

EDITORIALS:

PLEA FOR MORE NIGHTS HOME

One of our casual callers came by a few days ago with a plea that there are not enough nights in a week, or why should not clubs and such organizations go sophisticated and have lunches so the tired male could have more nights for hearth and home.

He would not, he said, be a John Glenn with three nights within five hours, but rather balance the accepted custom here with more noon meetings and less after-work gatherings.

Our friend has a point. Meetings after the day's chores are done have a tendency to drag on and on and half of what's said too often is extraneous palaver. These night assemblies, you may have observed, find instances where a person must leave to attend another the same night. And frequently, successive meetings are composed

of identical persons even though each has a different objective.

When night begins to fall, thoughts of the male begin to turn, in all seasons, to the warmth of home and youngsters and the little lady frittering about getting "supper" on the table. No wonder he grumbles when the program calls for dinner and conference at The Plaza at seven. Yes, his stomach growls at the call of evening but it also complains at noon. The youngsters are not at home then and the little lady, perhaps, is out for cards and luncheon. That sliced roast and withered salad from the kitchen counter offer plays second-fiddle to a hamburger up town. The very unbalanced nature of such may make him a fireside devil when eventime falls.

Plan your meetings and meet your plans. We are for more noon meetings and less night meetings.

SOUND CHOICE FOR SUPREME COURT

What would political strategists of 1900 say if they could return today and find, as they would, a woman on the North Carolina Supreme Court? The old boys with long beards and sideburns would probably opine that it ain't so. But it is. Judge Susie Sharp has upset the accepted whims of the male of other generations: "Your place is in the home."

Judge Sharp has been a Superior court judge since 1949 and a few days ago Governor Sanford appointed her to the state's highest court. No one will question the appointment. Judge Sharp distinguished herself while on the lower court bench. Now the opportunity for greater achievements in law are

open to her. It would not be all imagination to predict that one day she might move onto a higher court.

Since women were given the voting privilege August 26, 1920, they have made phenomenal strides in the hither-to man's world, and what they may accomplish yet one dares not predict. Their place may be in the home but, as Judge Sharp told a Charlotte group the other day, don't devote all your years to your private life. Save a goodly portion of your time and energy for public affairs. They have been doing just that and there's more to come.

Governor Sanford has made an excellent appointment and North Carolina applauds him for his decision.

GOVERNOR ON RIGHT TRAIL NOW

Governor Sanford has finally got his Quality Education program down to the level where he can expect some measurable results. By going to the children themselves, where he should have gone in the beginning, he has charted a course straight to the heart of the problem.

The Governor covered the state last fall speaking to successive groups composed in large part by adults, many of whom were there as a matter of courtesy, but, certainly, there were many more who shared his concern about schools and were ready to initiate improvements. While Mr. Sanford was speaking under arrangements prepared by local groups, it was our opinion then, and now, that his appearances would have been more effective if he could have addressed the students themselves. He missed the boat that time but he got on schedule last Thursday with a telecast to the children.

A reporter earlier this week said five bags of letters from students throughout the state arrived at the Governor's office Monday. There is no telling how many more have come in since.

One student wrote, after hearing the talk: "I really thought about it (education) seriously for the first time."

Another admitted that the speech

was not the main force behind her school work: "My father said I am going to finish school if I am 24 years old when I do."

We wonder, though, about the authors of all those letters. Were they written by students who are already doing the best job of which they are capable of doing? How many came from those hovering about the passing grade, those who are indifferent and those who are disciplinary problems?

A teacher volunteered the observation recently that maintaining discipline in the classroom cuts teaching time by as much as 50 per cent in some instances. Such an instance may be rare but it does serve to point up the fact that discipline is one of the real problems in the better school program. When students responsible for the problem turn over a new leaf, we will be making the desired progress.

Young men literally "wore their hearts on their sleeves" during early celebrations of Valentine's Day. World Book Encyclopedia relates that men chose their valentines by drawing slips of paper with names from a vase. Each young man then wore the paper with his lady's name on his sleeve for several days.

