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The Voice Of America

At the recent meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in Durham one of the principal speakers was Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen, whose job with the State Department is director of the Voice of America programs.

In his address before the press group this distinguished North Carolinian reported efforts that are being made daily to counteract the effect of communist propaganda about the western democracies. This is done principally, he says, by straight news broadcasts in more than a dozen languages by means of short wave radio.

It may not seem important to the average American citizen who is accustomed to have his news broadcast, pure and unadulterated, every hour on the hour, but the plain, unvarnished truth is a strange kind of reporting to the people of eastern Europe, particularly those who live in the region behind the iron curtain. Secretary Allen stressed the importance of giving the bad news with the good on these programs, because, he said, the thing which the Voice of America program has that no other propaganda broadcast before has had is a foundation of truth.

We were tremendously interested in this talk by the man who is directing these programs. For one thing, it long has been our contention that the most effective way to fight the spread of communism is to make our democratic form of life so attractive that there will be no incentive for the restless masses of mankind to line up with the former group. For another, we had wondered upon what plane our foreign broadcasts were being conducted, since admittedly this constitutes a new phase in diplomacy.

Having heard Secretary Allen's explanation, we are convinced that this is a step in the right direction; and we feel sure that this important job is in the hands of a capable director.

The School Program

Few counties in North Carolina stand to gain more from the proposed school bills now pending before the North Carolina Legislature than does Brunswick.

The last session of the North Carolina General Assembly took an important step in the right direction when it made provision for increase in teachers salaries. Pending before the present session is a request that a minimum salary of \$2,500.00 be established for the teachers. If this is done that step alone will assure Brunswick county schools, along with others, of capable personnel who can afford to make teaching their profession.

One provision of the new proposals is to decrease the teacher load, and by that very step alone Brunswick county will have 171 teachers to do the work now loaded upon the shoulders of 145 instructors.

The most spectacular benefits of the proposed education bill as it affects Brunswick is in the building program. If the request for \$50,000,000.00 is granted, then Brunswick county's share for repairs, additions and improvements will amount to \$666,000.00, and the county's contributing part will be only \$28,000.00 in this program.

No matter in what school community you may live, you must know already of the critical condition of our school plants. If our educational efforts are to keep pace with other activities in progressive-minded North Carolina, some drastic step must be taken.

The bills now pending before the Legislature are not products of some fertile, fast-spending imagination. They

are based upon the factual report of a commission appointed by the governor to learn the true condition of our schools.

We feel that it is the place of every good citizen to throw his full support behind this educational program. We have talked with Representative Odell Williamson, and have been assured by him that he is prepared to go all the way in backing these measures. If you have a chance to see and talk to the Brunswick county legislator, let him know how you feel; and if you have any influence with a legislator from another county, try to enlist his support.

Support Your Hospital

Balancing the higher cost of hospital care these days is the consolation that your chances for recovery are much greater than they ever were before. This is the information furnished by Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern of the American College of Surgeons.

The chances of recovery are about twice as good as they were 20 years ago, the death rate having dropped from six to eight per cent to from three to four per cent.

Also, your illness will be shorter, you will lose less time from work, and you are more likely to escape permanent disability or chronic invalidism than would have been the case had you got sick or met with an accident a few years back.

MacEachern says your average hospital stay now would be eight to 10 days compared to 18 to 20 days about 30 years ago. One hospital administrator phrased it this way: "While the cost per day is higher, the cost per cure is lower."

These facts are interesting and so is his observation:

Every community should provide a standardized hospital for the care of its patients. And: "The people of every community should see to it that their hospital is adequately equipped . . . as a sound investment and as protection for its sick."

Minimum Wage Problem

The great increase in living costs has created an understandable demand for an increase in the minimum wage. However, we should realize the dangers that would result if the minimum wage were raised to too high a level.

The minimum wage is precisely what the name implies. It is the bare minimum on which a worker can maintain himself. It is not supposed to provide for even the simplest luxuries. It is, in other words, the wage paid to a very small minority of workers who are completely inexperienced, are learners, or are congenitally incompetent and unambitious and cannot develop even minor skills. It is designed to protect this class of workers from employer exploitation, and that is all.

Any worker, with a bare minimum of aptitude, and a desire to get ahead, soon passes out of the minimum wage bracket. He is given higher pay for the sound reason that he is worth more, can do more things, can produce more.

