

Vacation Diary

By ED TAYLOR HARPER

(Editor's Note: During the summer this will be a series of informal columns about what happens on the Southport waterfront, as seen through the eyes of a twelve year old boy.)

WEDNESDAY: This morning the waterfront was quiet except for some small boats launched from the city ramp. The Derrick-boat Northeast, which today was working behind Battery Island, returned to the city dock. Two freighters passed during the day, one going out and one coming in.

THURSDAY: Again it was quiet here. The dredge Capt. Phil-

lips, pulled by two tugs, passed headed south and an unusual part of the cargo was a station wagon on top. A tanker, Amoco Connecticut, out of Baltimore, Md., went up the river to Wilmington. Outside the Tar Heel Sports Shop a 9 ft. 4 1/4 in. 191 lb. blue marlin was being weighed. There were some boys swimming by the city ramp.

FRIDAY: It was overcast until 10 o'clock, and then it turned bright. Once again there were boats launched at the ramp. Among the boys swimming off the ramp were Bill Holden, Kenneth King, Bill Lynch, Don Hardee and Bobby Toler. I noticed porpoises in the river for

the first time this year, one of which seemed like it collided with the tanker Esso Zurich. But a porpoise can hear a boat coming so it probably moved safely away from the ship. The tanker was on the way to Wilmington. A small sailboat passed going south. The barge Peter Willis, pulled by the tug Carteret from Norfolk, Va., was going north. We noticed some skiers today who had trouble staying up. They spent more time under the water than on top of it.

SATURDAY: The water was still early in the morning, but no one could say it was quiet around the Southport waterfront. At 6:30 two tankers came in within five minutes. Boats were launched from the ramp all morning. The Mendota came in this morning. A barge loaded with rolls of paper, and towed by the tug Williston, went by. The boys swimming off the ramp this morning were playing submarine, tag, and jumping off a raft. There was slight waterway traffic and some skiing. A haze formed over the river and it turned windy about noon. It was amusing watching Leroy Fullwood throw Tommy, Dickie, and Eddie off the city dock. We saw a boat bouncing and skimming so recklessly coming in on rough water that I thought for a minute it was Mr. Blake. The freighter Manchester Port, out of Manchester, England, came in.

SUNDAY: Today the air was calm but the water was choppy. There were not as many boats launched today as there were yesterday. The only two boys that I noticed swimming off the ramp were Kenneth King and Bill Lynch. It turned quiet in the afternoon and there was some crabbing and some people fishing from the city dock. Saturday, one weighed about 211-lbs. and the other weighed about 250-lbs.

MONDAY: In the morning the river was calm. It turned windy and the river became choppy later in the day. Two barges passed and they were both headed north. There were some boats which came inside today including some shrimp boats. There were some people fishing off of the city dock this afternoon. Eight Army men were going to go to Bald Head Island, but didn't quite make it. They launched their rubber raft successfully but their outboard motor kept knocking out, and finally the motor fell overboard. When I next saw them they were packing up and left. They had an advantage over the last group of Army men, because these men had an outboard motor and food; but the first group of men didn't have to put up with a motor which wouldn't start and would fall overboard.

TUESDAY:—In the morning it was slightly gusty, and the river was a little choppy. In the afternoon a storm came up and it started to hail; it turned windy, and the river became rough. The freighter Southwind, from Savannah, Ga., went to Wilmington. The tanker Battle Rock from Monrovia, Liberia, also went up the river. Still later in the day the freighter Wurttemberg from Hamburg, Germany, went to Wilmington. There was some fishing off the dock during the day, and there was some swimming at the ramp.

