

EDITORIALS:

THESE ARE GOOD MEN

If you are inclined to be critical sometimes when you see some of the city employees riding or standing or sitting around apparently doing nothing don't be too quick to pass judgment. These are good men to have around for an emergency.

Like Monday night. The temperature was below thirty—and that's cold. Moreover, there was a strong wind blowing. And it was dark. Then the lights went out in one section of town, and complaints began to pour in.

It was after quitting time, of course, but the lights were out. Even more serious was the fact that in many of the homes, so was the heat. No lights; no

heating; no cooking—the makings of a bad situation. But not for long.

Before many minutes had passed Joe Spencer, Johnson Cumbee, Brother Fisher and other city workers were out of their warm homes and off in search of the trouble. When they found it, there were poles to be climbed and painstaking repairs to be made. And this was quickly and efficiently done.

Next time you feel critical about one of these fellows, ask yourself how you'd like to climb a light pole in 30-degree weather and work on a power line in the dark while the wind tries to blow you down. Just ask yourself that question.

JUDGE MALLARD SPEAKS

Judge Raymond B. Mallard spoke in no uncertain terms to Wake county jurors last week after they had persistently refused to bring out a verdict for conviction in a single one of the several drunken driving cases for which they heard evidence.

"Beginning Monday morning each one of you put your hand on the Bible standing right out there, and lifted your hand to Almighty God that you would well and truly try all cases that would come before you during this term and true verdicts give according to the evidence thereon, so help you God."

Judge Mallard reminded the jurors that the court had been trying cases all week and that four or five of them had been drunken driving cases. "Not one," he said, "has been a conviction."

"If you don't believe officers just be-

cause they are officers, and if that is the kind of jurors we have, then this court and other courts are wasting time."

We join with Judge Mallard in being puzzled over the attitude of the average juror in the trial of a drunk driver. In our opinion, he is one of the most dangerous hazards on our highways today, and since each of us must travel in the normal pursuit of our business, to shield and protect him is to preserve and to propagate this major threat to safe driving.

Judge Mallard is a fair, able and honest man, and he is a capable and respected judge. It is good to hear him speak out against this persistent and pernicious practice of protecting the drunken driver. Why are they protected?

A TERMITE IDEA ON TV

The question was something of a gambit:

"What are you going to do when they get pay TV? What are you going to do when you have to pay to watch your own set?"

The answers were quick:

"Sell the thing," Make it into a book-case and sell the innards to these spunk boys."

Then one in the group said seriously: "If they'll refund me what I've invest-

ed in the set, if they'll put in their own machine, pay for the current it takes, I'll be willing to pay for the shows I want to see.

"I just can't see paying for a set and for the power to run it for somebody else to be able to charge me to watch it!"

Like the idea.

Write your congressman. Write your friends, congressman.

MR. LINCOLN SAID—

On February 12 many school children will take time to recall some of the great deeds and statements of the great Abraham Lincoln and thus note his birthday. No doubt many adults will recall something of the great Civil War president. Had he lived many people believe the South would have fared better following the great war between the states.

Below are two quotes attributed to Lincoln that we feel is most pertinent to present conditions. He is reported to have said:

"You cannot lift the wage-earner by

pulling down the wage-payer."

"You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

The above two very wise statements are as applicable today as they were when Lincoln spoke them nearly a century ago. As so is the statement below concerning a man and the community in which he lives:

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives; and so live that the place will be proud of him."

Well said Mr. Lincoln.

FAILURES OF COMMUNISM

What has communism accomplished? A terse and compelling answer to that question is provided by the distinguished historian and teacher Russell Kirk, in his new book, "The American Cause", which the Chicago firm of Regnery has published.

Kirk states: "Although the Communists have preached brotherhood, in practice they have murdered many millions of innocent people. Although the Communists have praised absolute equality

they have established absolute despotism. Although the Communists have aped Christian charity in words, they have resorted to theft and confiscation in actuality. Although the Communists have promised Utopia, they have delivered whole nations to mortal torment. Although they have talked unendingly of peace, they have thriven by war."

