

EDITORIALS:
IMPORTANT GROWTH

The "growing up" of the southern pulp and paper industry has resulted in increased land values of private owners in excess of the entire capital assets of that industry, according to Lucian Whittle, of Brunswick, Ga., and this fact has special significance in a county like our own.

Whittle, in speaking at the annual meeting of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, told the group that since the pulp and paper industry had located in the South private forest holdings had increased in value from \$2 to \$5 in 1932 to approximately \$40 per acre now. He pointed out that private forest holdings totaled over 143 million acres in the South.

The vice president of the Association said, "The pulp and paper industry owns about eight per cent of the commercial forest land in the South. Ninety-two percent, about two and 3/4 billion dollars of this increased value, has accrued largely to private landowners. Compare this two and 3/4 billion dollars

with the 2 1/2 billion dollars estimated replacement value for plant and forest holding of our southern pulp and paper companies."

Whittle asked, "How many industries can you think of that come into an area and contribute an additional value to property of others in excess of their entire capital assets?"

The woods division manager of Brunswick Pulp and Paper Company also revealed that over 70,000 persons earned over \$320 million last year in the industry and this did not include the 70,000 woods workers. He explained, "To a \$320 million payroll in 1956 add \$370 million for the delivered cost of 20 million cords of pulpwood. This is a tremendous addition to southern economy."

Since our county is a major producer of pulpwood, we are greatly interested in the greatly increased value that has come to our landowners because of the emphasis upon the importance of our forest products.

FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION

A new concept of a parent's responsibility to our education program was projected last week by Governor Luther H. Hodges in a speech before the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in High Point when he declared that one of our most important needs "is for better mental and social discipline among children."

"Let us as parents send the teachers children who can be taught, and let us

expect our teachers to return children who are being taught something worthwhile," urged Governor Hodges. "As parents we should not expect our teachers to turn spoiled and unruly youngsters into educated young ladies' and men."

These statements sound so practical that it seems that our governor must have been visiting in our own town and county.

LIKE MONEY IN THE BANK

Again we are privileged to make our annual donation for membership in and support of the American Red Cross. Organization for the annual drive for membership and funds is now completed and solicitations begun.

Every person desires to help less fortunate people in their time of trouble but this is not always practical. But through the American Red Cross one can be of real help where there is need for it through his contribution to the Red Cross. No matter where trouble strikes in this great country the American Red Cross is ready to step in and lend those in need a helping hand. This great organization also serves our boys and girls in the U.S. Armed Services wherever they are located, at home or abroad.

In this county we've seen the Red Cross in action when help was needed. When Hurricanes Hazel and Connie swept through this area and left death and destruction in their paths the Red Cross did a grand job of relieving much of the distress and suffering. We recall too, the help rendered some of our friends and neighbors who lost their homes due to tornadoes that swept through without warning. These and hundreds of other disasters require

money and the Red Cross can get no money except from those people who support it and know its worth in time of need.

When and where disaster, in its many forms, will strike no body knows. We might need the services of the Red Cross any day or night. Whether we do or do not ever need it we know from past experience that it stands ready to help.

With the Red Cross standing by it is like having money in the bank. We know we can depend on it. Therefore, if the Red Cross is ready to help us at any time, we certainly should help the Red Cross when it makes its once-a-year appeal for financial support.

When some fellow citizen asks you for your Red Cross membership and donation, give it to him gladly. It is not being paid to call on you. He is giving his time and is donating his money to the cause also. Don't require him to wait or maybe come back to see you. Better still, mail your donation to the county Red Cross chapter. Do this today, and make sure to support the Red Cross if you want it to support you and be the medium through which you can help others in time of need.

FROM THE MOUTH OF BABES

A recent piece in the mail provides an eye-opener on what the younger generations think of the older ones. It was a survey made at the University of Miami's West Laboratory elementary school. The answers came via essays from fifth and sixth graders.

Some of the comments: "My grandparents are fine, except they spoil me," writes one ten-year-old. Another complains of grandparents who "bring me too many presents, are too helpful and will not let me do my

own work."

