

LYNN NISBET:

Around Capitol Square

S. E. N. C. B. A. — The South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association, commonly called "Sen-cba," has become a synonym for co-operation in the area embraced in its activities—coastal North Carolina from the mouth of White Oak creek to the South Carolina line. The association staged its annual banquet at Carolina Beach Thursday night, at which awards were made to prize winners in the

1951 fishing rodeo. Many of the prizes consisted of plaques or statuettes but there were also more tangible items—such as U. S. bonds aggregating several hundred dollars. There wasn't much speech-making, what there was having to do with importance of even closer co-operation among the communities and with the rest of the state. Main speaker was Roy Rowe of Burgaw, former state senator and currently an avowed candidate for lieutenant governor—but he didn't talk politics.

INTER-RELATED — He emphasized the close relationship between the fast industrial development in the southeastern part of the state and need for expanded recreational facilities in the area. He said captains of industry and leaders of labor have come to recognize the fact that recreational grounds and waters are vital to a high rate of production in the factories. (Two recent news stories add emphasis to that thought. One about the formation of a southeastern industrial council; the other about the tie-in of play time advantages with other factors in state advertising designed to bring industry into North Carolina.)

TRAVEL — Several references were made to progress in road and bridge building in the area during the past decade. Places that were inaccessible a few years back are now easily reached over good roads, a condition which imposes further responsibility upon the operators of hotels, beaches, fishing equipment and other entertainment facilities to "take care of the visitors." Two incidents of current news point to accomplishment and future planning for still further improvement in travel routes.

BRIDGE — State highway department and local government officials Monday will formally dedicate the new bridge across North East river on US 117 and US 421 near Castle Hayne. The bridge and about a mile of approaching road eliminates a serious traffic hazard on this important travel route.

FERRY — Later in the day Monday the state officials and most of the locals will move on to Carolina Beach for an oyster roast and a

HER SOLDIER HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



VIRTUALLY BLIND as the result of a hand grenade explosion on Heartbreak Ridge in Korea, Pfc. Charles Runzger, 19, is reunited with his mother, Mrs. Lena Runzger, in their New York home. Charles was flown from a Houston, Tex., hospital by the Military Air Transport Service's "Operation Santa Claus" which enables thousands of wounded veterans to spend Christmas with their families. (International)

conference with sponsors of the proposed ferry across the Cape Fear between Carolina Beach and Southport. Establishment of the ferry was authorized by the last general assembly, but there was a limit set in the act upon amount to be spent. Engineers say it cannot be put in for that sum, and delay has occurred pending decision as to which part of the act should take precedence—the order for construction or the limited authorization of funds. At the Carolina Beach conference Monday night the issue will be put squarely up to the highway folks by the local sponsors. Manager Ruddy Hamilton of the Town of Carolina Beach and a chief booster of the ferry project, says the question will be put in such way that a yes or no answer can be given—and

such answer will be demanded. "Do you or do you not intend to establish the ferry service?" **FAR REACHING** — So far the question of a ferry across the lower Cape Fear has been a local issue. It won't remain in that category very long. The local folks are getting support from all along the route of which runs from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean, coming into North Carolina between Mountains City, Tennessee, and Boone. Hence through Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Salisbury, Dunn, Clinton and Wilmington to stop cold on a sand dune near Fort Fisher. Some three miles of river separate that terminus from Southport and connections with US 17 on the south. A booster association for US 421 embracing

cities and towns and resort areas in half a dozen states has been formed and is expected to add its pressure to the local demands for a continuous route to the south.

EGGS — J. V. Whitfield, veteran legislator of Pender county, is and has been interested in many phases of poultry development. He thinks, maybe, he has egg around a symbol for what is going on. Several years ago the Pender county folks got interested in a co-operative egg freer and hicker plant at Burgaw. Special attention was given to poultry—layers, turkeys eggs. Business has been good in

poetry meats, but the egg stands as symbol of progress. The co-op had to encourage farmers to produce eggs, then had to provide facilities for buying and marketing them. A young man was sent to State College to learn how to can, grade and package eggs. During November of last year the egg business was launched. One case of 30 dozen eggs, candled, graded and certified was sold. For several weeks there was just one case sold. Then folks found out about the project. For the last week in November this year the score was forty-five cases of 30-dozen eggs each. Whitfield says

he is confident that by end of another year the report will show between seventy five and a hundred cases—and he won't be surprised if it passes the hundred mark. From one to one hundred cases of graded and trade marked eggs out of Pender county in two years, is admittedly somewhat faster than other phases of development in Southeastern North Carolina have grown, but Whitfield says it shows what can be done.

MATHEMATICS — Vivian Whitfield used to be a college professor and has had considerable experience in consular service. He is

also a mathematician. He can work out problems in calculus, geometry and algebra, but this simple arithmetic is needed to figure the egg deal. It costs the freer company about five cents a dozen to handle the eggs of farmer members. That pays for grading, buying cartons and packaging the eggs, shipping costs, etc. About one cent is reserved for contingencies or "profit," which means out of the price of each dozen eggs the co-op takes six cents. After that take out records show that the producer got more for their eggs than if they had been sold on a casual market without grading or assurance of quality.

Jaxon's 'Last Stand'



DISPOSSESSED Major Honore Joseph Jaxon, 91, sits calmly amid his possessions, mainly boxes and bundles of old newspapers, after being forced to "retreat" from his New York basement apartment. Jaxon, who proudly recalled his days of Indian fighting in Montana, told reporters: "I'm not dead yet by any means." (International)

VETS IN 'OPERATION SANTA CLAUS'



AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE in Maryland, Cpl. Pat Toliver, Beckley, W. Va.; Flight Nurse Capt. Angelica Gulick, Mobile, Ala.; and Sgt. Angelo Rosella, Columbus, Ga., wave goodbye before taking off for home during the Christmas holidays. In a project called "Operation Santa Claus," 63 disabled veterans at World War II and the Korean war are being transported to their homes for the holidays. (International)



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