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Now Is The Time

"... for all good men to come to the aid of their country."

That is the way this tried and true test line of typewriting students goes; and it is as good way as we can think of to complete the thought of this editorial comment.

Because now is the time for all good citizens to give thought to problems relating to the schools of Brunswick county. This is January of election year, and while there have been no formal announcements made by any candidate for any office, soon these declarations of intent will be forthcoming.

We have the following suggestions to make concerning selection of the men in whose hands will be trusted the administration of our public schools. Let the Parent-Teacher Association or other interested school patrons decide on one or more candidates whom they would like to see serve on the Brunswick County Board of Education, then set out to get these men or women to run for a preferential vote in the May Primary Election. Once these acceptable candidates have agreed to run for office, it should be the primary concern of everyone who is interested in the schools to back them to the limit and help to place upon them the stamp of approval of their neighbors and fellow patrons.

We believe that no man who is a candidate for the House of Representatives or the State Senate will refuse to agree to name to the board of education the candidate receiving the highest vote in the Primary Election. The best way to be sure of this is to ask him, and once a candidate has gone on record as being willing to abide by the will of the voters, we think that he will live up to his promise. At any rate, no good citizen should be willing to vote for a man in whom this much confidence cannot be placed with safety.

In seeking commitments from candidates for the legislative offices, we suggest that a request be made for him to agree to name the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes in his home school district. If this plan is followed, then local citizens can have a more intimate control over the question of who shall represent them in school matters.

Poor Sportsmanship

We went out to the local gymnasium Thursday night to see the basketball games between Southport and Shallotte. We thoroughly enjoyed the games, but before the evening was over we were shamed by the poor sportsmanship of the local rooting section.

The girls game was a humdinger, and after Shallotte had pulled away to what appeared to be a commanding lead, Southport whittled away at it until no more than two points separated the teams in the final two minutes of play.

In a game this close a foul shot might easily provide the deciding margin of victory, and good sportsmanship prescribes complete silence on the part of the spectators while free throws are being tried. We are ashamed of the fact that our visitors were accorded no such courtesy Thursday night.

Sometimes this boozing can boomerang against the team whose cause the rabid rooters seek to encourage. About twenty years ago in one of the first sessions of the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament in Raleigh we saw the referee give South Carolina an extra foul shot when fans refused to remain silent while a player from that team attempted a free throw. The point was good, the contest went into double overtime and South Carolina won the ball game.

Whether or not your exhibition of poor

sportsmanship ever costs your team a victory, the outcome of no basketball game to be played in Brunswick county this year is worth forgetting the fundamental principles of fair play.

The Umstead Decision

The decision of William B. Umstead, former United States Senator from North Carolina, not to oppose Dr. Frank P. Graham in the primary this year is a big disappointment to many of those who had looked to him for leadership. There is no doubt he would have made a powerful candidate.

It was Mr. Umstead's misfortune to come up for election against that late J. M. Broughton who was one of the most powerful vote-getters of recent years. That defeat, together with his health, may have been the deciding factor.

Whether he could have defeated Dr. Graham will remain in the category of conjecture. But that Mr. Umstead has been an able statesman is a matter of history.

Federal Aid

Teachers in the Brunswick County School System recently reiterated their appeal for federal aid to education but stipulated that such aid was favored with the condition that control of educational policies should remain in the hands of the states.

The wisdom of this position is readily apparent. Federal aid with such strings as now surround housing and slum clearance projects would serve no useful purpose in the very states where the poorest educational opportunities can be afforded.

The best argument for federal aid to education is the situation in Mississippi. Although a greater portion of Mississippi's productive wealth is spent for education in that state than in any other state, Mississippi's children are provided a minimum of opportunity for educational development. Thus, as long as this condition prevails, it can only be said that children in Mississippi made a great mistake by being born there. When a state does the maximum it can afford, then there should be federal aid.

Federal aid, in our opinion, is desirable only for public schools. There should be no federal aid for private and church schools, or for any school run by any church denomination.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

... Note to Gov. Scott: Somebody is taking collars out of the Women's Prison garden and giving them to neighbors in Raleigh... This has been going on for quite a while now, but the employee's stolen collars are winning him no friends... They are literally lousy...

... Raleigh is setting a standard for the entire nation in its overall sales and business activity. It has been written up in Sales Management, Business Week, and Forbes, the businessman's magazine, for keeping its retail sales volume ahead of 1948. Forbes in a recent issue says that only three cities in the U. S. showed a percentage gain over last year. They were: Albany, Ga., 7 per cent; New York City, 1 per cent; and Raleigh, 10 per cent over last year...

... Raleigh employees of the Federal Land Bank report that loans to farmers are picking up sharply because of the boll weevil damage in the cotton areas... and general leveling-off on farm fronts.

