

EDITORIALS:

SHARE IN GREAT NAME

The state-wide drive begins today to raise \$250,000 to bring the Battleship North Carolina to the state for both as a memorial and for exhibition purposes. If the campaign to raise the money fails, then the gallant battlewagon will go to the scrap heap.

The warship will be moored in Wilmington on the Cape Fear River about opposite the customhouse, a location which will be visible from the hoped-for bridge scheduled to be built across the river a few blocks downstream.

When the state's namesake is brought here for people to go aboard and examine, she will be the only battleship of World War II set up as a museum and showpiece.

The North Carolina is the only battleship ever to carry the name of the Old North State. Two other fighting ships have carried the name but never

a battleship as we think of them now. In the 1820-35 era a powerful full-rigged sailing ship cruised the Mediterranean as squadron flagship bearing the name of the state. The cruiser North Carolina roamed the seas in transport and combat duty in the first world war but she was renamed Charlotte to make way for the present Battleship North Carolina.

The North Carolina was the first battleship to go through the Panama Canal after the World War II declaration of war, being destined for the Pacific. Her record in the Pacific is too extensive to recount here.

When you contribute your modest sum to the bringing of the North Carolina to the state, you will be buying a share of a great name and of a great battleship.

GOOD SELLING PAYS

North Carolina's former supersalesman has hit the road again with a bigger sample kit and a still greater objective. Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges, off to Europe a second time, is tackling the biggest selling job he has ever elected to handle. This time he's selling America, luring the tourists to come west to counter the dollar drain that has been going eastward in too great a volume. The Secretary took along another man-size task too. He will study how to retrain men for new jobs, a problem closely associated with his job as administrator of the program to rehabilitate depressed areas.

The supersalesman experienced some rough going in the first few weeks in his cabinet post but he appears to be in his favorite groove now and well on the way to getting something done of a material nature. Sen. Douglas of Illinois objected strongly to Hodges as head of depressed area deal, saying that Hodges induced about four billion dollars worth of Northern industry to set up shop in North Carolina. After sober reflection, the senator changed his mind. He said a fellow that could swing such a deal might be able to do something similar for the nation.

When Mr. Hodges stumped the state from Manteo to Murphy in 1952 seeking the chair of lieutenant governor,

there must have been a kernel of desire in the back of his mind to inject the only experience he had known—business—into the political life of the state. This he has demonstrated with continuing success since being elevated to Governor on the death of Governor Umstead.

Recent events seem to indicate that the Hodges selling idea has left its mark on the present state administration. We refer to the coming Trade Fair to be held next October in Charlotte under sponsorship of the Department of Conservation and Development and the City of Charlotte. This is the first event of the kind and comprehension ever to be staged in the Tar Heel state. Its purpose, as promoters point out, is to show the world what's going on in North Carolina, what the state is doing, how it is doing it and the material results of our varied activities. Visitors are expected from many lands and the objective is to give them a view of every item produced in North Carolina.

We assume that Brunswick county would find this occasion an excellent opportunity to show the world what its 40,000-plus population is doing to advance its own and the state's progress. A good selling job of our own there could pay handsome dividends.

AFTER THE JONAS SCALP

After several attempts to arrive at an acceptable arrangement to reduce the state's congressional districts from 12 to 11, the Senate committee on redistricting has come up with what is considered the most workable plan.

The latest scheme, expected to get through the Senate without much opposition but may run into trouble in the House, would put Democrat Paul Kitchin of Wadesboro in the ring with Republican Charles R. Jonas of Lincolnton. Presently, Kitchin represents the Eighth district and Jonas the 10th district.

The two congressmen would be matched in the Eighth District which, when reshuffled, would reach from Lincolnton in the West to Lee in the East, a sort of boomerang-shaped layout. In the new district would be Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Richmond, Montgomery, Moore and Lee. By this scheme the existing Eighth District would lose Davidson, Davie, Wilkes, Yadkin, Hoke and Scotland, but would

pick up Mecklenburg and Lincoln. The Eighth would be the most populous district in the state with 491,461 people when and if this plan is approved.

Getting a little closer to home, the rearrangement would add Hoke and Scotland to the Seventh while Harnett, in the Seventh now, would be given to the Third District. This would leave the Seventh with a population of 448,933.

