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Reasonable Request

North Carolina has filed a brief setting forth its reasons for urging the U. S. Supreme Court to enforce its segregation decree through a gradual process; and after reading a digest of this 188-page report, we are in complete agreement with the thought that there is nothing about the order that cannot be worked out by our educational leaders if they are given time to make necessary adjustments, and to make them on the basis of non-compulsion.

As a matter of fact, North Carolina in particular and the South in general were well on their way toward working out problems of segregation. Each year has found adjustments being made in new sectors of human relations; and where these changes have been permit-

Unusual Program

Members of the disaster staff of the American Red Cross who have been at work in Brunswick county for the past six weeks were guests Thursday night of the Shallotte Lions Club. Not only was this a gracious recognition of the outstanding job that has been done by these workers, but this meeting resulted in one of the most unusual programs ever presented before a Lions Club anywhere.

After the dinner had been served, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Hannah Jackson, who is disaster director for Brunswick county. She had arranged for three of her case workers to present a case that they had worked up

A Bad Advertisement

The Brunswick Rural Electric Membership Corporation has a beautiful office building at Shallotte, a structure that does credit to the good work of this organization. But like most things, it could be better.

We have traveled by the REA building several times at night during the past few months, and we are amazed at

LET'S OBSERVE

Thursday, November 25, is Thanksgiving Day, in this year of our Lord, 1954. It is a day that should be universally observed because of a deep feeling of gratitude to Almighty God for the manifold blessings bestowed upon us as individuals and as a nation.

The observance of the day could well be maintained too from a historic standpoint. First observed by the early Pilgrims in 1621 and proclaimed by our country's first president, George Washington in 1789, there is ample precedent today a day to be set aside for all people to take note of their blessings from the Almighty and to offer Him thanks and praise for His goodness throughout the past year.

In noting the approaching Thanksgiving Day and urging its observance President Eisenhower, in speaking about the

CONSUMPTION IS THE KEY

Consumption is the key to continued high employment and good times in this or any other country, many leading economists agree. We mean the sound kind of consumption that stems, not from government spending or any other inflationary activity, but from progressive, free production with high employment at good wages.

Our country's productive machine would come to a sudden halt if the goods we produce didn't move in large volume into the hands of consumers. When consumption and production walk hand in hand then happy days

ted to come about as a result of local initiative they have been lasting and no bitterness has followed in their wake.

We are thinking particularly now of the registration of Negro voters. Ten years ago this was a rare thing in North Carolina; today there is no problem for a qualified member of that race to become eligible to cast his ballot. Moreover, there are Negro election officials in several counties of the State.

A few years ago it was unheard of for an athletic team representing a North Carolina university or college to play another school who had a Negro athlete on its squad. Within the past five years Negro boys have come into North Carolina as members of both visiting basketball and football squads, and our sporting public has accepted them upon the basis of their ability and their conduct.

Segregation has been eliminated from all branches of the armed services, and there has been a minimum amount of griping on this score. The most important result will be that when our boys complete their required period of military training they come out with the knowledge that race presents no serious problem where a man assumes his full share of responsibility along with his privileges.

The brief filed by North Carolina lists numerous problems which will be aggravated by a sudden, sweeping order for compliance with the Supreme Court decree. It asks for time to work out these situations, and the recent history of our people indicates that they will be resolved without undue hardship if we are permitted to progress in a peaceful and orderly manner.

in this county, and while using no names, these specialists gave the Lions an insight into the nature of their work and an appreciation of the thoroughness of their operation.

The Shallotte meeting accomplished two worthwhile results. The first of these was to let the Red Cross workers know that their efforts have been appreciated. The second is to give a broader understanding of the work that the Red Cross has done in Brunswick county since the hurricane on October 15th.

This program was wisely conceived and skillfully executed.

the number of times that the lights spelling out the name of the firm are out of order. The home of our REA is just as beautiful at night as it is in the daylight—if the building is properly lighted.

Strikes us that the results would more than justify the effort.

THANKSGIVING

Pilgrim settlers of early America, said in part, "the odds they faced were too great for them to rely entirely on themselves alone. They needed God's help and sought it and frankly acknowledged that it was that Power beyond themselves which provided the strength that saw them through."

