

# EDITORIALS:

## RIGHT ON SCHEDULE

If there had been any doubt as to whether or not the school situation in Brunswick county will be a major consideration in the forthcoming Primary Election campaign, this question was answered last week with the announcement of projects totaling an estimated \$77,500 which will be let to contract within the next 30 days.

Let us make our position crystal clear: We do not oppose the proposal to carry out any single one of these projects. They are badly needed and are long overdue. We simply point to the convenient timing of this announcement.

Several months ago it was established that the Board of Education had on deposit funds sufficient to pay for the facilities which they now propose to provide. It was on hand at the close of the last fiscal year, when the annual audit of the Board of Education funds were made. The needs existed then just as they do now, and we thought it ridiculous at the time the information was made public that money should remain unexpended when children were attending school in frame buildings which had been declared inadequate more than 25-years ago.

## SCS LIVES UP TO NAME

The 25th anniversary of the establishment of the first Soil Conservation Service district in the United States was celebrated in Washington a few days ago. This district is in Anson county, North Carolina and that county is the home of the first chief of the SCS, Dr. Hugh H. Bennett. Today there are 2,900 districts reaching from coast to coast and from Canada to the Rio Grande.

Today, again, and thanks to the work of the Soil Conservation Service, red hillsides and sandy plains are green,

## GOOD POSTURE AND GOOD HEALTH

The relationship between good posture and good health—poor posture and poor health—is a well-proven truism. Yet, the sad fact remains that the best equipped notion in the world swarms with people who can't sit, stand, or walk properly.

Our attention is drawn to posture by the coming National Correct Posture Week in May sponsored by the National Chiropractic association, whose comments force us to admit that we preach one line and practice another.

Let's take a test just to see: Stand facing close to wall, palms of hands touching front of thighs. If chest touches wall first, your posture is probably excellent, or at least good. If head touches first, it is only fair. If abdomen touches first, your posture is really bad.

## COL. GLENN DESERVES EAGLE

America's latest and most noted hero finally got back to Ohio recently to see and hear the homefolk praise him for what he did, but more importantly "for what you are."

Astronaut John Glenn had been a busy man since he crawled out of bed in Florida about 2:00 a. m. February 20 to be launched a few hours later on a mission no other man in this country had even been asked to take. That he made it without incident to return safely is a tribute to his own fortitude and to the skill of those who have been and remain behind the scene.

In successive appearances at Cape Canaveral, in Washington and the U.N., Col. Glenn never once failed to recognize the teamwork which made the

Those who brought the situation to light late last summer remained quiet through the fall and winter months, hoping that the Board of Education members would go ahead and start one or more of these projects for which money already was in hand. No announcement came, and it was impossible to get any idea of any probable date for starting work.

Now, just sixty days before the Primary Election in which candidates for three of the five places on the Board of Education must seek the preferential vote of their fellow citizens, the announcement comes that the board is ready for action.

There will be politics in the forthcoming primary, all right; and those who raise their voices against the present board members are likely to be branded "enemies to education" and "folks who are out to ruin our schools." Right now we wish to enter a plea of innocence to both charges; but we have no intention of remaining silent while the reins of political control for the Democratic party in Brunswick County fall into the hands of those who right now are driving the Educational Bandwagon.

vegetation controls the washing of gullies, meadow strips hold moisture for wildlife, and terraces route surplus water without damage to crops and land.

But most important of all, and the experience which was instrumental in the founding of the Service, dust storms no longer threaten grain farmers in the Great West.

The SCS has lived up to its name and it continues to serve the nation through wise conservation of its natural resources.

About standing: Head should be erect, shoulders low and chest high, slight curve in lower back, knees straight but not stiff, and weight on outer borders of both feet. Well, the First Sergeant said: "Attention" is a comfortable position but how many ex-GI's will agree?

Sitting: Sit with feet flat on floor, don't slump, back straight, and abdomen flat, not bulgy. When you lean forward, lean from hips, not back.

Walking: Start at hips, swing arms freely, look ahead, never down, and point your toes straight ahead.

You may not become an astronaut if you make 100 on the test but you will feel more like looking the world straight in the eye.

flight into space possible. To hear him tell it, he was just another member of the gang who had a job to do, and he did it without hesitancy or anxiety. His humble, unassuming demeanor, just being himself, has captured the hearts of the free world.