The real battleground in the new Eighth would be Mecklenburg county with a population of 272,111, more than half of the district total of 491,461 as mentioned.

Political observers argue that this plan offers the best chance of unseating Mr. Jonas, taking in consideration, meanwhile, that he has a strong following in populous Mecklenburg. Further there is talk that Mr. Kitchin's conservative views are more in line with those of Mr. Jonas and, for this reason, the intelligence of both candidates and voters would be put to a sharp test.

WHEN THIS HAPPENS YOU'RE OLD

A man is supposed to be as old as he feels. That means that the important question is: What makes a man feel

old?"

About the best answer to that question we've seen is the answer given by Harry Golden, the Charlotte Sage who edits The Carolina Israelite.

He says the older you get the more concerned you are about your insurance, your will, and your health. But these things don't make you feel old. What does it is the realization that "the insurance salesman, the lawyer, and the doctor are all younger than you."

Even so, says Harry. "You can hide the advent of age by ignoring insurance, wills, and medical checkups, but only for so long." Then: One day you will look up and discover that the President of the United States is fifteen years younger than you and then you've had it."

"The penalty for not having prejudices is that you have to use your head."—Franklin P. Jones.

"I May Be A Little Hard Of Hearing At This Distance!"



Time and Tide

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The Democratic primary had been held on the previous Saturday, and a second race was in prospect.

A Southport couple, the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Will Davis, had observed the 60th anniversary of their wedding; Governor Gregg Cherry had proposed that the State acquire Fort Caswell for use as a State Park; and merchants still were having trouble supplying the demand for butter, sugar, lard and other items.

Ten years ago Southport fishermen were suffering from the same ills that beset them this season: "Fishing Suffers From Bad Weather," said The Pilot for May 30. Arrangements had been completed for a luncheon meeting of the North Carolina Press Association in the Community Building at Southport, and this had been done in plenty of time. The date of this event was to be Friday, August 17.

The Hardee Seafood dock on the waterfront was being rebuilt following a fire; the Southport shrimping fleet was heading home from Florida, where it had spent the winter working out of Key West; and there was good news for the young men: There would be no June draft for Selective Service.

May 30, 1956, and there was news of Saturday's primary election: James C. Bowman and Henry Hickman each were leading in close three-men races which might call for a second primary. Bowman for Representative and Hickman for Register of Deeds. Sunny Point Army Terminal had gone on Daylight Savings Time.

There were six girls and two boys from Brunswick in the graduating class at East Carolina College; there was an editorial suggesting that one thing Southport needed was a swimming pool; and Brunswick was getting ready for the opening of the beach season.

HAIL CALLED MOST

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more often than might be expected. On the New York-Denver main airline route, one thunderstorm in 800 produces hail as large as walnuts, meteorologists say. And those who have traveled in a plane through a hail curtain will appreciate the distaste pilots have for the icy bullets. The one and two-pounders though freakish, can bend props, punch holes in wings and play hob with lighter, fabric-covered private planes.

In southern Kansas, hail once piled up 12 inches deep in an entire county, disrupting travel, communications and ruining crops. And in Joplin, Missouri, hail the size of golf balls did \$2,000,000 in damage within ten minutes after great gusts of wind unloaded millions of pounds of ice on stores, theaters, homes and schools.

The largest hailstones ever found in the United States fell on Potter, Nebraska, in 1928. It had a circumference of 17 inches.

Some hailstorms have deposited icy missiles containing fish, turtles and frogs on startled human beings below. In December, 1933 residents of Worcester, Massachusetts, were incredulous when they discovered live baby ducks in king-sized stones which fell that morning.

Since updrafts can suck in debris, leaves and small creatures, it is hardly surprising that nuts, insects, rodents and even birds have been found in hail balls of respectable dimensions.

NOTIONAL HONOR

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done to stem the ravages of

tuberculosis in countries still recovering from the war. He spoke in Copenhagen on "Research Efforts in Tuberculosis in the United States" and in England on "Research on Streptomycin in Tuberculosis."

