

EDITORIALS:

STATE SERVICE HELPS SMALL TOWNS

The Department of Conservation and Development has provided a truly helpful service in making municipal planning engineers available to small towns and communities for guidance in developing and planning for the future.

In so many instances, small corporate bodies, short of funds and technical know-how, just don't have the money to retain experts for laying out streets, establishing a workable plan for utility expansion and the setting aside of specific areas for residential, commercial and industrial growth.

But the federal government has recognized the plight of such communities with appropriations whereby the government will pay two thirds of the cost of such planning and the municipality pays the remaining third. This is where C&D comes in with their engineers. The funds will finance the planning work.

It is popular to excoriate Congress for loose spending, but in this instance, we feel that such funds are well aimed

and will be well-spent.

Generally, the big city has a preponderance of taxable property to meet its maintenance and expansion needs, but not so with the small communities. Small towns are doing well when they are able to keep their bills current.

The hiring of planning specialists at \$40, \$50, even \$60 per day is out of the question. So, helter-skelter building goes on at the builder's will without a comprehensive plan and with no regard for what is best for the future.

Then, as the years pass, problems arise and grow. Every town in Brunswick county has such problems, and many another, for that matter, is suffering the same pains. Money for the remedy? It isn't there.

Such conditions not only hinder orderly growth but they also become barriers to other people and businesses that might see a future here as a residence and place to establish a commercial and the debt limit raised.

WHAT ABOUT THE COFFEE BREAK?

If advancements in the world continue at the present rate, 40 years from now the average worker will put in a 28-hour week, take three-day weekends, have four weeks for a vacation while machines keep production going.

Just some of the predictions carried in an article in the Readers Digest by Robert O'Brien.

The population by 2002 will be such that we will need 12 times as much aluminum, three times as much timber, twice as much iron and two and a half times as much water. By then nuclear power plants will be converting great volumes of sea-water to fresh water, and at least half of our energy will come from atomic power.

In transportation, jets will cross the

continent in a little over an hour, pneumatic pipelines will carry our freight, a rocket belted to your back will take you to work and moving sidewalks will carry you up and down the street.

You won't dial the phone, just speak and you will talk to and see your party. You'll be able to cook your dinner while taking a ride through the country, and it is probable that a single injection, or a pill, will immunize you against all communicable diseases.

Forty years from now, the Digest says, trips to the moon will be commonplace.

But there's this about things to come: If man is farsighted enough not to destroy himself, he could remake himself. Only the passing years will answer this.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES STATE

The current issue of the National Geographic magazine features North Carolina in the lead article and covers the state from the mountains to the sea in sparkling photographs and descriptive narrative. It is good reading and an honor to the Tar Heel State.

The whole state is there—from the Outer Banks to the scenic highway along the crest of the Blue Ridge mountain chain. In between is apt coverage of the industrial, commercial, cultural and spiritual activities which make the Old North State tick.

Pictures and stories tell the tobacco story from planting to warehouse floor, how mountain people became skilled craftsmen through the necessity of making themselves things they could not procure otherwise, and there is the story of education and research, all of

which is helping the state forge ahead as a balanced commonwealth, a good place to live, work and play.

Any country, and particularly any state, which earns such recognition must have something the publishers of National Geographic believe their millions of readers would like to know about.

While the publishers have paid North Carolina a glowing tribute with the article, the story, no doubt, will be worth millions of dollars to the state in attracting more tourists to see and hear about what we have here and what we are doing.

North Carolina is grateful for the honor. Now let us do an even better job of living up to what has been said about us.

NOTHING TO HIDE

The North Carolina prison department made it plain that the state had nothing to hide when a delegation from Rhode Island came here for a first-hand look at how prisons in the state are operated and how prisoners are treated.

The whole matter stemmed from prison escapees who were caught in Rhode Island and sought to evade being re-

turned to North Carolina to finish their term by claiming cruel and inhuman treatment.