It has been argued that a relatively high minimum wage would make little difference because it would affect comparatively few people. But past experience indicates that this theory just doesn't work out in practice. For example, when minimum pay is raised, the unskilled worker may receive nearly as much as a skilled worker. The latter naturally becomes dissatisfied, and demands more for himself. So it goes, all the way up the line of job classifications and pay scales. Inflation gets another big boost forward.

Boys Become Men

"Boys will be boys," they say. But we're sure you'll agree they'll be better, friendlier, happier boys if they're in the ranks of the Boy Scouts of America. For 39 years, the Boy Scouts have made an increasing contribution to a better America through a well-planned, up-to-date program to meet boy's interests.

It's a program of adventure that appeals to every boy, when he knows about it. And there's the rub.

Many a boy of 12 or over still needs to be informed of the exciting activities of Scouting. Many a parent needs to discover the values of Scouting for his boy. Many an adult needs to find out the enjoyment to be derived from helping boys find themselves through Scouting. Many a civic institution should look into the merits and advantages of sponsoring a Troop of Boy Scouts.

For these reasons we're taking the opportunity to fulfill our obligation as an information-medium, by reminding you of your responsibility to the boys of America—the Men of Tomorrow!

SHALLOTTE SETS DATE

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resolutions passed by Mayor Leon Galloway and the board of aldermen early in the year. Much of the election expenses will be saved by holding it jointly with the regular town election.

EXCITEMENT IN

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a distance of 30 or 40 feet. He fired two shots at the man but is unable to say whether or not he hit him.

On his first call ten days ago the prowler actually gained entrance to the homes of two white families. Mrs. J. A. McNeil was awakened by someone standing at the foot of her bed and looking at her with the aid of a very small flashlight. She thought it was her husband and when she spoke the intruder fled. Mr. McNeil was sleeping in an adjoining room.

An hour later on the same night Mrs. Johnnie Tadlock, sleeping in her home in a different part of the town, was awakened by something touching her face. She screamed and the intruder fled. Mr. Tadlock, asleep in the same bed, gave chase but lost track of the fleeing man in the darkness. A No. 9 "loafer" shoe was found where the intruder jumped a hedge as he ran. A handkerchief soaked with chloroform and the cork from a chloroform bottle was found in the Tadlock home.

Last night only one attempted molestation of a home was reported. Two ladies spending the winter here from an eastern state and occupying a tourist cabin, heard someone prowling around. They called out to ask who it was. A man is alleged to have approached the door, knocking on it and asking them to let him in. They screamed

and the man fled. Ormond Leggett, Dan Early Wells, Malcolm Frink and Red Farmer, who is serving as an extra night policeman, heard the screams as they were riding around in Leggett's car a short distance away. They investigated but the man had fled.

MARCH OF DIMES

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local chairman, and also to elect the executive committee and chapter officers for the ensuing year which begins the first of March.

From the director of the colored population, reports are coming in that speak encouragingly of the fine work Prof. A. C. Caviness, and his staff of workers are accomplishing. County Director Hayman urges every worker to make all possible effort to give everyone an opportunity to contribute. The schools are doing a fine job for the March of Dimes, and will complete their canvass by February 15.

LITTLE SYMPHONY

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sible through the efforts of Mrs. E. H. Arrington, chairman of the local symphony committee of the N. C. Symphony Society.

The Little Symphony, composed of 22 musicians, began its annual season last Thursday. The season will be concluded on April 1, to be succeeded by the regular symphony season when the entire orchestra of more than 70 musicians will tour the State between April 11 and May 20.

The Little Symphony tours the State's smaller communities, while the complete orchestra is heard in the cities and larger towns. The orchestra, have a combined schedule calling for more than 100 concerts this year in approximately 70 different communities.

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WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

LEAVES SOUTHPORT

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7:00 A. M.

9:30 A. M.

*1:30 P. M.

4:00 P. M.

6:00 P. M.

LEAVES WILMINGTON

7:00 A. M.

*9:30 A. M.

1:35 P. M.

4:00 P. M.

6:10 P. M.

10:20 P. M.

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9:00 A. M.

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Not Exactly News

John Neal, Towles-Cline bulldozer operator who made a couple of new city streets up at Deepwater Point last week, is the best man we have ever seen in the driver's seat of one of these big machines . . . Caesar, giant German police dog which Mrs. Anna Miller Davis keeps a pet and protection, performs more tricks than any dog we have seen in years. Get Miss Anna to have him put a show for you sometime. Caesar's size belies the fact that he is only a year and one-half old.