... The State will get its new Highway Building underway very shortly now, but complaints about a State-operated cafeteria have died down... Mum is the word right now. P. S. The State likely will not run a cafeteria, but will provide a floor for one which will be operated privately... During a lull in the Dixie Basketball Classic games here, the man on the public address system announced: "Will Raymond Hair please report to the press table?" The joke was on C. A. Dillon, Jr., son of the prominent merchant and leading Raleigh socialite, who was doing the announcing. He was so absorbed with the games that he did not realize he was casually asking for the appearance of a man being hunted throughout the nation. It was the laugh-of-the-week in Raleigh.

... State employees are now on five-day work week... Gov. Scott may come up with a surprise appointment early this spring... The Jackson Day Dinner here the latter part of this month is expected to be the best in several years because of North Carolina's increasing prominence in Washington... So, if you are going to be here, get your reservations at your favorite hotel now... Aside to political candidates: filing time for candidates for solicitor, judge, all State offices, U. S. Senate and Congress closes at noon on March 18; and for those seeking to come to Raleigh for the 1951 General Assembly or to hold a county office or city office, at 6 p. m. on April 15.

DOING WELL... Charlie Johnson, who lost out to Kerr Scott in the gubernatorial shebang 18 months ago, is now selling stocks and bonds. Reports are that he is making slightly more in this business than he would have in the Governor's chair.

Roving Reporter

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ours failed in that.

Crawford Rourk, veterans service officer, says that he has caught ten rockfish this year. Some of them, illustrating by holding his hands wide apart, were very big. Unfortunately, we did not see any of them and Crawford neglected to produce other witnesses than himself.

This is the season of the year when former postmaster L. T. Yakel wishes himself back at Southport more than ever. The building of the River Road over Fiddlers Drain makes it possible to catch millions of minnows. The goggle eyes are the biggest we have ever known them to be and we have never known the large mouth bass to be so plentiful. All this is what that fellow gets for moving away from Southport.

Writing from the Navy Air Field near Seattle, Washington, and inclosing a clipping of Ripley's Believe it or not Indian Trail tree at Southport, Frante Mollycheck: "It seems that no matter where I go I run across something about Southport." Mollycheck is now a radio man on a Navy plane.

Although their relatively small size has caused them to look less formidable than any team they have played this year, the boys of the Brunswick Training school have consistently demonstrated that they are right there with what it takes to make a good basketball team. Their flashy floor work, accuracy at the basket and good guarding combines to roll them up points while holding their opponents down. Their 51 to 5 point win against the Mt. Olive school of Whiteville Thursday night reflects credit on Coach Johnson and themselves.

We have always thought that the Brunswick growers who planted their seed beds the first week in January were very early birds. They now seem to have competitors with another crop. Last week the Sheppard boys from Shiloh, N. J., planted enough bell pepper seed to secure about a million plants. They will be ready to set out in the open field by the first of April.

Although some varieties bloom right through the winter, recent warm weather has been bringing out a lot of camellia blossoms that are not supposed to be in bloom until much later in the year. Scores of bushes at Southport have been blooming at Southport and it is understood that at Orton Plantation the unseasonable activity has extended to thousands of plants.

Reports of unusually fine catches of large goggle eyes have been coming in from Town Creek, but fishing for them is said to be different from the course followed in the spring and summer. Deep holes have to be hunted out and fishing in such spots has to be done near the bottom. Usually these fish are caught in the spring with hooks adjusted to only a moderate depth. In the very late summer afternoons they will strike from on the surface.

Among the many reactions to the publication of the picture of the Indian Trail Tree on the lawn of Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, we have received a letter from Mrs. Edward Gates of East St. Louis, Ill., asking for post card pictures of the tree if they are available. She stated she was a collector of post cards and sent payment for all we were able to send her.

Rev. H. M. Baker tells us of an advertisement in the State Port Pilot bringing the quickest sort of results. Last week just at the deadline for advertising copy Mrs. Thelma Davis brought in copy for a reader advertisement, seeking the return of a highly prized Siamese cat. That was Tuesday afternoon. The paper was published Wednesday and distributed that night. The next afternoon after his return from school Glenn Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Stanley who live 3 miles from town, was sitting on the back porch of the Stanley home reading the paper. He had just read the advertisement about the lost cat and looked up to see the animal approaching the house from a thicket. He promptly brought it back to Mrs. Davis.

The 22 room Surf Inn destroyed by fire at Wrightsville Beach Friday was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lane. Mrs. Lane is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Helen Bragaw of Southport. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

Going around the county some this week we noticed quite a number of tobacco beds with the seed apparently already planted. Alton Bennett, who lives between Supply and Bolivia seemed to have planted for the biggest acreage of any of the places noted. Formerly of Waccamaw township Mr. Bennett is a fine tobacco farmer.

