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Make It Personal

This week when you are asked to make your contribution to the March of Dimes, we urge you not to consider the national scope of this worthwhile organization, nor the untold good it does for thousands of boys and girls throughout the land who, but for its efforts, would go through life as helpless cripples.

Just think for a moment what it means to you to have the resources of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis standing between you and your own child, grandchild, niece or nephew. In other words, be perfectly selfish about it for a moment and consider what it means to you and to those you hold most dear. Then dig down and make your gift.

On The Job

We go along taking the U. S. Coast Guard for Granted until an emergency arises, then the real value of these men is underscored for our benefit.

Like Saturday, when three upstate visitors got into trouble at Lockwoods Folly inlet while on a pleasure cruise in their 14-foot open boat. There was nothing about their adventure to match some of the daring deeds of this honored service, but the fact remains that the prompt, efficient action on the part of the Coast Guard never was more welcomed than when they showed up in the black darkness to take the stranded trio off the last point of land before they were swept out into the open sea.

The greatest service rendered by the Coast Guard is to help prevent accidents, but when emergencies arise as sometimes they do is good to know that we have the men and equipment of Oak Island and the Eighty-Three Footer standing by to prevent loss of life and property.

Good Record

If you cannot be perfect, then be the best.

And that is just what the staff at the Brunswick county garage is being. For the second straight month the record for defects of school buses has been better for this county than for any other county in the district. The inspections are being made by qualified members of the State Highway Patrol, who are strictly impartial; so all findings are based upon fact.

Here is a point upon which too much emphasis cannot be placed, and we are proud of the record that the county mechanics have made with the school bus fleet.

Jury Service

We wish that hundreds of our citizens could have heard Judge J. Paul Frizzelle Monday morning as he delivered his charge to the members of the Grand Jury selected to serve during the next twelve months.

His chief objective was to impress the men with the honor of being selected for jury service. This is a duty which many of our people have come to dread and to avoid with great skill and determination. Those who shy away from a call to the jury should have heard Judge Frizzelle as he explained that the service of competent, intelligent jurors is the very foundation stone of our law.

We frequently hear good and respected men crying about the lack of respect for law and order, the breaking down of our standards of justice and the lack of reverence for our courts. Well, here may be one of the fundamental reasons, this unwillingness on the part of the average businessman to take time out from his own enterprise to lend his efforts to the task of insuring good government.

A Public Duty

Our government in the past twenty years has mushroomed into the most huge and complicated enterprise on earth. Methods and procedures adequate to its management two decades ago today are hopelessly obsolete.

Posterity may well record that one of the greatest events in American history occurred when Congress, in recognition of these facts, created, by unanimous action the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government under the chairmanship of former President Herbert Hoover.

For if this distinguished commission's monumental report is adopted, the disastrous course of bewildered spending by the Executive Branch, due to unwieldy structure and confused administration, can be arrested and an annual saving of upwards of \$3 billions effected.

The Hoover Commission, as it is familiarly known, was composed of six Democrats and six Republicans. In Mr. Hoover's words, the members were "twelve toughminded men of different political faiths and ideologies."

Their assignment was as tough. It was to explore the whole field of governmental activities and to recommend reforms that would make government as efficient and effective as humanly possible.

On the basis of the investigations of research task forces composed of experts in every phase of governmental activity, the Hoover Commission shaped its final Report which is an explicit blueprint for government reforms vital to the national economy.

The report will remain only a document unless, through the vigorous support of public opinion, it can be written into our laws by action of Congress.

It is the plain duty of citizens everywhere, regardless of their affiliations with any group or organization, to support sound government. There is and there should be no plea for curtailment of essential services, but there should be an appeal for an end to waste in government.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

WORTH REMEMBERING . . . As the 700,000 Baptists of North Carolina worry and fret and quarrel over whether to accept the General Board's ruling and take that \$700,000 grant from the State and Federal Gov'ts for the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, here is something they should consider:

Accepting this grant from Uncle Sam and N. C. should not interfere too much with the separation-of-church-and-state doctrine. Why? Because the Baptist Church—and all other churches—are already getting millions and millions of dollars a year from local, State, and Federal government. How? Through the exemption of church property from taxation! If the Baptists can accept these millions from the backdoor, what is wrong with accepting a few hundred thousand from the front? You're welcome.

OFF THE CUFF . . . Remember 25 years ago right along now when farmers were having a fuss over the tobacco co-op? On Jan. 13, 1925, there was a terrific fuss at Yanceyville as farmers swarmed in asking for a financial statement from the Cooperative Association and payment for two crops of tobacco . . .