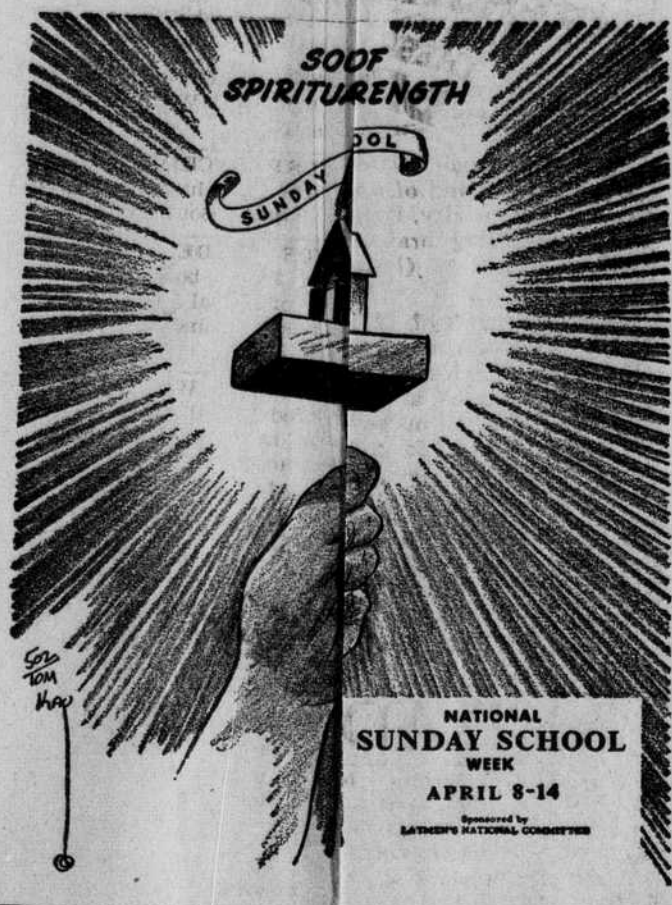
Pet names come in for some criticism, too. Writes a fifth-grader about his grandmother: "She is always calling me 'pussy.' When I do not feel like being called 'pussy,' I hold my anger in."

Despite these minor exceptions, the predominate feeling in all the comments is one of love. "When I visit my grandparents, I feel a warmth inside and I know they really love me and I love them," says an eleven-year old. "I think that old folks are the kindest, generous and nicest people I know," declares another. "They are never too busy and are ready to listen."

"Older folks love you and are there to protect you. You need them and they need you," comments a sixth-grade student, and then adds, very practically: "If it weren't for them, your mother, father or you wouldn't be here."

The last comment is reminiscent of a toast made at a very cheerful wedding reception by an enthusiastic guest: "Here's to the parents of the bride and the groom. If it weren't for them the bride and groom wouldn't be here today, nor would we."

When two newlyweds feather their nest, it's usually not hard to find four well plucked parents near by.



Letter To Editor

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The State Port Pilot
Southport, N. C.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir:

As a devout friend of Brunswick County, a former resident and one who hurries back at every opportunity, I would be derelict in my regard for dear friends and valued ex-neighbors and the children of the area whom I love, if I neglect to protest the shameful travesty on decency and the democratic process which resulted last Friday in the ousting of Henry Stone as County Superintendent of Schools.

I was in Brunswick County over the past week end and from ever-first quarter found resentment and disapproval coupled with the conviction that the County School Board's act represented cheap and conniving politics at its worst in our school system—where it does not belong and should not be tolerated.

It will remain in my estimation and in the belief of the overwhelming majority of the county's citizens that the reprehensible personal ends will be served by this unpopular move and that a most brazen political maneuver preceded the disgraceful treatment of Henry Stone, who has served the educational interests of Brunswick County diligently and well for over 30 years.

In proof of this contention I submit the following questions and defy the participants in this dirty business to answer them or to satisfactorily deny their implication. The questions are:

- 1. Will three (3) members of the Brunswick County Board of Education along with two (2) politicians deny having a rendezvous in the vicinity of Shallotte on the Thursday morning preceding the called meet of the Board for the next night?
2. Was it not decided at that rendezvous that Mr. Stone would be sacrificed and were not the details of his double-cross worked out?
3. Did not a member of the County Board of Education go to the Friday night meeting with J. G. Long's application in his pocket?
4. Did a merchant-politician of Shallotte threaten Henry Stone last summer with the ultimatum that he would have the County's school business at his price and exclusively or that he would see to it that Henry Stone would lose his job?