We appear to have demoted a Southport boy from his proper rank in the Army. A couple of weeks ago we told of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hubbard of Southport getting a trans-atlantic telephone call from the family of their son,

"Sgt." G. E. Hubbard, Jr., who is stationed in Germany. The young Army man who enlisted before the war started has been a Warrent Officer for several years.

A plumbing firm said to be planning to locate here and for whom a new home is starting up near Hart's Grill, is said to already have six contracts for installing plumbing in new homes that are to be built at Long Beach right away. They are quoted as saying that they expect to get many more such jobs here this year.

January, usually much the duller month of the year, has started off as what many residents call the most active month in 25 years. Everybody is at work at something or other. Building new homes and repairing old ones appears to be giving employment to many carpenters and skilled and unskilled workers from out of town in addition to local men.

Seeing in it a possible means of being taken on more fishing trips with us, our friend Sam Bennett, clerk of the superior court, has learned to spell on his fingers. He gives promise of becoming better at that than he is at fishing. Anyway, he is very handy with the outboard motor and things really team up well as we can catch enough fish for both.

Patrolmen C. M. Cumming and J. C. Taylor, who swore off from smoking as their New Year resolution had resumed the habit Monday. Apparently they had decided that the way to resume was to resume. As a part of the resolution, the one who broke it was to have paid the other \$6.00. When they were seen Monday each of them claimed that the other started smoking first.

Squire Coy FormyDugal, the sage of Waccamaw was in town Monday with his accustomed toothbrush. Seeing him reminded us that in our recent census of Brunswick county men who sport mustaches we overlooked him. He has as good a mustache as any other man. Having seen him without this facial ornament once or twice in the past, we don't blame him for wearing it.

The installation of traffic lights requiring motorists to come to a full stop at the intersection between the bus station and The Pilot office seems to be working out to good purpose. Most motorists have been heeding it and proceeding only on the green light as is required. Chief of Police Jack Hickman said this week that he was allowing a week for the motorists to get used to it. Some time this week he will begin citing all who fail to stop when the red is against them.

"Uncle" John Allen Hewett, highly respected and industrious negro of Lockwoods Folly township, will be 90 years old on the 14th of the coming August. He was born August 14, 1859. H. F. Hewett, one of Uncle John's white neighbors, tells us that the old gentlemen is highly respected by his white and colored neighbors. He is still in good health and is very active, plowing, hoeing and doing all other chores on his own neat farm. He is said to have a great many descendants.

The average motorist probably does not know it, but the fact remains that all cars of highway patrolmen are equipped with speedometers that are tested frequently and certified to be exact. The speed of all motorists passing these cars can readily be checked, as can the speed of cars in front. According to Patrolman C. J. Pierce of Shallotte, 55 miles per hour calls for the citation of any driver. However, the most frequent citations show drivers as going from 60 to 75 miles per hour.

Penalties will be added to all unpaid 1949 taxes after February 2nd. In the case of the larger tax payers this penalty runs to a sizable bit. In all cases it is

Not Exactly News

While she and her husband were here for the Christmas holidays Margaret Aldredge learned to her sorrow that a good fireman never can resist the sound of a fire alarm. The family was all dressed up and getting ready to sit down for Sunday dinner when the siren sounded. Dick Rankin bounced up and was off to the fire. His knowledge and experience gained as a member of the fire department of Washington, D. C. helped prevent a dangerous conflagration, but in the process Dick did a thorough job of ruining his Sunday clothes.

While standing around a duck pond Saturday afternoon James Carr and Gus McNeill heard a flapping about in the branches of a tree under which they were hiding. Neither thought much about it until a moment later when they saw a wild turkey rapidly drawing out of range... Ad post-holiday notes: Mrs. Anna Thompson not only has a feeling for the overworked postoffice employees during their Christmas rush, she prepares hot chocolate and sandwiches for them for a between-meal snack.

Kathleen Clemmons, who played a bang-up guard for the fine Shallotte girls team, is the

worth saving. For the convenience of folks who cannot well make a trip to town to pay their taxes, Edward Redwine, the collector, will visit 26 central points in the county with the tax books next week. As usual we will make these rounds with him.

For the past few years, part of which time now automobiles could not be delivered for love or money, dealers paid the usual appropriation for advertising. Only the Chevrolet folks continued steadily with their newspaper advertising and are now using the papers more than ever. It is noteworthy that during recent weeks, and since they were able to produce and deliver cars, about all of the other manufacturers of automobiles are swinging back around to the tried and true newspaper advertising.

The winter small grain and legume crop throughout the county is said to be looking exceptionally well. Just a few years ago little attention was paid to such crops, especially to legumes. Now the practice of winter crops is becoming widespread and the communities where such crops are grown usually show up with fertile lands and prosperous farmers. On many farms in Brunswick there is a lack of sufficient humus and nitrogen. Winter crops will make up for this deficiency to a large extent. For our sandy lands there is probably no better soil enriching crop than a summer growth of crotalaria to be plowed under in the fall. The rank top growth provides humus and the roots are wonderful gatherers of nitrogen.

