

# EDITORIALS:

## NO PLACE IN SPORTS

Last fall when Whiteville High School 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, long-way 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 either 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.

Secondly, there is every evidence that the offenders are former students of both schools, probably fired up with the excitement of an athletic contest, who felt called upon to do or die again for dear-old-which-ever-school he atten-

## SANFORD AND THE SCHOOL PROGRAM

If anyone thought that Terry Sanford was using the public school improvement question as a platform to get in on, not to stand on, he has another think coming. Since his election he has never once deviated from this position, and we believe that this is where his major emphasis will lie.

Governor Charles B. Aycock is well remembered as the father of the public school system as we know it in North Carolina; Governor W. Kerr Scott always will be remembered as the man who brought good roads almost everywhere; and Governor Luther H. Hodges will doubtless go down in history as the man who did the most to help bring industrial expansion to this State.

This does not mean that during the time of Aycock there was no thought to road problems nor to the program of business expansion; it does not imply that Governor Scott was unmindful of education and industry; nor does it mean that during the days of Governor Hodges there was no attention paid to roads and schools. Each of these men was an outstanding leader in his own right, but he plugged hardest for what he believed to be the outstanding need of North Carolina during the days when he served as governor.

## "DEAR TO MY HEART"

During an informal group conversation following last week's session of the local Parent-Teachers Association one mother said, "This school is dear to my heart, and I want to do anything I can to help it."

There simply could not be a better attitude than this on the part of a mother or a father who is sincerely in-

ded.

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 those of last week and last fall. Affairs of that kind have no part in the program, and those who help to create and to carry on such foolish feuds are setting the stage for cutting out inter-scholastic athletics altogether.

Already we notice that Terry Sanford has chosen to compare himself with Governor Aycock, and there seems to be little doubt that he has been inspired by this pioneer in public school education. Only last week he brought about a change in portrait hanging in the capitol and wound up with a painting of Aycock behind his desk.

Terry Sanford has a deep concern for the proper education of North Carolina boys and girls, for he considers these to be our finest products, our brightest hope for tomorrow. You can be sure that he will back the requests of educational leaders to the limit of his power, and we expect to see significant changes in this field.

There will be cries of anguish, for what he proposes will cost money, and additional taxes may be required to finance the plan. When this happens, the Sanford Educational Program is sure to run into legislative opposition. But Terry Sanford laid it on the line as he fought through two primaries and the general election, and he has reason to believe that his fellow citizens of North Carolina have given him a mandate to bring our public school program up to top level.

This we believe he intends to do.

Interested in school improvement. "Dear to my heart." Sure it is. The mother who said it has two little girls who are in the elementary school. When she said that "I want to do anything I can to help it," she was not merely talking, because she has a vital concern with the school and its program. Her 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.

## Many Still Do

Fifteen years ago most people thought that television was impossible, and lots of people still do.

## Time and Tide

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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 pursue 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.

## JANUARY TERM

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ous cases involving lesser charges. Most of these are up on appeal from Recorder's court, and the majority of them involve traffic violations.

Only one divorce action is scheduled for trial.

## PINEY GROVE IS

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Grove and winning community club; President of St. James-Rutland Chapel Community club is J. A. Chapman, and Ervin Monroe is president of the Zion Hill community club. Richard Randolph is president of the Association of Community Development Clubs.

The regular meeting of the association will be held Wednesday night, February 8, at 7 o'clock, at the Piney Grove Community Center. It will be at this meeting that, in addition to the business of reorganizing for the new year, the four trophies will be presented to the winning community by the sponsors of the state awards.

Association President Randolph

is urging all community club members to be present for this special occasion.

## EQUIPMENT FOR

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construction, other courses upon approval.

Interested persons may contact their local high school principal or Superintendent Long.

## VETERANS MUST

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City Hall, Southport and in the Health Center, Shallotte, or T. Formy-Duval, District Officer, North Carolina Veterans Commission, 409 Murchison Building, Wilmington, for assistance to avoid an interruption of his check.

## HEARING SLATED

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The north end of the bridge design calls for installation of fourteen 67½ foot spans and the south end would have ten 67½ foot spans. Two 140 foot spans and one 160 foot span would be built in the middle of the structure in the area of the Inland

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# Not Exactly News

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 well. 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 eerie 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. Blues", 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.

## Waterway Channel.

## JOHN D. ERIKSEN

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Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 3 o'clock from St. Phillips Episcopal Church with the Rev. Thomas C. Clarkson in charge. Members of the American Legion will serve as pallbearers.

## METHODISTS IN

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world missions. I was especially pleased to be named to the conference Board of Missions in 1936. It has been a great joy to me to have a strong missionary emphasis on the campus at Pfeiffer College including our unique "Missions Garden" and "Missions Center," Dr. Stokes said.

He will come to the Missionary conference almost directly from attending the annual meeting of the Woman's Division of The Methodist Board of Missions in Buck Hill Falls, Pa. Dr. Stokes was at the meeting to make report on the college, supported by Methodist Women through local Woman Society of Christian Service organizations.

A private pilot and owner of a four passenger plane, Dr. Stokes, maintains a full schedule of speaking engagements before

church, professional, and civic groups. He has taken part in religious activities programs on both east and west coast college campuses and is a frequent speaker before summer youth assemblies and conferences.

During his administration as President of Pfeiffer College, the faculty has increased from 14 to 60, the student body increased from under 200 to 850, the college accredited in the shortest possible time as a senior liberal arts college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

An individual possessing a quick and inquiring mind, by his early teens, he had memorized all 150 Psalms of the Bible. He holds an AB degree from Asbury College, his BD from Duke University and in 1936 was awarded his Ph. D. at Yale university.

An avid follower of sports, Dr. Stokes won letters in basketball, baseball, track and tennis during

his college days. Since then, he has "transferred" his athletic aspiration to the golf course but does find time to work out on the Pfeiffer tennis courts.

Dr. Stokes came to Pfeiffer from the position of Secretary of Religion in High Education of The Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn. Prior to that time, he served appointments in Randleman, Franklin and Elkin and Rock Hill, S. C.

Agricultural shipments in 1960 required financing, inland transportation, storage and ocean shipping for 38 million long tons of cargo—enough to fill 950,000 freight cars or 3,800 cargo ships.

The Tower of London always keeps at least one raven, the National Geographic Magazine says. The tradition stems from Charles II, who predicted that England would fall if ravens ever left the Tower.

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