Like our forefathers we too are faced with difficult times and confronted with many uncertainties - - - we need the sure, abiding strength and watchcare of God today as much, if not more, than the Pilgrim Fathers of long ago.

Let us then, come Thanksgiving Day, join our fellowmen all over the United States in grateful prayers of praise and thanks to a benevolent Heavenly Father for His countless blessings to us throughout the past year and ask for His guidance and love in the days ahead.

are truly here.

It amazes us to think of the truly magnificent job in moving merchandise that our retail merchants are doing, chain and independents, big stores and little ones, yes, even the little Cross Roads store. These merchants, large and small, to a great extent will determine how our economy and living standards of our people will fare. We have the finest retail establishments on earth—and an amazing system of mass distribution, which is the full time partner of mass production.

IN NORTH CAROLINA



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ROVING REPORTER

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from H. C. Bennett.

Supply, Shallotte, Grissetown, Longwood, Ash, the New Britain Bridge community, Freeland and Exum are all bustling with new buildings, mostly for business purposes. So are spots all along the roads and we will probably find this applies to the whole county. Brunswick now is largely an agricultural county, there is very little in the way of industry. The business in the county is largely dependent on agriculture and the question is naturally arising: If everybody moves to the highways and goes into business who is going to create those agricultural products that will support the said business?

Last week we began to be puzzled and we are still puzzled at the number of people who are using silver half-dollars when it comes to subscribing or renewing for The State Port Pilot. There seems to be a flood of fifty cent pieces throughout the county. Checks and bills come through the mails as usual, but when it comes to man to man transactions it is now seemingly the custom for the pay-off to be in half dollars. Here on the streets of Southport one day last week we were handed a total of nine half-dollars in less than an hour's time, and the silver pieces seem just as numerous all over the county.

Fields of small grain are not showing up as numerous as usual at this time of the year. As a matter of fact, they are conspicuous by their absence from the landscape. The cause may have been unfavorable weather directly after the farmers finished harvesting and marketing their tobacco and other crops. At any rate, small grain is just not showing up in fields as it should at this time of the year. This week we have noted only one tractor with a grain drill following another tractor that was plowing. In contrast to the absence of green grain fields the county seems full of tractors, all busy at plowing, either in preparation for next year's crops or the drilling in of fall grain at this late date.

Shallotte Village Point appears to be in fine shape, although several water-front houses, fish houses and a few boats were damaged or lost in the storm. Things there appeared yesterday to be coming back alright. A few weeks longer and there will be little or no remaining traces of the storm. Harry Chadwick and half a dozen other residents who were spoken to yesterday were all confident that everything is coming back in good order. A few houses were also damaged on the road from Shallotte to the Point, but everything appeared to be in good order and folks were all going about their business as usual.

Not long after World War I we went for our first plane ride. The place was Whiteville in Columbus County and Warren Pennington of the Wilmington Flying Service was the pilot. This was not only our first ride in the air, it is said to have been the first time anyone in Columbus County was taken up as a passenger. Mr. Pennington flew down there and landed in the pasture of Dr. W. Ross Davis. Either we beat others to the scene or our fellow townsmen were a little shy of volunteering for passenger duty at so much per head. Our recollection is that we flew low over the Pinelog community and scared a farmer's cow to death and nearly did the same to us. We landed by coming down across corn rows in a field two miles

southwest of Fair Bluff and we went home to Whiteville by train. Mr. Pennington was here Sunday and we again went riding with him — in his station wagon.

It is the usual thing for us to leave our typewriter for a while on Sunday afternoon and go for at least a short ride with Tommy Thompson, a foreman for one of the T. F. Scholes ballasting crews. This past Sunday the ride was pulled off as usual, but something unusual happened. We went out to see where the highway from Sunny Point is entering 303-87. From there we went a mile further to see Clear Pond. Leaving the highway we were bowling nicely along and suddenly and unexpectedly a large heart pine stump arose up and disputed the passage of the car. Neither of us had seen the stump. In fact, our first knowledge of things being out of order was when the car came to a sudden and violent stop. With our usual bullheadedness, we went on and butted out the windshield with our head. Outside of the windshield, neither the car nor our head was damaged.

