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Expensive Court Term

A one week term of Brunswick county superior court convened here Monday morning. It adjourned before noon to go on record as one of the most expensive sessions ever held in this county in view of the good that it accomplished.

Men from all sections of the county were called from their work to serve as jurors, others were summoned as witnesses in various cases and the principals involved were required to be on hand for a session of court which had as its most serious business the disposition of several uncontested divorce cases.

This half-day term of court cost the taxpayers of Brunswick county over \$200.00 in cash. This does not take into account the loss of time which farmers and businessmen can ill afford to lose at this season of the year.

We recognize the courts of our land as an agency whose schedule cannot be set to serve the convenience of all of our citizens, and where there are ends of justice to be met, we believe that no small matter should be permitted to interfere with our courts of law.

In looking over the court calendar which was set by members of the Brunswick County Bar Association for this week we cannot escape the belief that the lawyers must have known that this term of court was entirely unnecessary, and that all that it would do would be to cause a loss of time and a waste of money for our citizens and taxpayers.

Our own opinion is that our lawyers will do much to preserve their positions of respected leadership if in the future they are honest enough with the people to ask the Governor to cancel any civil term for which there is no more pressing need.

Your Red Cross

This week a fellow we know who served overseas with the armed forces during World War II came up to us and wanted to know who is taking up funds for the American Red Cross.

"When I got to Naples during the war," he said, "I felt like I was lost until I found out where the Red Cross club for service men was located. You don't know how good it was to go in there and get the feeling of being back in the United States for a little while."

"Later I was in the Philippines for a short time just before the end of the war with Japan, and when he had liberty in Manila the only place in that city that was at all like things back in the States was the Red Cross. We used to go there to get cokes, and when you were there at meal time you could get food and something to drink that you weren't afraid of. I decided a long time ago that never again would I fail to contribute to the Red Cross every year."

There have been too few reports of this kind in our county and too many stories of "I don't like the Red Cross because of this thing or because of that thing." Before you decide finally what your own contribution shall be to the Red Cross, just think back to your own personal experience with that organization. When you or some member of your family needed help from the Red Cross, what were the results?

We know that the war is over, and has been for four years; but we still have thousands of men serving all over the world in branches of the armed forces—many of them from our own county; and we still are subject to disaster which will make any given group of us glad to have the American Red Cross to call upon for assistance.

The work of this organization was too good to forget; its continuing responsibility is too great to forsake.

Occupational Handbook

Navy Recruiters have an excellent handbook listing the occupational education offered by this branch of the military service. Of course no one who has a reasonable chance of going to college should be encouraged to accept an alternative and the Navy would be the last agency of the government to be guilty of considering such a policy. There are, however, many boys who have no thought of going further than high school in their formal education. To these the Navy offers numerous opportunities.

The Navy's handbook, which is called "a manual for civilian guidance counselors and Navy classification officers," provides an insight into the training which the service offers. Navy recruiters have distributed many of these books in the belief that the occupational training of Navy service will improve the skills and help many boys qualify more adequately for civilian jobs.

The Navy insists that "good recruiting is good guidance" and consequently has inaugurated a policy of interviewing and advising high school graduates and others on the possibilities of aiding them in preparing for life's work. Many a boy who is puzzled by the great big world which opens up to him when school days are over, will welcome an opportunity for guidance.

The real great men of every generation, are those who realize that the spiritual is infinitely stronger than any material force.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

BOB DEYTON . . . Bob Deyton, assistant director of the budget (the Governor is ex officio head), was offered a job with North Carolina's largest bank, but turned it down for the \$18,000 comptroller position with Ecusta (cigarette papers, etc.). The place he is leaving pays him \$10,000. He is expected to complete arrangements for moving to Brevard next week. Although he and Governor Scott had numerous tiffs while Scott was Agriculture Commissioner, they have done a lot of rabbit-and-dove-hunting together and are parting on relatively good terms. Although Deyton was regarded as a Charles Johnson man, his younger brother, C. P. Deyton, was in charge of Scott's finances during the early weeks of his campaign last summer. Deyton's leaving won't be any help to Nathan Yelton, his cousin who is in charge of the State Retirement System. He was supposed to be a Johnson follower too, but not of the enthusiastic variety.

