

# EDITORIALS:

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

A booklet on reading came to our attention the other day. Across the top of page is the line: "Give me a man who reads." However, each succeeding page tells a different story about reading. It says in one place, "Men who read more achieve more." In another it records: "Lincoln once said that his best friend was the man who brought him a book—one that I ain't read."

Fact is, the treatise on reading was sent as a reminder that this week, April 8-14, is National Library Week. After a hasty summary of the contents, we recommended to all that every week

be a library week. All of us can't take a trip every year, go abroad, or even have a look at the Blue Ridge in its fall glory. But with a good book we can explore the wonders of the world all for free and without venturing from our own hearth.

So take a trip tonight, or tomorrow. It can be done without a visit to the public library. Just dust off an old volume from your own shelf. Don't let the drabness, possibly, of the first few pages dissuade you. It is worth the time else the volume would not have survived the vicissitudes of the ages.

## RURAL COUNTIES, REAPPORTIONMENT

The United States Supreme court has ruled that urban population may sue for a fairer deal in state legislatures but the decision by no means makes the problem an easy one to resolve. How will that population go about forcing legislatures to reapportion the vote to give municipal dwellers more equitable representation in respective General Assemblies? Urban people are outnumbered now about two to one in the voting privilege but the population count is just about the reverse.

About 70 per cent of the U.S. population lives in urban areas while about 40 per cent of the voters control an estimated two thirds of legislative memberships. Relatively rural counties—and a majority of North Carolina's are—will think long and hard before relinquishing this advantage. They are in the driver's seat now and it's understandable that they want to stay there.

North Carolina, for example, has a total population of 4,500,000 and over 1,000,000 of the total is concentrated

in 10 counties. That leaves the remaining 3,000,000 plus in 90 counties. Clearly, one fourth of the people in one tenth of the counties are out-voted and out-manuevered at every turn.

One fourth of Georgia's 4,000,000 are counted in Atlanta, Augusta, Decatur and Savannah. Yet, because of that state's unit system of voting, the most sparsely populated of its 159 counties wields as much power in the legislature as Atlanta's Fulton county.

There has been hope down through the years that the problem would correct itself without intervention, but the chasm seems to be deepening. Rural counties fear they will be dictated to by urban areas. Even on the local level we see some of the same symptoms. County seats in many instances do not enjoy, in politics, the good will of rural areas. The same fear of dictation appears here. The vote is the rural county's one weapon and those counties are not likely to support a candidate for the Legislature who thinks otherwise.

## NEIGHBORLINESS STILL ABOUNDS

Americans may not be as neighborly as they once were when people pitched in to raise cabins and clear fields but neighborliness is still here in abundance. When real trouble strikes folk near and far come to the rescue.

The best recent example is taken from Manteo's Coastland Times which points out that seven van loads of food, clothing, furniture, toys and a lot more were contributed to the Nags Head area following the March 9 storm.

Lions clubs throughout the state sponsored the movement and the report said

so much was donated that some was held in Elizabeth City for lack of storage space in the stricken area. Included in the gifts were 10,000 garments, shoes, two refrigerators, 40 mattresses, 12 sofas, eight stoves, and \$300 in cash. It is said that boys pants were in greatest demand and there were enough to fill the demand even if some were not perfect fits.

We are living at a hurried pace but it is good to know that there are still uncounted thousands of Samaritans in the Old North State.

## PENNY SAVED IS PENNY EARNED

If your school-age son or daughter is careless in the use of the weekly allowance, chances are that the parents are careless, too. So don't blame Johnny if he runs short before the week is out. He should be taught how to spend wisely just as he is taught reading, writing and arithmetic in school.

A North Wilkesboro school principal considers the handling of money so important that he has set up a bank account for his 9th grade son. He puts so much in the bank every week and gives the son a checkbook. It is enough to cover school lunches, haircuts, shoes polish and such incidentals, and he can

save a little if he spends wisely.

If the youngster wants something special and hasn't saved enough to get it, he must get out and earn the difference. At the end of the month the father goes over the account to see how his son has made out during the month. When he makes a mistake or spends unwisely, they study the instance together. In that way the lesson comes home to stay.

This youngster is learning something about how business is transacted and, what's more, he's creating a personal responsibility against that day when he must provide his own bank account.

## TRADE BALANCE FAVORS STATE

Continuous development and conservation of North Carolina's hill country, its coastal plain and fish bearing waters have made the state a significant factor in the nation's \$20 billion export trade business.

The U.S. Department of Commerce in a recent report says the state's share of current exports brings over \$603

million to our people.

Manufactured items, according to the report, account for \$391.8 million, agriculture accounts for \$210.5 million and Fishery products bring \$1.2 million.