Ethel Ryan

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tail about the type of tackle he uses in Florida. (A copy of the proper tackle as prescribed by Coughlan is available courtesy of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association).

Several pointed observations which Jerry made might be of interest to Southport anglers interested in trying for the tarpon. He said that tarpon love to feed on pinfish such as sand perch, and they also feed on small mullet. Both of these baits are effective.

"When the tarpon are feeding, they'll hit most anything. But when they're particular about what they will eat, you can count on mullet or pinfish," Jerry said. He called attention to the fact that engines, particularly outboards, scare the tarpon.

"I sometimes pole my boat as much as two miles to get to a good tarpon spot without scaring them," he related. Another important thing is patience. He explained that you actually land only a small number of the tarpon you hook, so don't become discouraged. He also brought out that tarpon are night feeders, and that the night time is a good time to fish

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r them.
"To catch a tarpon at night like no other thrill you've ever had," Jerry said. He expressed confidence that tarpon will be caught around

"You fellows are not spending enough time tarpon fishing. Once a few of you start catching tarpon, then everyone will start asking them," he said. He advised that fishermen are so selfish with their information. "You tarpon fishermen should share anything you learn about tarpon with your fellow fishermen. This is the only way you can gain much local knowledge of the habits of the fish. You get no benefit at all from keeping the information to yourself," he said.

Jerry also emphasized that sportsmanship is important in tarpon fishing.

"I am for the release of any fish you don't plan to eat. It is a waste to kill a fish, that you approve to show off, then leaving hanging at the dock. The fun of fishing is catching the fish. Once you have beaten the fish, there's no reason to kill it. Turn it loose for another day's fun. I have seen some mighty good fishing areas ruined by needless killing of game fish," he said.

Jerry said that someday he and fish for the silver kings around Baldhead.

"Maybe after some of you local men start catching some tarpon there, I'll come down and try it," he said.

It was a very enjoyable occasion, meeting the smiling Irishman from New Jersey. But what was even more enjoyable was the encouraging way he talked of tarpon fishing around Baldhead.

BOWMAN MAKES

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that, beginning July 1, 1958, every self-propelled motor vehicle registered in North Carolina shall display current approval sticker indicating that it has been inspected and is in compliance with the standards set up in Chapter 20 of the General Statutes as to registration, brakes, lights, horn, steering mechanism, and windshield wiper.

The bill which would give given Recorder's Court judges and judges of the Superior Court some discretion in the revocation of drivers' licenses in cases where persons are charged with their first offense of drunken driving failed to pass the House and was tabled.

Another bill which provides for compulsory automobile insurance has been given several long hearings in committee. There is a great deal of opposition to this proposed law. However, it is believed that the bill will probably be approved after some of its very strict requirements have been watered down. Insurance companies appear to favor this type of law rather than the so-called "unsatisfied judgment law" although they are not in favor of either one.

Miscellaneous
A bill to create an occupational licensing board to license and regulate real estate brokers and salesmen was introduced in the Senate during the past week and it appears to have considerable support among larger real estate operators.

RULING WILL AFFECT

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On a number of occasions this office has expressed the view that members of county Boards of Elections and registrars and judges of elections are public officials. While G. S. 163-11 prohibits in express terms members of county Boards of Election from holding any elective public office, it is the view of this office that he may not legally hold any other public office whether elective or appointive. G. S. 163-15 provides that no person holding any office or place of trust or profit under the Government of the United States or of the State of North Carolina or any

Not Exactly News

This year it is April that has come in like a lion, and it has been roaring ever since. One of the most uneasy feelings we have experienced lately—weatherwise, that is—was twice during the past week when there have been tornado alerts . . . There was a welcomed break in the weather Sunday, which was one of the prettiest days of the year. There were many visitors from upstate, some who drove down to see the flowers and others who came to see about their property at one of the Brunswick county beaches.

