

EDITORIALS:

TIME FOR THOUGHT

A group of Brunswick county officials met Monday night to work out plans for a series of public meetings to be held during the remainder of this month for the purpose of answering questions about the Pearsall Plan, which will involve a vote on an amendment to the State constitution at a general election on September 8.

A total of four amendments will be submitted, only the first of which has anything to do with the school situation. The other three were passed at the last session of the General Assembly for submission to the voters at the next general election. One of these is an amendment to allow limited necessary compensation for members of the General Assembly. The second is an amendment changing the date for con-

vening the General Assembly from January to February. The last of the three is an amendment authorizing a married woman to exercise powers of attorney conferred upon her by her husband.

Needless to say, by far the greatest interest will center in the first amendment that is printed on the ballots. It is a constitutional amendment authorizing educational expense grants for private education and authorizing local vote to suspend local schools.

These are serious propositions, and require thoughtful study if they are to be properly understood. We do not urge anyone to take our word for a single one of these proposed amendments, but we do invite all of our citizens, both white and colored, to plan to attend at least one of these public meetings.

ONE MINUTE TO READ—LIFETIME SECURITY

We've talked polio serum until we feel like it should be streaming out of everybody's ears. But apparently it isn't, for the general lackadaisical attitude taken has caused another drive to be undertaken.

For over a year the Salk serum has been available. It has been declared safe and practical by every health agency of any standing in the land.

It has been free for the asking. Yet despite all of this, too many people have failed to protect their children against the frustrations and pain of once healthy frames twisted, numbed and made useless.

The fear and trembling when a community has a polio outbreak is great. Remember 1944. Schools couldn't open. Children were isolated. A living paralysis of community spirit and activity ensued.

Authorities in the state medical society say these tragedies can be ended.

Dr. S. F. Ravenel, chairman of the society's committee on poliomyelitis says, "WHEN 75 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLES IN ANY AREA HAVE HAD TWO INJECTIONS IT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR PARALYTIC POLIO TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD IN THAT SECTION."

There can be no excuse for those having control over children from three months of age through 19 years old to take the slight amount of time to guard their futures against polio.

Prevention alone is the answer now. There is no cure. Polio shots alone are the answer.

The clinics start Tuesday. The schedule has been printed once. It appears again in this issue. Clip it out. Use it. Insure your family against polio. Urge others you know to do so.

Remember, 75 percent having the shots insures against epidemic.

A VERY SHORT RETURN

Anyone who thinks typical businessmen devote much or most of their time to counting the profits would do well to read a report made by the National Association of Manufacturers.

The average manufacturing company, this report shows, spends most of the working day paying off the costs of doing business—materials and supplies, wages and salaries, taxes, etc. Only about 19 minutes of that 8-hour day are left in which to earn profits. And

only about half of those 19 minutes result in dividends for the owners—the rest of the "profit minutes" are used for reinvestment in the business.

By contrast, wages and salaries take two hours and 19 minutes, taxes a trifle more than 43 minutes. The workers and the tax collectors do a lot better than the owners when it comes to dividing up the money business takes in. The owner, whether an individual or corporation is successful if he saves his shirt.

MORE PEOPLE DEMAND MORE PAPER

A speaker addressing the Seattle Chamber of Commerce recently made the statement that paper production would double within the next 20 years. To prove his point he said, "Every baby born today creates a lifetime demand for at least 15 tons of paper."

We don't know how many cords of pulpwood it takes to make a ton of paper but we know that if the above statement is true that our farmers will have to double their efforts in tree planting in order to keep our county near the top in the production of pulp-

wood in the state. The county's great forest resource is truly a blessing and should have the interest of every citizen in helping to protect young trees from forest fires, diseases and other things that cause tree destruction. We should show the same concern over tree destruction as we do over blue mold on tobacco beds and boll weevils in cotton.

It is more important now and will be even more important tomorrow that we "keep our forests green" and growing.

TRIMMING THE PORK CLOSER

"Give the lady what she wants." That has long been the policy of the meat industry. And fashions in meat have changed just as have fashions in dress or anything else.

Back near the turn of the century, for example, the fashion in meat called for a liberal covering of fat to meet the requirements of people who did much more manual and outdoor work than

their descendants of today do.

