

EDITORIALS:

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

On Saturday we go to the polls to vote on a constitutional amendment which will have an important bearing upon our public school system here in North Carolina, and unless we mistake the signs, there is a distressing absence of concern on the part of the majority of our people.

This might well be the most important question upon which we ever have had an opportunity to vote. Public education is our most important business, and the Pearsall Plan holds the key to its future.

Opponents of the proposal say that it will bring about the ruin of our public school system in that it makes provision for closing schools within a given district by majority vote of the citizens of that district. They see the promise of payments for tuition in private schools as a further threat to public education as we know it. They favor stressing the importance of the pupil assignment plan. The more moderate opponents of the Pearsall Plan hold high hopes for voluntary segregation; the more extreme opponents favor immediate integration. Both groups claim that the Pearsall Plan will be found to be unconstitutional.

Those who favor the Pearsall Plan look upon it as the best solution that has been offered to one of the most perplexing problems of our time. They believe that the majority of our citizens are not now ready for integration of white and Negro pupils in our public schools and they see in this plan an opportunity to insure additional time in which to bring about far-reaching social changes. They have seen violence and threats of violence in other Southern

States, and they believe that the Pearsall Plan will prevent incidents of this nature in North Carolina. Proponents of the plan do not believe that it ever will be necessary to invoke the more extreme provisions. Rather than a threat to our public schools, those who favor the Pearsall Plan look upon it as a measure which will help preserve our program of public education here in North Carolina as we have known it.

Our own opinion is that, while no claim is made that the Pearsall Plan is perfect, it is the product of an honest, sincere effort to find some workable solution to a serious problem. The seven man commission that was headed by the Rocky Mount lawyer-farmer spent months in careful study, and they had the benefit of advice from educational leaders, outstanding lawyers and legislators. Their decision was not hastily nor frivolously arrived at, and all along the line they asked for and received criticism and suggestions that were helpful in shaping the plan upon which you will be called upon to vote Saturday. Governor Luther H. Hodges is supporting this plan one-hundred percent and so are the two United State Senators from North Carolina. They and hundreds of other political and educational leaders believe that it is the best plan that has yet been brought forward for the preservation of our public school system.

As a good citizen you have the right to make your own decision as to how you will vote on this important question, but as a good citizen you have no right to consider that it is none of your concern.

KIRBY'S

The other day we rode through Shallotte and saw workmen erecting a new sign on one of the principal business buildings. When we came back through that night we saw the word "Kirby's" prominently displayed across the front of what has formerly been known as "Shallotte Trading Co."

To us it is a good change. For years the Kirby name has been connected in the minds of Brunswick county people with good merchandising practices. It started with the late G. W. Kirby and his store at Supply, which for years was the merchandising center of the county. During the mid-thirties, one son, Hobson Kirby, moved to Shallotte where he purchased the building and stock of the Shallotte Trading Co. from Levi Swain.

Another son, Floyd Kirby, remained at the old stand at Supply. Another son, Elbert, purchased the Harry Robinson store on U. S. No. 17 and set up business there. In recent years, Mr. Floyd Kirby has been associated in business with his son, Floyd, Jr. Mr. Hobson Kirby has had the assistance of a nephew, Thomas Batson.

Through the years, these have been good men with whom to do business. They have earned their reputation for honesty and reliability, and their efforts have prospered.

To us it was good to see the new sign on the store at Shallotte. "Kirby's" is a good and honorable name in the merchandising history of Brunswick county.

THE FOUR AMENDMENTS

Saturday is the day of decision for support or defeat of four amendments to the North Carolina constitution.

The ballot will contain four questions to be voted on. The first is the so-called Pearsall amendment concerning the operation of public schools. This is the most controversial question of the four.

The other amendments are: 1—For changing the date for the convening of the General Assembly from January to February. This change is made necessary because of the change from March 15 to April 15 for payment of income taxes. This amendment should receive a large, favorable vote.

2—This amendment would authorize a married woman to exercise a power of attorney conferred on her by her husband. This is a good amendment we think and should receive favorable support.

3—Limiting necessary compensation of members of the General Assembly.

