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### Job Well Done

Final returns of the 150 March of Dimes Campaign for Brunswick county show collections totaling more than two thousand dollars, and while this falls below the amount of funds raised last year we consider this to have been a most successful campaign.

This year's results were achieved without the impetus of a bad epidemic of polio in this area to remind our people just how serious the need can be. The funds were contributed by a grateful public, grateful for a year comparatively free of the dread disease in this area, grateful for the generous help which came from National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis headquarters when we needed help so badly.

The Rev. Taft Hewett, pastor of Soldier Bay Baptist Church, headed the drive and did a splendid job. He was the beneficiary of some fine organizational work done during the 1949 campaign by the Rev. L. D. Hayman of Southport; and he was given loyal support of workers in every community.

The results give a typical illustration of what our people can do when they will work together on a project.

### Masonic Banquet

The Annual Masonic Banquet held on Washington's Birthday at the Community Building by members of Pythagoras Lodge for their wives and invited guests was an event to deserve more than news coverage.

It was the outstanding social event of the season, staged by one of the oldest and most highly respected organizations in Brunswick county. It brought together not only members of the fraternal order, but friends from throughout the various communities. This marked it as an occasion of good fellowship. The banquet was skillfully prepared and expertly served by women of Southport Baptist church, and the setting was perfect for a social occasion of this kind.

Honored at this meeting were seven Past Masters of the lodge, and their friends rejoiced with them in the recognition they were accorded. Rudolph Mintz, E. J. Prevatte, David Garrish, Roy Swain, R. L. Thompson, J. W. Ruark and B. J. Holden received awards emblematic of this honor.

The principal address was delivered by Clifton L. Moore, district solicitor, who was at his best as he gave a vivid history of Masonry, together with a description of the kind of men who have toiled through the centuries to make the Masonic Order the outstanding organization it is today.

It was the kind of meeting that was thoroughly enjoyed by every person who attended and one which sent each one away feeling that his life had been enriched by this delightful occasion.

### Red Cross Membership

Red Cross membership is a badge of honor. It denotes an interest in humanity.

Perhaps Red Cross has failed to "sell" the message of what it is accomplishing in its blood program. From eight to nine million dollars were spent last year to save countless lives through the blood program. It may have been a member of your own family that was saved.

But that is only one phase of the Red Cross program. It extends to training for safety, to aid to the military, to disaster and to many other humanitarian projects.

There may be some who came in contact with imperfections in Red Cross services but for everyone who was not served properly, there were scores who were benefited.

In the interest of humanity, join the Red Cross in the current campaign. In the interest of the security which the Red Cross provides through its insurance at the time of disaster, we can ill afford to ignore the Red Cross.

### Say It Isn't So

According to our Raleigh Columnist, Eula Nixon Greenwood, around the State capital they are saying that about 90 per cent of the school teachers are mentally whooping it up for Senator Graham, but "when they return to their schools, silence will prevail, for school boards frown exceedingly angrily on school people dabbling in politics . . ."

If it is common practice for school boards to interfere with the voting habits of teachers and if such boards have anything to do with the silence that will prevail, then it is a proper time for the public to deal with school boards. We hope the columnist is mistaken in this implication, but if she is right, then we ought to take a hand in each and every instance that there is evidence of coercion.

About the support for Senator Graham, we are not concerned. It is quite possible that the teachers could make a happier choice, but that is not the point. There is no democracy in the teaching profession if the members thereof are denied the right to vote as they please or if they are frightened into silence.

If there is any doubt about the value of church attendance, listen again to the words of a Superior Court solicitor who prosecuted the criminal docket for 12 years: "I have never prosecuted a boy or man in a serious criminal case who attended church regularly."

World War veterans who are members of the American Legion—and a fine percentage of them are—should be proud of the position their organization has taken with respect to both communism and government handouts.

### RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

The Governor and his Utilities Commission were still at daggers (not the deadly kind) points last week over rural telephones, but Kerr Scott doesn't plan anything a great deal worse than harsh words for his utilities . . . Look for some rather sharp changes in the various county boards of election. County recommendations must be in the hands of the State Board of Elections . . . all composed of Scott men . . . by March 4 . . . and the names will be announced on March 18 . . .

Sen. Frank Graham has never learned to drive an automobile. His chauffeur on many of the campaign trips will be Mrs. Graham . . . Willis Smith's wife is the former Dollie Lee of Haywood County. Her father was the famous and popular Tom Lee, who served for 15-20 years on the Industrial Commission when it was known as the Corporation Commission and before it was torn asunder by J. C. B. Ehringhaus . . . The Smith's have three sons, one daughter.

UNDER RED TAPE . . . Some of the counties in the State are raising pluperfect thunder these days at the high-handed manner in which the N. C. Board of Education is handling funds for schoolhouse building (\$25 million by appropriations and \$25 million through bond issue) projects.

The charge is that instead of merely dealing out the money proportionately to the counties on bases of population, etc., the board is having the final say-so on where buildings will be placed. The county school superintendents in many cases don't like it at all, and a handful of them have said in effect: "Keep your money if the people here in the county don't have enough sense to know where they want and need their school buildings."

