

Carteret County News-Times

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What About the Athletic Field Lease?

The proposal to construct a stadium and athletic field for Beaufort has merit. The Beaufort Athletic association, which hopes to lease the property at Beaufort school on which the ball diamond is now located, has a plan which, if carried to completion, can mean nothing but a splendid addition to Beaufort and the county.

The Beaufort school board of trustees has approved the lease which was submitted to the board of education Monday. If a stadium and athletic field are built, pupils of Beaufort school would be entitled to use it for their athletic program, and naturally, the board of trustees sees in it a sports program for the school that would otherwise never be realized, at least for many, many years to come.

We feel that the board of education acted wisely in not signing the contract several months after it was first presented to them. However, their main reason for not signing it, namely, that it would bind their successors to an agreement which future board members would not like, is a weak line of reasoning.

If a governing board did not plan for the future and enter into agreements that would affect citizens in years to come there would be no paved streets, municipally-owned community centers, or projects that mean progress and improvements beneficial to the people.

Under the lease, as drawn up now, the Beaufort Athletic association will pay to the Beaufort Graded school \$500 rental per year and 5 per cent per year of the gross gate receipts over \$10,000, but this amount not to exceed \$500.

If the lease is signed and the proposed \$30,000 stadium suggested by the Athletic association not built, the school will still receive \$500 annually and have all the privileges of using the field which they now have. However, as long as the field is under lease to the Athletic association, the association alone will be responsible for repairs or improvements there. The lease provides, however, that by agreement of the two parties, the school can spend money or make improvements if it wants.

The Beaufort Athletic association, according to the contract, says that no "unlawful or offensive uses" of the property will be made. It is not stipulated, however, which party will determine what uses are "unlawful or offensive."

In agreements such as this there is usually a clause also, perhaps not continually exercised, that the lessor has the right to audit the books of the lessee.

The Beaufort Athletic association has the right also to terminate the agreement, if it so desires, if the property is destroyed "by fire or other casualty." In other words, if the large stadium is built and a year later it burns down, the lessees can immediately terminate the contract and the Beaufort school or board of education would be responsible for clearing away the debris and re-equipping their athletic field.

We think the Beaufort Athletic association's idea is a splendid one. We would be among the first to cheer and boost the athletic association's program. We do feel, however, that there are some bugs in the lease as presented to the board of education and recommend that the county attorney thoroughly study it and advise the board as to what action should be taken.

Ever See a Bank Walking?

Beaufort Jaycees have undertaken a project which would be a worthy enterprise for any civic organization. It isn't obvious to the casual observer, but actually, the Beaufort Junior Chamber of Commerce is a Walking Blood Bank.

Members are having their blood typed and RH factors recorded by the laboratory technician at the Morehead City hospital. Whenever a patient needs a transfusion, the records of each Jaycee are looked up and the one that fills the bill is contacted and requested to donate blood.

John Haynes was the first to be typed and nine days later gave some of his blood to a colored man.

The project was initiated by J. O. Barbour, Jr., who combed practically all of eastern North Carolina recently to find a person who give blood to his little girl who was ill in James Walker hospital, Wilmington.

If the Jaycees would have done nothing else this year, this Walking Blood Bank project, in itself, would have gained for them highest commendation.

Evidently They Approve of 'Carteret'

Our blood kind of boiled at first when we saw what looked like the Coast and Geodetic survey playing hob with our inlets, rivers, and channels here in the county.

If we called "Widders Gut" Widder's Gut, OK. We couldn't especially see any improvement by changing the name to "Jump and Run."

Unfamiliar with the navigable waters in the Hatteras area, we don't know whether navigators in this section will object to the proposed name-changes, going away with the "Split" and "Outer Slue channel."

We do know that if fishermen have known these places and others by names such as "Widders Gut" etc. all their lives, the names aren't going to be changed overnight by an act of Congress.

Actually, most of the revisions are merely corrections in name-spelling. And the effort to establish one correct and authoritative name for one stream or inlet is commendable.

We would be interested in hearing the opinion of some of the fishermen. The full story on these proposed changes ran on page 1 in Tuesday's issue of THE NEWS-TIMES.

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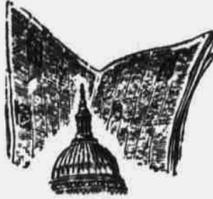
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FANCY GRILLWORK



Raleigh Round up



By Eula Nixon Greenwood

WATCH FOR THEM — One afternoon last week a young man who appeared to be about 35 years old walked into a Raleigh drug store and asked the manager to cash a check in the amount of \$47.98 for him. The check was made out to Robert L. Pearson and was signed: "United States Public Health Service, Federal Security Agency, by Carl L. Kunstling, M. D. C."

