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Frink For Congress

We depart from our policy of maintaining political neutrality in The Pilot to endorse a Brunswick county man for a district office. This does not mean that we intend to abandon our practice of remaining independent where contests for political office lie between citizens of our own county, but when a qualified man from Brunswick is a candidate against men from other counties, we feel that he is entitled to the full support of his people at home.

It should be a source of considerable satisfaction to his friends throughout the district to learn that the announcement of S. Bunn Frink for the Democratic nomination to Congress has met with general approval. The consensus of opinion is that Mr. Frink will make a mighty good representative for the people of the Seventh Congressional District in the Congress of the United States, and political leaders recognize the fact that he will be hard to beat.

The announcement by Mr. Frink followed closely upon the heels of a statement issued recently by Congressman J. Bayard Clark that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Frink declared that his warm admiration for Mr. Clark had restrained him from seeking election to Congress as long as the Fayetteville man continued to serve. With the field now wide open, he was quick to express his desire to fill this office.

The Southport man is well known throughout the district, and enjoys the advantage of having served for two terms as representative in the North Carolina State Senate for four of the counties which comprise the Seventh Congressional District. Prior to his election to the Senate, Mr. Frink emerged victorious in a political slugfest which gave him the job of Clerk of Superior Court for Brunswick county. He is a good speaker, a good politician and a hard scrapper.

So much for the qualifications which Mr. Frink appears to possess as a candidate. If he is successful in securing the nomination and is elected to a seat in Congress, there are few who doubt that he will serve with ability and distinction. He is a man who takes his obligations seriously, and he is a past master at the art of learning a lesson from each new experience. We think that if he is elected to Congress that he will grow in stature, and we predict that he will be returned by the voters of his district time and again until he has attained much of the dignity and prestige enjoyed by Mr. Clark.

It is our opinion that this in itself is a worthy objective.

Under Handicap

With eleven days lost from regular sessions during the month of February, schools of Brunswick county will operate for the remainder of the year on a force-draft basis. There can be no more time lost from the classroom than may possibly be avoided.

This imposes a responsibility upon the parents to see that their children are in school every day when not prevented by sickness from attending, and to see that they are there on time. It means that the pupils themselves must buckle down to the matter of making their time in their classes count for all that is possible.

If this school year is to bring the help it should to the youth of our county, there can be no let up in the quest for learning until time for commencement.

California exceeds all states in the total and per capita registration of automobiles.

Meditation Hour

We think that residents of Southport are over looking a pleasant way to spend a part of Sunday afternoon when they fail to visit Trinity Methodist church during the Meditation Hour. For the past two weeks, from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock on Sunday one of the organists for the church has played a program which could not fail to stir the soul of anyone who loves music. Many of the numbers were played by request.

If you do not have something special to do next Sunday afternoon at that time, stop in at the church for a few minutes. You are free to go and come as you wish, there is no formal program, there is no preaching, no praying, no collection. It is just an hour during which you are invited to enjoy the worshipful atmosphere of the church auditorium and to let your thoughts ride away in the wings of sacred music.

Teaching Problem

Writing from Leland, Mrs. Eva R. Knox, president of the Brunswick County unit of the North Carolina Education Association, reminds us of something that should be foremost in the minds of thousands of North Carolina people.

As it stands, only a pitiful few take notice of the fact that since 1942, North Carolina has lost 2,349 teachers, most of these having Grade "A" certificates. Many of them have been replaced by teachers with certificates in the lower brackets. Some have not been replaced at all.

After many teachers undergo extreme hardship and expense to qualify themselves for one of our most essential professions, the teaching of North Carolina children, they find themselves forced to abandon this work for which they trained. They must turn to something else that will provide them with a living.

Forty-two states spend more than North Carolina per pupil on the basis of average daily attendance. Only four states in the Union place a greater load on their teachers than North Carolina.

Only the governor has the power to inaugurate a change. He can do that by calling a special session of the legislature to consider school appropriations. We believe he will do that if the people awaken and join in the crusade for better schools in North Carolina.

It is hoped that a great many letters will go forward from Brunswick county this week and next to Governor Cherry asking him to do something to consider the schools of North Carolina.

Rural Roads First

A network of super highways is unquestionably a desirable objective for North Carolina, but we are inclined to agree with State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson that rural road improvement should come first.

Our county seat-to-county seat system is somewhat out-of-date and leaves much to be desired from the standpoint of across-the-State travel, but if a bond issue is to be authorized for road construction, we think North Carolinians will prefer the farm-to-market network.

There are several reasons for this preference. Thousands of farmers are still in the mud. Moreover, we've consolidated schools to the extent that buses must operate to all communities in a circle around the central unit. That involves the use of roads in the Winter season when road conditions are likely and usually are the worst. We've seen how it works in our own county. Schools had to be closed when inter-city travel over hardsurfaced highways was practically normal. The result is that many school children must be kept in the classroom next Spring when parents need them on the farm.

Considering shortages in equipment and labor during recent years, the State Highway and Public Works Commission has done an excellent job, and Johnson's advocacy of a rural road improvement plan should not be construed as an attack upon Governor Cherry's administration. On the contrary, Cherry's friends have no right to feel that the Governor was insulted. The public knows that not until now has there been any possibility of carrying through with such a program. Even today, careful consideration should be given to each phase of the farm-to-market road building program to see that we get our money's worth.

