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What Makes The Wheels Turn

On Saturday a payroll in the neighborhood of fifty thousand dollars was paid out in Southport to fishermen, shrimpers and others who are employed in connection with these two industries. So far as can be learned, this is the largest amount ever paid out here in one day.

The result of this, of course, is good business. This money didn't fall into the hands of just a few men and stay there. It was spread among a wide section of the local population, both white and colored, and the cash was circulated among the business places of our city.

This is the sort of thing we need more of, and this taste of prosperity has set some people thinking about how to add other industries that will bring in a regular, lucrative payroll to the citizens of our community.

Fishing Fever

We do not recall that anyone ever has successfully defined the driving force which makes a fisherman fish. Once it gets into your blood it is mighty hard to control, and it frequently results in folks doing some completely unaccountable things.

There is the case of the man who will stand on the beach all day and burn himself to a crisp while he vainly tries to land the elusive big one. There are those who will climb aboard a boat time after time, knowing full well that a bad case of seasickness awaits them at the bar; but on they go trying for the unpredictable catch they hope to make.

There are others who get just as much thrill from using a net to round up members of the finny tribe. We think that these people are in a special category, and this decision was reached during the past few days as we watched men neglect good jobs to spend days and nights on the beach to fish for spots; and once they had made a haul, spend hours at an uncomfortable form of drudgery to which they would not turn their hand under normal conditions.

Yes sir, a fisherman is a strange animal!

The Tax Foreclosures

Do you pay your taxes? We didn't ask if you like to pay your taxes, just do you pay them. So you do pay. Don't you think that your neighbor ought to pay his taxes too, just like you do?

Well, that's what all these tax suits you have seen advertised in the newspaper recently are about. Most of the people pay their taxes each year. Some folks have a habit of putting them off for a year or two, but get around to paying them in time. There are other cases, however, where people either cannot pay or will not pay until they are made to pay, just as there are people in every walk of life who believe in letting the other fellow carry his share of the load.

As long as these folks can get away with it, they never will pay their taxes, and this means that the tax burden on you and others who pay their tax obligations each year must be great enough to make up for this loss of revenue.

The last Legislature passed a law providing that all unpaid tax accounts for 1936 and prior years will automatically be written off the books after January 1, 1949. Since there were thousands of dollars in these accounts owed to Brunswick county, members of the board of county commissioners set

up a system which they hoped would see the collection of every one of these unpaid tax bills before the statute of limitations catches up on them.

Thousands of dollars have been paid into the county treasury during the current year, and other payments will be made before January 1. We have heard of very few instances where undue hardships have been worked on citizens of the county, and most of the folks who have paid up feel pretty good over their chance to start off with a clean record.

If everybody had paid his taxes when he should have, there wouldn't be any tax suits; but since there are, we find no fault with the effort that is being made to make every property owner bear his fair share of the cost of our county government.

On The Job

Enactment of peacetime Selective Service will affect the American Red Cross not only on a national level, but even more so on a regional or local scale. Although enactment of the Selective Service Act directly affects the Army, Navy, and Air Force, the opinion has been expressed by the Secretary of Defense that for the next few months at least, practically all of the selectees will be assigned to the Army.

All soldiers who enlist or are inducted will be sent to a number of selected training centers. At each training center will be stationed a training division charged with providing basic training. Red Cross field director coverage will be provided at these camps, both for the able-bodied and for the hospitalized.

Of paramount importance to the thousands of young Americans destined to don military uniform in the near future will be the presence of the Red Cross, which they will quickly learn is "a bit of home away from home." The inevitable personal and family problems that develop in the wake of a man's separation from home, not to mention the pangs of loneliness that affect so many servicemen when they are miles away, are some of the major problems that Red Cross field directors seek to alleviate.

As we mention the extra work that Red Cross will be called upon to take on, maybe it's a good time to remind the families of these boys that they owe it to Red Cross to call the attention of their neighbors to the services that this organization renders. Red Cross depends upon those it serves to be its salesmen.

These 1948 prices seem to defy the law of gravitation.

Raleigh Roundup

(By Eula Nixon Greenwood)

TRUMAN SPEECH—President Harry Truman has a 10-page speech for his Raleigh visit.