Now customers want a minimum of fat—and the meat industry bows to their wishes. Pork is a good case in point. During the first half of this year the number of hogs which went to market increased about 18 per cent over a year ago—but pork volume was only about 13 per cent higher. This indicates, according to the American Meat Institute, that the industry has an increasing recognition of consumer preferences in supplying a leaner type of meat. The industry generally has adopted a closer trim for pork—which means that it takes more hogs on the hoof to produce a given poundage of pork cuts ready for the stove.

Along with this advance, hog producers, agricultural colleges and others have developed an increasing interest in meat-type hogs. Last year these came to nearly 20 per cent of the market supply—about double the 1954 proportion. The upward trend is continuing this year.

The lady gets what she wants!



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first person we see each day is John McRoy. One of his jobs is to keep the business part of town cleaned up and he gets at the work early to avoid working through the heat of the day. Friday, when we got around to the office we found John waiting for us with 3-ten cent cigars that he wanted to give us.

The almost daily fogging has undoubtedly been a big preventive measure against mosquitoes. There are few about Southport, so far as we know. It is also not to be doubted that so long as the town is covered with vacant lots, covered by weeds and bushes and have a lot of tin cans, bottles and old automobiles that hold water the fogging will have to be continued or in a few days they will be swarming with pests. A good idea would be for the city to demand that owners of vacant property be required to clean up and keep such places clean.

Sometimes we are surprised, always gratified, at the evidence of appreciation of the State Port Pilot that comes from far and near. People sending in their renewals, and sometimes those who subscribe for the first time, have a kind word to say about the paper. Often the subscription comes from someone who just got a paper at the office or from one of the news stands or the office while in town. They like it so much they send in their subscription in order to keep up with what is going on in Brunswick. As for former Brunswick people who take the paper, well, it takes two mailbags to carry it to them. This week, with his renewal, came a note from James A. Pearce of Pennsauken 5, New Jersey. He said: "We enjoy very much reading about the home folks and what is going on in the little town by the sea—Southport."

The short cut road from Orton to 87 will soon become a finished reality. The bridge across Moore's Creek has been completed. Sloan and Grannis, contractors from Fayetteville, have finished their grading work and the E. E. Towles Company of Wilmington were to start the paving work this past Friday. One thing that causes us to feel a personal interest in this project is that it will bring access to the freshwater springs on Allen Creek two miles nearer to Southport than they now are. In this connection, there is a whole lot of interest in the springs and the big volume of freshwater that is to be had there. We get personal or written inquiries about the water almost every day.

Our friend G. V. Barbee of Yaupon Beach was recently traveling the eastern part of the U. S., looking for development ideas he might apply to Yaupon Beach. In Maine he was especially struck by a sign which read: "If there is anything that makes a Maine man mad it is Northern New Hampshire." This sign moved the Yaupon Beach man to remark to us on his return to Southport and Yaupon Beach, "I thought of you and Wilmington just as soon as I saw that sign. It reminded me very much of home."

A pleasing occurrence during this past week was the interest shown by Mrs. Miriam Rabb, travel editor of the North Carolina News Bureau, and Bill Gully, Photo Editor of the same department, in Yaupon Beach, near Southport. Both of them were making their first visit in this area and both assured us it would not be the last. In fact, they expect to return within the next few weeks. Although they did not get to see G. V. Barbee, developer of Yaupon Beach, both spoke highly of the course he was

following in the establishment of a permanent beach resort town. They were also much interested in the production of the Southport sport fishing craft and expect to return and go further into that.

One of the freshwater lakes in the 550-acre tract acquired from the Caswell-Carolina Corporation by the Barbee, Incorporated, last week, is believed to have great development possibilities. It is about 600 feet in length and the surroundings provide an ideal inland site for a park with boats for skiing, etc. The area is also talked of as affording a beautiful setting for a church or churches. With the purchase of the 550 acre tract by Yaupon Beach, the resort now has an even 1,000 acres of high and dry wooded land, exclusive of a considerable acreage of marsh land, lying back of the beach along the waterway and the Elizabeth River.

