

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

The Editor State Port Pilot Southport, N. C. Dear Sir:

I write in respect to the legislation generally referred to in Brunswick County as the "Recorders Court Act".

This legislation, as passed by the last General Assembly, is of interest to all voters in the county because it prevents them from electing their Recorders Court judge and the Board of County Commissioners for two years beginning December 1st, 1940, in accordance with the traditional custom of years; and because it compels the people of the county to accept as their judge and their governing body men selected by two legislators instead of men selected and elected by the people in free elections.

As one of those Democrats who have been active in opposition to the Recorders Court act and all similar legislation, because we believe it takes certain of our rights as free citizens from all the citizens of this county, I ask your space to inform my friends who have inquired of me as to what has been done, and if anything further can be done to change the condition created by the passage of these acts.

From the first moment that it became known that our State Senator contemplated the enactment of such legislation numbers of the leading Democrats in the county joined together in making known their opposition to any such legislation, and endeavored to persuade our legislators to abandon their expressed intention of forcing it upon our people.

Our Board of County Commissioners, all Democrats, refused to give the proposed legislation their sanction, or to have anything to do with it officially. A member of the Board, acting in his private capacity went to Raleigh and protested enactment of the legislation, and endeavored to make appearance against the bills before the house committee which had the matter in charge.

The county Democratic Executive Committee, at a public meeting held in the county court house after ample public notice, and called specifically to consider the contemplated legislation, held a public hearing in the matter

and then voted against enactment of the legislation. Notice of this formal condemnation of their intentions by their party's governing body was sent to the legislators.

Finally, private citizens in numbers called personally upon our legislators and urged them to abandon all thought of any such legislation, at least until such time as the matter could be laid before the people at an election and the voters had expressed their will in respect to it.

Despite all protests to the contrary, pleading political expediency and personal promises by way of excuse, our legislators persisted in placing the legislation before the Assembly and secured its passage by that body. Similar legislation was enacted at the same session of the Assembly affecting certain offices in various other counties, the offices affected including that of Registrar of Deeds of Harnett County, among others.

From the moment the "Recorders Court Act" was passed citizens opposed to it and to all similar laws have worked to find some means by which the laws could be set aside and the people's rights to select and elect their own officers returned to the people.

The opinion of the Attorney General having been sought and found favorable to the legislation, a court test was desired which would develop the opinion of the Supreme Court on the matter.

This court test came in connection with the office of Registrar of Deeds of Harnett County. The Supreme Court decision in this case, recently handed down, held that the Assembly had the power to enact this type of law.

This decision of the Supreme Court is binding upon every citizen of the State. Under it all thought of securing abrogation of the objectionable legislation in time so that the citizens of this county may elect their Recorder Judge and Board of County Commissioners at the next regular election must be abandoned.

However, according to advice from good lawyers of both parties, the people may if they wish try to have the law repealed by the next Assembly and if successful in their attempt hold a special election to fill the office for the time remaining after the law is repealed.

I understand that the Supreme Court has held that any regular session of the Assembly may, if the public good requires it, terminate by act of any officer holder and provide for filling the vacant office by special election or otherwise as the Assembly deems fit and proper.

With this in mind I recommend to the voters of Brunswick County that they elect this time to

represent them in the General Assembly a Democrat who will, whenever he is convinced that a majority of the people whom he represents desire it, offer in the Assembly and try to have enacted a repealer to the Recorders Court Act and similar laws affecting Brunswick county; and concurrently, a bill providing for a special election in the county as soon as possible after the repealer becomes effective, so that the people of the county may fill for themselves the office of Recorders judge and County Commissioners with persons elected by the people.

It is my personal deep and abiding conviction that such repealing and enabling legislation should be had. Nevertheless, if I were representing Brunswick County in the house at the next session of the General Assembly I would not move in the matter unless and until I was assured beyond any reasonable doubt that a good majority of voters in the county desired me to move. Therefore, I believe that it is desirable that the people express themselves in the matter, formerly by petition and otherwise as they see fit, when the proper time comes.