Sign of Spring: A group of Southport high school boys pouring over several issues of The Sporting News, the baseball bible. Which reminds us that Southport has the material with which to field a cracking good high school nine this season. . . The pretty Christmas tree on the grounds of Southport Baptist church which was so attractive during the holidays was planted there several years ago by Mrs. W. G. Butler, a good Baptist, and a tree just like it was planted at the same time in the Trinity Methodist church year by Mrs. C. G. Ruark, a good Methodist.

Mr. Willie Fullwood has fallen heir to Cherry McDonald, fancy five gaited saddle mare of a

decade ago, and on a Sunday morning trip to town this week there was evidence aplenty that Cherry isn't ready to have "The Old Grey Mare" song sung for her. She still steps good. Featuring Spencer Tracy and Van Johnson, "State Of The Union", which shows Thursday and Friday at the Amuzu, has plenty of talent. They tell us that it is top-flight entertainment.

If they have a high school band in Southport next year little Barbara Bomberger, who already plays an accordion, may be one of its youngest members. . . And speaking of music, Carl Watkins, one of the owners of the Long Beach pavilion, is keeping up his hot licks with the bass fiddle during the off season. He is playing with a dance band, "Aces of Rhythm", and recently sent us a recording of "Confessing" and "Stardust" made by that group. They'd like to come down here for a dance engagement sometime before the beach season opens.

Unless prowling is more fun than we think it is, the operator who has been using this territory had better go out of business before he runs out of luck. . . And so to bed—with the front door and the back door locked.

Free afternoon concerts for school children feature the orchestra's appearance in each community. The North Carolina organization is said to be only classical music group in the nation which adheres to such policy.

COMMISSIONERS IN

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Piney Grove to the J. W. Flowers place be taken over for improvement. A resolution also was passed asking the highway commission to take over for maintenance three blocks in Bolivia running past the Bolivia Lumber Company to the Knox place.

Lacy Dawkins was relieved of \$320.00 valuation on land from which timber has been cut. Albert Strangle was employed at a fee of \$50.00 to clean the septic tank and grease trap at the county home. The sum of \$25.00 was granted for relief of a welfare client.

RECORDER HAS

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Commodore Jenkins, assault with deadly weapon, continued. High Ephraim Danford, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Lee B. Pollock, operating car without license, ordered to pay costs.

Collins McLamb, driving drunk, allowed to plead guilty of reckless operation by prosecuting attorney and arresting officer, fined \$50.00 and costs.

Claude Lewis Smith, speeding,

James McCone, speeding capias. Lusian Dean Williams, speeding, capias.

Alice Mahory Fitzpatrick, speeding, capias.

Jacob Newman, speeding, capias. Henry Datz, speeding capias.

Edward Ross, speeding, capias. Charles Alex Ford, carrying

concealed weapon, fined \$50.00 and costs and gun confiscated and given to arresting officer.

James B. Pelham, worthless check, 90 days on roads, suspended on condition that defendant make restitution and pay costs.

ANNUAL PAYMENTS

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\$2,560.00, covering the yearly payment on the bonds, interest and insurance. Each of the teacher-ages cost \$20,000.00 and nearly half of this borrowed money has already been repaid.

Superintendent Denning said

last night that without the teachers at Waccamaw and Shallotte it would be partially impossible to obtain and keep teachers at those places owing to the lack of housing and rooming facilities. The buildings provide the teachers with excellent rooms at a cost of only \$7.00 per month. By clubbing together, renting a kitchen and employing a cook the unmarried teachers find their monthly room and food expenses only about \$37.50 to each teacher. The principals have apartments in the teacherages, paying \$25.00 per month. The Waccamaw school has 4 such apartments for the principal and married teachers. The money for the yearly payments comes from the rents of the rooms and apartments and through various local projects and entertainments put on at the schools.

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Notice Of Sale

The undersigned administrator and trustee will offer for sale at public auction, for cash, at 10 o'clock A. M. on February 19, 1949, on the premises, the following real and personal property belonging to the late R. T. Caison:

40 acres of land, 18 acres cleared, and known as the R. T. Caison home place, with a 3.1 acres tobacco allotment, and including the home of the late R. T. Caison and all outbuilding surrounding same including tobacco barn, pack house and three small outbuildings, and all farming tools and equipment.

The undersigned administrator and trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and any successful bidder must deposit one-third of the purchase price in cash to show good faith.

A. J. Robbins, Trustee And Administrator
Of The Estate Of The Late R. T. Caison