Mrs. Bryant Potter was showing us a bit of old craftsmanship this week. We believe they called it a buffet in its day which may have been a couple or more hundred years ago. It gives off that appearance of having been made in England and had been in the possession of the family of Captain Fred Burris through many generations. Of highly varnished heart pine, it is put together with wooden pegs, instead of nails. When Mr. and Mrs. Potter acquired the old Burris home they also acquired the piece of old furniture.

George Elmer Dance, Jr., son of Mrs. G. W. Dance of Supply, has completed his 3-year hitch in the Navy and is now at home with his mother. He was one of the stars of the Shallotte high school basketball, baseball and football teams before leaving for service. Albert Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parker of the same community, and likewise a former star in the Shallotte athletic activities, has still nearly a year to go in the Coast Guard. Albert was at his home over the week end, accompanied by one of his shipmates, Gresham Aboey.

The three young men came around Sunday afternoon for a tour of the Sunny Point terminals. They have all been around on the water a great deal, but they were none the less surprised at the size of things being constructed here.

While there has not yet been an assurance that Southport's ugly trash dump on Route 13 is being done away with, it is gratifying to see a bulldozer at work the past week. The machine covered up the several yards of accumulation of trash that city employees could not burn. Out there with Mayor J. A. Gilchrist this week he stated that he hopes to find some other location for the dump. Meanwhile, they are going to keep down the ugly appearance of the present place as much as possible.

In some months we have been keeping Bob Hunter confused with Dusty Rhodes and vice-versa and it took Ken Stewart to correct us as to which was which this week. It was a parking lot errand that started things. The matted spaces at the Diamond parking lot at Sunny Point started off with "Mr. Stewart." "Mr. Rhodes." "Mr. Hunter." Well, Mr. Hunter got his car parked in Dug's stall one day and since we have been introducing Dug to visitors as Mr. Hunter, in fact, we were all but moving Mr. Hunter to Southport when we found out that it was Dusty Rhod-

Capt. Al Martin already is getting ready for a big year during the 1955 sports fishing season and has purchased the Jim-Jet, Mathews cruiser formerly based at Myrtle Beach. She is quite similar to the Miss Margaret II, which he fished this past summer . . . Capt. Howard Victor left this morning for Islamorada, Fla., where he will be based this winter. Other Southport boats will be leaving in another 10-days.

We had a chance this week to get a close-up view of what a dragline can accomplish, and the results of one of these big machines is amazing. We joined the ranks of those who have had to dig a water hole in their pasture, and Donald Sneed sent in a machine to do the job. He must be lucky in getting good operators, for we recall that the bulldozer driver he had here for the playground project was a swell fellow. He had nothing on Parker Felton when it comes to handling the intricate controls of a dragline. Incidentally, one of the nearest jobs we ever saw done by one of these operators is the irrigation pond that he just completed at the Sheppard Plant Farm near Southport . . . Another partner in one of our farming ventures this week was Harry Sellers of Supply, who officiated at a cow-killing. He got his training under some of the oldtime butchers around here.

Two facts stick in our mind about Long Beach: On the pretty Sunday afternoons since the storm there has been more traffic over there than we ever saw before; and we have yet to hear the first property owner say that he is afraid of the future

des we had induced to come here about the first of the year.

We hope that in the plans said to be shaping for Long Beach somebody has an idea for an auditorium in which conventions can meet, also for a fishing pier. Such things would go together nicely towards development. We still believe that in the matter of a fishing pier Long Beach and the other beaches in Brunswick provide the safest points on the North Carolina coast for such a structure. The early October hurricane would probably have gotten such a structure, but the fact is by no means sure. Only a south wind can do much damage and the strong south winds rarely come more than once or twice in the memory span of man.

"Everything looks good, not for this month, but within two or three." The above was the short but very gratifying answer we received during an interview with a prominent industrial man this week. There was no elucidation; both knew what the other was talking about. Having asked the question and received the answer, we are very much pleased at the prospects that the vanishing year of 1954 is holding out for fulfillment in 1955.

