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Capitalizing On Good Fortune

On May 29 the voters of Hertford County will be going to the polls to decide on whether the county is to be empowered to levy taxes for industrial development in the future. Sometime soon Northampton voters will have to do the same thing.

These votes will be among the most important public opinion polls ever taken in this area. Without favorable votes in both counties the economic future of the whole area will be much bleaker than it now appears. With favorable votes much can be done to provide new jobs for the ever increasing numbers being replaced by machines on our farms. Unfavorable votes will tie the hands of public officials just at a time when it appears that much progress in this field is about to be made.

In a completely new departure from its past practice the North Carolina Fund has approved money to employ Fred L. Cooper as a full-time industrial development supervisor for the four Choanoke area counties — Bertie, Halifax, Northampton and Hertford. Cooper's job will be to work with the industrial development representative of each county in a coordinated effort to increase the number of industrial jobs available. Bertie County has someone for him to work with. Halifax is getting itself ready to have someone. This leaves Northampton and Hertford needing action. Neither will be able to employ an industry hunter to capitalize on the good fortune of having an area man available to really go to work on industrial development, unless the industrial tax referendums are passed.

There is one item of unfinished business which must be cleared up before either can employ an industry hunter. Both counties have commitments to do their part to improve their jointly owned — with Bertie — Tri-County Airport. Some controversy over the need for an airport has arisen, particularly in Northampton. Some folks, always those who have not worked closely up to now in trying to promote new industrial jobs, claim not to understand why an airport is essential before the area can begin to think about being attractive to new industry.

Mr. ... for those who do not yet need for an airport as a prerequisite to development industrially is the following editorial which appeared last week in the *Stanly News and Press* of Albemarle:

One day last week a customer of one of our Albemarle industries set his plane down at the Albemarle airport and visited the plant for a time.

"He also made a short visit to another plant nearby.

"If these industrial customers had been forced to land at the Charlotte airport because Albemarle had none, it might have been a different story.

"The man relating the event said that the customer was happy that he saved

two hours he would have otherwise spent in traveling. The local plant management was happy because in a matter of a short time they were able to sell their product to the visitor with complete understanding of what was involved.

"This is just one more example of the use of an airport here and why we need to obtain one which we can expect to be permanent.

"Also recently, an industrial prospect visited Albemarle and another city. He landed at the other town, came to Albemarle by car, and was picked up at the local airport by the company plane. Airport facilities are playing an increasingly important role in the effort to secure more industry.

"We need to be aware of this need for an airport and make certain that Stanly County is served by adequate facilities."

In prospering and relatively highly industrialized Stanly County the obvious need for a modern airfield is recognized. There are advantages in the Roanoke-Chowan for development which Stanly does not have — closer to eastern seaboard markets, lack of unionization (which always frightens off industry from largely undeveloped areas) and a large pool of unemployed but trainable labor. We have our disadvantages too — mainly the lack of experience by many of our people working between four walls — and its requirements and disciplines are definitely different from outside work.

It is certainly to be hoped that the voters of Hertford and Northampton will be as aware of the necessity for an airport as are the people of the Piedmont's Stanly County. And beyond this of the necessity to give their county governments the power to begin a continuing program for increasing local production jobs. The economic future of both counties, and their neighbors as well, depends upon it.

Medical Hope

Dr. Jonas Salk was honored recently on the tenth anniversary of the official sanction of his anti-polio vaccine as "safe, potent, and effective."

The accuracy of that conclusion has been amply demonstrated in the past decade. When the vaccine first came into general use, crippling polio claimed thousands of victims each year. Now the number is almost infinitesimal.

The victory in the battle against the crippling disease will stand as a memorial to Dr. Salk and to those who have developed an effective oral preventative, a more impressive memorial than could be created from stone or marble.

That victory encourages hope that someone will find the cure for cancer and other so far unconquered ills of man — solutions that now seem as elusive as did the polio antidote just a few years ago.

Control: Remains To Be Seen

The most sweeping federal aid to education program ever approved by Congress is now law.

Granted lawmakers vote implementing funds — which can be taken as a foregone conclusion — the first money will become available under the \$1.3 billion package at the start of the new fiscal year July 1, and the effects will be felt with the beginning of the fall term.

The program is unique not only for the amount of money involved but also because of its scope and avowed purpose.

For the first time a federal program will offer major aid to private and pa-

rochial schools below the college level.

In effect, the legislation amounts to an anti-poverty program at the educational level. The bulk of the money will go for schooling of families either on relief or in the extremely low income level.

Obviously, at least, there will be no federal control over curriculums instruction, administration, personnel or the selection of teaching materials.

We hope it works out that way though some familiarity with the workings of government regulations leads to a bit of pessimism on that particular score.