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At the end of this past week, 1821 bills had been introduced in both Houses of the Legislature, and 1047 of these bills were ratified into law. During the 1957 Session, which incidentally, adjourned on June 12, 1957, 1986 bills were introduced in both Houses of Legislature and 1509 bills were ratified. Of course, during this session many bills have already been "killed" in committee and either the House or the Senate, but it is estimated that between 300 and 400 bills remain

TV Program Schedule

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Thursday, June 18	9:00 Peter Gunn
7:00 Today	9:30 The Truth
9:00 Ranch Party	10:00 Walt
10:00 Dough, Re, Mi	11:00 Weather, News
10:30 Treasure Hunt	Tuesday, June 23
11:00 Price Is Right	7:00 Today
11:30 Top Dollar	9:00 Ranch Party
12:00 Tic Tac Dough	10:00 Dough, Re, Mi
12:30 Could Be You	10:30 Treasure Hunt
1:00 Bryan Time	11:00 Price Is Right
1:30 Liberate	11:30 Top Dollar
2:00 Queen	12:00 Tic Tac Dough
2:30 Haggis Baggis	1:00 Dr. Barnwell
3:00 Payoff	1:30 Liberate
3:30 Roots	2:00 Dedication
4:00 Truth Or	2:30 Human Relations
4:30 Edge of Night	3:00 Big Payoff
5:00 Kiddie Time	3:30 Roots
5:30 Ben McDonald	4:00 Truth
6:00 Hod N Reel Club	4:30 Edge of Night
6:30 Weather, News	5:00 Kiddie Time
7:00 Sea Hunt	5:30 Ben McDonald
7:30 Zorro	6:00 Weather, News
8:00 Top Young To	6:30 Doug Edwards
8:30 Markham	7:00 Doug Edwards
9:00 Ernie	7:30 Red Skelton
9:30 Wanted	8:00 Flight
10:00 Confidential	8:30 Wyatt Earp
10:30 Weather, Jack Paar	9:00 Donna Reed
Friday, June 19	9:30 Bob Cummings
7:00 Today	10:00 Millionaire
9:00 Ranch Party	11:00 Wea., News, J. Parr
10:00 Dough, Re, Mi	Wednesday, June 24
10:30 Treasure Hunt	7:00 Today
11:00 Price Is Right	9:00 Ranch Party
11:30 Top Dollar	10:00 Dough, Re, Mi
12:00 Tic Tac Dough	10:30 Treasure Hunt
12:30 Could Be You	11:00 Price Is Right
1:00 Salvation Army	11:30 Top Dollar
1:30 Liberate	12:00 Tic Tac Dough
2:00 Queen	12:30 Could Be You
2:30 Haggis Baggis	1:00 Bryan Time
3:00 Big Payoff	1:30 Liberate
3:30 Roots	2:00 Queen
4:00 Truth Or	2:30 Haggis Baggis
4:30 Edge of Night	3:00 Payoff
5:00 Kiddie Time	3:30 Roots
5:30 Popeye	4:00 Truth
6:00 Ben McDonald	4:30 Edge of Night
6:30 Jeff's Collie	5:00 Huckleberry
7:00 Weather, News	5:30 Ben McDonald
7:30 Doug Edwards	6:00 Weather, News
8:00 Northwest Passage	6:30 Doug Edwards
8:30 Colt 45	7:00 Doug Edwards
9:00 Fights	7:30 Wagon Train
10:00 Thin Man	8:30 Trackdown
10:30 McGovern	9:00 Millionaire
11:00 Weather, Jack Paar	9:30 Secret
Saturday, June 20	10:00 Music Hall
8:00 Western Gun	10:30 Bat Masterson
8:30 Wells Fargo	11:00 Weather, Jack Paar

to be acted upon by both Houses during this week—some of which are still in committees.

On Thursday, June 11, a Calendar committee was appointed in both the House and the Senate; and bills introduced on and after that date will go to the Calendar committees rather than to the committees to which they would normally be assigned. Since Presiding officers of both Houses have requested that no further bills be introduced, except those which would alleviate some emergency situation, these Calendar committees are more or less accurately described as the "Hatch-Committees". I call this to your attention for the reason that both Senator Frink and I have been requested to introduce one or two bills, but we have been unable to do so for the reason that these bills are controversial and would require a public hearing. This Calendar committee does not contemplate any public hearing; and both Senator Frink and I agreed that introduction of these bills would be useless at this late date. The bills to which I refer are ones requiring Special Acts to be passed which would permit the sale of wine and beer in the Town of Yaupon Beach and in the Town of Long Beach.