Three or four counties have seen bond issues fail within the past three months because of the consolidation plans.

Legislators who have been contacted say it was not the intent of the General Assembly that the State Board of Education assume such a czaristic attitude, but that distribution of the \$50,000,000 should merely be "under the supervision of the State Board of Education". Some agency had to be charge of it, and it was only natural that this board should be chosen . . . but, working with that phrase "under the supervision", the State Board of Education is riding with spurs. So go the reports coming into Raleigh from many counties, including, particularly, Northampton, Surry, Union, Anson, Franklin. Another complaint is that school operations are becoming ensnared in red tape to such an extent that school principals and superintendents have time left to supervise educational activities.

In the old days a school principal had to know a little something about everything, including Latin, French, algebra, English, science, and trigonometry. Now it seems if he is a good bookkeeper and files neat reports at the end of the month, runs a good lunchroom, and puts on a good carnival two or three times a year, nothing else matters.

P. S. Look for the next Legislature to look into the group of words beginning with "under the supervision of . . ."

OFF THE CUFF . . . Charlie Johnson, apparently still nettled at Willis Smith's support of Opponent Kerr Scott two years ago, declared on the day Smith announced that he would throw his strength to Dr. Frank Graham . . . but somehow the statement did not get in the Raleigh papers. . .

### Roving Reporter

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Bob Wheeler, senior biologist with the State Wildlife Commission, paid his last call at Southport this week. Well known here by reason of his work in establishing the Orton Wild Turkey Refuge along with other such refuges in North Carolina, Bob has resigned to take a better paying position in Tennessee. His resignation was effective March 1 and he has already left North Carolina and taken up his work in Tennessee.

What we said last week relative to our not going to encourage children to engage in lotteries and gambling by buying chances at cakes, etc., seems to have had no effect at all. The very next day after the paper came out two little girls got right peevish because we would not buy a chance at a cake that they had in the bag somewhere. We are standing pat. We are not going to buy another chance at anything.

Sounded mighty good to us when Carl Goerch wrote to us saying he was going to try and get down here before long and would let us know in advance. Maybe the advance notice is in order that we will be sure and have him something to eat. The program seems to be for Carl to fly here in his own plane for a trip to be made to Fort Caswell, Caswell Beach, Long Beach and Holden Beach.

When the North Carolina Baptists see what has been done and what is being done at Fort Caswell we believe they will want

to see still more done to take advantage of the economic and recreational possibilities of their property. Dr. R. K. Redwine, the general manager of the property, has been working industriously and efficiently with a small force of men. The big auditorium is ready, save for the installation of the seats. The hotel is rounding into shape rapidly and the office headquarters are also about finished along with various other buildings. Fort Caswell will be looking beautiful with several of the building bearing a beautiful new coat of white paint when the Baptists begin to arrive in June.

A dragline and some of the accessories arrived at Long Beach over the week-end. We are not supposed to know just yet what it is all about. But we think the drag line, trucks, etc., that are coming this week are to engage in some private road building and laying off of a new development section of Long Beach. If we guess wrong remind us about it in a couple of weeks or so.

"Let's go over and see what they are doing at the new menhaden factory," said Rev. H. M. Baker of the Southport Baptist church this week. Always ready to go any place if the trip does not involve too much thumb wagging, we went along. They have big tanks over there and when we arrived a force of men were working on the forms for concrete foundations. It is likely that in a very short time now there will be much more activity over there and the new factory and its boats will be operating by the first of June or sooner.

Speaking about fish factories, some pretty big menhaden operators off Long Island Sound, the Chesapeake Bay and at Lewis, Delaware, were here last week. The general idea about this visit is that they were investigating the erection of a menhaden plant here some time in the near future. This may only be guesswork, but it is known for a fact that these folks have had a factory in mind here for some time.

Local Coast Guards installations got the notation of "Everything Shipshape," last week when the inspectors for the Eastern District visited Oak Island, Bald Head Island and the Frying Pan Lightship. Everything Shipshape means everything was in very good shape indeed. Bos'n C. C. Davis at the Oak Island Station seemed very much pleased at the rating given. Incidentally, it may be said here that the Coast Guard has no female help anywhere, for cooking, sweeping, making beds, etc. Nevertheless, for cleanliness and everything else, we will back any Coast Guard station against the average housekeeper.

The other day at the Oak Island Coast Guard station the Skipper, Bos'n C. C. Davis asked us if we were that Roving Reporter? We hesitated just a moment before admitting that we were. The reason we hesitated was that we wanted to look back over the past year and recall whether we had said anything sarcastic about him. A fellow sometimes has to be careful in making acknowledgements.

# Not Exactly News

If the Republican party can stage a successful campaign as they can a barbecue dinner then the Democrats are in for a hard time this fall. The G. O. P. boys were strictly non-partisan about it Saturday and in addition to serving several identifiable Democrats actually present, they sent a plate to Harry Mintz . . . There is an attractive new tourist court going up on U. S. No. 17 near the Brunswick River Bridge intersection.