What conclusion the visiting delegation reached after looking at state prisons is not known, so far, but it looks as if the escapees have made suckers out of their Rhode Island captors.

GREAT WOMAN PASSES

A great woman passed to her reward at Crossnore last Saturday and she will be remembered there and throughout the state as long as there are mountain people in Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Mary Martin Sloop and her physician husband chose the mountains and their people as their field of service and, among other contributions, foun-

ded the famed Crossnore school with the sale of old clothes donated by friends from far and near. Both wife and husband were physicians and they ministered to every need of those about them—physical, spiritual, cultural and educational.

They went to this backwoods country on horseback as bride and groom and spent their remaining 53 years working with underprivileged children and the needs of the sick. Dr. Sloop, the husband died just a year ago.

Mrs. Sloop was American Mother of the Year in 1951 and the North Carolina committee said she was the first citizen of North Carolina.

The Crossnore school started in a tent and now has 25 buildings, and there are a hospital and a dental clinic now where the son, Dr. William Martin Sloop, dentist, and a daughter, Dr. Emma Sloop Frink, physician, are active.

When a call comes to your door for old clothes, remember Mrs. Sloop and what those garments may mean to another.

"Our Business Is None Of Yours!"



Time and Tide

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representative Odell Williamson had introduced a bill, in the State Legislature to abolish Rural Policemen for Brunswick.

It had been cited in Southport, with the official Weather Bureau figures showing a low reading of 19-degrees on Monday of that week. Shallotte was to be the site of the annual basketball tournament, scheduled for two weeks hence; quail hunters had reported a poor season—and were puzzled; and there was a story which said: "Early Fishermen Have Good Luck."

The front page picture in *The Pilot* for January 30, 1952, showed a Whiteville man with a big turkey gobbler he had killed while hunting in Brunswick. Wiring of the Southport gym had been completed by a corps of volunteer workmen.

There was some similarity between the weather of 10 years ago and that of the past week. Springlike temperatures had given way to a 22-degree reading and this is what happened over the past weekend in Southport. A Brunswick County girl, Miss Hilda Hewett of Supply, had been crowned "Miss James Walker"—she being a student nurse at the Wilmington hospital. Her picture also was on the front page.

Five years ago this week Representative James C. Bowman had left for Raleigh and duty in the General Assembly. His was a front page photo. There also was a front page piece about the Heart Drive, and Kirby Sullivan was the chairman.

There was a premature headline: "Ferry To Begin Operating Soon." It had reference to a private promotion, not to the State Highway project now under consideration. Ernest Parker had been appointed solicitor of Recorder's Court; warm weather had brought on a flood of camellia blossoms; and 20 rooms were being added to the Yaupon Beach Motel during the off-season.

ROUTINE CASES

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sentenced to 30 days in the common jail, with sentence suspended for 2 years on condition he remain sober and be of good behavior and pay fine of \$10 and costs.

Dalton R. Norton drew one to two years in prison on a charge of manslaughter, with sentence suspended upon 3 years probation, payment of \$125 for court attendance of prosecuting witnesses and the costs of the action.

David Price drew 3 to 5 years in prison for breaking, entering and larceny, and larceny of auto. Harry Pickett, charged with possession of whiskey for sale, drew 12 months on roads with sentence suspended for 5 years, plus a fine of \$200 and costs.

Joseph James Ellis pleaded guilty to breaking and entering and was sentenced to 3 to 5 years in state prison, with sentence suspended for 5 years on condition defendant make restitution to the Union High School of \$650, plus the costs of the action.

SHALLOTTE WILL

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local event; or a decision may be made to cooperate with the Shallotte Jaycees in holding just one event this year in Brunswick. General chairmen for the Shallotte pageant are David Gause

and Billy Gurganus. Chairman of entries is Sam Inman.

SOUTHPORT HAS

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of finger-printing. Some 30 police officers attended the special school and classes were held from 9 till 11:30 a. m., and from 3 till 5:30 p. m. daily.

