

EDITORIALS:

COUNTY HISTORIANS

Bill Sharpe, editor of The State magazine, came by to see us one day last week, and during the course of his visit the conversation turned to the importance of having a published history of each respective county, and of having this information brought up to date at periodic intervals.

What was our county like two hundred years ago; one hundred years ago; fifty years ago? Who were the leading citizens, and how did they make their living? What population shifts or changes have ceated new towns and caused the abandonment of others?

We go along from day to day and we know what we know so well that we cannot conceive of the fact that these days eventually will be a part of history. And for all that we are doing about it, it will be history that is unrecorded.

The reason Mr. Sharpe is so keenly aware of this missing link in ties with the past is that one of the features of

The State is the special county edition which he gets out once each quarter. Not only is this material widely read in his magazine, but much of it has been used in his New Geography of North Carolina, which among other things is a valuable reference in school libraries. He says that one of two things seems to happen in most counties: Some dedicated person has collected valuable information and documents thinking that someday he will compile a complete history, then passes on before he gets around to the job; or nobody is doing anything at all about preserving the history of that particular county.

We are not sure into which of these categories our county falls, but we do know that it is a shame not to have an up-to-date history. We are proud of our area and we are proud of its past; but we are doing nothing to make sure that future generations will have an opportunity to share this feeling.

FIRST ROUND VICTORY

Members of the House of Representatives in Washington voted last week on the proposal to change the number of Congressmen on the important Rules Committee from twelve to fifteen, and it carried by a slim five-vote margin.

This marks an important first-round victory for President John F. Kennedy, for it was no secret that both he and House Speaker Sam Rayburn had feared the fate of some of the upcoming administrative bills at the hands of the committee as previously constituted.

We did not favor changing the makeup of the rules committee, and said so. Only one member of the North Carolina Congressional delegation voted for

this change, the others probably believing as we do that alterations should not be made to the legislative machinery merely as a matter of expediency.

That hurdle has been passed over, and the road ahead for Kennedy legislation has been made smoother. However, this narrow victory does not give him license to make drastic changes they are in conflict with the sentiments of a large part of our population. The 217-212 victory was achieved without being a clear majority, a sobering thought in the days ahead when controversial bills come before the Congress.

MISGUIDED MOTIVE

Some of the most misguided people we know are those who imagine themselves to be too tenderhearted to destroy an unwanted cat or dog and who take the animal out on some lonely country road and turn it loose in the woods.

Now one or two things happens: Either the animal is unable to glean a living for himself and he starves to death, or he preys upon game birds and animals and helps to destroy them.

When you drive along the highway at night you cannot help but be impressed with the large number of cats whose eyes you see shining through the darkness. Dozens of them are too far from human habitation to be called house cats, and the only way they could be as generally scattered as they are is

for some of our animal-loving friends to put them out on the shoulder of the road to make it on their own.

The cat appears to have a better chance of survival in this condition than does the average dog, and the bird population provides his chief item of diet. Chances are that the person who put him out of his car loves birds, too. He just had not stopped to figure what he was doing to help destroy them.

Seems to us that it would be a much better plan to dispose of unwanted pets in a quick, painless and humane manner. If you are to sequeenish for the job, there always is someone that you can get to help you. Think about it before you ever again turn a cat or a dog out on the road to fend for himself.

FUTURE UNLIMITED

Most of us have heard of Research Triangle Park and we have some vague idea about its being a step in the effort that has been made to induce more manufacturing enterprises to locate within North Carolina. There is a tendency to write it off as one of former Governor Luther H. Hodges' schemes for industrialization and to let it go at that.

As a matter of fact, it has great potential for all of us, and the average North Carolinian would do well to know more about it. With that in mind, we will touch upon a few of the high spots, but our knowledge of the park and out space both are limited; and the best we can hope for is to create enough curiosity in the mind of our reader to make him want to learn more about the project, and perhaps to visit

it.

The site is a 4,500-acre tract of land located within a triangle created by the cities of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, and the reason it is there is because Raleigh is the home of N. C. State College, Durham is the home of Duke University and Chapel Hill is the home of the University of North Carolina. It is believed that the proximity of these institutions of higher learning may allow for the pooling of interests and intellect, particularly from faculty members and graduate students, in helping to solve some of the technological problems which are ever-increasing in complexity and importance.