Two letters this week from members of the press each presented a bit of a poser for us. Somebody wrote Bill Sharpe of The State, asking him what there was for North Carolina to be proud of. In turn Bill passed the question on to us to write and explain what North Carolina, and our own community, has to be proud of. Up until receiving the inquiry we had assumed that everybody in North Carolina knew that the folks of the State had everything to be proud of. How the dickens are we going to explain it to the folks who haven't got sense enough to know? Then in the same mail came another letter from Henry Bek of the Goldsboro News Argus. Henry wants 1000 words and pictures on the progress of Sunny Point and another 700 words and pictures on Brunswick rebuilding after the storm. We believe that in writing Henry's stuff we can find one of the answers to the question Bill asked. We are proud of North Carolina because of the way her people do things.

The two badly damaged wooden store buildings on the river side of Bay Street have been attracting a considerable number of children and there seems to be a possibility that some of them may get injured. This, if it happens, will leave some one open for a suit of damages. It is said that the former tenants who had the buildings under lease disclaim any responsibility. If that is the case the Wilmington owners of the property will be liable, so long as they leave the wreckage where it is. The town should get out from under any possibility of being jointly liable by insisting that the buildings be torn down and removed immediately. They are unsightly nuisances where they are.

Each day the mails bring to this paper an astonishing revelation of how widely Brunswick county is known. Folks from everywhere wrote to ask about the recent storm and how Southport and various communities came through. Almost invariably the writers send their subscriptions to The State Port Pilot, along with their letters. Typical of these messages is one from Richard H. Stevens of Tuckahoe, N. Y. Part of his letter is being appended: "My parents, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Stevens, and myself and family, Mrs. Stevens, John and Edith, Anne, consider ourselves a part of your community. Three years ago

Not Exactly News

so far as rebuilding the beach is concerned . . . Mack's Cafe already is in operation and is going full blast. Look for work of renovation and repair at Quack's Sea Shack to start soon . . . We saw our first porgie roe of the season last week, and once more it was our friend, William Warnett, who let us in on the deal.

We haven't been squirrel hunting, but every time we meet some boys walking back from an expedition up the river we see several bushy tails hanging out of their pockets. Must be a good season for these animals . . . We saw the junior play Friday night and think that the boys and girls gave a good performance. However, we were impressed that participation was by no means limited to members of the cast. Ticket sales, ushering, music and stage managing all were handled by class members.

"Go, Man, Go", is the Thursday-Friday feature at the Amuzu, and those who like the antics of the fabulous Harlem Globetrotters will want to see their latest movie. A number of their fans plan to see them in person Saturday night in Raleigh . . . Junior Sellers, a native of Southport, is an employee of The News Reporter in Whiteville and we kid him a lot about his activities as a "ham operator". But during the recent storm he and his portable short wave radio unit provided the only means of outside communications for Whiteville. It would have been handy to have had him here during that period for the same type of service.

WEEKLY SESSION

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ing, fined \$10 and costs.
Arthur Henry Beatly, speeding, fined \$15 and costs.
James Henderson Johnson, improper equipment, not proscribed.
Lonnie Hollis, speeding, fined \$15 and costs.
Harlie Beck, drunk and disorderly, 90 days on roads, suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for two years.
Daniel Alexander Southard, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.
Robert Stevenson Bowditch, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.
Morris Johnson Tatum, speeding, not guilty.
Harold Edward Martin, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.

NEW RESIDENTS

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only difficulty will be over the lack of housing for them.
Because of the fact that most of the local area workers are on their way to their jobs by daylight and do not return until about dark, most local residents are totally unaware of the increase in population. Business houses realize it, however, through the steady purchase of commodities for cash. The nearby construction work has helped business here.
The town was poorly prepared to take care of construction workers at the start of things and is still poorly fitted for such a task. When the regular permanent workers come in next year Southport will be still less prepared to take care of them unless there is a big rush of construction of business places and homes before they arrive.

BROWNIE SERVICE

There will be a Brownie Investiture service on December 3 at the home of Mrs. E. H. Arrington at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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