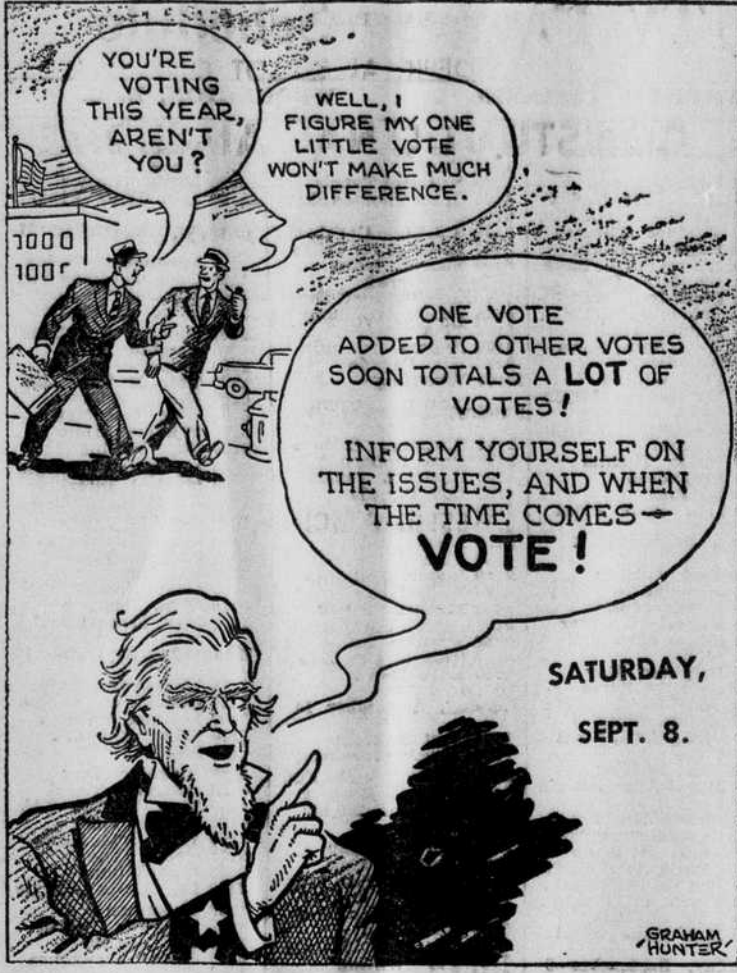
We think this amendment should receive a favorable vote, although we say this somewhat with tongue-in-cheek. Unless members of the General Assembly do get an increase in compensation we fear that it will develop into a rich man's organization, because a poor man would not be able to pay his way while there unless he accepted "hand-outs" from lobbyists. However, the per diem expense feature of this amendment is the part that we don't like. The Assembly, in the appropriation bill, sets the rate of per diem expense allowed state employees and that same rate would apply to the per diem they would get, thereby setting their own per diem amount. We'll probably have take this entirely on faith because we feel so strongly that the members should have more pay than they are getting at the present.

These are four amendments you will be called upon to vote on Saturday. We hope every voter will fulfill his civic duty and vote on all four of the amendments. If you are not sure you understand the amendments then ask someone qualified to explain them, then make up your own mind and vote.

If all the political speeches, to be made in this country this year, were laid end to end, there would be no end to political speeches.

In every community, including ours, there are some local nabobs who think that the law was made for others to obey.

The best way to earn a rest is to complete your work.



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ROVING REPORTER

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waters of the Southport harbor. His style became cramped in the narrow confines of Banks channel. Since the tournament he and several others in Southport have put in a lot of time and from the way they looked and cavorted about this past week end we are inclined to think that if you give them as good waters as we have at Southport, Billy and the other boys will hold their own. It looks as if skiing is here to stay.

It is a daily question, sometimes a dozen times daily, as to what will be done, industrially or otherwise, with the many millions of gallons of pure ground water that lies under the greater portion of Brunswick county, awaiting for some use to be found for it. The answer to such inquiries is that the matter of the water is still very much alive. Efforts to tie it in with industries is waiting until it can be seen what form of industry will mean the most to the people of Brunswick in exchange for the water. From authentic information, water in great quantities can be obtained at countless places in Brunswick county. J. H. Legrande, Federal Water Expert, and Dr. Jasper Stucky, the State Geologist, have both said the supply will last forever. In the Allen Creek area alone, the daily supply was put at probably 70-million gallons.