Communism is a philosophy of pure materialism. Yet Communism in practice has miserably failed to better the material living standards of the people. And article in U. S. News & World Reports tell's this story. It takes a Russian factory worker 306 hours and 35 minutes to earn enough money to buy himself a suit—the American factory worker can earn the suit in 22 hours and 9 minutes. It takes that Russian worker 19 minutes to earn the price of a cake of soap, as against 3 minutes for the American. It takes the Russian 3 hours and 23 minutes to make enough to buy a pound of butter; in our factories the figure is 21 minutes. So it goes, down the roster of practically everything in ordinary use.

In terms of human values and betterment, Communism has been not only a failure but a ruthless despoiler.



**PRACTISE SAFETY...
PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN!**
DON'T LEAVE HOT BAKING UTENSILS OR APPLIANCES WHERE THEY CAN BE EASILY PULLED OFF. AVOID INJURY AND SCARS!

STREET LIGHTS

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draws.

In commenting upon their feeble work, James D. Bellar, president of Shallotte Lions Club, said, "It's the fastest working committee I ever saw. I appoint them at one meeting, and before our next session the lights have been purchased and installed."

WACCAMAW OPENS

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dent of the PTA, Tony Tysing, Weldon Hall, principal of the school; Mrs. Hall, and Miss F. Odom, senior English teacher were the chaperones.

The Waccamaw students initiated the practice of serving light refreshments after basketball games to the visiting players at the beginning of the basketball season. It has offered the students many social opportunities, and has definitely proven its value. One of the greatest benefits results from

PLANE SERVICE

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license now.

He is married to the former Millicent Ward of Manteo. They have three children, two girls, 5 and 2 years old and a son 3 years old. The Browns live at the corner of Clay and Canal. They belong to the Episcopal church.

Rhyme says the plane is equipped with radio equipment geared to the Forest Service frequency. Later it is hoped to all public address equipment.

"We feel the plane will be the most valuable addition of equipment in recent years to the Forest Service in this section," he said.

"Flying over fires, the plane acts as eyes of the ground forces. Photographs made from planes have been

valuable in forest fire law enforcement work."

On large fires the plane will be used to direct fire fighting activities, and to find the best locations for control lines.

When haze or smoke prevents the lookout towers from covering all areas, the plane can be used to locate and investigate burning that is being done.

On other days, the plane will be available to assist fire fighting forces where needed most.

Normally the plane will operate from Whiteville, being based at Sledge field near Brunswick.

Brown arrived in Whiteville Jan. 13 to report for duty, and on Jan. 18, he got an all day taste of fire fighting from the air, in this area, by flying fires at Poley Bridge and in the Smyrna section. The Poley Bridge fire damaged about 40-50 acres, the Smyrna blaze about 24-30 acres.

Previously Brown had been flying in the northeastern section of the state.

JEANNE MITCHELL

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which recalled her many times after the Franck, made it clear that the audience shared her feelings.

"Miss Mitchell concluded her program with the first New York performances of works by two Norwegian composers. A three-movement Sonata by Robert Orr seemed pretty disjointed to this listener and not very original. Two Norwegian Dances by Sigurd Lie were simple and attractive without any great pretensions. Miss Mitchell played both works with sympathy. Her accompanist was Eugene Helmer."

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were in New York to attend this concert.

SCOREBOARD AND

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ed to her, may be turned in at the office of this newspaper or

Time and Tide

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correspondingly small—four pages—but there certainly wasn't a shortage of news that week. For instance:

Douglas Jones had recently become the first Eagle Scout in the local history of scouting. National Boy Scout week had commenced Sunday with the local troop members attending church en masse. D. I. Watson had just graduated from an Army technical school in Amarillo, Texas. Clarence Simmons had captured some six bushels of shrimp and 300 pounds of whiting in one recent day's trawling. And the Hospital Auxiliary was raising funds with which to purchase a new, much-needed sterilizer.

