

Miss Marcia Dilaver, who is working in Charlotte, spent part of the past week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dilaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson and two children, Jeannie and Bruce, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hood of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting here with Mrs. Eva Wolfe for a week.

Letter To Editor

Editor, State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C. Dear Editor: Oysters, unfortunately, have been dragged into the Brunswick County political arena. This is as tragic as it would be, or is, to make a political football of our public schools.

Intelligent men and women know there is something wrong when a once-thriving industry, a wonderful and vast natural resource, falls to the sorry state that has over-taken our oysters. Even young men who try to make a living on the water have seen oysters decline steadily in value and quantity under existing legislation—until there is virtually no oyster business left.

To spread the false alarm that thieving high-bidders are plotting to take oyster grounds out of the public domain is fantastic. It is

worse than fantastic; it is sinful thus to play upon the credulous ignorance of men and women who hope desperately to enjoy their stake in a vast natural resource.

Nobody wants to take this enjoyment away from them. Nobody but a few politicians have suggested that a small group of men plan a grand steal of the oyster grounds. Nobody in his right mind would think Governor Hodges or the Legislature would let them get away with it.

True, there is a small group not content to let oysters continue on their present downward path—which is leading fast beyond and below nowhere at all. Surely, they can demand that any politician who impugns their motives come forward with definite, specific plans and suggestions. It is cowardly, and helps none of us, to cry "Thief! Thief!" and then hide behind vague and meaningless promises of improvement. This is like saying that things are good enough as they are. Bad as they are, they are bound to grow worse unless present trends are halted and reversed.

Politics got oysters where they are. If they are ever to play a part in a prosperous Brunswick County they must be taken out of, and kept out of, politics. No candidate need tell this writer that he is opposed to a grand steal of the oyster grounds, any more than to tell him that good has certain advantages over evil.

It shouldn't be necessary to re-assume a single voter that nobody is trying to take over the oyster grounds and hold them as private gardens. Anybody with a grain of intelligence knows this isn't true—but knows, also, that something needs to be done and the politicians haven't taken a single step to determine what is needed or how to go about getting it. Anybody dumb enough to think that he needs the protection of an office seeker in this situation is probably too dumb to know

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James C. Bowman

Friday Night

8:10 O'CLOCK

WMFD-TV—WILMINGTON

PERSONALS

Mr. Coan of Greenwood, S. C. last week here with Mrs. L. A. Galloway, relatives.

Mr. A. Scher returns to San Diego, today after a month with his mother, Mrs. Max Scher.

Mr. J. H. Hart has returned to his job in Tallahassee, Fla., after spending several weeks here with his family.

Mr. Mrs. John Stevens of Ball Bluff, visited Mrs. C. C. Edinger during the past week.

Mr. Mrs. D. C. Herring and family returned to their home at Grove Sunday.

Mr. B. Bussells returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Durham, in Raleigh.

Be Fishing Is Reported Good

Recreators now have it that good fishing is becoming the general rule on the beaches, inlets and elsewhere in Brunswick County. The arrival of the menhaden, a choice food for fish, brought sport for the land and reel folks off-shore and increasing variety and abundance of catches from piers and where along shore.

For the past two week ends there has not been an available sport fish boat left at Southport. One party of 25 men and women were in Durham this past week and had bookings by the boatmen becoming heavy and far

away from the pier.

How can we exercise his citizenship, any more?

Let's hope to steal the oysters. Let's hope there isn't a war in Brunswick County dumb enough to fall for this. Let's hope, rather, that everybody in the county is smart enough to demand protection for the oysters until they are mature enough to grace any table and please any palate. Then, we'll have something, and oystering will pay real money. Vague promises haven't paid off before, and we can't hope they'll pay off now.

Sincerely yours, Charlie Ryan

Public and private debt in the United States totals about \$4,300 for each person in the country.

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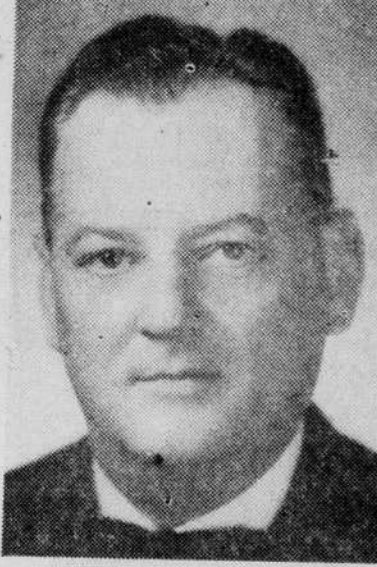
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FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES




The campaign draws to a close, and win, lose or draw, I have enjoyed every minute of it. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to travel into every section of Brunswick County, to meet and talk to so many of my fellow citizens in their home community and to become better acquainted with our vast natural resources, which are not limited to any one section of Brunswick County.

Your Representative can do much to help bring about greater development, so when you vote Saturday be sure that you are helping to elect the man who can and will do the most to induce industry and new business to move to Brunswick.

JAMES C. BOWMAN
(TUNE IN WMFD-TV FRIDAY NIGHT AT 8:10 O'CLOCK.)

H. G. RATCLIFFE
CANDIDATE FOR
Register Of Deeds



Due to my connection with the Sheriff's Department as your Office Deputy and Jailor, it will be impossible for me to see all of my friends who I am counting upon to elect me to this office. I personally and earnestly solicit the vote and support of you all. And if elected to this office, I will serve you to the very best of my ability.

I have had the pleasure of serving the good people of this county for the past five years, I believe my record speaks for itself. Please give me a trial, just simply mark your ballot like this - - -

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