In some places in Brunswick wild asparagus has gained a foothold and grows luxuriantly, providing a tempting dish for those who care to seek out the plants. So far as we know, no attempt has ever been made to grow the garden or truck variety of asparagus. That is, no attempt was made until the past year. Last Summer Everett H. Sheppard sowed about a quarter of an acre of land on his farm on the River Road in asparagus seed. From this he has secured hundreds of rooted plants and is now setting them out both here and on his farm in New Jersey.

H. O. Peterson of Northwest township, former county commissioner, is now devoting himself to his sawmill business and farming. In town Friday he said that it was the expectation that the four mile stretch of road from near his home to Acme will be built in February. The road goes from Leland to Phoenix, thence to Acme.

We are missing Jake Tinga, veterans teacher at the Bolivia school. He resigned the first of the year to go with his brother,

young lady we depend on for the "Pirate Log," Shallotte school news column, each week... We have enjoyed reading our autographed copy of "On A Clipper Trip Around The World", an interesting and informal report of her personal experiences written in the inimitable style of Miss Beatrice Cobb, personnel secretary of the North Carolina Press Association... Five new homes are in the process of construction in Southport.

"Top O' The Morning", starring that well-known team of Bing Crosby and Baby Fitz Gerald, plays Thursday and Friday at the Amuzu, thus giving Manager B. L. Furpless another beat in the matter of playing new pictures before some of the bigger theatres in the cities... When they went to Raleigh last week as a part of a delegation seeking telephone facilities for Shallotte and surrounding territory E. D. Bishop and Odell Williamson literally made a flying trip. They took off a couple of hours after other members of their party left Shallotte, then met them at an airport just this side of the capital. Williamson, who was an aerial artillery spotter during the late World War, was the pilot.

Dodson, taking it rather easy on his farm in Waccamaw township since his retirement, said Saturday that the farmers in his section have a good crop of legumes and small grain. During his long service with the county Mr. Dodson's legs and feet sort of gave out on him. His friends throughout the county will be glad to know that he now feels he is undergoing improvement.

Luther Holden of Holden Beach said Saturday that he was expecting right much building to get underway at Holden Beach in the near future. A lot of the up-state owners of property at the beach have been making preparations for the construction of homes this year. Folks who know that popular resort center are confident that 1950 will be a banner year.

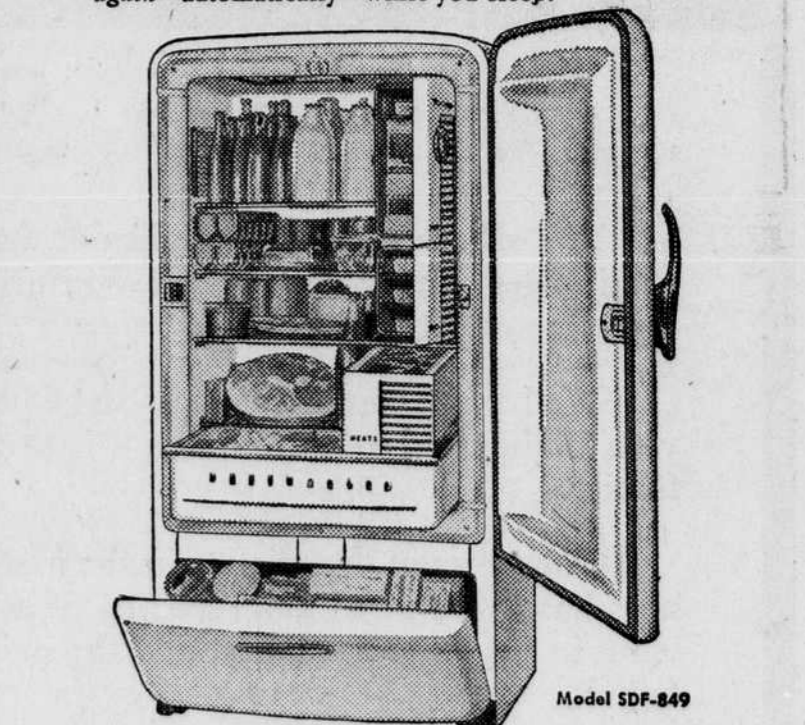
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been estimated that there are around twenty undiscovered cases of tuberculosis in the county. This is based on experience elsewhere and on the number of cases in the county at the present time. If these cases can be diagnosed early, cure can be more easily effected with benefit to the patients themselves and at a considerable saving to the county. The mass X-ray mobile unit has been eagerly sought by other counties and the general opinion is that it is doing a great deal of good in detecting undiscovered cases and also in educating the people concerning tuberculosis.

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