The Advisory Committee on the Chair of Retailing in process of establishment at the University is composed of E. S. Spainhour, Elkin; J. Norman Black, Greensboro; James A. Graham, Red Springs; John M. Carroll, Asheville; Frank L. McCabe, Burlington; James H. Clark, Elizabethtown; Judson H. Blount, Greenville; Clyde R. Greene, Boone; Brevard R. Hoover, Winston-Salem; Karl G. Hudson, Raleigh; Jacob Winstead, Rocky Mount; and Chairman Louis Lipsky, Asheville. . . .

Inside reports from the Wake Forest campus are tant cases against two of the footballers accused of cheating may be reopened . . . and that several discrepancies in Accused Murderer Raymond Hair's story told Los Angeles detectives will develop in later hearings . . .

ANOTHER SMATHERS . . . Another North Carolina Smathers is becoming prominent in politics. This one, Rep. George Smathers, Florida Democrat, is a native of Waynesville. The other one served one term as senator from New Jersey, and prior to that was mayor of Atlantic City. He was from the Asheville-Waynesville environs. If memory serves correctly, he is now deceased . . . politically, if not otherwise. But this young Smathers seems very much alive. At any rate, he is going to oppose Sen. Claude Pepper, New Dealer and Fair Dealer of Florida. A lot of people regard tomato-faced Claude as a communist, or at least communistically inclined.

The Miami Congressman says "there are today in the U. S. more Communists than there were in Russia at the time of the Communist Revolution."

He will have to go some to oust Sen. Claude Pepper, but may be able to turn the trick. **POLITICAL MOVES** . . . Opponents to Sen. Frank Graham are still looking around for somebody to run against him, but so far the search has been fruitless . . . Talk about Ag. Commissioner L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine's making the race is not taken seriously here by anybody, including Commissioner Ballentine himself, who is injecting new life daily into the N. C. Agriculture Department.

Roving Reporter

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ugh the day. All layers, the birds are kept in two separate houses, one of these being 60 x 22 feet.

Mrs. Ethel Hinson of near Holden Beach tells us that Cecil Thompson of Welford, S. C., was visiting in that community Sunday. He came on to Southport with friends and seeing the old Whittlers Bench, he asked what it was. When told he got out his knife and straightway became one of the thousands of whittlers who have whittled at Whittlers Bench.

We expect that E. V. Evans of Leland and T. M. Hickman of Hickman Crossroads have been doing business at the same stands longer than anybody else in Brunswick. Both are in buildings that were constructed around 50 years ago. They started in these places and are still going strong.

For many years the late J. L. Babson of Waccamaw township conducted a fertilizer business at Freeland. Since his death a year or more ago the business has been taken over by his son, Lester Babson, on the Kingtown Road. Mr. Babson has recently built a nice warehouse for storage. With expectations of a fertilizer shortage this year, Mr. Babson and other dealers are advising farmers to place their orders early.

The small grain and winter legume crops continued to look exceptionally good. Among farmers recently remarking on the excellence of this crop have been Rice Gywnn of Longwood, J. E. Dodson of Freeland, County Agent A. S. Knowles and many others. Being all over every township last week, we can heartily agree with them.

Postmaster Roland Simmons of Ash appears to be a big believer in soy beans. In his store in which the office is located the other day we noticed something like a hundred bushels of soy bean seed that he had harvested and sacked, waiting for some other soy bean grower to come along.

Around at Shallotte Village Point last week Chandler Rourke had just dropped by to engage in a political argument with Captain and Mrs. J. V. Chadwick, although both of them are for the same candidates as he is. At Freeland, Exum, Ash, Longwood, Grissetown, Hickman's Crossroads, there was plenty of political talk.

Charles Harvel of Leland reminded us this week that North-west township is in Brunswick county. We are right glad to hear that and hope he will continue to take interest in the fact.

At his store at Hickman's Crossroads Judge Willie Joe McLamb is extolling the virtue of treated vs untreated fence posts. A sign in his yard is supported by a treated and an untreated post. The sign gives the information that the untreated pine post will last about 7 years and the treated one at least 30 years.

Just to show that we have had very little winter weather this year, it may be said that at Ash last week we saw Garland Long, a carpenter, still wearing his last summers Panama straw hat. The thing looked like he had been wearing it every day since he came.

J. O. Grissett of Grissetown seems to us to be one of the most consistent builders of his community. He is always adding to his repair shop and filling station and doing much of the work himself whenever he can snatch a few minutes from regular chores.

By planting palmettoes in front of their home Mr. and Mrs. Pearce Cramer have started something that will some day be an object of much interest to tourists—a few palmettoes are on the coast above Southport where the tourists can see them. Such trees growing along the road here will really stamp this section as the beginning of the Carolina low country.