The advisability of a bond issue for any purpose is subject to debate, but if the choice is between super highways and rural roads, we believe North Carolina will prefer to take the farm-to-market network.

MONDAY HOLIDAY

County offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Washington's Birthday, according to County Auditor R. C. St. George.

NO INQUEST FOR

(Continued from page one) around the fact that a \$300.00 diamond ring worn by him is alleged to be missing. Also not accounted for is his wrist watch and, it is believed, a considerable sum of money. He was known to have cashed a check for over \$100.00 just a few hours preceding his death and only 59 cents was found on his person.

HEALTH NURSE

Continued From Page One Office for shots or advice; 679 homes visited to see school children, sick people or school children; 34 visits or calls made to doctors for advice; 43 conferences with County Officials for advice;

64 visits made to schools; 47 visits made to our County Hospital to check on County patients; 15 visits made to County Home to see inmates or advise keeper; 11 pre school and eye clinics during year; 26 visits made out side County to T. B. or other clinics; 38 children taken to eye clinics; 34 children were fitted with glasses; 13 people taken to T. B. Sanatorium; 289 children were vaccinated for smallpox; 281 babies were inoculated for diphtheria and whooping cough; 821 people took typhoid shots; \$8.60 collected for typhoid; \$7.50 spent for P. O. box rent and out going mail; 30 specimens sent to State Laboratory for examination; 13,801 miles driven during year.

WALTON DECLARES

(Continued on page 2) nounce his candidacy for any Brunswick county office in what appears to be an unusual lull

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CATHOLIC INFORMATION

"Divorce—oh no! but how about annulments?"

"You Catholics do not have divorces," stated a neighbor recently, "but the wealthy and prominent do get annulments, don't they?"

"They do, surely," we answered, "when it can be proved before the strictest courts in the world that they were never really married. With the same provision paupers get annulments, too."

"But," she insisted, "the annulments we hear of always seem to have money, power, or social prestige behind them, such as for instance the Marlborough-Vanderbilt annulment."

"Money, power, and social prestige had nothing to do with that annulment," we explained, "but it had everything to do with getting a wrong version of the whole affair before the public. The whole thing was a clean-cut case of a girl being forced by threats and fear to go through a ceremony and contract which no civil court would consider valid. This was positively proved by the testimony of Consuelo Vanderbilt, her mother, her aunt, and many other witnesses."

"Shortly after the Vanderbilt

case, the Roman Rota refused the annulment plea of the Italian Prince Ludovico Potenziani, a man of far more prestige and social position than the English duke, a man who could have bought out the entire Vanderbilt family without missing the money. But this was a refusal. No chance to mix it up with divorce. No scandal! So it is not likely that you ever heard of it.

"Remember that annulments (properly called decrees of nullity) and divorces have nothing in common. An annulment is declared only when it can be proved beyond a doubt that something occurred or some condition existed, before or during the ceremony, which made marriage for that particular couple impossible. Divorce, on the other hand, is a breaking asunder of the seal of a lawful marriage, because of something that occurred after the ceremony had been performed."

It's so easy to misunderstand if one does not have the true facts. If it's anything Catholic, ask a Catholic!—P. O. Box 351, Whiteville, N. C.—Pd. Adv.



How to be a PARTY LINE ANGEL

in 4 Easy Lessons

Allow a little time between calls to permit others to have their turn at the line.

GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE

When another party on your line has an emergency, please release the line quickly.

RELEASE THE LINE IN EMERGENCY

Complete calls quickly. This assures better service for you and your party line neighbors.

KEEP CALLS BRIEF

Be sure phone is placed securely on hook after each call. Remember, one phone off the hook ties up an entire line.

HANG UP CAREFULLY

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for Brunswick county politics. Already there is much speculation regarding the race for Governor and for the contest for United States Senator, but the announcement of Mr. Walton is the first ripple on the waters of local politics.

Welfare Superintendent
(Continued from Page One) impossible for us to find homes for the present inmates, we feel that it would be most unwise, under the circumstances, to do away with the Brunswick County Home."

In a separate report Miss Patterson told of a recent unannounced visit to the county home and told of finding conditions good, with plenty of well prepared food. She expressed the opinion that the home is clean and apparently is well kept and concluded with the statement "We firmly believe that the inmates in Brunswick County Home are being kindly and fairly cared for."

At their meeting members of the board of commissioners approved the recommendation of Mrs. Lou H. Smith, county health nurse, that Jason Hewitt be admitted to the county home.

U. G. and D. C. Moore were ordered relieved of \$1960.00 due to error in listing.

Approval of the board was given a petition requesting that the State take over a 1.2 mile stretch of road leading from the Byron Stanley home on the Little River road to the E. G. Smith place on the Seaside road.

The board passed a resolution requesting a special mixed term of Superior court to convene here on May 24, provided a judge is available.

NEW CANDIDATES

(Continued from page one) posed of seven counties. It has been my privilege to serve three of these large counties as Solicitor of the Superior court of the 9th Judicial district. This has given me an opportunity to become

familiar with a large portion of this Congressional district and to understand many of the important problems confronting the people. With a sincere desire to be of greater service I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for the United States House of Representatives from the 7th N. C. Congressional district in the approaching Democratic primary."

COMPLAINTS HEARD

all times while it is drifting in the waterway." Little Symphony Appears Continued From Page One have been planned. Arrangements will be made to hold these concerts at a later date, and announcement of the new dates will be made in this newspaper.

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