The People Write:

A Christian, A Mother, A Citizen Speaks

To the Editor: As a Christian, a mother and a citizen, I must voice my opposition to legalized sale of liquor in Northampton County. We hear the old argument "people are going to drink so why not get the revenue from the sale of the liquor." Why are some people in our county so willing to sell their souls for what they think will be a few dollars in revenue? Any thinking person will realize that income from the sale of liquor will go for maintaining ABC stores, hiring clerks and ABC officers. Not to mention the fact that we are already needing more alcoholic wards added to our hospitals and this expense will be borne by our taxpayers. So there will be no real tax relief that we are being promised. If we should derive a small amount of revenue, would it ever pay for the ruined lives, the heartbreak, the hungry and abused children that are the result of drinking alcoholic beverages?

Having ABC stores so convenient in the county will increase the purchase and use of liquor and only benefit the liquor industry. Our youth will see

that the voters of the county approved of the sale of liquor and the good example and influence of Christian parents will be discounted.

I am appealing to all citizens of Northampton, who love people more than money, to stand up and be counted on this vital decision we will soon be asked to make.

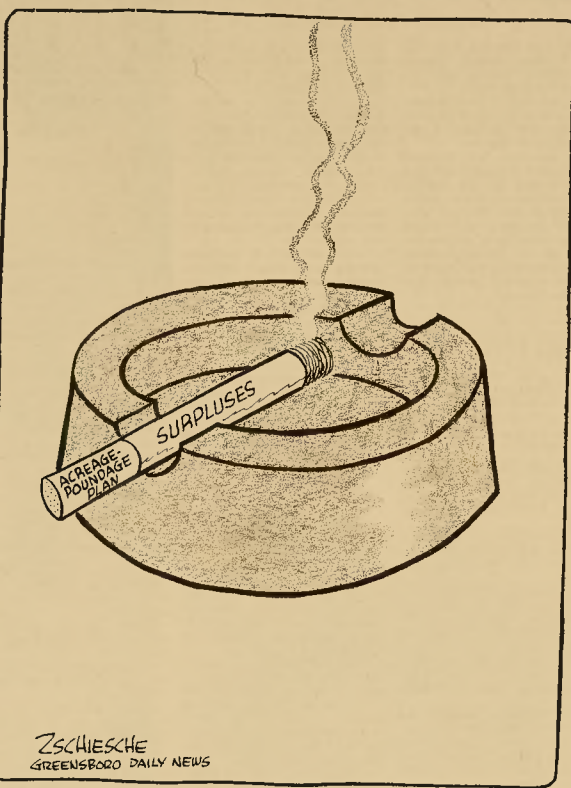
Mrs. J. M. Attkisson, Jr. Garysburg

Note to any girl whom it may concern: Before deciding to set your cap for "the model man," be sure he's a working model.

"I know around 40 actresses who have been married to the same man for 10 years or more," says a movie magazine writer. Poor fellow!

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It is not so much a matter of civic morality as of a critical reexamination of all morality, personal, private, and public.—DANIEL GOLDBERGER



ZSCHESCHE GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS

Carlton Morris Writes-

The Old Country Store Was A Place Of Sow Belly And Beans



If you've never been sent to the Store, you're of the younger generation. For once upon a time we didn't have supermarkets, and the bane of a young boy's existence was being sent to the Store. The Store was usually a small place and the capitalization is mine.

It contained the main ingredients of life, such as salt pork, better known as sow belly, beans, flour, coffee, sugar and molasses in that order. There were no little wagons to be pushed around in those days. In fact the customer was never allowed behind the counter, but must call out the items he needed, to the merchant. Nothing was prepackaged. Pork, cheese and beans were all weighed on the same set of swinging scales, and I'll wager this old gristmill that no two ever weighed alike.

Cold drinks were unknown until the advent of good roads, for it was only then that the ice man made his appearance. Tobacco and snuff were good sellers as they never spoiled and most people used them. On the other hand, vegetable and fruit were unheard of in a country store with the exception of one basket of apples in the fall. And the merchant could never have sold either fruit or vegetables as country people grew their own and would never have dreamed of wasting a dime on either of them.

Some of the bigger merchants gave credit from one crop year to the next. If crops were good, both the merchant and the farmer succeeded. On bad years, both hunched up their belts a little tighter and made do until another crop came in. All country merchants bought eggs and their system was to pay rock bottom prices and when they sent eggs to town, they were bound to get more than they paid for them.

The job I dreaded most of all was being sent to the Store. I would be building a pile driver, or climbing a tree or preparing to go fishing, and Mama would tell me I had to go to the Store. You did what you were told in those days and there was no room for argument. Mama always cautioned me to not lose the change and to hurry back.