Significant enough, tobacco account for over half of the total for imports. In 1960, for example, leaf exports amounted to \$152.2 million while manufactured tobacco products amounted to almost \$200 million. In fact, tobacco farmers in North Carolina account for 40 per cent of all leaf exports and for 45 per cent of all tobacco products.

Even though the nation must import in order that its producers might sell abroad, the balance of trade still favors the United States. In addition, the report holds, 60 to 65 per cent of imports are goods not produced in this country.

As for North Carolina, the report continues, its exports of farm products is over four times as large as its equivalent share of competing imports.

This balance in favor of the state looks good, but all states are not in as good a position. Accordingly, whether we farm, weave towels or tend a pound net in Pamlico Sound, we must gear our economy with that of all other states and so measure our progress.

## Time and Tide

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For Orton Gardens were just at their peak beauty. These facts came out in The Pilot for April 18, 1947.

Brunswick shrimpers were protesting a South Carolina tax which appeared to be aimed at them; Miss Mary Milliken had won a popularity contest at Shallotte, which had netted \$1,440 for a local church.

April 16, 1952, and it was an election year. There was a front page picture of Amos J. Walton, who was seeking the Democratic nomination for Register of Deeds. Robert Milliken had been elected chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections.

Across five columns on the front page was an artist drawing of one of the docks at Sunny Point Army Terminal. It is impressive, the way it turned out was even better. The shrimp fleet was expected back from Florida; and Orton Gardens still were blooming in all their glory.

Dominating the front page for five years ago this week was a picture of the late W. B. Keziah, whose death had occurred at Doshier Memorial Hospital. His Rovin' Reporter column that week had been written by Mr. Henry Belk, editor of The Goldsboro News-Argus under the caption, "Fabulous Bill Keziah." There was editorial tribute, too.

The U.S. Army Engineers had sent a study group here to inspect the natural deepwater basin in the Southport harbor; a sunrise service was being planned for Easter Sunday morning; and Dr. J. E. Garlington was beginning a revival at Trinity Methodist Church in Southport.

## TWIN MISSIONS

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ceeded in towing her off the sand bar. The patrol boat stood by till certain the rescued craft's engines would turn over and that she was still operative, and then followed the T-boat into Southport.

Lt. Casciano said that he boarded the smaller craft and was informed that the boat, formerly the property of the U. S. Army and subsequently turned over to the Office of Naval Research at New York City, was presently operating with Columbia University under civilian crew; that she had been tied up the night previous at Southport and had pulled out for Miami, Fla., that morning - only to run into severe fog conditions, and subsequently had run aground. Casciano had been informed that the boat was enroute to the Florida city to pick up a team of scientists and transport same to Bimini, Bahama Islands, where research operations were scheduled.

Not long after the rescue operation, Lt. Casciano received orders to re-board the converted T-boat and investigate a complaint. It seems a yach-owner had complained that his boat had been swamped in the Inland Waterway by the T-boat, only the day before.

Casciano said that the captain of the civilian craft denied any knowledge of such swamping and added that his craft was "always operated at a safe and moderate speed while in inland waters."

Casciano duly made report of the incident.

## HUNDREDS VISIT

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the Whittlers Bench then on to the Garrison House at Old Fort Johnston.

Combining the new with the ancient, the caravan visited the ultra-modern home of Dr. and Mrs. Landis G. Brown, before heading out the old River Road to Robins Nest, that sprawling residence situated in a woods overlooking the Cape Fear from great height, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harrelson and featuring its unique gardens, as well as fowl and fauna.

Returning toward the county seat, the touring party oohed and aahed over the old Warren Hood homeplace, before visiting St. Philip's Episcopal Church at Southport, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Rideout, and finally the old Brunswick Inn, now the home of Mrs. E. H. Arrington and a ghost named Antonio, the latter with an old home fixation and a passion for music. Tea was served visitors at this home.

Well over 200 tickets were sold to visitors from near and far - some of whom came from such distant points as Ohio, Delaware, Kansas, Florida, Virginia, and from all sections of North Carolina.

It was considered to be a very successful tour. Several out-of-state visitors were overheard to say they look forward to another trip next year, and that they expect to bring others and remain for a longer period in peaceful, friendly Southport-by-the-sea.

## MARINE FORCES

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Largest ship to participate in the war games will be the U.S.S. Forrestal, a super aircraft carrier which has both jet bombers and supersonic jet fighting craft. Well over half the Marines engaged are based at Camp Lejeune, the New River Air Facility and Cherry Point Air Station.

Enroute to the rendezvous "Beach Head Red" the huge amphibious force will engage in anti-submarine and air warfare operations.

## RAY WALTON ENTERS

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Bolivia insurance man. The latter three are making their formal announcement this week.

