

EDITORIALS:

THE HIGH COST OF INACTION

If anyone wants to know what harm has come about through failure of the Brunswick County Board of Education to make use of funds appropriated for its various needs by the Board of County Commissioners, we would have to give a two-part answer.

First of all, it has deprived the school children of this county—both white and colored—of facilities which they sorely needed and for which funds were available. For instance, when school started this week "Sunnyside" was once more in use at Shallotte; and at Southport not only was it necessary to teach one class on the stage in the auditorium, but another was occupying a room in the City Hall.

The second effect has been the loss of between \$40,000 and \$45,000 for the use of public schools in this year's budget. That is the difference in the 51-

cents approved on two occasions by the Board of Commissioners for use of the Board of Education and the 35-cent levy which has been approved after the disclosure was made that more than \$100,000 in unexpended funds still were on hand.

Examination of the Board of Education budget as approved by the County Commissioners reveals that funds are included for five major projects (including completion of the gymnasium at Brunswick County Training School.) It also is true that most of the funds with which to finance this new construction are already in hand. This would indicate the wisdom for starting at once to provide building needs that are long overdue.

We can see absolutely no excuse for the Board of Education to delay start on these projects.

HELP KEEP THE BOOKMOBILE

We have been greatly disturbed to learn that funds for the Brunswick County Bookmobile service have not been included in the proposed budget tentatively approved by members of the Board of County Commissioners at their special meeting last Wednesday.

Unless provision is made to continue the county's contribution of \$200 per month to the Brunswick County Library Service, the bookmobile will cease to operate and Brunswick once more will become one of the 4 counties in North Carolina without services of this kind for its citizens.

Under the present plan of financing, local funds come from two sources: the City of Southport, which pays \$200 per month; and Brunswick county, which also pays \$200 per month. The State of North Carolina matches these funds with a \$4,000 grant; and last year an additional \$2,400 in Federal funds was received by the Brunswick County Library.

When the county ceases to contribute to the expense of the library program, State and Federal funds will immediately be withdrawn. The only thing left will be the funds from the City of Southport and the only service which

can then be carried out will be the operation of the Southport Public Library.

We feel that our county will be taking a backward step if we discontinue bookmobile service in Brunswick, for the reception given to this mobile lending library has been a pleasure to observe in every section of the county. We feel that it has been one of the positive steps for improvement made here during the past two years, and we hate to think of seeing all of the interest and enthusiasm turn to disappointment.

We hope that these feelings are shared by citizens throughout the county, both old and young alike, and that they will appeal to members of the board of county commissioners to try to find a way to keep support of the bookmobile in the budget with permissible funds.

This is not a movement to which you are invited to give your passive approval. If the bookmobile is to be saved, action must be taken immediately to let the commissioners know how you feel. See them, write them or telephone them about it. Every person who has borrowed a book or who believes in the project should stand up to be counted before the next meeting of the board of commissioners is held.

SCHOOL DAYS AND TRAFFIC

Obedience to traffic laws and regulations is a good rule to follow all of the time, but right now it is of utmost importance. School days are just ahead. Within the next two weeks over 12,000 school children will be on our highways and streets each morning and afternoon for five days every week for 36 weeks. This means that every motorist must and should be alert to the inherent hazards represented by school children.

The state department of motor vehicles says "it is a sad duty to relate that traffic in recent years has become the No. 1 killer of school age youngsters, replacing such dread and long established killers as pneumonia and cancer."

Every fourth person killed on the highways last year was a tot or teenager, records of the department show. For this reason, and many more, ex-

treme caution should be exercised at all times and under all conditions where traffic and school children are involved.

The department says the fight against this "traffic disease" is serious but it is not without a solution. It can be solved if drivers, parents and school faculties will face the problem with consistent determination. The responsibility is mutual. All must cooperate if our children are to return home safely every day of the school year. Children with the care-free abandon are unpredictable and are prone to forget that every moving vehicle is a death hazard.

If parents and school teachers fulfill their duty in drilling safety into the minds of the children, and motorists practice alert, cautious driving, the problem can be licked. The time to start is now.

LT. GOV. PHILPOTT

The people of North Carolina are going to miss a governor that was never governor. This is an inevitable conclusion to draw in the death of Lt. Gov. Cloyd Philpott.

"Few men," says the Raleigh News and Observer editorially, "seemed to be moving so certainly and so graciously to a greater destiny. He was young at

52. Indeed a part of his charm was the almost boyish quality of his smile. But no North Carolinian was more mature in his understanding of the needs of the state."