SEED AVAILABLE

Continued From Page 1 year in the cooperation on the part of farmers and sportsmen in the matter of providing feed for wildlife. He also said that Brunswick was the best county in this district, then added "and that must mean we were the best county in the State."

HOUSE NUMBERS

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places of business in Southport be numbered. If the home owner desires, the visiting Jaycees will put up the numbers for them in a suitable place, clearly visible from the street. This will be done only if requested by the owner.

The Jaycees also have for sale three types of mail boxes, and since these will be a convenience for each home owner once delivery begins, they hope to be able to place a number of these in making their calls.

BRUNSWICK HAS

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well below the national average, with \$51 monthly being the average here. Only 56 dwellings in Brunswick County contained basements, which is about average for a rural county in the South. And the fact that out of a grand total of 6,616 housing units only 101 were trailer homes, prove that Brunswick's population is definitely not of a nomadic or transient type.

A rather sad commentary is that there were more automobiles in Brunswick County than bathtubs; and, whereas only 143 households boasted air-conditioning, there were 3,681 TV sets in

Not Exactly News

One of the most attractive roadside displays we have seen lately was near Supply Tuesday. Some out-of-county salesman, pleased with the prospects for stopping Southbound motorists on U.S. No. 17, had cherry cider—a product that definitely must have been imported—in clear, glass jugs, and sparkling in the sunlight. The stuff looked good enough to drink . . . Also on Tuesday we had our first real prelude of Spring: As we passed one of the school grounds during recess we saw the boys—and girls, too—playing baseball. They had even brought their gloves and bats to school with them.

Let us become too smug with the degree to which Southport has become civilized, let us report that twice during the past week, and at two widely separated parts of town, we have seen the bodies of big, fat possums who had been run over by automobiles while working the town for garbage . . . We are not the only one who misses the pro basketball broadcasts that had been a regular Sunday afternoon feature until this year. We have had numerous others to complain, and we tell you—if you are interested in a change—like we told them: Don't complain to the newspaper, write or call the TV station, so they can write or call the network officials. Maybe by next year we can get basketball booked back as a replacement for opera and faith healing.

This morning on the way to Whiteville we ran into a succession of highway betterment projects, most of them having to do with widening shoulders on the road. That was the case between Southport and Supply, and the little delay was well worth the promised improvement . . . That reminds us that we hope the highway forces can and will devise some method to drain the ditches alongside Highway No. 130 and Highway No. 87 near Southport. The stagnant water they contain makes a bad advertisement for the entire area as tourists and other visitors approach our town and neighboring beaches.

Last night we were in Whiteville, and since Southport was scheduled to play Leland in a basketball doubleheader, we decided to come home the long way and see the games. When we got to Leland, the gym was dark and the school ground was deserted. We thought the games must have been called off due to the incipient flu epidemic. But when we got to Southport there were lights in the gym and cars were parked all about. We got there in time to see the last few minutes of the boys game after chasing around our elbow to get to our thumb . . . In making a pitch Tuesday night before a meeting of the Whiteville Merchants Association, Mayor J. K. Fowell, who was plugging for establishment of an ABC Store in his own city, warned: "If we keep right on sitting down and doing nothing about it, the next thing you know they will have Ash incorporated and will have a special act passed by the legislature to build an ABC Store there."

Mrs. A. M. Barnet, who is visiting her daughter in Westfield, N. J., celebrated her birthday last week with dinner at the Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, N. J. . . . "The Colossus of Rhodes" is the weekend show at the Amuzi (which is getting along all right with Bill in charge while Bremen is in the hospital) . . . A lot of farm boys and girls will be able to see "Tomboy And The Champ" free of charge next Wednesday and Thursday at Holiday Drive-In. One of the Shallotte merchants is giving away tickets for this performance.

the units, far more than double the amount of telephones.

Citizens of Brunswick went clean and ate well, according to the statistics, with just under 4,000 washing machines, and almost 2,500 home food freezers installed.

VISITS PARENTS

Miss Sarah Jane Butler, student nurse at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Butler, at Leland.

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