So off down the road I would go, clutching the money in my hand. I would stop and pass the time of day with any youngster that happened to be around. This amounted to jumping ditches, climbing fences, playing tag and occasionally, a fist fight. In the latter endeavor, I was somewhat handicapped for I could only clutch the money in one hand and fight with the other.

Week days, the merchant, whom we called the storekeeper, was never in the store, but sat in his nearby home. Once I had called him out and made my purchases, I headed for home at full gallop. If Mama complained, I declared I had hurried home as fast as I could. I was pretty sure she would look on my interpretation of her orders with a jaundiced eye, so I never mentioned it. And I always brought

home the right change without the loss of a penny.

My oldest sister, who is a couple of years younger than me, once got into difficulty about the return change. Though she had only her hands to keep it in, she lost it all. To top it off, she didn't get home until dark.

You didn't come by money easily in those days and being the smart one, I declared I could find it all. I lit up my kerosene lantern and started out. The road was made of dirt, but we usually walked on one side or the other and my sis said she knew where she had walked. It was close to a half mile to the Store, and we

crawled and pushed the lantern ahead of us and canned every inch on that half mile of dust. Of course we attracted kids at every home we passed along the way and soon the road was covered with children, all crawling and all sitting sand.

Before our eight o'clock bedtime we found it, every nickel and dime of it, the whole 35¢. And as far as I know, my sister has never lost another dime in her life.

Nowadays, she has to have a bigger basket to take her money to the market, than she needs to bring her groceries home in. How times have changed!

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Pine Forest Rest Home

E. F. and A. M. Bounds were from Weldon Thursday visiting with friends in the home.

Mrs. Charles Frank Baldwin and R. L. Lemoine were here from Rocky Mount last Wednesday morning visiting with Mrs. Elma Ratley.

Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Britt of Severn were Friday evening guests of Miss Mary Johnson.

Mrs. Elma Ratley accompanied Miss Mary Outland and Mrs. Ruth Parker of Woodland to Center Hill Friday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Vincent were here from Portsmouth Sunday afternoon to visit her mother, Mrs. Maudie J. Long.

Mrs. Celia Stephenson was a Sunday dinner guest of her son and family, Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Stephenson, in Rich Square.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Newton and son of Aoshkie visited mother and grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor Newton, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Rose was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown in Conway.

Mrs. Mary Newsum was a Sunday dinner guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lassiter in Woodland.

Miss Lucille Myrick was a dinner guest of Mrs. Robbins in a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Whitely of Como was a Sunday afternoon guest of M. J. Ralley and Miss Florrie Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Seago and son, Steve, were here from Raleigh Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. Ella Parker and together they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cola Parker in Woodland.

Mrs. J. E. Brittle left Sunday for a visit of a few days with her daughter and family, The J. C. Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hill and daughter, Sarah, of Como were Sunday evening guests of Miss Florrie Ferguson.

Mrs. Marguerite Blanchard returned here Monday from a week's visit with her son and family, the Nathan Blanchards, in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard accompanied her here and were dinner guests of their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robert Vinson of Franklin visited Mr. and Mrs. Travis Flynth and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton Brown and children of Suffolk visited Mrs. Pauline Roberts for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin of Suffolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Askew and other friends here Sunday.

Kay Panton and Brenda Sumner of Greenville spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Panton and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Sumner over the weekend.

Curtis Gilliam of Raleigh visited T. Britton on Thursday. Miss Peggy Walker of Columbia is spending a few days with Brenda Martin.

Mrs. Pam and Amy Brown of Norfolk spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Martin, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Russell Smith had as guests at a cook out on Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hedspeith of Murfreesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hedspeith, Mrs. Annie Lois Hedspeith of Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jenkins and children, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Smith and daughter.

Mrs. Ryland Hill and daughter of Portsmouth spent Sunday with Mrs. Acree Moffitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Johnson of Aoshkie visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton Brown and children visited Mrs. Pauline Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warren, Jr., and son of Washington spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Warren, Sr.

Grady Bridgers entertained a number of his friends at dinner in Rocky Mount on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bryant of Bridgers of Charleston, S. C., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Bridgers.

Miss Blonnie Johnson and daughter and Mrs. M. S. Bridgers were in Rocky Mount on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregory and daughter, Patsy, of Shiloh spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson.

Mrs. J. E. Vick and children of Rocky Mount spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. W. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovegrove and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Felton in Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Hebert Vaughan in Lewiston Sunday.

RENT WITH A WANT AD

R-C Editors Say...