Robert Willis was the only person in Southport who enjoyed F. M. reception good enough to keep up with the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament last week and as a result was besieged with callers . . . Speaking of the Durham tournament, Ed Weeks, an old State College boy, sat through the rough session Wake Forest gave the Wolfpack in the Friday night semi-finals thriller. This was a far cry from the Wake Forest bunch that let State bowl them over by a 20-point margin last month when the Southport delegation was on hand.

There are several fellows in Brunswick whose interest in flowers is centered in their wives, yet are looking forward to the Azalea Festival in Wilmington the last of this month. The reason? The Azalea Golf Tournament which is due to attract some golfdom's biggest name players . . . Sports interest of this county is focused this week on Wilmington as Brunswick teams try for the Star-News championship. Next week the spotlight swings over to Burgaw and the Pender county invitational.

Not all readers of newspapers have a clear idea of what the month and the follow-up figures mean on their address labels. If you're reads "March 50 after your names it means your subscription expires this month and that your paper will stop coming at the end of March, 1950, unless your renewal is received. Back in February a lady subscribed to the paper. When she received the first copy and the label following her name showed "Feb. '51" that meant her subscription would expire in February 1951. Unfortunately, she thought it meant that the paper would start coming to her in February 1951. She promptly wrote us, pointing out she had subscribed in February 1950. The long and short of this is that the month and year a subscription will expire is on the label.

One thing that seems assured regarding the outdoor motorboat races from Southport to Myrtle Beach on March 22 is that there will be a big entry list. Not all can win, but according to all reports coming in all of the entrants are expecting to have an interesting time. Questions are being received regarding the best places to see the boats on their way. Inasmuch as some classes of the craft will be at Southport for several hours there should be a lot of interesting skirmishing around in the

"Sitting Pretty", a fast comedy that made Clifton Webb famous, is the Sunday and Monday feature at Shallote theatre . . . At the Amuzu in Southport the Thursday and Friday feature is "My Friend Irma", starring Diana Lynn . . . R. D. White, Jr., assures us that there is no violation of lottery laws involved in his current contest in which valuable prizes are being given to holders of a lucky program calendar. Sounds like something for nothing?

Put the Friday night musical program by members of the Woman's Club Chorus on your 'must' list for entertainment this week. A lot of hard work goes into the preparation of these performances, and a lot of pleasure results for music lovers . . . A caution light in between the stop and go sign at the corner of Howe and Moore streets would give the average unwary motorist a little better chance of remaining law abiding . . . Seems to us that the chimes of Southport Baptist church sounded unusually cheery and bright through the cold gray rain of Sunday morning.

When Chief Adrian Sellers, USN, was talking to W. B. Keziah the other day it didn't take them long to recall a fishing trip they made several years ago with Parrish Willis and the painful discovery by the Roving Reporter that bluefish could—and would—bite a man's finger . . . Southport will miss the men in her shrimping fleet, but these weekly messages they send home from Florida by check will be a timely economic inflow.

harbor before the last boats leave. From Southport anyplace easily accessible to cars along the waterway should be a good vantage point to see the boats go by. Several interested folks have said they are coming to Southport to see the boats off and then drive down the coast to see them pass. From points on Long Beach, at Howell's Point, at Holden Beach, at Shallote Point, at Gause Landing, Seaside and Calabash the spectators should all have a good view of the racing boats. The same applies to all points in South Carolina to Socastee.

The Sports Center should have been included with the Anchor Hardware and Pickards as places in Wilmington where entry blanks may be secured for the outboard race on March 22. Through some mischance the Sports Center was not include in the list of places having the blanks when the list was sent us. The Sports Center has the blanks now and George B. Canady will be glad to give them out to interested parties and give any desired information on the race.

**BRUNSWICK WILL BE**  
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play against each other in this tournament, for pre-tournament indications are that the Southport, Leland and Bolivia boys are strong contenders for the crown, while the Southport and Bolivia girls are equally strong contestants in the girls' division. Brunswick county was represented at the coaches meeting by Coach Clark from Leland and Coach H. T. Sanders from Southport.

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MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1950

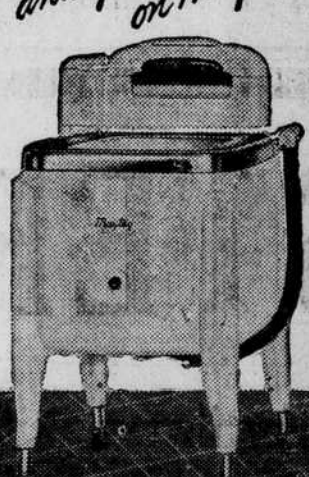
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 1105 of the Machinery Act, Public Laws of 1939, a meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review will be held on the 20th & 27th days of March, 1950—

The Board shall, on request, hear any and all taxpayers who own or control property assessed for taxation in the county with respect to the valuation of such property or others; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Machinery Act with respect to assessing and listing property for taxation.

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