

SUMMER SNOOPER

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"Cause you've got the walk, charm, smile and a grand Personality"—at least that's what Loyd Price says practically every night at the pavilion. That song seems to have made a hit with almost everyone, and it does apply to a great number of teenagers around the sea port. The pavilion was really swinging this week-end and the summer sure looks very promising. Saturday night there was a dance and the

band seemed to be liked by everyone. They have a very good beat that is great to hop to. I hear they will continue to play throughout the summer.

Last Thursday night T-Bo, David Ray, Gunk and Alan were present at the pavilion giving us some round sounds which were very good. They will also be over tonight (Thursday) and will be playing for us. No admission will be charged. It is just for our benefit and I'm sure if you will have a blast. They are up to date on the latest hits and they will play most anything you request. Let's go over tonight and accommodate them by dancing and just living it up.

Sunday afternoon there were quite a few present on the beach trying to get some sun and enjoy the cool water. So far the weather has been great for the beaches, and the nights have been cool enough for the swinging and swaying. There have been quite a

few strangers around lately. Since Caswell is open the vacationers are pouring in. That's another opportunity for us who live on the coast. We get to know others and we can appreciate the beach more. The question always arises from the vacationers: "Where are you from?" and when we answer "Southport", their expression changes, and they exclaim, "You just don't know how lucky you are!" And do we?

The Pavilion is going full swing and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swain and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lefon are ready and willing to give everybody a good time and good food this summer. The Butlers also have the golf course remedied and ready for lots of fun.

SNOOPIN' AROUND: T-Bo really getting in some good steps Saturday night . . . Puddinhead and Skeeter doing their good deed Sunday night. Thanks . . . Leda wondering about a few things . . . Susie climbing to greater heights. . . . Anyone for a soda? Georgia, here I come . . . Jerome, where were you this week-end? Harry D. really sporting these days . . . Anyone heard from Southead? . . . Margie wondering about Roy? . . . "Like a Tiger" . . . Barbara having a blast Saturday night . . . Teal, hope you're okay now . . . Sonny working hard at Yaupon . . . "16 Candles" . . . "There Goes My Baby" sure is great . . . Its time for Canhead to be pulling in. . . . What's all the "activity?" . . . There isn't any . . . Lee making big plans.

That's for this week. Do be careful and drive slow. Things will turn out better that way. See ya tonight and this week-end. Until next week, So Long

Prosperous '59 Economic Is Reserve Bank Prediction

Summarizing the opinions of 70 forecasters on the 1959 economic state of the nation, the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond said in its current Monthly Review that "There is not a pessimist in the lot."

All forecasts, said the Review, point toward expansion of economic activity in 1959. Most of them estimate that the country's gross national product (nation's output of goods and services) will be around \$470 billion, a gain of almost 8 percent over 1958.

A fair number of forecasters, the bank said, indicate that they anticipate a slowing down of business activity during the second half of 1959. This is in keeping with what many forecasters term "second halfitis," a bias that annually results in forecasts of lower rates of activity or declining trends in the last six months of any year.

Almost without exception, the forecasts anticipate but small or moderate price rises in consumer and wholesale prices, the bank noted. The forecasters say that consumer outlays rather than business investment outlays are expected to be the dominant spending forces in the 1959 economy. The Reserve bank said that the most frequently cited figure for consumer spending is \$306 billion, a rise of \$15 billion from 1958. This increase would account for almost half the estimated increase in total expenditures from the 1959 output of final goods and services. The Review stated that in the

business in new plants and equipment in 1959, rising from \$30.5 billion in 1958 to \$33 billion this year.

The Reserve bank said that the forecasts are virtually unanimous in holding that inventory liquidation has run its course. Estimates of the amount of inventory buildup range from \$2 billion to \$6 billion, with a very heavy concentration in the \$2½ to \$3 billion area.

The forecasts estimate that total government outlays will reach \$99 billion this year, more than seven per cent above the 1958 total. Federal spending is estimated at about \$56.5 billion, while state and local spending is estimated at \$42.5 billion, the Reserve bank said.

Price Cut Told In Oil, Kerosene

Prices of kerosene and fuel oil have been reduced six-tenths of a cent per gallon, making a total reduction of 1.1 cents April 15.

"Based on present prices, the total savings for oil-heating customers in North Carolina will amount to approximately \$7½ millions," said Don M. Ward, executive secretary of the North Carolina Oil Jobbers association.

in announcing the new reduction. Another half-cent per gallon is being saved by consumers in eastern North Carolina who take advantage of the dealers' summer fill-up discount program.

Ward commented that the price cuts "have come at a very opportune time particularly for farmers preparing for tobacco-curing".

Each year North Carolina tobacco growers use approximately 200 millions gallons of kerosene in their curing barns. Tar Heel home-owners consume another 300 millions gallons of kerosene annually.

In addition, there are 203,397 oil-burner installations in the state, and they consume a total

of 180 millions gallons of No. 2 fuel oil each year.

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Assembly Forms New Water Unit

Consolidation of the scattered management of North Carolina's water resources, long favored by Governor Hodges, is about to become a reality.

The General Assembly completed action Thursday on a bill clearing the way for a new Department of Water Resources to take over activities which have been spread among several agencies.

The department will come into being July 1. It will assume the duties of the state board of water commissioners, the state's water planning agency, and water responsibilities of the Department of Conservation and Development.

The State Stream Sanitation committee, an independent unit attached to the state Board of Health and charged with the state's anti-pollution program, also is transferred and continued in the Department of Water Resources. Along with it will come the Division of Water Pollution Control of the state board of health, which has served as the Stream Sanitation committee's administrative agent.

The new overall department will be supervised by a seven-member board to be appointed by the governor for six-year staggered terms. Chief administrative officer will be a director appointed by the board with the approval of the governor.

The change means abolition of the Board of Water Commissioners and of C&D's Division of Water Resources, Inlets, and Coastal Waterways. Appropriations to these two groups and to the Stream Sanitation committee will be transferred to the Department of Water Resources.

A broad range of responsibilities and tasks is assigned to the new department. In addition to pollution control, these include:

- Initiating, planning, and executing a long-range program for the preservation, development, and improvement of rivers, harbors, and inland ports, including dredging of small inlets.
- Cooperating with Federal agencies in planning and developing navigation and flood-control projects.
- Preparing, with the advice of all water interests, policies and proposed legislation to insure improvements in the methods of con-

serving, developing, and using water resources.

—Helping municipalities and other governmental units guard against water shortages and emergencies (the Board has standby powers to divert water to meet emergencies).

—Coordinating water-resource activities, investigating water supplies, preparing and maintaining a general inventory of water resources, and taking the necessary steps to promote their development.

—Conducting a program of planning and education concerning the most beneficial long-range conservation and use of water resources.

—Handling issuance of farm irrigation permits for use of water from streams, rivers, creeks, or lakes.

With a single exception, the new law gives no additional authority to the department beyond that in laws already existing. The exception is supervision of the operations of small watershed improvement projects.

Enabling legislation to permit organization of watershed improvement districts was enacted just a few hours before passage of the water reorganization bill.

Alcohol isn't any more potent than in years past, but automobiles are, says the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. The two still don't mix, the throttle and the bottle can get you killed in a traffic accident.

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