SUGAR . . . Bob Deyton's leaving drops another sugar plum appointment into the Governor's lap. This position is probably the most difficult in North Carolina officialdom and Scott should place his appointee in Deyton's office before long now so he can learn how to handle the State's fiscal matters while there is an expert around to show him the ropes.

ROAD BOND . . . The State Senate has virtually fixed it so that the people will not be able to vote on the \$200,000,000 road bond issue unless a one-cent tax increase is attached to it. Look for this bill—the \$200,000,000 and the tax increase—to pass through the Senate, which is riding rough-shod over Scott, and then to go over to the House, which wants the bond issue separate from the tax. The House will argue over it for a time. Then conferees (men from the House and Senate) will be appointed to come out with a compromise. This first set of conferees will likely not be able to come to an agreement. Another set will be appointed, an agreement will be reached, and the Legislature will adjourn. This bill is the bellwether.

WINE-BEER-WHISKEY . . . The beer people, crying "sneaky Pete", are pointing angry fingers at the wine folks for the sorry plight they find themselves in these days. And the grape crushers are looking just as hard at the brewers. Each group knows it is on a hot seat and each is blaming the other. Both of them are looking envious daggers at whiskey. Confidentially, they are of the opinion that they would be faring much better if they had the financial strength and political support with which the ABC system is blessed.

They still have hopes that the Legislature will somehow assist them in salvaging at last something from the funis brought on by county votes. Keep an eye on this during the next two weeks. Capers White, brother of Dairyman Geo. L. H. White and just as fine a man, is the wine front while Sam Blount of Washington, N. C., is the brewers' bat boy. They want to get under the ABC system or into something just as popular and powerful.

WHAT ABOUT IT? . . . Speaking of power, what has the State done about those five ABC officials in five Eastern North Carolina counties who have been charged with mishandling liquor in the stores under them (selling entire cases of liquor to friends, etc.) during the past 18 months? This is something State ABC Head Carl Williamson should clear up before he takes his leave.

CONTRAST . . . Life magazine is planning to contrast in a picture layout the careers of Movie Sirens Ava Gardner and Mrs. Liston Malpass of Clinton, a shapely striking brunette who defeated Miss Gardner in an Atlantic Christian College (Wilson) beauty contest years ago. Mrs. Malpass, the former Janie Fitzgerald married a prosperous Clinton businessman and has two children. You know about Ava. A Life photographer was in N. C. last week preparing the feature.

The Rovin' Reporter

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fishing. Writing us from Atlanta where he is Rector of The Church of The Incarnation, the Rev. Cecil L. Allgood says, "I enjoy reading your column in The Pilot each. I am especially interested in fishing, as you well know, and you certainly do revive the old fishing urge whenever you begin writing about the fish biting in Brunswick county. Hope to see you sometime during the summer."

During the winter months there is no better bait than minnows when one is fishing for crappie, blue gills, bass, etc. When the big spring minnow crop in all waters these fish are less and less appreciative of the minnow on the line. They can catch plenty swimming about in the water. This year the minnow crop came along much earlier than usual. About all fishing waters are already teeming with them. You can still get a nice string of fish if you take only minnows for bait, but from now on through the summer the lowly fishing worms will be increasingly efficient.

Although it is said to be too late for them to get on any high school schedule, Guy McKeithan of Shallotte stated this week that it was hoped that Shallotte would put a high school baseball team this year, if only for practice games that will give them some training and experience for next year. Whether the Shallotte school has a team or not Mr. McKeithan plans to have the small boy team again this year. Playing for the past two years a



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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.
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bunch of Shallotte boys, all under twelve years of age, gained much experience at baseball.

From all that they are saying here and there in the country, some Brunswick tobacco growers will have touched off things for the 1949 crop by transplanting from the beds to the field before another issue of this paper is published. The planting of this year's crop is bound to get underway early unless an unusually bad spell of weather comes along in the next few days. Some growers stated this week that their plants were getting to be of such a size that they will just have to be pulled and transplanted.