If one will pardon us for saying so, the three or four storm-wrecked and unrepaired buildings at the entrance of the highway into Long Beach are the best possible scarecrows that man's mind could devise. Folks who are allergic to storms readily take fright upon seeing them. We feel that with the town incorporated

Not Exactly News

Roadside stands do a big business in several sections of North Carolina, especially where there is a heavy flow of tourist traffic. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson started one at their farm on highway No. 130 near Southport. Later June Smith added one a short distance out this same road. This season there has been another roadside merchant doing good business at his location between Shallotte and Ash, also on highway No. 130 . . . Celosia—the proper name for cockscomb—continues to be the favorite flower of George Lindner, who each year produces a spectacular crop of these beautiful and unusual plants at the Lindner Farms near Southport.

We suppose that a rose by any other name smells just as sweet, but a few years ago what we now know as hurricanes were called equinoctial storms . . . The garrison grounds in Southport were given a good cleaning last week by the grounds crew from Sunny Point. Now several loads of topsoil are being hauled in to level the low places in that site . . . One of the prettiest views from Southport this summer is across the harbor at night toward Caswell Baptist Assembly when it is all lighted up. The lights on the municipal dock in Southport look pretty in the foreground.

We don't know much about "Bottom Of The Bottle," which is the Tuesday-Wednesday movie

at the Amuzu. However, we are interested in the fact that Joseph Cotten, who is one of the stars, is the son of a former Southport resident. Furthermore, Ruth Roman, the lady lead, recently was in the news as a member of the passenger list aboard the Andria Doria, ill-fated Italian liner which sank last month off New York harbor . . . "To Hell And Back," Thursday-Friday show at Long Beach Drive-In, is the real life story of Audie Murphy, the star . . . The audience was warm in its praise of "The Lady Pirates," original musical comedy written and directed by Lew Hardie and presented by a local cast Thursday evening.

The Rev. L. D. Hayman—who becomes Capt. Hayman when a fishing party shows up for a trip outside aboard his charter boat Silver Spray—has further proved his versatility as a farmer with an excursion into the realm of bee-keeping. Honey is one of the most delicious products of "Dun-Moving Farm," the Hayman home near Southport . . . The biggest shows on television this week and next are the two National Conventions and the biggest stars are the leading politicians of both parties . . . Mrs. Miriam Rabb, special feature writer, and Bill Gully, photographer for the State News Bureau, couldn't have picked a better time for a visit to Southport than Friday afternoon. Fishing parties were taking their days' catch off the boats by the tubsfull.

the officials can and should do something, to prevent such wrecked buildings being allowed to remain at the head of the main street. Such things scare visitors away.

In the normal course of summer events reports should be coming in of good catches of mullets and spots being made by the shore fishermen along the Brunswick coast. Such catches may be heard of them. Such fishing adds a lot of attraction to the coastal section in the late summer and early fall. They bring a lot of visitors to the Brunswick county coast and fishermen who make good catches will be doing us a favor if they make reports.

The other day a county official remarked to us that the tax building at Southport is a good one but that it is not suited for some of the purposes for which it is used. He pointed out that the welfare offices are upstairs and that sick and old folks are much inconvenienced in reaching these offices. It was his idea that the county could well sell the tax building and use the money for building a half-L at the north end of the court house. This building

could be so arranged that the welfare office, as well as the tax office, could be on the ground floor.

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Myrtle Beach folks, frequent visitors to Southport for the fishing, had about 600 bluefish and mackerel which filled 9 fish boxes. The boxes filled all of the rear compartment of a station wagon—3 boxes deep.

The Myrtle Beach party was out aboard the Idle-On III, Captain H. A. Schmidt.

Mrs. Rabb and photographer Gully wear both interested in the combination of sport and food fish production. The catches in several instances ran to a retail value of two or three times the boat cost to the party.

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Among these families are Mr. and Mrs. Huey Edwards and their son, Donnie. Donnie has had much of his schooling here and should make a valuable addition to the high school football squad this fall.

A few of the families of employees on the boat, outside of

those who are now using trailer homes, have secured houses in Southport. About all will be settled down by the last of this week. The dredge employs three crews and works around the clock.

McKEITHAN DEATH

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Cemetery near Gause Landing with the Rev. Jesse Hilburn, Jr., officiating.

Mr. McKeithan is survived by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

Charter Bus For Trip To Durham

The Brunswick County Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship has chartered a bus to carry at least thirty boys and girls to Durham Friday for a Methodist Youth Rally.

Attending a week-long conference at Duke University this week are David Peters and Jimmy Harper of Southport. The Rev. R. H. Jordan, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, is assistant dean of the school.

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