President Kennedy could have chosen another course, under the press of national affairs, and delegated welcoming ceremonies to another, but the President would not have it this way. He could have arranged transportation otherwise for the family for the trip to Florida but he had his own ideas about that, too.

Mr. Kennedy gathered up the whole family, put them on his own plane and, that they might be at ease, mingled with them on the flight to Florida to greet the returning hero. Presidents have been generous in gestures to their constituents but, certainly, this series of homeliness and concern for the Glenn family overshadows all instances of similar circumstances.

Col. Glenn has been decorated, honored, and acclaimed in every manner befitting a hero, and all deserved. He has earned another: it is time for him to be wearing an eagle on his shoulder, if not a star.

Believe no tales from an enemy's tongue.—James Howell.

Take heed of wind that comes in at a hole, and a reconciled enemy.—George Herbert.

## Time and Tide

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late H. M. Shannon, James C. Carr and Price Furless, and J. J. Loughlin, had been honored.

It was election year, and there was a great deal of interest being generated in Brunswick. A cold snap had set back flower blooming at Orton; and once more special Easter services were being planned, with a sunrise service at Shallotte.

The front page picture in our issue for April 2, 1952, showed Latitia Hickman (Grant), local girl, riding on a float in the Azalea Festival Parade. That was the picture, but the big, black headline was that the dries had carried the beer-wine election by a margin of 2-1 in Saturday voting.

More than 5,000 persons had visited Orton Plantation the previous week-end; Franklin Park was in full bloom; and A. S. Knowles was heading the Red Cross Fund drive.

Five years ago this week there was a front page picture of Henry Mitchell, who was retiring as janitor at the Brunswick county courthouse. There also was an aerial view of the Brunswick River Lay-up Basin.

John G. Long had been elected Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, succeeding Henry C. Stone; Representative James C. Bowman was considering legislation to authorize a vote for five County Commissioners and plans were being announced for the construction of a church at Yaupon Beach.

## CAREER DAY AT

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from 11:30 through the lunch hour.

Ben MacDonald, news commentator for the Wilmington TV station, will get the program underway with a welcoming speech directed toward students and representatives alike.

## FUNERAL CHAPEL

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a member of Hamlet's First Methodist Church and is a Mason. Magnus Hewett, a Brunswick native, serves as the new manager's assistant.

Added to the Peacock Funeral Home in the recent renovation are additional space measuring 22 by 88 feet. Included in this are a new casket-display room, a slumber room and a family room. The exterior of the new addition features California red wood and stained Cathedral glass; the interior is finished in cedar, and wall-to-wall carpeting has been installed therein. Exposed beams and rafters lends illusion of great depth to the interior.

Efforts have been made to make Peacock Funeral Home one of the finest and most modern such institutions in Brunswick County. A huge mural painting covers the width of one wall and Orton Plantation is its subject matter.

President of Peacock Funeral Home, Inc., is A. D. Peacock, who has been engaged in Brunswick County in this service for the last 23 years.

Unique with Peacock in the field, is the use of a two-way radio system of communication between office, ambulance and physician or hospital. This is utilized in emergency cases.

## BRUNSWICK UNIT

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and on a comparative basis, in total dollars obtained the county exceeded that for nineteen other counties. On a per capita basis, the county, with a population of some 20,000, exceeded 25 other counties with an average of .073 per person for the 1961 Crusade.

The president of the Brunswick County Unit for the past two years has been Brigadier General James Glore, U. S. A., Ret., of Southport. General Glore has repeatedly stated to this paper that his extended absences abroad as a Transportation Consultant for the State Department foreign aid activities, have prevented the Brunswick County Cancer Society Unit from obtaining its full growth and efficiency.

"The principal reason why the unit enjoys its present position," says General Glore, "is due to the activities of the other officers under the leadership of Mrs. Foster Mintz of Bolivia, 2nd vice president, and Dr. Fred M. Burdette as 1st vice president and medical advisor to the unit.

General Glore has also stated to this paper, upon more than one occasion, that the long-term success of the Cancer Society in Brunswick County will depend upon the broadening of the unit officers away from Southport to a point where the organization of the unit is county-wide in character.