There are three prospects in view as a result of this installation. One would be to serve as an attraction for industries which need and could make use of the advanced technical information which will be developed at Research Triangle Park. A second would be to create valuable, gainfull employment for the graduates of each of three institutions within the area. And a third would be the effect of helping to diversify the industry of North Carolina.

It is bad enough that most of our boys and girls who receive highly specialized educational training must go away from their home county to find a job which demands their talent; it is even worse when they have to go out of state for this type of employment. Perhaps the best result of the Research Triangle Park will be to make it possible for hundreds of our brightest and best educated young people to find gainful occupation in their native North Carolina.

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Time and Tide

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work in this vicinity, she carried a number of Southport men in her crew. In our issue of February 6, 1946, it was reported that this vessel, converted into a supply ship during World War II, was returning to the United States following extensive wartime duty in the Caribbean. Honors had come to Major John G. Swan of Southport for ferocious service as master of the dredge Lyman, operating in the Philippines during World War II.

The Hurricane Area as described by the insurance companies for the purpose of insuring yachts had been moved South of Southport since "Southport has never had a hurricane." (Like we said, that was the year 1946).

Fifteen years later, there was another snow that covered the ground in Southport. That was recorded with pictures on the front page of our issue for February 7, 1951. Bolivia had been named as the site for the annual county basketball tournament, which was to get underway the next week, somewhat earlier than usual.

The Automobile Inspection Lane Law had been repealed, and that operation was in its dying days; C. O. Bennett had been elected president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau; and United Forces for Education had scheduled a meeting at Shalotte Point.

It was February 8, 1956, and a High Point business man was interested in providing ferry service from Southport to Fort Fisher and had made application to the State Utilities Commission for permission. Hubert Bellamy was chairman of the Annual Red Cross Roll Call.

Coach Tom Rogers, formerly of Wake Forest, had joined the sales staff at Yaupon Beach; old-time cooking utensils, including a chimney hook and skillet, had been unearthed at Yaupon Beach; and members of the crew of the USS Richmond had left the Southport harbor with words of praise for local hospitality.

Letters To Editor

Editor,
State Port Pilot
Southport, N. C.

Dear Editor:
Hurricane Donna did a lot of damage to the dunes in front of the cottage at Holden Beach and Long Beach. I have noticed that the dunes at Long Beach have all been pushed back in place but nothing has been done at Holden Beach. Was the work at Long Beach done by the local residents?

I am an outsider but own three nice cottages at Holden Beach and we live there about half our time. Our taxes have been increased and we do not object to that. We love Holden Beach but it does look to us that it is being neglected. It is a great beach and should be protected.

I am willing to do my part. I have been going to Holden Beach for 20 years. There is no finer strand and is a great asset to Brunswick County. I enjoy reading your paper and am a subscriber. Come to see us sometime this summer. Mr. Keziah was a good friend of mine.

L. T. LAZOR

Editor,
State Port Pilot
Southport, N. C.

Dear Sir:
I surely have enjoyed reading The Pilot. Even the news four weeks late is a feast when you are this far from home.

I am very anxious to find out whether or not the funds for the armory at Shalotte came through. To pass up an opportunity like that would be hard for me to understand.

I enclose M. O. for my subscription. Hope this is sufficient.

The articles sound as if you have been having some good sports in the county. I surely miss the activities. We have no sports other than military, and that isn't very interesting or very well played.

If the rest of the year passed as quickly as the first half did, I'll have trouble seeing everything I had planned. I hope to get into the Scandinavian countries, Spain, Portugal and one or two others, before I return in August.

Best wishes and good health.
BOBBY SELLERS.

SANITARIAN TELLS

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All of the above establishments must be inspected quarterly. In addition 11 schools must be inspected 2 times per year and 7 dairy farms three times per year.

In addition, he is called upon to inspect plumbing, water and sewage facilities and also to supervise the rabies program and the insect and rodent programs in the county.

Jones reported that he is planning a food handler's school to be held in Brunswick early in June.

ADDED PERSONNEL

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83-footer, now engineering officer aboard the CG-95303.

Other rated personnel include James M. Kirby, Engineman 1c, coming here as a replacement for Larry Long, Engineman 2c, who has been transferred to Swansboro; George A. Seasons, Electrician's Mate 3c; Charles H. Wiltsie, Jr., Engineman 3c; James E. Barrong, Engineman 3c; Michael Davis, Sonarman 3c; Thomas G. Abney, Quartermaster 3c; Thomas W. Payne, Gunner's Mate 3c; Wilbur G. Lingnfeld, Commissaryman 3c, a member of the crew of the 83-footer.