All over the county it is to be noticed where small fires have occurred in the woods. It appeared that only small areas were burned over, the average fire covering perhaps not more than two acres. The burned over areas remind one that the windy and really dangerous period of the year is now near. Some of the recent small fires could have been really destructive during the windy days of February, March and April. This is the dangerous period when general cooperation should exist in preventing the start of forest fires and in fighting them when they start.

while he was filling his appointments, we rode around for 56 hours with Tax Collector Edward Reckins last week. We both get pretty darned tired of each other's company—P. S.: We told the foregoing to a lot of folks who were too dumb to see anything else funny enough to laugh about.

J. A. Elmore, Chevrolet man of Bolivia, was telling us this week that he was at McMillan and Cameron's in Wilmington Saturday morning and two cars of tourists were asking how to get down the River Road in Brunswick to see the historical spots and other places of interest. Mr. Elmore thinks that Southport and Brunswick will come in for a lot of travel with the completion of the River Road. Through trucking and tourists who are in a hurry will not use it, but the hundreds who are interested in historical and well known places will use it. "Some of them," said Mr. Elmore, "will come back to stay".

In business at Bolivia for 35 years, N. B. (Poley) Leonard, feels he is getting in feeble health and that he should stop work. Accordingly, he plans to retire as soon as he can find someone to rent or lease his store and the comfortable living quarters attached to it. Somehow, Bolivia will not seem the same when Poley retires from business.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wallace, owners of one of the fine homes at Long Beach, came in Saturday for the week-end and to make plans for their return to the beach in the early spring. Mr. Wallace is very enthusiastic at all of the prospects for Long Beach and around Southport. He thinks that this year will see this area making much the greatest growth that it has had in any previous several year period.

From talking with an interested party this week, we will not be surprised if a very popular make of automobile establishes an agency in Southport this year. In fact, there are representatives of more than one make of car very much interested. It is a very good bet that before the end of summer Southport folks will not have to go outside of town to purchase their favorite business and family cars.

During the past week the owners of the very representative business house in different towns have broached us with inquiries as to the possibilities for stores with stock such as they carry at Southport. We were able to tell them what we honestly feel: For the first time in years, as a result of present and assured future development, there are good openings at Southport for various forms of progressive stores.

Although he is now with the Carolina Light and Power Company with much bigger pay than he received as director of the State News Bureau, Bill Sharpe has never lost his interest in Brunswick county. Writing us this week he enclosed copies of letters he had written interested parties, relative to things here in Brunswick. When the State News Bureau was first established, with Bill in charge, we believe we were one of the very first agencies that began cooperating with him.

Women and girls wearing shorts have not been unusual sights this month. Monday and at least two days last week folks thus garbed could be seen by the dozens. We noticed one young lady arrayed in shorts and washing her car. During this operation she got herself soaking wet, apparently without any discomfort in the January weather.

One of the first things that District Solicitor Clifton Moore asked us Monday was, "What kind of bait are you using now?" We told him, "Mostly live minnows, worms are good, too. We will catch the minnows for you."

Not Exactly News

The outstanding addition to the business section of Southport during the past year was the erection of a modern dental office by Dr. R. C. Daniel on Howe street. Dr. Ray deserves full credit for that; but one of the things that makes it most attractive is the way the grounds about the building are kept, currently featuring a pretty stand of winter grass. Credit for this goes to Mr. Willie Fullwood, who has adopted the project during his spare time from his store . . . Rhett street, following the old W. B. & S. railroad track, is one of the most naturally beautiful streets in Southport.

Last week we saw a news picture of the fishing fleet at Morehead City. Two of the three boats shown were the Royal Flush and the Penny of Southport. A third Southport boat, the Rosalina, was mentioned in the outlines . . . The palmettos planted during the past week in front of the Pearce Cramer residence has added an interesting touch to Moore street and makes us wonder why more of those trees have not been set out about homes in Southport.

Baxter Williams, newly appointed member of the local school committee at Waccamaw, is a talented man when it comes to training bird dogs . . . This may sound like a funny suggestion for a community that couldn't even keep up two clay tennis courts, but with the prospect of many summer visitors at Ft. Caswell, plus the normal summer colony at the Brunswick beaches there would seem to be a good opportunity for the operation of a nine-hole golf course somewhere nearby.

"Big Jack," one of the last Wallace Beery pictures, is the feature Monday and Tuesday at

and Judge Frizzelle and Clerk of Court Sam Bennett will dig the worms". We have an idea that some physical effort will do those fellows good.