Although a Crusade Chairman is not yet named, preparations are being completed this week for delivering supplies to the various areas which compose the twenty districts of the county. A list of area chairmen and more details of the Crusade will appear in the next issue of The State Port Pilot.

## SHALLOTTE GROUP

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manufacturing firms. Johnston stated that "chances appear good towards luring industry into our area."

"The Corporation," said its secretary-treasurer, "is in this project heart and soul. We now have the money and an adequate labor potential; we have climate, space, etc., to offer, and we do not intend to stop until we achieve our objective, no matter what disappointments are encountered at the beginning. However," added Johnston, "I am glad to report that thus far things are sailing along in fine fashion."

## SOUTHPORT MAN

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The trim little craft is a 40-foot sailing sloop, and had engaged in a trans-Atlantic race during a part of this cruise.

Of the Thompson paintings purchased by the Duponts, four were studies of ducks and one was a close-up of a camellia. The Southport artist is well known for his wildlife paintings.

## MUSIC PROGRAM

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visiting speaker, but there will be no sermon for this occasion.

At the conclusion of the services, members of Ocean View Methodist Church will be hosts at a fellowship hour during which refreshments will be served.

The public is cordially invited.

## Social Security Changes Listed

According to Albert P. Mason, Manager of the Wilmington social security office, many household workers in this area are losing out on insurance rights that could amount to many thousands of dollars according to the estimates of the Social Security administration.

Nine out of 10 who work for a living are now protected under the retirement, survivor and disability provision of the social security law. These workers include household workers such as maids, laundresses, babysitters, etc., who perform household work in or about a private home. However, government records indicate that many who work in jobs of these types are losing the credits they need to qualify for these benefits because proper tax returns are not being filed.

If you work in household employment, be sure you do not lose your rights to future social security benefits. Cash wages of \$50 or more paid to you in any three-month period ending March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 by one employer must be reported for social security purposes. If you are paid as a calendar quarter by one employer, your wages would be covered under the law.

The social security tax of 6 1/2 percent must be paid on these wages; 3 1/8 percent to be paid by the employee, and the other 3 1/8 percent to be paid by the employer. Wages must be reported by the employer to the Internal Revenue Service under the name and number as shown on the worker's social security card.

# Not Exactly News

When he and his family moved from Southport to Florida, Billy Wells, who had a lot to do with starting the waterskiing craze here, did not give up his love for water sports. That fact is born out by the information that he now serves as a Rear Commodore in the Key West Yacht Club . . . That reminds us that we still have not seen anyone brave enough to try water skiing around here thus far this spring.

J. Carl Hewett of Supply reports that he has a cat of unusual understanding—he has six toes on each of his two front paws. What's more, according to the owner, the cat has a complete nail on each toe—even the extra ones . . . There is a lot of activity going on in the fields of the blueberry farms near Southport and Shallotte, and present outlook is for a good crop.

Everyone is proud of the new stands at Taylor Field in Southport, but last Friday the fans felt that one important refinement had been omitted in consideration of their comfort: Steam heat. We were there, and you can take our word for it that it was a cold day for a baseball game—even the first of the season . . . Incidentally, when did you ever see a high school game in which four of the five participating hurlers were lefties?

Hal Reeves expects a lot of visitors at Boiling Spring Lakes this weekend when the word gets out that free balloons are being given to the kiddies. These are not the usual blow-em-up-yourself variety, but will be large helium-filled balloons which must be held firmly to prevent their escape into the wild blue yonder . . . Incidentally, we hear that a real, live elephant will be out there during the Azalea Festival weekend. That will be Suzy-Q, the well-known Charleston television character.

There is much to look forward to around here in the way of entertainment for the next few days: The Azalea Golf Tournament starts tomorrow in Wilmington, and that is a World Series event for golfers in this area . . . Then there's the all-male cast and the fashion show in the high school auditorium Friday night . . . The following week will be the Azalea Festival . . . And of particular local interest will be the Home and Garden tour, which is timed for that weekend.

On the movie front, "Exodus" will be the weekend show at Holiday Drive-In at Shallotte . . . Here in Southport "Bachelor Flat" will be the attraction on the same dates.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services begin at the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Supply April 15, to extend for a full week. The revival will be conducted each night by the Rev.

Leo Cannon of Conway, S. C. The public is invited to attend the special services.

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