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EDITORIALS:

NO PLACE IN SPORTS

Last fall when Whiteville High School ded.

played football at Shallotte, near the close of the game a fight broke out on the sideline. From the best information available, it involved no player, coach or official and the affair was charged off to a little overexuberance among the fans.

Last week, following a basketball game which Shallotte High School played in Whiteville, and while an activity bus loaded with members of the Shallotte High School girls and boys basketball squad members was stopped at a local drive-in for post-game refreshments, hostilities which apparently had their beginning last fall were revived and an unpleasant incident was avoided when the drive-in manager demanded that everyone leave. When this was done, and this is based upon information, the route which the bus would normally take to return home was blocked by a group of automobiles, and the driver took the alternative, longway trip by way of Tabor City.

After a short drive down US 701, they met a state patrolman who aided them in returning to Shallotte via NC 130.

We will not try to fix the blame for e ther of these two unfortunate incidents, but we do have some serious points to make.

The first of these is to point out once more that, to the best of our knowledge. there was no playing field or playing floor trouble between the opposing players which brought on the trouble.

for dear-old-which-ever-school he atten- scholastic athletics altogether.

Third, there is no place in the high school athletic program for activities such as these, on or off the field; on or off the campus. The objective of good sportsmanship is indefensible in cases of this kind.

Fourth-and this should be of extreme interest to the young hot-bloods who seek to carry on the fight after hours-the entire high school athletic program is up right now for close and critical examination and perhaps for a radical overhauling. Some of the criticisms leveled by those who would bring about these changes are that there is too much emphasis upon athletics, that games take too much time from the classroom, that too much attention is paid to the spectator angle, particularly with regard to gate receipts. And the suggestion has been made that all night games be cut out and that afternoon games-if they are played at all -be primarily for the students.

We do not agree with the critics of the athletic program that these sweeping changes are either necessary or desirable. Whatever ills beset high school athletics as we have known them can be cured by sober-minded conscientious effort on the part of the men who now run the program.

But the biggest weapon that can be placed in the hands of those who now would cut out or cut down upon the high school athletic program in North Carolina are a few more incidents like Secondly, there is every evidence that those of last week and last fall. Affairs the offenders are former students of of that kind have no part in the proboth schools, probably fired up with gram, and those who help to create the excitement of an athletic contest, and to carry on such foolish feuds are who felt called upon to do or die again setting the stage for cutting out inter-

SANFORD AND THE SCHOOL PROGRAM

If anyone thought that Terry Sanford think coming. Since his election he has major emphasis will lie.

Governor Charles B. Aycock is well Aycock behind his desk. remembered as the father of the public school system as we know it in North the proper education of North Carolina Carolina: Governor W. Kerr Scott al- boys and girls, for he considers these ways will be remembered as the man who brought good roads almost every- hope for tomorrow. You can be sure where; and Governor Luther H. Hodges that he will back the requests of eduwill doubtless go down in history as the cational leaders to the limit of his man who did the most to help bring power, and we expect to see significant industrial expansion to this State. This does not mean that during the time of Aycock there was no thought what he proposes will cost money, and to road problems nor to the program additional taxes may be required to of business expansion; it does not imply that Governor Scott was unmindful of the Sanford Educational Program is education and industry; nor does it sure to run into legislative opposition. mean that during the days of Governor But Terry Sanford laid it on the line as Hodges there was no attention paid to he fought through two primaries and roads and schools. Each of these men the general election, and he has reason was an outstanding leader in his own to believe that his fellow citizens of right, but he plugged hardest for what North Carolina have given him a manhe believed to be the outstanding need date to bring our public school program of North Carolina during the days when up to top level. he served as governor.

Already we notice that Terry Sanford was using the public school improve- has chosen to compare himself with ment question as a platform to get in Governor Aycock, and there seems to on, not to stand on, he has another be little doubt that he has been inspired by this pioneer in public school educanever once deviated from this position, tion. Only last week he brought about a and we believe that this is where his change in portrait hanging in the capitol and wound up with a painting of

> Terry Sanford has a deep concern for to be our finest products, our brightest changes in this field. There will be cries of anguish, for finance the plan. When this happens,

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the hides of six bears they had killed while on a trip to this county. The government had begun condemnation proceedings in the acquisition of lands for the Brunswick River Lay-up Basin. The Annual March of Dimes campaign was on in Brunswick.

Shallotte was after street lights, with early relief in this area in view; announcement was made that freshwater fishermen must have a license to persue their favorite sport; and Capt. T. H. Watts had acquired a 48-foot yacht, the Idle-On, which he planned to use for sports fishing.

The January 17, 1951, issue of The Pilot told of Tommy Garner's entry into the realm of race horse owners. He had a fast filly in training for the coming season. Our front page cut was a waterfront scene taken in Southport, England.

There was talk of a special tax too raise funds for constructing a full-sized gymnasium in Southport; a fire at the Methodist parsonage had been brought under control before extensive damage resulted; and the March of Dimes campaign once more was in progress. The Rev. H. M. Baker was chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter and Mrs. Eli Kravitz was chairman of the fund drive

The big red trucks were still coming into Southport with shipments for Sunny Point Army Terminal, and The Pilot for January 18, 1956, sounded like this was a boon to business. A recap of 1955 forest fires and their damage in Brunswick caused this year to be designated the worst of modern times in this regard.

Ray Walton and Frank Lennon had opened their new motor court in Southport and enjoyed the rare experience of being sold out the first night; work had started on Long Beach fishing pier; and Lester Babson had been named to succeed the late Charles M. Trott as a member of the Republican Executive Committee for the State.