It is now my first purpose to work to elect to represent Brunswick County (in a State Assembly composed almost entirely of Democrats) a Democrat who can be counted upon not to usurp to himself for any reason powers which I believe belong with the electorate which sends him to Raleigh. When this has been accomplished I will be glad to work with all citizens who wish to work to secure a free selection and election of our Recorders Court judge and County Commissioners.

Thanking you for the space you have allowed me, I am Yours very truly George R. Foulke, Jr.

Shalotte News

R. D. White, Jr., has arrived from Blue Ridge school in Florida to spend the spring holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White.

The following were Wilmington visitors Saturday: Misses Annie Russ, Carinne Greene, Britie Holden, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gatlin, Mrs. Woodrow Russ, Misses Aileen Williams and Clarice Swain and Mrs. Wm. Teachey.

Mrs. Lillian Oliver visited friends at the village point Saturday.

Tobacco Control

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which previously had received the tentative endorsement of Congressmen from tobacco districts.

Confident predictions of favorable Congressional action on the proposed amendments at this session were voiced by Representative Harold D. Cooley, who presided, and by Representatives Lindsey Warren, John H. Kerr and others who joined in the conclave.

Several suggestions advanced from the floor on methods of improving the language of the proposed amendments were adopted. As soon as these can be drafted into legislative form, the amendments will be placed before Congress and it is planned for the House agriculture committee to take almost immediate action.

SENATORS THERE Joining in the harmonious, free and open discussion of the tobacco situation were Senator Bailey of North Carolina, Byrd of Virginia, Bailey of South Carolina and Pepper of Florida, and Representatives Warren, Kerr, Barden, Cooley, Folger, Durham, Clark and Bulwinkle of North Carolina; Fulmer and McMillan of South Carolina; Burch and Flannagan of Virginia, Chapman and Creal of Kentucky and Green of Florida.

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ZONE MISSIONARY MEETING HELD

(Continued from Page 1) delicious luncheon at noon.

Zone chairmen are: Duplin, Mrs. W. F. Murphy, Wallace; Union, Mrs. B. Whiteside, Clinton; New Hanover, Mrs. George Cannon, Bolivia.

Southport, Zion and Bolivia auxiliaries are in New Hanover zone and sent delegates to the conference.

COUNTY COUNCIL P-T. A. MEETING

(Continued from page one) Interesting exhibits from all county schools will be on display and the public is invited.

NEW REGISTRATION IN SOUTHPORT IS FOUND NECESSARY

(Continued from page one) judge, M. W. Grisett, (R) judge, Shingletree: Lacy Bennett, registrar, Draudie Bellamy, (D) judge, T. L. Long, (R) judge, Longwood: W. E. Avent, registrar, Dave Bennett, (D) judge, G. D. Smith, (R) judge, Ash: Isaac Phelps, registrar.

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Clyde Long, (D) judge, S. K. Babson, (R) judge.

Waccamaw: Mrs. Wrent Mintz, registrar, David Ross, (D) judge, L. M. Inman, (R) judge.

Exum: D. B. Edwards, registrar, Ester Vereen, (D) judge, Roddy R. Bennett, (R) judge.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC SCHEDULE GIVEN

(Continued from page one) Mrs. Smith and Dr. Stevick are at Leland today.

On Tuesday, April 16, they will hold a clinic at Shalotte; Wednesday, April 17, at Bolivia; Friday, April 19, at Waccamaw.

POLITICAL

(Continued from page one) to see just how susceptible the voters of North Carolina are to a whirlwind attack.

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for the Democrats if he wants to run; with Dewey continuing as the best bet for the Republicans.

BE PATIENT

Within the past few days I have had the opportunity to see and talk to many of my friends throughout the county. During the next few days I plan to make a thorough canvass of the county in the interest of my candidacy for the office of Registrar of Deeds. All that I ask of you, my friends, is that you wait until I have had an opportunity to talk to you before you make up your mind as to your vote in this race.