Lucius Lamar of the Washington, D. C., Daily News, is down with us for about six days of fishing. He may have heard the Chinese proverb about, "He travels fastest who travels alone," and must think he fishes best who is unanchored by friends. At any rate he made the trip from Washington solo. An old friend, Captain Don N. Carpenter of the U. S. Marines, who is also hunting and fishing editor of the Daily News, sent Lamar on the trip here. Captain Carpenter fished here a dozen times before the war.

Ladies who have inclinations for travel probably will envy Mrs. George W. Rappleya of New Orleans, La., and Southport. Mr. Rappleya is at present engaged in Aerial Photo Surveys of Engineering Projects, and his work will take him to Cuba next week and on to Latin America: Mrs. Rappleya will accompany him. This past winter and spring Mr. and Mrs. Rappleya have been dividing their time between New Orleans and Southport. They have remodeled an old home here into a thing of beauty and they plan to sometime make their permanent home here.

Saltwater sport fishing, trolling for blues and for the big fellows out on the gulf, appears to be settling itself to get started several weeks earlier than usual this year. By next week reports of nice catches should be breaking.

Being sort of midway between the enthusiasm of Mrs. R. H. Holden (of Holden Beach) and Mrs. R. H. Holden (of Wilmington) over Holden Beach and Pretty Pond, puts us in a spot that is likely to result in our finding ourselves in deep water any minute. Mrs. R. H. Holden of Wilmington is a Texas "Long Horn." In addition she is said to be nearly full-blooded Irish. One of her great aims is to develop Pretty Pond, 10 miles from Southport, into a great Girls Scouts camp. Mrs. R. H. Holden of Holden Beach aims to see Holden Beach develop and her greatest personal ambition is to fish for yellow tails down there.

We have long been sort of notorious as a collector of pipes

Not Exactly News

Recently when city employees dug out Fiddlers Drain in order to improve drainage of Swamp Garden plots they found fish over 18-inches long as far up the Southport Ice Plant. When somebody asked Paul Fodale the purpose of the little house he has built behind his new home overlooking the yacht basin he said "That's my dog house. That's where I'll stay when I get mad with my wife."

"I'm getting some of my pictures too fast", complained R. D. White last week. "A lot of them are playing at Shallotte before they get to the theatres in some of the larger towns, and a lot of our people haven't heard enough about them to want to see these brand new releases." All we can say is that we hope that R. D. won't let the reaction get him down. We like the idea of getting some first-rate pictures early in Brunswick. . . . Breman Furples stays right in step with the holiday spirit on Thursday and Friday of next week when he shows "Easter Parade", starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire.

Few people in Brunswick county have a more

interesting job than does Glenn Jones, Southport boy who is serving as Flight Purser for Piedmont Airlines. His trips are from Wilmington to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spends every other night. He says that he is looking forward to seeing some big league baseball games this season. . . . One result of the Azalea Festival Parade Saturday was a determination of the part of one local group to see to it that Brunswick county has a float next year.

This talk about early bluefish isn't all talk. We saw Hoyle Doshier with a string of fresh ones Monday. . . . The young people bragging on Oliver's Place. . . . Work on an airstrip on the beach road has reached the point of deciding kind of grass to plant. . . . See a lot of painting and fixing up being done on small pleasure boats. . . . Joe and Eadie Mae Willetts celebrated Washington's birthday over a bowl of homegrown strawberries furnished us with the first native berries to have had in March. And they were good enough to wind up on for this week.

and quick transportation results in the prevention of wilt and the plants get a rapid start.
This will be his 3rd year growing the plants in Brunswick county. Each year his efforts have been successful. This year, with better land, he feels he is really sitting on top of the world with the ability to show that this section is tops for the commercial growing of tomato plants.

GEORGE R. FOULKE

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developing coal mining properties in West Virginia.

Mr. Foulke is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Fisher

RETURNS FROM GERMANY

Pat Shannon, son of the late H. M. Shannon and Mrs. Shannon, returned home last week from Germany, where he has been serving with the army more than a year.

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