Other members of the crew are Bernard L. Williamson, seaman, formerly of the crew of the 83-footer; Jefferson P. Stevens, Jr., Seaman; Ronald T. Bridges, Seaman Apprentice.

LARGE AUDIENCE

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sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" and recited "Turned Out." Victoria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Reeves sang "He". Frances Milligan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Milligan sang "Clauddett."

A piano rendition was presented by Emma Laye Milliken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Milliken. Patricia Moffitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Moffitt changed the talent tempo with her cartoon drawings.

Each contestant had spent much time and effort toward making the contest a success.

WACCAMAW MAN IS

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forty local people which included Representative Bunn Frink, county and local school board members. Neil Singteary, Principal of Waccamaw School, was leader of group No. 1, in the discussion on

Not Exactly News

Every Sunday morning Mr. Wallace Moore goes out and starts his car and backs it part of the way out of his driveway. When we asked him why, he said that he likes to check to see if he can start it so there will not be any last-minute mixup about getting to Sunday School on time. Well, this week soon after he had gone through the preliminaries, there was a knock on the front door and a strange young man said, "Mister, I was driving past your house awhile ago and your car backed right down on me." Sure enough, examination showed that the Moore car had drifted backwards across the sidewalk and into the street, and had indeed collided with a passing auto.

That reminds us that several years ago when he was living in the same house Judge Rudolph Mintz of Wilmington had a similar experience. He left his car in the driveway and went in for supper. When he went out later to make a trip he found it missing. He notified the police, but before they came he saw a light reflected from across the street in the edge of the river. He walked over to investigate and walked back, shaking his head sheepishly. He had not put on his brakes, and the

automobile had coasted out of the drive, across the street and almost into watery resting place.

While on the subject of the waterfront across from the old Howey House, there has been the greatest congregation of ducks in that area for the past few days that we ever saw. Tuesday morning there must have been a couple of hundred. . . . General Wesley Guest says that this has been happening in the river opposite his waterfront home for several weeks.

Tuesday was drama night on TV. "Time Remembered" may have been a little heavy for those who have feasted too long on a diet of Westerns; but later in the evening there still was good acting in "A String Of Beads." Maybe programs like these might be a trifle highbrow as a steady thing, but they were a pleasant change. . . . A feature of the Southport pageant two weeks from now will be several numbers by the Choral Society.

As for movies this week, "All The fine Young Cannibals" will be playing this week-end at Holiday Drive-In At Shalotte. . . . Here in Southport "Oceans 11" will be the feature attraction at the Amuzu.

quality education.
C. Y. Coleman, Chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Education, was elected President of the Fifth District Schools Boards Association for a period of two years. Among other duties of President Coleman will be that of selecting the place, program and dates for this event during the next two years.

W. M. Johnson, Jr., Chairman of Clinton School Trustee, was elected vice-president and J. G. Long, Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, was elected secretary-treasurer.

NAKINA HOST TO

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ness was a move to sponsor a pig chain. The first such an event will be started at an early date. As arecreational function the club decided to travel to Crescent Beach Wednesday night and take part in a skating party at the beach skating arena.

Vocational agricultural calendars were distributed to each member of the club.

WACCAMAW BANK

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the Waccamaw Bank, which operates 15 banking offices in 11 Southeastern North Carolina communities, increased more than 10 percent to nearly \$36 million as of Dec. 31.

On commenting on this increase, Tate stated that the Waccamaw Bank has not merged with any bank since 1931, and

that its growth is an indication of progress in the areas the bank serves as well as a tribute to the service rendered by the staff of the bank.

GIVES ADVICE TO

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check, or post office money order stub.

If your wife is planning to file for benefits also, you should ask her to accompany you to the office. She will also need proof of her age and her social security number if she has one.

If any event, call or visit your social security office and find out what proofs will be necessary when you file a claim. You can help speed the processing of your claim and assure yourself of prompt delivery of the first check if you will bring needed proofs with you when you come in to apply for your social security.

SOME BENEFITS

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nity, and all G. I. Insurance payments.

The County Officer said that interest received from G. I. In-

THOMAS MEMORY

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ory of Raleigh; three daughters, Mrs. Louise M. Johnston and Miss Emily Rose Memory, both of Whiteville and Mrs. Ruth M. Memory of Washington, D. C.; a sister, Mrs. Annie M. Spears of Whiteville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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