Seven Step Program For PTA

By JAMES WALLACE
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Your Home Newspapers

Every year the new officers of the local PTA's ask the members to submit suggestions that will make the programs more interesting and will entice the parents to the monthly meetings.

At the risk of my life, I am going to list some of the suggestions I have heard and some that occur to me. I admit that some of them were muttered in a low tone when I heard them and some others were sandwiched between political observations at local gas stations.

Suggestion Number 1 — Don't read, approve, and correct the minutes. No one remembers or cares and they are not an official record of any sort.

Suggestion Number 2 — Dispense with the overly long devotionals which contribute nothing to our knowledge of how the schools operate and are almost certain to keep the audience down.

Suggestion Number 3 — Insist that the program be related to educational subjects. I saw one of the best movies on the operation of the North Carolina legislature at one meeting but I would have stayed home if I had known that it was on the program.

Suggestion Number 4 — Stop all the formal about points for being there and prizes. It is not an inducement that succeeds in getting anyone to attend and kills more time.

Suggestion Number 5 — Don't require that the teachers attend a meeting almost totally unrelated to school operation unless the parents will have an honest opportunity to talk with them about their children's progress.

Suggestion Number 6 — Undertake some worthwhile projects such as providing volunteer clerical tasks rather than small contributions to the rooms. (I suspect the administration wouldn't welcome this for they seem weary of parents having too much to say

about the education of their children.)

Suggestion Number 7 — If you agree, join with me in my air-raided shelter where I'm hiding, until the new PTA year opens under the old tried and true formula in the fall.

LOOKING BACKWARD

interesting items reprinted from old files of The Roanoke-Chowan Times By MISS ESTHER CONNER Editor Emerita

May 29, 1936
A Thought For the Week — Love is the light, Heaven and the source of peace, happiness, joy, and all that is good on earth. — By Zeb. B. Pyatt.

Rev. Lonnie Sasser of Aulander delivered the annual commencement sermon to the graduating class of Rich Square High School on Sunday evening, preaching to a large audience. On Friday evening the final commencement exercises will be held, at which time Dr. Herbert Boyd Brown of Seaboard and Teachers College, Greenville, will deliver the commencement address. The senior class, numbering 28, is composed of 19 girls and 9 boys.

Five men from Northampton County are included among the 140 seniors who will receive degrees from Wake Forest College at its 102 commencement exercises June 2. They are W. J. Beale, Jr., Paul A. Bradley and C. L. Sykes, all of Jackson, Ralph Boyd Brown of Seaboard and R. W. Stephenson of Severn.

J. T. Bolton and Mrs. W. C. Conner and daughter, Joyce, were visitors in Rocky Mount last Friday. They were accompanied here by Mrs. J. G. Vanhook, who had been visiting her brother, J. A. Vann.

Milwaukee

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary of Northampton Post No. 111 have arranged for a memorial service at Rich Square Sunday morning, May 31, at 11 o'clock. Provided the seats have been installed in the new theatre the meeting will be there, otherwise it will be in the school house. Past National Commander Henry L. Stephens, Jr., is to be the main speaker.

Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, presiding elder of the Rocky Mount district, preached the week-end service at Seaboard High School last Sunday morning. He used as his subject, "The Influence of the Home and School in the Life of the Child."

Rich Square Community Club is organized. Sixty-four progressive citizens of the community of Rich Square joined in a movement last week to effect an organization the object of which is to make the Rich Square Community Club a better place in which to live. A preliminary meeting had been held the week before in the office of J. G. Madry of the Highway Motor Co. The objects of the meeting and organization proposed to be effected were clearly and forcibly stated by Rev. R. M. Tomlin. Dr. J. Howard Brown, was elected president, J. T. Bolton, vice president, G. L. Vann, secretary-treasurer.

There will be a Fiddlers Convention at the school auditorium in Rich Square Friday night, May 20, under the auspices of the local Parent-Teacher Association. The best musical talent will take part and a real treat is in store for those who attend. Admission is 20 and 35 cents.

Sunday night, May 22, at 8 o'clock Dr. W. R. Durrell, pastor of Murfreesboro Baptist Church, will preach the commencement sermon at Rich Square public school, Thursday night, May 26, at 8 o'clock an address will be given by Dr. R. H. Wright, president of the North Carolina Teachers College, Greenville.

Mrs. H. P. Stephenson of Severn entertained on Thursday afternoon, May 5, from 3:30 to 5:30 in her home at a miscellaneous shower, given in honor of Mrs. J. M. Alston.

There will be a regular communication of Rich Square Masonic Lodge Thursday night. A fee will be given just preceding the meeting at the Community building. A. W. Oakes, Jr., will deliver the educational address.

There will be a Baptist Young Peoples Union meeting of the Northampton County group at Ashley Grove Church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.