CUBA'S LEAN, HUNGRY LOOK

When a fellow starts meddling with a man's stomach there's sure to be trouble. When there isn't enough food to satiate that gnawing in the mid-section the gnawed-on, like the animal of the forest, becomes fearless in his search for food.

Cuba's Fidel Castro says his Russian connections have let the people of Cuba down and blames an "economic blockade" for his recent food rationing edict. Russia is hungry, too, but that is not

the likely reason for withholding any promised assistance. Communism thrives on chaos. There is plenty of it in Cuba now but not quite enough for the Soviet masters to move onto the scene. When the time is right they will.

Castro is not fooling his people with oratory. Oratory and food do not make compatible bedfellows. Too much of the former and too little of the latter spells trouble where it will do the most damage.

Perhaps the bearded dictator is beginning to reap some of the wrath he has sown in grabbing hold of the Red coattail.

Julius Ceaser said he could handle the fat and sleek but beware of the man with the lean and hungry look. When beans and rice are scarce, that lean and hungry look follows. Castro's time to beware seems to be here.

LAST MAN

We like the one about the fellow who hastened to his bomb shelter when the nuclear attack came. Days later he reappeared to find the land flattened and no sign of life of plant or animal. Soon he realized he was the only person left living in the world. Then he took out his pistol and blew his brains out.

"Hey! You're Supposed To Be Carrying, Not Riding!"



TWO MEN SEEKING

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to run for that office if it is vacated by Bellamy in accepting appointment to his new job.

W. J. McLamb already has announced that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Recorder.

SOUTHPORT MAN

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with the latest techniques in teaching both science and mathematics.

Only teachers with an outstanding record and the ability to assimilate knowledge quickly and easily are selected to participate in the special courses sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Spencer is a graduate of Catawba College and this is his second year as a member of the faculty at Long Creek High School.

LOCAL LIBRARIAN

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In conclusion the librarian commended the Shallotte Lions for their sponsorship of the new library branch in their town, and congratulated them on the progress being made. Tentative opening of the branch has been set for the week of April 8-14.

JAYCEES SEEK

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of 21 and 35.
The Southport award will be presented at the Charter Night banquet of the Jaycees during early April.

Harold Aldridge is serving as chairman of the DSA committee of the Jaycees.

LONG ANNOUNCES

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conversation that the final working plans will be submitted to the State Board of Education by the end of this week, and that he expects to have the plans approved and returned by the last of next week. At that time bids will be advertised for a period of ten days.

Supt. Long expressed his pleasure in the developments. "These added facilities are very badly needed in our schools. We are making every effort to expedite the work. Children simply cannot be taught without the proper facilities for learning."

Broken down, the necessary school improvements will cost \$10,000 a classroom (six new classrooms); the toilet rooms (two) will cost \$5,000 each, and the sewage disposal for Shallotte school will run to \$7,500.

PUBLIC HEARING

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provement of the Southport yacht basin; the establishment of a small boat refuge for use in time of emergency; and the erection of a bulkhead along the Southport waterfront as a measure to control erosion.

General Gore says that he has considerable evidence to present at the hearing, but reminds the citizens of Southport that this is a time when their full support is needed. "I hope we have the place filled with interested spectators," he said.

Enough broiler chickens were produced in the U. S. in 1961 to give every American a whole fried chicken once a month.

America's national forests had a record 102 million visits in 1961. The number is expected to be nearly 115 million in 1962.

Brunswick Gets Wide Publicity

Several Places Of Interest In This County Written Up In Christian Science Monitor

In the travel section of Friday's Christian Science Monitor, one of the Nation's prestige newspapers, there is a story about the forthcoming Wilmington Azalea Festival.

There is an appropriate picture of blooming azaleas, and the text of the story tells of places of interest in and around Wilmington. It is interesting and significant that about one-half the space has to do with places in Brunswick.