Such qualities are not often found among those who rise to the highest levels in our state government. We are the worst for his death, and people will miss him, not only for what he had achieved in good government at the time of his death, but also for greater contributions he seemed destined to make.

BEST INVESTMENT

Those who want to make the right investments often devote much time and effort in seeking worthwhile securities that will yield a good financial return. However, there is another investment that deserves our earnest attention. It is the desire to gain a true understanding of God and of man's relationship to Him. Gaining this understanding is the most rewarding experience one can hope for.

Time and Tide

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story about Frank Rabon, who had converted a thieving bear into steak and a rug. Louis Newton of Southport was attending Boy's State at Chapel Hill.

Marsh hen season had opened on Monday of that week, but there had been no tide; there was a notice of the graduation from UNC of Dan Walker, Southport boy; and the tobacco market had reopened after being closed for several days due to congested selling conditions.

August 29, 1951, and Mrs. Marjorie Livingston had been named acting postmaster at Southport while Postmaster J. B. Russ was serving an active tour of duty with the U. S. Navy. Southport shrimp trawlers had paid their State license under protest, but they had paid them; and were back at work.

A big run of big Spanish mackerel had provided the fishing thrills of the past week; Claude Ford, Jr., of Southport had received his degree in mechanical engineering at N. C. State; and school had opened throughout Brunswick county that day.

The front page picture in The Pilot 5 years ago this week was filled with familiar faces—four members of the force of The News Reporter at Whiteville who had been fishing with Capt. Ray Stubbs. In the group were Willie and James Hammonds, Hubert Stanley and Elgie Clemmons.

These fellows didn't get one, but four sailfish that had been caught that week made the big news in fishing. Marsh hen season was scheduled to open Saturday; and schools of the county were scheduled to open on the following Tuesday.

LONG BEACH TO

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as a State exceeded its 1961 crusade quota in the national campaign. However, only 59 counties exceeded their individual quotas and Brunswick County Unit was numbered among the successful units.

ANNUAL REPORT

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"There is a feature of the American Cancer Society which is not generally realized, and that is to return to the County Unit a definite percentage of 40 per cent of all donations in order a well-defined local program of education and assistance can be financed and conducted, as well as to contribute to the State and National programs of research and education for the detection and prevention of cancer.

"As a result of its efforts to date, the County Unit has for the forthcoming year a local budget of \$743.58. This amount has been budgeted as follows:

"Travel expense for the transportation of voluntary workers in the service of education and assistance within the County, \$50;

"Telephone and Telegraph, \$15;

"Stationary, printing, office supplies, \$25;

"Postage and mailing, \$10;

"Rental and Service Equipment, \$5;

"Expense of meetings, \$25;

"Materials from NC Division for the purchase of educational and Crusade materials to conduct the annual program of the unit, \$150;

"Direct Assistance Items

"Purchases, \$35;

"Transportation of patients to pay direct car expense in needy cases for travel to treatment centers, \$50;

"Dressings to purchase dressing materials for volunteer workers to prepare for patient use, \$30;

"Loan Closet Items to equip a loan closet at Supply where needy cases can be loaned equipment to improve their home care, \$50;

"Special Assistance for the purchase of prescription drugs, \$298.58;

"Total, \$743.58.

"The budget itemized above is flexible and reflects the planned program of the County Unit for the coming year. The success of the program, particularly in the direct assistance items, will be determined by the number of needy cases which are reported to the unit as needing assistance. The Chairman of the Service Committee, Mrs. C. D. Pickrell of Southport, is the proper person to notify when assistance is needed. The address for the unit is: Brunswick County Unit, American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 754, Southport.

"The officers of the Brunswick County Unit are greatly encouraged by the improved results of the current year and look forward to an expansion of the County program during the coming year. Any expansion of effort must necessarily depend upon the continued strengthening of the efforts of the fine group of area chairmen who have contributed so successfully to the effort thus far, and to the prompt notification to the unit of cancer cases which need assistance not otherwise available to them.

"In addition to the direct assistance to needy cases, a most important part of the Unit program is the educational activities which are continually needed for the prompt and early detection of cancer. The unit is ready to assist any organization in the County with speakers, printed materials and 16mm movies for educational purposes."

LIBRARY BOARD

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As far as the legality is concerned, library funds must come from non ad-valorem tax money; but you have the power to allocate non-tax funds where you think they are most needed.

"I'm sure you have problems in connection with the budget, but I cannot conceive that your problems will be solved by withholding this \$2400. Establishment of county-wide library service is one really progressive step we have taken in the past two years. Surely

Brunswick County, if it is to prosper, must not go backward; especially in an area which will help our citizens to become better educated citizens. The average school year completed by Brunswick County residents is 6th Grade. We must raise that educational level if we are to progress; and county-wide library service is making excellent contributions to that end. Last year 3,592 persons used the Bookmobile and 9,916 used the main library.