J. M. Broughton, Kerr Scott, and Gov. Chery can usually wade through a typewritten page, average sized and double-spaced, in about two minutes. However, President Truman seems to read a little faster than these gentlemen, and will likely complete the written portion of his talk in 15 minutes. Since his address will be concerned mainly with the farmer's prosperity, President Truman will have a wonderful opportunity to talk at random about his old days on the farm. He will go out of his way to be "folksy." You may expect him to throw a few bouquets in the direction of Farmer Kerr Scott, too, with particular attention given to Scott's plans for a rural road improvement program.

THE LAST TIME—Raleigh is seldom blessed with Presidential visits. In fact, North Carolina has not become known as an important place for Presidents or aspirants to the Presidency to do any campaigning. The reason is simple. The Democrats have taken this position: "We have North Carolina, so let's spread our thunder elsewhere." The Republicans have said: "Oh, what's the use!" The big share of the credit for getting Truman here this time must go to News and Observer Editor Jonathan Daniels, who has accompanied the President on many of his recent campaign trips and helped him with his speeches. States' Rights Presidential Candidate Strom Thurmond must also be given some of the credit.

So, the President will be here on October 19. The last time a President spoke in Raleigh was when Theodore Roosevelt appeared here on October 19, 1905.

Speaking on behalf of the N. C. Literary and Historical Association, he presented to 31-year old John Charles McNeill the Patterson Memorial Cup in the chamber of the State Senate. Two years later this young Scotland County genius died. He left some beautiful lines dedicated to "October": "The thought of old, dear things is in thine eyes, O, month of memories!"

SUPERINTENDENT
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to college dropped to 12 and an equal number of negro students enrolled.

White schools had 96 graduates this spring from high school and 23 negro graduates from the same studies.

The State Department is placing more emphasis upon a stronger health and physical education program for the schools of the State. A district meeting was held

in Fayetteville on October 11. At this meeting plans were laid for strengthening the County Health Departments. Many problems were discussed. The general idea expressed was the need for full time county physicians, giving examinations to all children in grades 1, 4, 7 and 9 with proper follow-up. It is recommended that all students participating in sports have a physical examination each year.

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a nurse is five thousand. Brunswick county has a population of approximately 18000 people and one nurse.

A health and physical education committee has been set up for Brunswick county, as follows: General Committee, W. C. Stephenson, chairman; H. T. Saunders, health program; J. T. Orabi, physical education program; Talmadge Page, safety program.

The school committees are as follows: Shallotte, John F. Grah, H. C. Stone, Miss Elneda Stansland, Miss Betty Hart, Waban Thomas, Southport, H. T. Saunders, Miss Gertrude Loughlin, Mrs. Annie Russ Weeks, Richard Brendle and Mrs. Otto Hickman.

Waccamaw, W. C. Stephenson, Miss Edna Eldridge, Miss Jane Farmer, Miss Mary A. Fussell, Talmadge Parish and Mrs. Hazel Purvis, Bolivia, Talmadge Page, Miss Jean Stokes, Mrs. Reba Rogers, Miss Frances Galloway, Worth Mercer and H. F. Mintz. Leland, Holland Manning, Miss Clara Strong, Miss Peggy Kuhn, Miss Mildred Naylor, Miss Daisy Ganey and Mrs. Dorothy Evans."

COMMISSIONERS IN
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in a cooperating fund from the State for the purpose of setting up the public health department.

Again the commissioners were sympathetic listeners, and indicated that if it is possible to show that a public health department may be financed under the present budget set-up, they would favor such action.

The committee was charged with the responsibility of securing figures to show that the establishment of a health department is possible under the present set up, and will meet with the commissioners at their next session.

Other matters taken up during the day consisted of routine business.

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SPEAKING SCHEDULE

The following speaking engagements have been arranged for Republican Candidates as they carry the campaign before the voters in every community of Brunswick County before the election.

ALL SPEAKINGS START at 7:30

- October 20, Lacy Dawkins, Winnabow
- October 21, Coby Hewett, Supply
- October 22, Waccamaw School, Ash
- October 23, Robinson's Store
- October 25, Vance Gore, Frying Pan
- October 26, Leon Norris, Hickman X Road
- October 27, Jesse Clemmons' Store, Grissetto
- October 28, Longwood
- October 29, Vereen's Store, Exum
- October 30, Lester Babson Store, Freeland

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