W. S. (Bill) WELLS

Numerous Cases Of Little Importance Are Disposed Of Before Judge W.J. Bone

(Continued from page one) Corbett Simmons was found guilty of possession for the purpose of sale. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs, defendant to remain of good behavior.

Arlen Dew was found guilty of operating an auto with improper license. He was taxed with a fine of \$1.00 and costs.

R. N. Roberts and Horace Roberts were found not guilty of larceny.

David Mitchell and Atlas Troy pleaded guilty to charges of stealing an automobile. The former was given 12 months, the latter 8 months on the roads. One divorce case, Mary Lay

Hickman McLamb vs. Lyle McLamb was granted on the ground of 2 years separation.

E. A. Ganey was named man of the grand jury which serve for 12 months. Others members are F. W. Milliken, G. Jones, G. A. Robinson, J. P. gletary, A. D. Long, R. L. Lee Coleman, Carl Hewett, R. Milliken, D. L. Mercer, A. Mercer, Bailey Russ, G. W. G. D. Kirby and R. G. Lewis

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Spring is late; what about this year's crop?

The war goes on; what is the world coming to?

Perplexing problems, all.

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NOTICE NOTICE

FOURTH CALL FOR TAXES

I will be at the places cited below at the time designated for the purpose of collecting taxes. 3 Per Cent Penalty Begins on 1939 Taxes May 1, 1940. Pay Now and Save Costs!!

- Exum—Bennett's Store, April 24th, 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.
Freeland—Simmons' Store, April 24, 11:45 to 12:30 p. m.
Ash Post Office, April 24, 12:45 to 1:30 p. m.
Longwood, April 24, 2:00 to 2:45 p. m.
Hickman's Cross Roads, April 24, 3:00 to 3:30 p. m.
Thomasboro, April 24, 3:45 to 4:30 p. m.
Grissett Town—Parker's Store, April 24, 4:40 to 5:30 p. m.
Lockwoods Folly—Varnum's Store, April 25, 10:00 to 11:00 a. m.
Lockwoods Folly, Roach's Store, April 25, 11:30 to 12:30 p. m.
Boone's Neck—Robinson's Store, April 25, 12:45 to 2:00 p. m.
Lockwoods Folly—Kirby's Store, April 25, 2:30 to 4:00 p. m.
North West—Lonnie McKoy's Store, April 30, 11:30 to 12:30 p. m.
North West—Mrs. A. M. Chinnis' Store, April 30, 1:00 to 2:00 p. m.
Winnabow—Henry's Store, April 30, 2:30 to 3:15 p. m.
Bolivia—April 30, 3:30 to 5:00 p. m.
Shalotte—Post Office Square, April 27, 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.

CHAS. E. GAUSE

Tax Collector For Brunswick County

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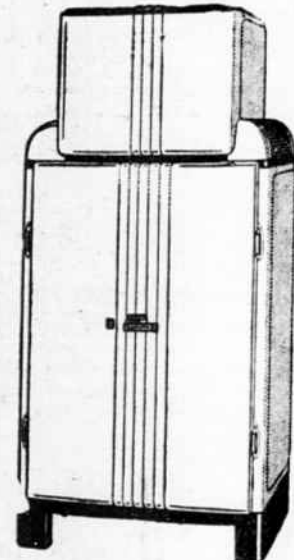
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You must get the coupon in by that date or the certificate will be worthless. After you have sent the coupon, the Certificate will be worth \$25.00 at any time during 1940, on the purchase of a new 1940

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When you are ready for your refrigerator, present the certificate above and we will accept it as \$25.00 on the purchase of any model Superfex you choose—provided you have mailed or brought us the coupon with your name or address by or before April 25. That's all there is to it. Our salesman will call on you when you want, but sending us the coupon does not put you under obligation to buy.



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