

EDITORIALS:

EAST-WEST TRUNKLINES

North Wilkesboro's Journal-Patriot in a recent editorial declared that the lack of foresight, past and present, in the development of east-west rail and highway transportation systems continues to be a stumbling block in the progress of North Carolina. Our colleague says there is no trunkline railroad or highway from North Carolina to the rich midlands without going hundreds of miles out of the way. Then he points out that three railroads come to a dead end in the mountains: at Mt. Airy, North Wilkesboro and Murphy. Further, no super highway leads from the state into the midwest.

As a result, the editorial emphasizes, port development at Morehead City and Wilmington has suffered. Add to that the natural deep water harbor at

Southport which continues to be an overlooked resource for waterborne commerce.

The Journal-Patriot is so right in its contention that rail and highway planners missed a golden opportunity when they failed to tap the coal and grain business beyond the mountains with rail and highway trunklines. The failure, for one, prevented Southport from becoming a coaling station for ocean-going vessels. To be specific, the Yadkin Valley road, built in the late 1800's from Wilmington to Mt. Airy, was designed to connect Southport with the coal fields and the west but it was never done. Just 25 more miles would have linked it with the Norfolk Western for a direct shot to Chicago.

TEXAS DROPS DOWN THE LADDER

From the point of political power and prestige, Texas has dropped several rungs down the Washington ladder.

Sam Rayburn is gone, Lyndon Johnson is no longer Senate Majority leader, Texas Senator Yarborough is in and out of the Johnson traces and, the biggest blow, the other senator is a Republican from Dallas.

Of course these combined circumstances are pleasing to Republicans in the Longhorn State and, in contrast, a bitter pill for the Texas Democrats.

It hasn't been like this for many years if ever.

John Nance Garner held the Texas banner high in the 20's and 30's as Speaker of the House and Vice Presi-

dent. Then there were Senator Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, and Senator Shepard, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs committee. Through their seniority and legislative power, they got much for their state which might not have been obtained otherwise.

With Mr. Rayburn as Speaker and Mr. Johnson running the Senate, Texas was just about the whole show. Mr. Johnson is there now, certainly, but his is a presiding job and as such is not privileged to have a hand in floor maneuvers.

TAX EXEMPTION FOR COLLEGE TRAINING

Parents of college students will welcome the suggestion that they be given tax exemption for all reasonable college expenses.

The suggestion comes from the Quincy Herald-Whig of Quincy, Illinois after noting that Congress turned down the administration's \$1,000 scholarship proposal. The defeat of this bill seems to have grown out of thinking that subsidies destroy initiative. Far from the facts. Graduates of service academies were not only subsidized but were also paid while getting their education.

But the tax exemption plan. It makes sense. It is said that the college graduate will earn at least \$100,000 more during his working life than the non-college man. This means he would pay about \$20,000 in income taxes during his life, and that would be far in excess of what the other fellow would pay.

The original tax loss is estimated at \$1,600. This is based on current exemption of \$600 and the suggested exemption of \$400.

A year or so ago, it was suggested that tuition at N.C. State college be increased. Chancellor John Tyler Caldwell opposed the move on the premise that we should make the cost of college education as reasonable as possible so that the maximum number of students could get an education. Then when they get out their earning capacity is higher and their tax payments would rise in proportion.

College training does cost money these days. Many parents skimp intolerably to get their children through school. If they have such faith in their offspring, certainly Congress should have like faith in future citizens.

NO CREDIT TO RESERVES

The Army reservist from Texas who was sentenced to six months hard labor for making fun of an order to quell wanting-out complaints, will have time now to mull over the outburst.

If a reserve can't pull active duty when he is called and for as long as the need exists, then the program may as well be discontinued. He gets paid for reserve duty just as he does for

active duty. What's more, he builds up retirement. He knows that when he signs for chair-warming drill two hours a week for which he gets a retirement point and a day's pay.

This man is not representative of the reserves. He is not a credit to the reserves and the better it is that he has been set apart from them.

THE MERE SUGGESTION

A food page headline exclaims: "Ham top menu item for any meal."

Whom do you think you are kidding, Mister?

They are hard to come by but we'd like to get hold of just one more dirty looking, rusty looking and smudgy 20-pounder before we get through this journey.

We'd bind it tightly with gauze and sink it in water for a simmering boil

just the right number of hours. Then we'd fight temptation until that 20-pounder, less now, cools to a chill on the back porch. Next, you guessed it, a pan of hot biscuits and a pot of gurgling coffee.

That's top stuff for three times a day and in-between too.

But, mind you, it must be cured in salt, nature's way, and no smoking and no fancy bottled stuff brushed on to destroy that natural, delightful flavor.

A man that is well advised dreadeth his least enemy.—Geoffrey Chaucer.