Born in High Point, North Carolina, on July 19, 1891, he graduated from High Point High School in 1910 and from there went to the University of North Carolina where he obtained his A. B. degree in 1914. He received his M. D. degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1919 and his M. A. degree in 1920. He remained at Johns Hopkins until 1928 as an instructor and lecturer in medicine until taking charge of the research laboratories at the William H. Maybury Sanatorium in Michigan. He became Superintendent of the William H. Maybury Sanatorium in 1933, a position which he held until being appointed Superintendent and Medical Director of the North Carolina Sanatorium System in 1947.

As President of the National Tuberculosis Association, Dr. Willis will be the titular head of a network of 2500 tuberculosis associations which are attempting to eliminate tuberculosis as a public health problem and to control other respiratory diseases. Dr. Willis will be Chairman of the United States delegation which will attend the Annual Meeting of the International Union Against Tuberculosis to be held in Toronto, Canada, next September.

YOUTH SHOT IN

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ing to force their way into the home of Clarence Lennon. After

they were sentenced, the two men, handcuffed together, ran from their guard with Kennedy, the larger man, dragging Baker along behind. Their flight was short-lived.

Now, as events have transpired, Kennedy has three escape attempts to his credit and has, as his reward, a 12-year prison sentence and a body full of buckshot. He was hit in the arm, hip and in the back, the latter shots puncturing his lung, the Raleigh report said.

ART ASSOCIATION

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one interested in contributing their talents to the entertainment of the festival.

Not Exactly News

Four Leland high school baseball players are on the American Legion squad in Wilmington. They are Tommy Corbett, Nickie Ganey, Paul Sullivan and Steve Lennon. Corbett and Sullivan were on the Post 10 roster last season, and this year these boys figure to be a help to Coach Buck Hardee's team as it goes after another state championship. . . . Southport youngsters will miss the Rev. Thomas S. Clarkson from the local tennis courts. His interest and activity has done much to revive that sport here this spring.

Following the hail storm two weeks ago the worst looking crop we saw was the patch of corn that Walker Clemmons had growing near the road. Frankly, we wouldn't have given a plugged nickel for his chance to produce a crop. He left it as it was, and today we discovered that recovery has been almost magic, and unless signs fail, he will have a normal production. . . . The earliest corn we have seen anywhere is growing in a garden near the highway at Shallotte Point. Those folks should have roasting ears on the table before the end of next week. . . . We see that H. T. Bowmer has joined the forces of roadside stands with a setup beside the cut-off from Highway No. 133 to Highway No. 211 near the old Dasher place.

The other day when we were watching the telecast of the Preakness, famous racing event from Pimlico in Maryland, the announcer explained that the garland of daisies which went about the neck of the winning horse were not black-eyed Susans, the traditional flower, but were some other variety with the centers dyed. Well, if they want to run that race over again and have the real thing, they can load a truck with them along the shoulders of the highway from Southport to Supply. . . . Between Supply and Shallotte there is a field full of dandelions in full bloom. This is at the Riley Clemmons place, and all along the shoulders of U. S. 17 in that area these delicate yellow blossoms are blooming.

This is the week for Vacation Bible Schools, and not only are they in session here in Southport, but at many other churches throughout the county. . . . Seems to us that the man who does not dig his own fishing worms is missing out on a lot of the pleasure of this sport. What reminded us of this was the sight of three men busily digging in the Waccamaw River Swamp this morning. And fishing worms is bound to be what they were after.

Once in a while we see a haxon in the canal beside the road from Shallotte to Whiteville, and think nothing of it. This morning we saw one perched high in a pine tree as though he were serving as a sentinel; and further up the road there were two others, apparently on the same type of duty. Could they be expecting trouble? Or, better still, have recent weather conditions been so disturbing that they had to climb a tree to find out what to expect next? . . . "David and Bathsheba" is the weekend show at Holiday Drive-In at Shallotte. Here in Southport at the Amuzu "Desire In The Dust" is the weekend attraction.

SHALLOTTE GIRL IS
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during her young life, but previously it has been for her terpsichorean talents. She was a student of the Belcher Dance Studio and has been one of their featured performers for many years.

She is an eighth grade student at Shallotte High School, where the Spelling Bee was sponsored by Mrs. Muzette Arnold. Mrs. Betty Hewitt was Brenda Gail's home room teacher.



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