During the past week, the House passed the Appropriations bill and sent it to the Senate where it was also passed. The Revenue bill, which provoked considerable debate, particularly with regard to the withholding tax features, passed its second reading last Friday and was put upon its third and final reading Monday night, June 15. Another provision of this bill which was bitterly fought arose in connection with an amendment which would require the withholding of taxes due by corporations on the same basis as individuals, where such corporations pay a tax of \$100,000 or more. This amendment would cover only an estimated 41 corporations in the State. An amendment to this amendment was offered, which would require corporations, whose income tax amounted to \$10,000 or more, to be paid on the same basis required of individuals. This latter amendment would have covered some 400 corporations in the State, but it was defeated on a House vote. The amendment referred to above which would effect only 41 corporations did pass the House and is incorporated in the Revenue bill.

During the past week, the Senate approved H. B. 729, which provides that persons who speed

in excess of 80 m. p. h., would be liable to imprisonment for as long as two years and a fine, or both. However, the Senate refused to approve H. B. 730, which would have made operation of a motor vehicle at more than 80 m. p. h. prima facie evidence that the vehicle was being operated by the registered owner.

Another bill, passed by the Senate, and which is now presently in the House Insurance committee provides that the requirements of proof of financial liability for motor vehicles be increased to \$10,000 for injury to one person, and \$20,000 for injury to two or more persons. Under the present law, proof of financial liability requires only \$5,000 for injury to one person and \$10,000 for injury to two or more persons.

A provision in a House bill which would make persons liable for the loss of their driver's permit on two charges in one



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year of speeding in excess of 55 m. p. h. (or 60 m. p. h. on highways where such speed is allowed) was defeated. The present law provides that a driver's license may be suspended on two convictions in one year.

Several new bills were introduced during the first part of last week. Among the more significant of these new bills were: H. B. 475, exempting laundry employees from the minimum wage requirement until 1963 the bill died the day after it was introduced; H. B. 1255, changing the date as to which property is to be assessed for ad valorem tax purposes (thereby permitting corporations to take advantage of a provision in federal tax laws, without affecting their State taxes); S. B. 489 permitting State employees to pay contributions to community fund-raising campaigns by a withholding arrangement; H. B. 1304 modifying the law with respect to taxability of goods and products held for shipment or shipped through NC ports in foreign commerce; and S. B. 492, which would authorize counties and municipalities to levy taxes and issue bonds to provide extra personnel and equipment needed to suppress riots or extraordinary breaches of law and order.

As soon as the Legislature adjourns, it is my intention to write a column for publication in this newspaper which will set forth a resume of all of the bills passed by your Senator and Representative, which would effect Brunswick county only. In addition, I will attempt to comment on some of the more important statewide changes in the law.

If there are particular changes in the laws that have been enacted that any reader of this column would desire explained, I will be glad to do so upon request.

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new varieties, bud worm control, the effect of soil fumigation and different sources of nitrogen, soil types and fertilizer studies.

Development of new sources of Black Shank resistance, progress in development of disease resistant varieties and equipment for spraying and dusting.

The field day will bring

several outstanding tobacco-nists. The program will last about three hours. Brunswick County tobacco growers are urged by A. S. Knowles, County Agricultural Agent, to take advantage of this opportunity to study, first hand, some practices in the production of better tobacco for this area.

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through, I see no reason to doubt that they will receive every cent they have been promised," he added. "Actually, passage of the \$10,000,000 bill would have had the effect of reducing the amount of raise they will receive." Senator Frink says that he has hopes that this week he has had of this session of the State Legislature. "We still face a busy week and some hard fighting over the Court Reform and the Con-

stitutional Change bills," he said before he returned to Raleigh Monday morning.

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