Should anybody want to know why the city water looked terrible Monday morning, they can be advised that the city fathers had the big tank thoroughly washed out Sunday. Regardless of how pure water may be, the insides of a container has to get a bath now and then. Most of the coloring to the water had disappeared within a few hours and it is now clear and sparkling.

Some of the Southport shrimp trawlers brought in nice catches of Virginia mullets Monday, along with other fish. The whiting do not usually show up here in any numbers until late in the winter or early spring. The boatmen are taking this week's catches as promising something soon.

We are not sure of the status of Judge J. Paul Frizzelle as a fisherman, but we were talking about going fishing before he could get from his car to the court house when he arrived Monday to hold court. Judge R. Hunt Parker is an enthusiastic but danged poor fisherman. Judge W. C. Harris is so big that we always hesitated to broach him with the subject of fishing. He would sink the boat.

Farmers who are interested in land clearing operations with bulldozers might get a pleasing lesson if they were to go to the Sheppard plant farm on the River Road this week. Trees and stumps are giving way to the big machine in a manner not dreamed of just a few years ago. Following the clearing of the land all broken off roots will be grubbed out and the land will be planted in watermelons this first year. Next year it will be used to produce tomato plants for New Jersey and Pennsylvania tomato farmers.

After telling us and various and sundry others who were around that he gets all of his news from The State Port Pilot, C. W. Bruce colored farmer of near Bolivia, had to go to his car and bring in his II or 12 year old son, Saturday. He wanted the boy to see the man who wrote all of that "Rovin' Reporter."

the Amuzu . . . Tip to his fishing friends: The Rovin' Reporter has a pair of knee-length rubber boots, fireman-red, that undoubtedly will become a conspicuous part of his fishing regalia. If you want to be in style, heed this hint in fishermen's fashions . . . Long Beach visitors will be surprised the next time they see the change that has taken place in the lay of the land to the left of the bridge at the inland waterway.

It was no hard matter to hear a political discussion going on among the crowd here for court Monday . . . Capt. and Mrs. J. I. Davis not only have the largest camellia bush in Southport, but they have a splendid collection of young plants in their back yard . . . The Behrman orchestra which is scheduled for a Lions-sponsored dance engagement Saturday, February 4, played a lot of engagements at Lumina last summer.

The warm days of the past two weeks have started many local citizens digging about in their garden . . . People who have been watching the crew at work painting and repairing the Southport water tank during the past week are willing to admit that the men earn their pay . . . The fleet of new autos you see belonging to the boys on the Liman are a direct result of the recent trip they made to Venezuela for dredging operations. Most of these fellows really appreciate being stationed here for awhile.

Weather forecast: We predict that the Groundhog is in for a big scare when he makes his annual appearance next Thursday . . . We'll be back then, too.

any length of time. He may have been right. For some time we have been unable to see how we could continue making our weekly trips to Shallotte and other places but we find ourself still going.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hineman of Staten Island, N. Y., announce the birth of twin daughters, Laura Lee and Linda Jean, on Thursday, January 12 at St. Vincents Hospital, Mrs. Hineman is the former Miss Lois Watts, daughter of Captain and Mrs. S. F. Watts of Southport.

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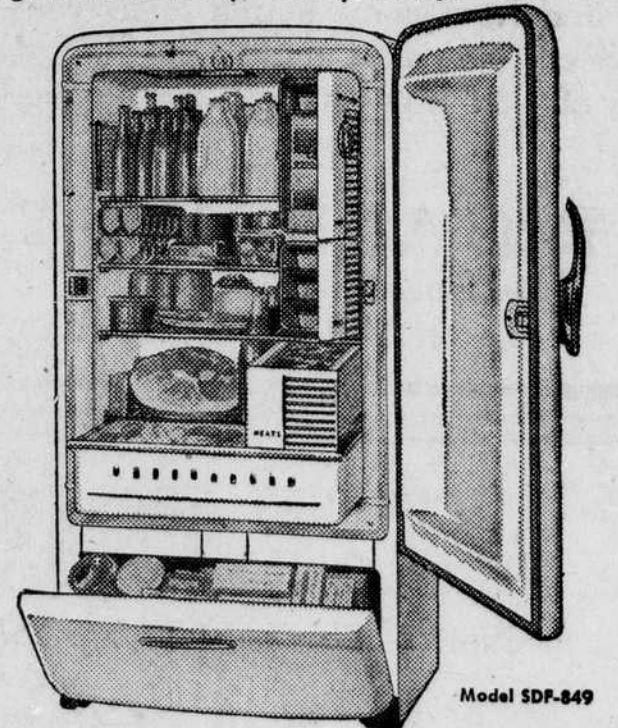
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