The following is quoted from the article in The Monitor:

"At Brunswick Town time and elements leveled the houses, and earth, vegetation, and the drifting sands covered them. The foundations of the houses, marking off the streets, are now being excavated, and many relics recovered in the process are being collected in a small museum. The ruins of St. Philip's Church, which alone remained above ground, have long been a familiar landmark.

"But the stormiest chapter of Wilmington's history is told by the grass-grown ruins of the massive forts which guarded the mouth of Cape Fear River when

Not Exactly News

Talk about your seed which fall upon rock and fallow ground, but Crawford Rourk of Southport has a case which confounds the principal that they will not grow there. He has a rock which was dredged from the bottom of the Capt Fear during the building of Sunny Point, and from it is sprouting a cedar tree, the seed for which came from a parent tree standing nearby . . . We have heard of women doing a man's job, but we saw it in action Tuesday when we passed a garden near the highway leading from Supply to Shallotte and saw a lady pushing a garden plow.

Basketball fans get a break this week when WECT telecasts the Wake Forest-Ohio State basketball game from Louisville. That is Friday night, and the only complication we would like to see would be to have our interest divided between that city and Durham, where we hope Leland will be playing in the semifinals of the State Class "A" Tournament . . . Incidentally, it has been a long time since anything has come as near pleasing everybody in Brunswick as this appearance of the Leland team in the championship tournament. It is the first time a Brunswick county team has got this far—and everyone is pulling for Leland to go all the way.

Incidentally, it will be a case of a former Leland coach working against his own brother and his former players if Leland ever meets Yadkinville in the tournament, for Nelson Best is coach at that high school this year and his brother, Joe Best, has taken over his coaching reins at Leland . . . There were lights in the river last night, with a ship tied up at the Caswell dock. Ben Blake, former Southport High School athlete, is currently engaged in spring football practice at Carolina, where he hopes to be a member of the varsity squad next fall. Report is that he has been shifted from fullback to halfback . . . This might be a good place to mention that the Men's Fashion Show scheduled for Friday night of this week will be postponed one week due to the conflict with the Wake Forest-Ohio State telecast.

On the movie front, "Second Time Around", with Debbie Reynolds, is the Friday-Saturday show at the Amuzu . . . Down at Shallotte, "The Day The Earth Caught Fire" is the weekend attraction. . . We hear sounds that make us know that the BCT band is getting ready for the Azalea Festival parade.

Wilmington was the Confederacy's main port through which the blockade runners supplied the Southern armies. For years these forts withstood continual attacks by the Union Army and Navy, surrendering only in the last months of the war.

"Fort Anderson's vast earthworks are adjacent to the ruins of Brunswick Town. Fort Caswell now is used as a religious assembly ground by the Baptist State Convention.

"Fort Fisher, an earthen fortification, suffered much deterioration from wind and weather through the past century, and has been severely eroded by the encroaching sea. But measures are being taken to stop the erosion and to restore, if possible, at least partially, the remaining bastions of the fort by 1965. A handsome monument commemorates the site."

ETown Loses

WINSTON-SALEM — Elizabethtown's Yellow Jackets, Waccamaw AA and District 4 champs, bowed out of the State AA Basketball Tournament here, Wednesday night, as Northwest Forsyth downed them, 63-48.

Pat Jessup and Eddie Smith each had 13 points for the Jackets and Newton Scott had 21 for the Falcons.

Family income in the U. S. in 1960 averaged \$5,620—four per cent above 1959. Urban families averaged \$5,911, rural non-farm, \$5,620, rural farm, \$2,875.

ANNOUNCEMENT

4 1/4 %

Compounded Quarterly

This proposed new Rate of Dividend will become effective April 1.

1. We have reached this decision after careful consideration of all of the facts involved, and this step is being taken in the firm conviction that we will be able to continue to adhere to our policies of sound management and service to our customers.

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