With Spring football practice ended at Carolina, Jim Varnum is out for track. Saturday he won first place in the 100-yard dash in a duel meet with Wake Forest. He finished third in the 220-dash. The former three-sport star at Shallotte high school looks like a sure two-letter winner at UNC. . . To the list of Brunswick county boys making the grade in college sports, add the name of Bobby Spencer, who is playing baseball at Catawba College. He just returned from an extended Southern trip. He played last season at Campbell College.

Capt. Carlton Garrett, who has been pioneering the red snapper fishing here this winter, is badly disappointed with the weather of the past few days. He was not able to get out at all last week, and thus far this week the story is the same. "You have the fish," he says, "but your weather is terrible. Next year I may have to move my operations to Florida." We hope not, for we have hoped

that snapper fishing might expand as a winter activity out of this port.

There are new signs of building activity at both Long Beach and at Yaupon, with several nice, new homes under construction. . . The most encouraging sign we saw on a Sunday trip to Long Beach was the way the sand embankment is building up along the front. In many cases the bushes that were embedded are almost completely covered with sand, and the artificial dunes have widened out both on the ocean-side and on the land-side.

Folks who went to see "Anastasia" Monday night at the Amuzu saw "The King and I" instead. This was due to a mixup in booking, but any time you can replace a big winner like the former with an even bigger winner like the latter, you are on safe ground. . . Esther Williams in "Un-guarded Moment" appears to be the best attraction coming up during the next week. It plays Monday and Tuesday. . . And speaking of entertainment, don't overlook the "Womanless Wedding" Friday night. It's a P.T.A. project. . .

Mrs. M. A. Miller, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., was at home during the past week end for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Warden Lewis. With her she had her newest daughter, a little lady born February 24 and named Penny. This is no old family name, but was given her because the day before she was scheduled to arrive in this world her mother went to the hospital with an attack of acute appendicitis.

political subdivision thereof, shall be eligible to appointment as an election official. The foregoing prohibition is contained in the statute providing for the appointment of registrars and judges of election.

"A member of a Democratic Executive Committee is not a public official but is only an official of his political party chosen under the provisions of Sections 14 and 20 of the Plan of Organization of the Democratic Party.

"Answering your questions directly, it is the view of this office that a member of the county Democratic Executive Committee is not disqualified from holding the office of school committee member but that a member of the county Board of Elections or a registrar or judge of elections is prohibited by Article XIV, Section 7 of the State Constitution from holding at the same time any other public office. In the case of EDWARDS v. BOARD OF EDUCATION, 235 NC 345, our Supreme Court held that a member of a county Board of Education vacates this office eo instanti he accepts another public office. Of course the same principle would apply to the members

SERVICE AWARDS

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Conversely, length of service on a job or in a position within the framework of the particular agency provides experience that makes for efficient and economical operation". In offering his congratulations to the recipients of the length-of-service awards, Captain Bishop pointed out: "The very nature of this award carried with it not only a recognition of the performance of your duties over an extended period of many years, but the able and capable performance of those duties as well."

HEARINGS HELD

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Carlton Garrett waived appearance and pleaded guilty to charges of driving on the wrong side of the road. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Harvey M. Jackson was found not guilty of following too closely, but was found guilty of driving too fast for conditions. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Donley Skipper, Jr., was found

not guilty of failure to give signature.

Ennis Earl Weeks pleaded guilty to charges of passing a stopped school bus and was fined \$10 and costs.

Jeanette Gore was found guilty of defrauding and was given 30 days in jail, suspended upon payment of \$10 to prosecuting witness and costs.

Robert Hayes was found not guilty of issuing worthless check. Johnny Tindall and Curlee Scarborough, Wilmington negroes, were given a preliminary hearing on charges of rape. Probable cause was found and each defendant was found held under bond of \$1,000 for trial in Superior court.

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MARCH OF DIMES

\$310.87. Following is a breakdown of these figures:

- District No. 1: B. C. T., \$98.30; Kindergarten, \$2.75; Piney Grove, \$20.27; total \$121.32.
District No. 2: Union High, \$50; Cedar Grove, \$37; Longwood, \$10; total \$97.00.
District No. 3: Lincoln High, \$61.75; Chapel Road, \$20; Phoenix, \$10.80; total \$92.55.

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