Gasoline, tires, even bicycles had been rationed due to the international situation, but now the last straw seemed to have come up. Shoes were being rationed. Captain T. J. Toblason, USA, had recently been promoted to the rank of Major. Joy Arnold had become the bride of George Gregory, and the Coast Guardsmen had avenged themselves against the Naval officers. Score: 38-28.

Rarely has a better example of woman's indomitable spirit been revealed than in a feature story in The Pilot of February 11, 1948. Despite seemingly impassable roads, the Mill Creek Home Demonstration Club had met at the appointed place, its members arriving there via horse and cart. That issue also noted the construction of the county's third air strip—this one at Gause landing. The other two: Shallotte and Windy Point. Miss Annie Mae Woodside and Mrs. Lou H. Smith had returned to Southport after a three-week visit to Cuba. W. Kerr Scott had announced his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination; the N. C. Little Symphony was to make three county appearances; and the foul weather made the re-opening of school still indefinite.

February 11, 1953, found the dikes at Sunny Point going up. The incorporation of Long Beach was being seriously discussed; the Reverend Clarence Warren had spoken at the last meeting of the Southport Lions Club; and Ray Walton had replaced Thomas St. George on the County Board of Education.

Sprott Brothers of Sanford were discussing plans to erect a modern brick structure in Southport to house a new furniture store; Mrs. Margaret McRacken had been installed as Association Missionary for the Brunswick Baptist Association; and Barbee's, Incorporated, of Raupon Village had a crop of thriving tropical fruit trees on its lands.

Not Exactly News

During the past week we have been receiving some complaints about some of the information gleaned from our tide table. Seems as though we had the times for high and low water reversed, and it caused confusion; particularly to one fellow who came down to do some oystering at low tide (newspaper time, that is) only to find a full four-feet of water covering his favorite oyster rock. Well, we are happy to report that Capt. Fred Willing of the Cape Fear Pilot Association has been by to counsel with us about the preparation of this information, and starting today we are just about ready to guarantee that it will be correct.

News of our advance in subscription rates has met with various reactions. One fellow came in Saturday, asked if it is true that we have gone up to two dollars for local subscriptions; and upon being assured that we have, he decided against renewing and walked out. On the other hand, Capt. Reubin Drew of Brooklyn, N. Y., wrote us a note saying that the advance—to three dollars in his case—was perfectly well justified; and to give emphasis to his complete agreement, he enclosed a check for a dollar and one-half to supplement his earlier subscription payment. . . . Mrs. Leila Shirey and Laura Lee St. George have moved across the street and are now operating the soda shop; and it's still a popular haunt for the teenagers.

Some bird dog notes here at the tail-end of the season: Robert Thompson lost his fine young pointer, Mike, when he developed a brain disorder

and died last week. . . . Jimmie Prevatte, Edgar Finch and Hubert Livingston made a trip to Kannapolis Saturday to pick out a new pointer pup for Jimmie. Incidentally, Edgar is in the bird dog business with a German pointer. . . . Prettiest piece of retrieving we have seen this season was performed Friday afternoon by Floyd Kirby's Susie, who swam out into a small pond and dug a winged bird out of a stump hole before bringing it in. Incidentally, it was the first time Floyd, Jr., had been able to go hunting since his automobile accident at Clarkton several weeks ago.

Orders are being accepted for season tickets to the Atlantic Coast Conference Basketball Tournament in Raleigh, and several local fans already have sent in their requests. . . . Seems to us that everyone who goes from New York to Florida must fly, for there is a steady stream of passenger planes overhead during recent weeks. . . . This George Hamilton, IV, who flattens out and holds on to the last syllable of "Why Don't They Understa-a-a-nd," is a former student at UNC. . . . Word from Chapel Hill is that Jim Varnum is getting in shape for the indoor track season. The other day he ran against Dave Sime, the Duke flash, in a practice meet. . . . Five shrimp trawlers headed out of the harbor at Southport Monday morning, but any thought that they were local was purely wish-thinking. They were up-state boats on their way to Florida and Texas shrimp-ing grounds.

may be given to one of the Junior Garden Club members.