NOBLE CONFESSION

When filling out the official federal employment forms, Georgia-born Secretary of State Dean Rusk paused only briefly when he came across the part asking whether any relatives had ever plotted to overthrow the government of the United States. Rusk wrote in precise hand: "My two grandfathers."

Both served in the Confederate Army.

To think before you speak is a good idea, provided you think long and hard enough.

Time and Tide

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down singing by the colored choir. There was a front page complaint that shrimp trawlers were making small catches in local waters; Shallotte girls had taken up softball as a spring replacement for basketball; and a thief with a taste for fine food had raided the Lonnie Evans smokehouse and had made off with 18 cured hams.

The front page picture in The Pilot for April 9, 1952, showed the Shallotte High School band marching in the Azalea Festival parade. The fever was contagious, for Southport school patrons held a meeting to discuss organizing a band here.

There was a front page story of the first tobacco of the season being planted in Brunswick; Easter was upcoming, and the editor had some nice things to say about the planned observance here. On the sports scene there was a story that illustrated the value of not giving up. Shallotte was behind by a score of 13-1 in a baseball game with Leland when the Tiger coach took out star pitcher Ray Scott to give some of the other boys game experience. The Pirates went to work and pulled out a 14-13 victory with a rally that even Scott was unable to put down when he was called back to the mound.

Orton made it again five years ago this week, with peak beauty predicted for the following weekend. The National Geographic was sending a writer on a trip down the intracoastal waterway to Florida, and he was expected here within a few days for story material and pictures.

A society note was that "Miss Karen Swan Becomes Bride of Darrell Fisher"; Capt. Carlton Garrett was still here, engaged in red snapper fishing off-shore; and the Southport PTA was sponsoring a womanless wedding.

TWO KILLED

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of Shallotte by the Revs. S. E. Edens and Bert Bennett, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Neville Hewett; two daughters, Dianne and June Hewett, all of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stella Hewett, Supply, Route 1; and a sister, Mrs. W. W. Jacobus, Georgetown, S. C.

Funeral services for Canady, under the direction of Peacock Funeral Home of Shallotte, were held Monday at 11 a. m. at Bethesda Methodist Church in Columbus County by the Revs. Donnie Davis and Earl Lanier, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt E. Canady; eight brothers, David, Charles, Ronnie, J. L., John, Jerry, Harold and Russell, all of Ash; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ida Reaves of Whiteville.

Active pallbearers for the Hewett funeral included James, Harley and Huey P. Hewett, Stanton, Jimmy and Billy Bryan.

NAME REGISTRARS

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ternate; McKinley Hewett, Republican judge.

Frying Pan: Mrs. Leslie Chadwick, registrar; Victor Gurganus, Democrat judge, Boyd Robinson, alternate; Howard Gore, alternate.

Grissettown: Robert Pigott, registrar; Dave Bennett, Democrat judge, Bun Stanley, alternate; J. Earl Long, Republican judge.

Shingletree: Mrs. Lacy Bennett, registrar; Mrs. Lucille Frink, Democrat judge, Luther Hickman, alternate; M. J. Bennett, Republican judge.

Longwood: Mrs. Eula Browning, registrar; Vincent Long, Democrat judge, Ray Parish, alternate; Guy Hughes, Republican judge.

Ash: R. I. Long, registrar; Mrs. Henry Pyke, Democrat judge, Auburn Dutton, alternate; Curtis Hughes, Republican judge.

Waccamaw: Mrs. Wrent Mintz, registrar; Lee Williams, Democrat judge, Leo Smith, alternate; Jack King, Republican judge.

Exum: Mrs. Mildred Vereen, registrar; Elmo Mintz, Democrat judge, James F. Little, alternate; J. Marvin Bennett, Republican judge.

ENGINEERS RECEIVE

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The brief setting forth the claims for damage to the Southport waterfront and establishing the need for improvements to the Southport Yacht Basin was prepared for the City of Southport by Brig. General James Gloré, who made no charge for his services.

Pickerrill explained that the problem at hand embraced three things: The erosion of the Southport waterfront and the hope of getting a retaining wall or bulkhead to control that lossage; the enlarging of the Southport yacht basin; and the addition of a small boat safe harbor.

These improvements contends the city, are matters appropriate to legislation covering the improvements to the navigable waterways of the United States. In other words, that necessary steps were, in the opinion of the town of Southport, definitely the business of the government. Pickerrill's presentation of the city's case was not interrupted from any quarter and was well-received by the Engineer delegation.

At the conclusion of the statement, J. M. Hall, chairman of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, concurred heartily with the report, and stated "that which is good for Southport is good for Wilmington. We are fully behind Southport and Brunswick County in their requests on this matter." Frank Downing, representing the director of the Wilmington Board of Commerce, then stated that a council meeting would be held that same afternoon, at Wilmington, and that "our cooperation is assured."

Brig. Gen. Gloré then read a letter he had received from the

some \$22,000 in maintenance costs; costs I cannot afford."