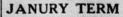
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Interested persons may contact

heir local high school principal

Phone RO 3-4267

or Superintendent Long.



is urging all community club Continued From Page 1 members to be present for this ous cases involving lesser charges, special occasion. Most of these are up on appeal EQUIPMENT FOR from Recorder's court, and the majority of them involve traffic violations construction, other courses upon

Only one divorce action is scheapproval. duled for trial.

PINEY GROVE IS Continued From Page 1

Grove and winning community **VETERANS MUST** club; President of St. James-Rut-(Continued From Page 1) land Chapel Community club is City Hall, Southport and in the Pfeiffer College including our J. A. Chapman, and Ervin Monroe Health Center, Shallotte, or T. is president of the Zion Hill com- Formy-Duval, District Officer,

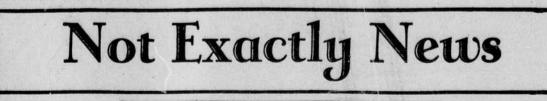
munity club. Richard Randolph is North Carolina Veterans Commpresident of the Association of Coission, 409 Murchison Building, nmunity Development Clubs. Wilmington, for assistance to The regular meeting of the avoid an interruption of his check.

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association will be held Wednesday night, February 8, at 7 HEARING SLATED o'clock, at the Piney Grove Com-(Continued From Page 1) The north end of the bridge make report on the college, supmunity Center. It will be at this design calls for installation of ported by Methodist Women meeting that, in addition to the business of reorganizing for the fourteen 671/2 foot spans and the through local Woman Society of new year, the four trophies will south end would have ten 671/2 Christion Service organizations. be presented the winning com- foots spans. Two 140 foot spans munity by the sponsors of the and one 160 foot span would be four passenger plane, Dr. Stokes, built in the middle of the struc- maintains a full schedule of Association President Randolph ture in the area of the Inland speaking engagements before

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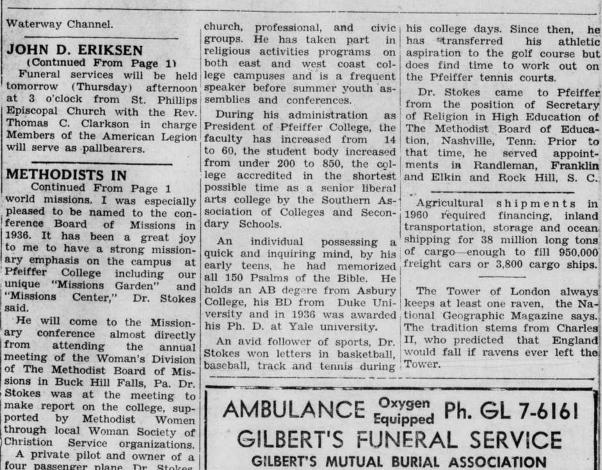
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In the classified columns of last Sunday's News & Observer there was an advertisement from a man who said that he has a pack of Beagle hounds that will run bobcats to a gun. He invited persons living in areas infested by these miniature wildcats to contact him, and said that he would plan a hunting expedition. Sounds interesting, and we would recommend the area lying between Southport and Walden Creek . . . Ormond Leggett says that he bought some especially nice oysters at Howells Point during the past weekend, and on Monday we had the best we have seen this year. These came from Lockwoods Folly, and Joe Kirby, more famed as a fisherman than as an oysterman, had gathered them himself.

We are among those who have not yet purchased their new automobile license plates, so we are keenly conscious of the fact that more and more of the 1961 orange-on-black tags are showing up on cars. The folks who sell them warn not to wait until the last minute . . . Southport has a team in the bowling league in Wilmington, and we understand that it has been doing rather weil. We'll try to get up some statistics on the record

of the men who represent our town every week. This has been a cold winter, but you couldn't say that it has been characterized by bad weather. Farmers have been taking advantage of dry fields and are well along with their work, considering the time of year. This may turn out to be a mighty good thing if later we fall into a rainy spell . . . Another group taking full advantage of the dry weather is the State Highway Commission, which is cleaning out ditches and pulling up shoulders along many of the roads in the county. We have traveled along Highway No. 130 from Whiteville to Shallotte countless times at night, but only recently did we see for the first time a floodlight atop the Shallotte Fire Tower. It was strange to us, and it gave us an errie feeling to see this big, white light that appeared to be coming down the road in our direction. (The light, of course, was stationary-we were the one that was moving.) "G.I. Blucs", starring Elvis Presley, is the weekend show at the Amuzu . . . At the Holiday Drive-In at Shallotte "Girl Of The Night", with Lloyd Nolan, will be playing on the same dates



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This we believe he intends to do.

"DEAR TO MY HEART"

During an informal group conversa- terested in school improvement. tion following last week's session of the local Parent-Teachers Association one mother said, "This school is dear to my to help it."

attitude than this on the part of a with the school and its program. Her

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"Dear to my heart." Sure it is. The mother who said it has two little girls

who are in the elementary school. When heart, and I want to do anything I can she said that "I want to do anything I can to help it," she was not merely There simply could not be a better talking, because she has a vital concern mother or a father who is sincerely in- two children are her most treasured possessions.

> If this appears to be too sentimental and over-simplified, it is with a purpose. We think that we have permitted the organization and the financing and the manipulation of our school problems to drift much too far away from the simple, basic feeling which was expressed by this mother.

"Every time the average person makes both ends meet, something breaks in the middle."-Earl Wilson.

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