"Our application for state and federal aid had to be submitted prior to August 1, in order to receive any funds for 1961-62, and this was done. At that time, an appropriation of \$2400 was included in your budget. Since August 1, the State Library Board has approved the allocations for Brunswick County. We have already received the first payment of \$1,000 which we cannot use until we are sure that you will continue to allocate the \$200 per month. Our position is one of having applied in good faith, been approved in good faith, and now finding that Brunswick County does not plan to keep its part of the bargain.

"I, and others, would like to be present at your next meeting and will be glad to give you any further information you desire about this matter."

SOUTHPORT MAN

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Also present at the meeting was Harold Greene, mayor of Boiling Springs Lakes; Carl E. Kleimo, treasurer for Boiling Spring Lakes, Inc., and Douglass M. Bradham, member of the board of trustees, Reeves Broadcasting and Development Corporation.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

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commissioners include \$1,000 for site acquisition; \$20,000 for two classrooms at Shallotte; \$20,000 for two classrooms at Southport; \$20,000 for two classrooms at Leland; \$23,000 to complete construction of the gymnasium at Brunswick County Training School; and \$8,500 for construction of a cafeteria at Lincoln High School.

On the \$1.00 rate for county purposes, 30-cents goes to debt service; 20-cents to the general fund; 5-cents for the outside poor; 7½-cents for county accountant; 5-cents for the farm agent; 16½-cents for the various welfare programs; 14-cents for public health; and 2-cents for revaluation.

No provision was made in the budget for the Brunswick county bookmobile; for Civil Defense; for the Shallotte Armory, for Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association of for SENCIand Devel-

Not Exactly News

Overheard last week: "Shrimp are so high you can't even afford to buy them for bait, much less buy them to eat!" . . . For some time now Governor Terry Sanford has been taking it on the chin at the grocery check-out counter. Seldom do you pay without a comment "And this is for Terry." "This goes to the Governor," or "You'll have to do your part for Education." Well, Sunday we heard President John F. Kennedy get in on the act for the first time. We had purchased some razor blades and asked the price. The young lady told us how much they would be, then added sweetly "and 2-cents for Kennedy."

This week we received a postcard from Mrs. Madeline Hayes Gardner from Southport, England, where she and her husband and family are vacationing this summer instead of at the Robins Nest at Southport, North Carolina. Madeline said that a couple of golf courses nearby had proved to be a major attraction for Randy. This means that we must write to tell her that, come next summer, they may return to their old haunts and be able to enjoy these same advantages. We believe they will be playing at Oak Island Golf and Beach Club and at Boiling Spring Lakes by then . . . Speaking of sports, Saturday we saw three young ladies riding horseback together—and not one of their mounts was either of the two we already knew about here. This brings the number of riding horses in and around Southport to five—and maybe it indicates a rebirth of interest in riding.

There's a baseball game here tonight—which we hope to be home in time to see . . . Friday night there will be more sports under the lights when Bolivia plays host to Waccamaw in a non-conference game and Shallotte entertains the strong North-Duplin eleven . . . Celosia again is in bloom at the Linder Farm near Southport, and Mr. George's crop is as pretty as ever again this year . . . Long Beach swimmers tell us that mullets are beginning to jump in the surf, which means that soon we will be hearing of the big hauls being made at the beach fisheries . . . You can buy almost anything at Leggett's in Southport—including that horse collar hanging on the wall behind the cash register. Incidentally, Ormond says you would be surprised at how many people come in and have no idea what it is.

"On The Double" is the weekend show at Holiday Drive-In at Shallotte . . . Here in Southport Tony Curtis will be playing in "The Great Imposter."

opment Association. These latter two agencies had received an annual cash contribution to area promotion programs.

John W. White Is Buried On Sunday

John Willie White, Sr., 43, died at his home in Wilmington, Friday. Final rites were held Sunday at 3 p. m. at Walnut Street chapel of the Coble Funeral home. Burial was at Chapel Hill Cemetery at Shallotte.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs.

June White; three brothers, J. W., Bobby and Harry White, all of Shallotte; three sisters, Miss Helen White and Mrs. Olive Johnson, both of Wilmington and Mrs. Margaret Simmons, Rocky Mount.

GOOD FISHING

Capt. Herbert L. Robinson, who has been carrying fishing parties out of Holden Beach this summer, says that bottom fishing has been the best he has ever seen it and added that trolling has been very good at times during this season.

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