on to MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts to do graduate work in electrical engineering. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in the Boston and