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## Natural Advantages

"The the outside world know some-
thing of the abundance of historical thing of the abundance of historica
facts and breathless legends and traditions of Southport, provide accommo-
dations for their entertainment, then
prepare to share in the third largest in trade." Rappleyea, former vice-president of the
Higgins Industries of New Orleans, who spoke Thursday beed as "the only place
in what he described
in which I ever have lived that I like manent home upon retirement."
What Mr. Rappleyea said was born of a wealth of experience which has
come through travel and through busi-
ness contacts in several countries. The
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## Sports Progran

We can think of nothing which brings persens than a good, live sports pro-
gram in our schools. The fact that we have just that in Brunswick is born out
by the results of the Brunswick County Basketball Tournament which was con-
cluded Saturday night in the Leland Some folks claim that too much emSome folks claim that too much em-
phasis is placed upon competetive sports, but there can not be very much
wrong with basketball when it affords interest and recreation for large groups of players and prospective players in each school; when it affords to the
youngsters a sort of goal to which they look forward; and when it gives the old-
er folks night after night of olean, exciting entertainment
We are grateful for the basketball program which has developed in our
county school system, and we have a feeling that more good than we know results from this outside activity of our

EX.G.I.Citizens
Those who had misgivings about the way that ex-service men would fit into
the post war world as citizens should the post war world as citizens should
have been present Monday when a large delegation appeared before the board of county commissioners to ask for
full time Veterans Service Officer. There was no cocky attitude of
"these are our rights and we're going to have 'em." There was no attempt made to throw any political weight
around. And the only reference made to the glory of the men who fought for their
eran.
These men were not seeking to create
a job, they were trying to make avail problems to work out with the Veterans Administration regarding their education or other benefits, and they have experienced the difficulties of being able
to clear these up through correspondence. They know that there are problems every day affecting the welfare of vetpeople peoples, and they wat to ficiary get what is due him under the
law.
There were fireworks at the meeting, but they were brought on by issues other to the veterans and to their ability to stick out for their objective, that they $\$ 1.50$




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lights and signs that are not on the higi
way and at the side of the highways
improve travel safety are distractions.
A test case is in the wake County
courts. Without other evidence to the
contrary, we certainly hope that the
State Highway Commission gets the de-


## RALEIGH ROUNDUP

| MANSION CONFERENCE . . . As this column told you last week, the Legislature has been pleading for some financial advice from the Governor. <br> Leaders of the General Assembly finally requested a conference with Kerr Scott, and on Wednesday night, February 9 , he invited around to the Mansion Frank Tayfor of Goldsboro, Larry Moore of Wilson, Grady Rankin of Gastonia, Edwin Pate of Laurinburg, House Speaker Kerr Craige Ramsay of Salisbury, and Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor of Wadesboro. These are the chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees and the presiding officers of the two houses. Also present were Scott Advisors George Ross of Raleigh, Elmer Long of Durham, Charlie Parker of Raleigh, and L. P. McLendon of Greensboro. <br> $\$ 64$ QUESTION . . . Scott presented to the group his educational program. He went over the speech he was to deliver to the joint session of the Legislature the following evening. Most of those present were surprised that the Governor still had made no suggestions about where he was to get the money for his ambitious educational program. They were frankly shocked at this $\sin$ of omission. McLendon said this would never do, putting it a little stronger than that. Scott nodded toward Secretary Charlie Parker, who reputation as a fiscal expert has been far overshadowed-until recent weeks, anyway-by his aptitudes as a newspaperman. Parker came back with the assertion that the matter of raising sufficient revenue with which to implement the school projects was the "six-ty-four-dollar question". |
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## THE REWRITE.

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ernatorial typewriters chatted angrily. Dow
the worn steps of the capitol came the hu
and scuffle of an irritated and impatient
islature. Finally a few minutes before $80^{\prime}$ as the Legislators came filing in
Governor, the speech was finished.
THE BOOK. . The whole thing came like a
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Consensus seemed to be that "Scott threw th book at $4 s^{\prime \prime}$. In his campaign last summer
there was no hint of these taxes. Rather, h
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address In short, the
pants down.

## THE ANSWER

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NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SHALLOTTE

Not Exactly News

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