At this point Captain Rappaport stated that he had not been aware that a public dock existed at Southport.

Next heard was Capt. B. M. Burris, representing the Cape Fear Pilot's Association, who endorsed fully the case as presented by Southport. Pickerrill then formally requested that the Association write a letter of endorsement to the Board of Army Engineers. S. Bunn Frink endorsed the program as a member of the N. C. General Assembly.

At this point Gen. Gloré asked for a date of reply to be received from the District Board of Wilmington, and was given a tentative date of "within the month."

Magnuson made some concluding remarks, all of which were couched in terms favorable for the aspirations of waterfront Southport. Said Magnuson: "The U. S. Government is indeed concerned with erosion, particularly future erosion—past damage being irrevocable."

Congressman Lennon spoke at some length in a sort of summarizing way; mentioning the "objective approach to this problem" of Brig. Gen. Gloré, and praising the retired military man for his hard and sincere work on behalf of his adopted home. "Brunswick," stated Lennon, "has never agreed to hold the government blameless for the damaging water-wash from passing commercial vessels plying harbor and river enroute to another port than Southport." Going into tangibles, including figures, the Congressman said that "testimony given at this hearing proves that the yacht basin water depth at low tide does not exceed six-feet, whereas it is supposed to be maintained by the Board of Engineers at 12-foot mean."

Fate of these projects now depends entirely upon the decision reached within the next thirty days at Wilmington and by the Army Engineers.

ST. PHILLIPS TO

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will include the Rev. B. Frank Hall, the Rev. Randolph Gregory and the Rev. W. R. Stevens. The Hanover Singers, under the direction of Bob L. Alexander, will sing.

The history of St. Philip's Church goes back to 1728, when the Rev. John Lapierre arrived from England to be the first minister at Brunswick Town. A chapel was built in 1736, and nine years later the colonial legislature provided for the erection of

Not Exactly News

We got through the day this Sunday, April 1, without once hearing the taunt "April Fool" . . . March roared in like a lion and roared out the same way Saturday night, with winds up to 70-mph in gusts checked at the Oak Island Coast Guard Station.

Down at the baseball field Thursday afternoon the gnats were eating us up. Leon McKelthan was suffering through the same set of circumstances, but he had a hopeful note. "Hulan Watts says that when the gnats start biting the bluefish are here," Leon reported. But thus far we have had no report of bluefish catches . . . Mrs. Frances Key, who is handling publicity for the House and Gardens Tour here Sunday, says that she hopes many Southport residents will want to make the tour. "I think it is interesting, and I think it will be worthwhile. In fact," she said, "I hope people will invite company to come to see them Sunday so they can visit these homes and gardens."

Next week is National Library Week and the Southport High School Library is observing this occasion with a Book Fair on April 11-12. The subtle suggestion is made that books make an ideal gift, and that one appreciative recipient would be the school library . . . A note from Mrs. James C. Sanders at Juneau, Alaska, reveals that she has been working as assistant secretary of the senate during its current session. The Sanders family formerly lived at Yaupon Beach, and she was a member of the Southport High School faculty.

We met a truck on the highway Tuesday that we know was headed for the beach, for not only did it have a boat and trailer in tow, but there was a jeep riding on the truck. This latter vehicle is almost as good to have as a boat for the family that is spending the summer at the beach . . . Today we saw our first dogwood of the season in bloom. It was near Whiteville, in that thermal belt which we contend has an earlier season than we do right on the coast.

We hate to think of the Art Newton family moving to the mountains, even to Asheville; for we know of no group which has enjoyed life on the banks of the Capt Fear River more than they have . . . Some of the backstage scenes at the womanless fashion show Friday night were ridiculous and hilarious, but none seemed to be more incongruous than the sight of Tom Gilbert, attired in full, flowing pink evening dress and smoking a big black cigar . . . This should be a weekend filled with pleasure and excitement, both here and throughout the area. We hope that you will do your part to keep it safe.

a parish church to be called St. Philip's. Construction was started in 1754. Governor Tryon paid for the sashes and window glass to be brought from England, and in 1768, the church was dedicated.

Stanley South, State archeologist in charge of the Brunswick Town State Historic Site excavation, will direct visitors over the grounds.

MRS. BUTLER IS

Continued From Page 1 chosen for the honor "because of her outstanding work in holding her club together in the absence of a county Home Demonstration Agent."

The new Clubwoman of the

Year is active in the affairs of the Goshen Baptist Church, where she teaches a class of intermediate students. Mrs. Butler is also a member of the Womens Missionary Society and is an active participant in P. T. A. and the Brunswick County unit of the American Cancer Society.

BOOSTERS

The Southport Boosters Club will have a special meeting Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the City Hall. There are several current projects to be brought up for discussion that will be of interest to all members, and to all other Southport Boosters.

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