Although we live right at the tip of what S. Kipp Farrington, famed salt water expert, told us would one day become the most widely known fishing area on the Atlantic coast north of Florida, we still personally cling to freshwater as offering the top for real sport. That means we were born on freshwater. Being away behind with our freshwater fishing, with a friend from Greenwood, S. C., we set out to catch up with some of it Monday. Only trouble was that we ran out of bait midway of the morning. The blue gills and bream took all we had to offer. Resourceful, we found a peck of freshwater mussels and devoted them to the creation of bait. Quitting time, and we had all of the nice blue gills and bream the law allows.

Seeing Long Beach last week while he and his family were at Yaupon Beach making plans for their new year-round home there, Bill Sharpe of The State told us that he was very much surprised at all of the rebuilding of homes that has taken place since the storm of two years ago. This rebuilding is still going on and residents say that all indications point to this fall and winter bringing the most substantial amount of home building that they have had there in years.

During the past week more than one hundred good-sized outboard motor boats carrying from 3 to 6 persons fished out from the ramp here in nearby waters. The number of locally owned boats of this type has increased greatly during the summer. Quite a number of upstate boats have been brought down and kept here or on Davis Creek all summer. Saturdays and Sundays 15 or more boats come in on trailers and there has not been a day this past week when less than 6 such boats came in for one or two days of fishing. The boat loading ramp at Southport has been a boom to the outboard powered boat owners and has brought good business to the town.

Pushing a peanut for a full block and touching it with nothing but your nose is not going to be as easy a task as some people suppose. An inch at a time, on the average, is as much as either of the men involved in the forthcoming election bet can hope for. It will be an event in which there is no competition to spur on the loser of the bet. In fact,

there will be nothing but discomfort in the undertaking. To get down to the goober will entail sore hands and probably a stiff neck that will last for days. Years ago we personally made an election bet that involved the pushing of a wheelbarrow 26 miles. We won the bet, but the other party to the affair refused to carry out the bargain. As the newspapers had stated someone would push the wheelbarrow we turned to and pushed it myself, despite the fact we had won.

BILL SHARPE HAS

Continued From Page One Between the two of us a lasting regard sprung up. He went on with his work and the business of knowing North Carolina and teaching what he knew to others inside and outside of North Carolina.

When he resigned from this work after several years to go into business for himself at Winston-Salem, there was a general feeling of loss to the State. So much that after a few years of his private business, Bill was recalled to again head the State's publicity work. A year or two of wearing this harness and the Carolina Power and Light Company drafted him as their director of public relations.

Bill became head man for publicity with the power company, and he more than made good. He left this position to become copublisher and owner of The State, a weekly magazine founded by Carl Goerch. The magazine has continued with Bill's lifetime work of publicizing North Carolina.

Our own knowledge of North Carolina is on a very much lesser scale than that of Bill Sharpe, but we do know Brunswick county. It was no surprise to us when Bill called at the office of the State Port Pilot last week and said: "Bill, we are going to become your neighbor, we are preparing to start building a home at Yaupon Beach, near Southport this fall."

The point to this story is that Brunswick County, Southport and Yaupon Beach should be proud of the fact that Bill Sharpe, who knows all of North Carolina, has picked Yaupon Beach, near Southport for his summer home.

BRUNSWICK ONE

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SAILFISH RECORD

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Capt. Hulan Watts had R. J. Willis and party of Greensboro out Sunday and they brought in 148 blues and mackerel. On Monday Dr. George Johnson and party of Wilmington had 150 mackerel and blues. The Sunday trip for Capt. Basil Watts saw R. J. Willis and party of Greensboro catching 100 Spanish mackerel and 2 bonito. The next day R. B. Hudson and party of Thomasville had 178 mackerel and blues. Capt. H. A. Schmidt had Arnold Kizer and party of Kings Mountain out Saturday and they caught 232 Spanish mackerel. The next day this party got into the sailfish picture with 1 of these fish and 3 king mackerel. On Monday Dewey Allen and party of Denton had 4 king mackerel, 8 barracuda, 3 amberjack, 1 bonito and 41 Spanish mackerel. Captain Ray Stubbs brought in

Not Exactly News

The first man to bring in a marsh hen here this season was Johnnie Potter, who picked one off Saturday even though the tides were not high. He carried his gun along when he went fishing, and one unwary bird fluttered up within range. . . . Bully Ganey of Leland says that he can get a band together any time there is a demand for a little square dance music. He thinks that with the return of cool weather it might be a good idea to begin a new series here in Southport. . . . Fishermen have been having good luck with black drum at the quarantine station.