Also making their first announcement this week are three candidates for county commissioner. One of these is R. E. Bellamy, now serving his second term as county commissioner and a veteran of the political wars. Another man experienced in politics but making his first race for commissioner is Dillon L. Ganey, Leland automobile dealer. Ivey High, business man from the Calabash area, is also a commissioner candidate and is making a bid for his first public office.

There are two candidates for constable for Northwest township who are announcing this week. They are Samuel O. West and C. J. Dilda.

## INSTALL OFFICERS

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meeting Thursday night the installation ceremony will take the place of the program. The old and the new officers join in inviting the friends and the parents of all of the students of the Southport High School to attend this meeting.

## SOUTHPORT COACH

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A report of the first year of the Southport Junior Chamber

of Commerce was made by outgoing president Kirby Sullivan, who recently was elected a vice-president of the State organization.

Incoming officers were inducted by J. T. Clemmons, who was president of the Shallotte Jaycees when they sponsored the organization of the Southport chapter.

The new president, H. A. Schmidt, outlined some of the aims and aspirations of the organization for the coming year and spoke optimistically of the prospects.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR

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low youth of college age, for Stanley has been a member of the U. S. Armed Forces since 1947.

Originally it was the U. S. Air Force which Stanley joined in June of 1947 as a private. In 1952 he transferred to the Army, in spite of normal reversion back to private again. Captain Stanley has served in the Pacific, the Far East, Europe, and many posts and billets within the continental United States. His duties have included command of infantry as well as the piloting of both helicopters and jet aircraft. It is in the later category that the services of this patriotic officer will be utilized by the U. S. Military Mission to Viet Nam.

Capt. Stanley is attending the midwestern university to complete necessary credits towards a degree interrupted by his military service. He attends Omaha University at his own expense, under a plan adopted by the services allowing officers to complete their education.

If an unforeseen hitch develops between now and Capt. Stanley's graduation from the university, it is understood he will be sent to an Army base in Korea, instead of to Viet Nam.

## COTTON SUPPORT

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Price also reported that Brunswick peanut farmers will receive a slightly increased price support level in 1962, as compared with 1961. The belt average will be set at \$221 per ton. This is the same as last year's national average, but Price pointed out that for Virginia type peanuts (the type produced in N. C.) the support rate will be 32 cents per ton higher this year, raising it to \$234.01 per ton for the Virginia type.

## SHELTER STUDY

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# Not Exactly News

Foxy Howard, who admits to being a little partial to the Yankees, contacted us bright and early this morning to say that Roger Maris—who hit a homer in the first game of the season yesterday—is now seven games ahead of the record pace set by Babe Ruth and 11 full games ahead of his own last year's timetable. Well, we shall see what we shall see . . . Seems to us that the use of the local tennis courts is slow to develop this spring, and we cannot understand why. It's a good game.

We met Bob Spence, pro at Oak Island Golf Club, Monday and right away found out that we have at least one great mutual interest—Shetland ponies. He raises them on his father's farm in Chatham county . . . Phil King was having a hard time Monday and Tuesday trying to mark merchandise in preparation for his clearance sale, what with friends and fishermen dropping in for a sneak preview of his bargains. . . Incidentally, we think Southport will miss having a store of this kind in operation this summer, and we hope someone will lease and run the place.

We notice that the blueberries are in full bloom at the two farms near Southport. If the blossoms are any index, this should be a year for bountiful harvest . . . Every time we visit Brunswick Town we come away with the feeling that here is one of the great historic sites in all of North Carolina. There's good work going on up there . . . The Brunswick County Historical Association had an exhibit on display at Boiling Spring Lakes Sunday, and here in Southport the UDC exhibit at City Hall was one of the points of interest on the House and Garden Tour . . . Our people are getting more and more history-minded.

Ben McDonald was telling us the other day of one of his most embarrassing moments in recent months. He had attended the Brunswick County pageant at Shallotte and served as a judge. He also shot a lot of film which he showed the next day on his program. When it got edited and spliced it made a good sequence—the only hitch being that there was not a single shot of the winner, Cheryl Rogers. Ben asked us to apologize for him, but that is not necessary. He does so many things for us that turn out right, we can spare him one miscue . . . Down at the baseball game Thursday night we felt a sting on our face. Made a swipe with our hand, and drew a big blotch of blood. He were the victim of the first mosquito we have seen this season.

In the movies "Bride To The Sun" is the weekend show at Holiday Drive In . . . Here in Southport "Pocketful Of Miracles" will be playing at the Amuzu.

## Building In Supply or at local postoffice.

According to the local Civil Defense director, Brunswick County is making good progress towards publishing its overall Defense Plan, in order to qualify for surplus equipment and supplies from the armed Forces, as well as matching funds to be used for

## communications system equipment and other phases of defense operation.

The first mechanical clock, regulated by shifting weights, was made in Paris in the 14th century by Hendrik de Vick. It still runs today at the Palais de Justice, in the French capital.

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