The purchase price is \$425, and the first contribution of \$5 was made from the Garden Club treasury. Harry D. Sell, Southport electrical contractor, has agreed to install the clock without charge.

SAVINGS AND LOAN

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of their funds.

4. The home mortgage loan portfolio was increased by \$204,191.94, in 1957, bringing the total of home loans outstanding to \$1,268,813.67.

5. Reserves were increased to \$86,953.71.

In reviewing business prospects for 1958, Mr. St. George said the outlook for savings and the availability of home credit was more favorable than during 1957.

RICHARD O. EATON

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visor on the staff of the Beach Erosion Board.

In addition to membership in several technical societies, Mr. Eaton is a member of the Tidal Hydraulics Committee of the Corps

Plants Brighten Yards In Winter

Your back yard needn't suffer that drab look next winter or thereafter if your property can accommodate a few more trees or shrubs.

Plantings that retain berries into the frigid season or boast interesting bark patterns will add the proper dash of color to the home grounds scene.

Among the best trees and

of Engineers, the Council on Wave Research of the Engineering Foundation, and is Chairman of the Committee on Coastal Engineering of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has served as a consultant to the State Department, foreign governments, and private industry on harbor projects on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of South America and in West Africa, as well as to field offices of the Corps of Engineers on numerous harbors on the coasts of North America and on the Great Lakes.

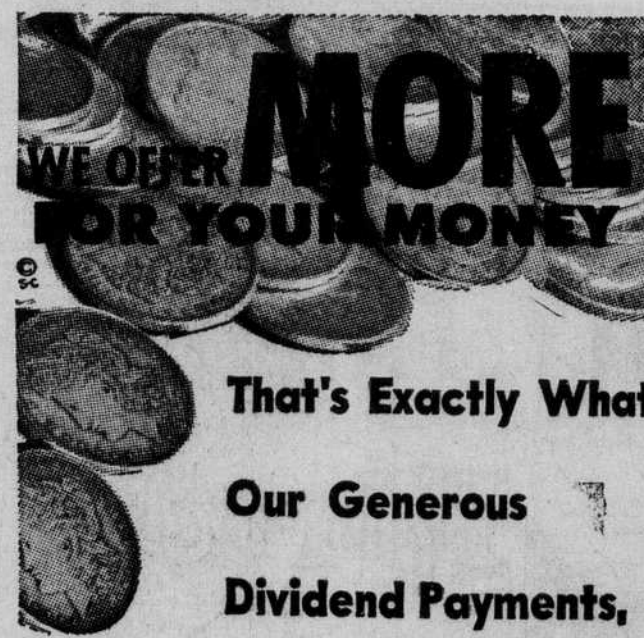
shrubs known for their winter fruits are the Washington Hawthorn, some of the flowering crabapples, the mountain ash, the common winter creeper euonymus and Japanese multiflora rose. Any and all of these have colorful fruit that makes excellent bird food.

Home owners shouldn't feel disappointed if the berries gradually disappear.

Some of the trees and shrubs that offer pleasing contrast by unusual bark patterns are the birches, golden willows, red willows and several species of cherries. These should be planted in conspicuous places to showcase the beauty of their trunks.

Trees with flaking bark contribute colors ranging from near white to dark brown with many shades of subdued yellow. These include the sycamores, Russian olives and the Stewartias.

The week-end gardener intent upon starting a winter color scheme this spring should also include some of the hardier and more colorful shrubs. Redosier dogwood, yellowtwig dogwood and Scotch broom are among the good choices.



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