Southport is practically hemmed in by highway improvement projects. Grading has commenced on the highway No. 87 job; the new by-pass project at Sunny Point still has not been opened; they are sand-sealing highway No. 130 between Southport and Supply; U. S. No. 17 is being widened; and work has not yet been completed on the Supply-Bolton road. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Barnes, who are building a new home in Deep Water Heights, are working on a lawn while their house is under construction and therefore will not have to wait a year for for beautification projects to begin making a show.

The Flying Cloud, Mathews cruiser owned by Dr. Elliott Finger of Marion, S. C., and based here for the past several months, has been sold to a man in Dothan, Alabama, who will base the craft at Panama City, Fla. She is on her way to her new port. . . . Saturday set a new record for sailfish caught in one day at Southport when six were brought in.

It has been a good year for billfish. . . . We saw a pair of quail the other afternoon, but no little ones. That's a bad sign. . . . The Rev. Norwood Jones, former Southport Methodist minister who is now stationed at Burlington, was here last week-end and was much interested in the possibility of a return visit some time this month for a marsh hen hunting trip.

"All That Heaven Allows" is the Sunday-Monday show at the Amuzu, Jane Wyman and Rock Hudson are the stars. . . . That Hudson man also is the star of "One Desire", the Thursday and Friday show at Long Beach Drive-In. . . . We continue to hear local people making plans to attend the "Toe Capades," which will be in Raleigh the last week in this month. . . . The first football game of the season in Brunswick county will be played Friday night under the lights at Shallotte. . . . Bolivia will be playing away that afternoon. Southport waits another week to open. . . . Brunswick county was well represented at the Stock Car Races at Darlington, S. C., Monday.

The used car lot at Elmore Motor Co. will be a perfect place to hold the Bolivia Livestock Exhibit Saturday, for the sheds will afford shelter from the sun and possibly from rain. . . . Several of the stars of the 1953 Shallotte high school football team will be out of service this fall in time to enter college under the G. I. Bill and you may be hearing more of some of them on the college gridiron. . . . The biggest business in Brunswick county is back at work this week—the schools.

a Fayetteville party Sunday with the biggest catch of blues and mackerel made this summer. They had boated 509 of these fish.

SPECIAL GENERAL

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has taken an active personal interest in the Pearsall Plan and has been joined by a number of other prominent State officials in urging that it be given the endorsement of an overwhelming majority of the voters.

Three other amendments, however, are up for the electorate decision. Generally they have been overshadowed by the school issue.

One is to allow the General Assembly date to be changed to February from January. This is required because of the shift of the income tax deadline from March 15 to April 15.

As matters stand now, the state's bureau of the budget is not in position to estimate fairly state income needs so far in advance. This makes the Assembly's task of providing funds hazardous.

Another amendment will allow a married woman to execute a

power of attorney conferred on her by her husband. The practice is common to 46 other states now. It would allow women to transfer property they own solely without consent of her husband, or allow her to convey her husband's property for him providing a proper power of attorney is granted.

The other amendment up for decision is that which would grant legislators per diem and mileage at the same rate as granted to boards and commissions; would lengthen the available time for the General Assembly to 120 days from 90 days, and would provide for special sessions of not over 25 days duration.

At present the Assembly sets the per diem and mileage expenses for the commissions and boards, and any increases given those groups, or any cuts, would automatically be passed on to the legislators.

The official canvass of the vote will be held Tuesday following the election at 10 a. m.

NEW PUPILS IN

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dents will come in this week. Principal Webb and a great number of patrons of the school were greatly pleased over yesterday's enrollment. "If we can keep the enrollment for 10 days," he said, "we are assured of another teacher. I think we not only keep it up, we can increase the enrollment, if parents in the district will only show pride in their school and insist on the children attending."

As an illustration of the increase in student enrollment this year, Principal Webb cited the fact that the first grade got an enrollment of 47 students yesterday. Other grades were proportionately loaded. The enrollment by grades on the opening day last year was not immediately available, but it is said that in all cases the enrollment by grades shows an increase over last year's at the beginning of school.

With an additional teacher assured if the Tuesday enrollment is maintained at its present enrollment for 10 days, parents of school age children are urged to have them enrolled now and keep them going.

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