Then this gentleman went to a grocery store and had a check for \$49.79 cashed. He then moved on to another firm and made off with \$49.79 with the same ruse. He was accompanied on each visit by a lady who he said was his wife. They always made a few purchases before flashing the check.

Prior to reaching Raleigh he cashed three similar checks in

Durham using the name of Robert L. Belvin.

The N. C. Merchants Association, working in cooperation with the State and Federal Bureaus of Investigation, sent out over the State full information on the tricksters. However, on Saturday night the checkflashers were still at large.

FAVORITE TIME — Reports have also reached the Association within the past week that bogus five-, ten-, and twenty-dollar bills are being passed in several sections of the state and nation. Now, when the Christmas rush is in full swing, is the favorite time of the year for counterfeiters and check operators. They know the merchants don't have time to check on the authenticity of the bills and

checks which flow across their desks.

Store employees, managers, and owners who are not on the alert between now and Christmas may regret it.

POTATO PROBLEM — The North Carolina Irish potato — particularly the highly perishable, early commercial variety grown in Eastern North Carolina — has not been in good health for a number of years now. This also holds true for virtually all these June and July potatoes grown along the Southern Atlantic Seaboard. Had it not been for the assistance of Uncle Sam, many a grower would have lost his shirt years ago, and despite Federal help some of the planters have not fared too well. The only people who have consistently done well with the early commercial potato are the fertilizer manufacturers.

Congressmen Graham Barnden and Herbert Bonner have stood by the potato growers, and are now attempting to get a better support price for them. But it seems that when one problem is settled another comes along.

Now it begins to look as if a man who is thoroughly familiar with the annual potato mess might become chief of the National Potato Council. He is Harry

Westcott, Dare county native who has been fruits and vegetables marketing head with the N. C. Agriculture department since 1940. Though he is from a county which is not what you would call an agricultural stronghold, Westcott is thoroughly familiar with the problems faced by Eastern North Carolina potato growers.

The Potato Council position would carry a salary of \$15,000 per year, the principal hitch being that it would require Westcott to move to Washington, D. C., and he likes Raleigh — particularly now that one of his old sidekicks, W. Kerr Scott, is going in as Governor. Westcott has become one of the top men in agricultural marketing in North Carolina, so keep an eye on him.

COERCH AGAIN — Carl Coerch, that idea man, has done it again. This time it is a 64-page booklet called "Pitchin' Tar," which made its appearance on Tuesday, December 7, just in time to hit the Christmas trade right on the nose. Retailing for one dollar, this latest Coerch opus tells you things you should know about North Carolina, such as: outstanding scenic attractions, hunting and fishing, good places to eat, odd facts about N. C., educational progress, population figures, the textile industry, odd names of towns and cities, etc. In lots of ten or more you can virtually get it wholesale — 75 cents per copy. Coerch has been referred to as "Carolina Chatterer," aviator, general gadabout, and what have you. Most of all, however, he seems to be an A-1 salesman.

THE HUCKSTERS — And, furthermore, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus and Mrs. Carl Coerch are now developing a sort of North Carolina business directory. It may not be called that, but it is going to con-

tinue more facts, figures — and advertisements — than you can shake a dogwood stick at. Can you imagine any business man of good sense turning down these ambitious women, whether the request be for an ad, a picture, a story about his firm, or even a Coca-Cola? The answer, of course, is a thousand times no. Only the end of the world, then, or some such calamity, can prevent this book's being of the world, then, or some such calamity, can prevent this book's being a huge success. It should also render a real service.

NOTES — Senator-Elect J. M. Broughton caught everybody, almost, napping when he appointed John D. McConnell of Southern Pines as his \$10,000 administrative assistant. . . . Broughton wanted an ex-service man, and had previously offered the job to

R. Mayne Albright and Hathaway Cross, both of whom preferred to hang out their new shingles here in Raleigh.

Bob Erwin's page in The State magazine has been discontinued. He wrote the Washington, D. C., column. . . . They say Erwin has a fine news service in the Nation's capital, with clients in all sections of the U. S. and even down in South America.

The word is that the State Highway Commission, miffed at some recent Scott statements, came within an inch of resigning en masse. See **ROUNDUP** Page 4

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