

EDITORIALS:

DASH FOR FREEDOM IN CUBA

When 16 people including a mother and her two children risk their lives in a dash in a bus through a concrete wall for freedom, the kind of life to which they have been exposed must be intolerable to say the least. Such has been the pattern in Berlin since last August but now the latest occurred in Castro's Cuba.

Intrigue, conspiracy and exploitation marked the regime of deposed Batista.

Castro's emergence to power two and a half years ago offered hope of better times, but not for long. Hunger and insecurity prevail there now. Worse, perhaps, than the Batista offerings.

Well-armed Castro, with Russian weapons, notwithstanding, Cubans will not for long abide slavery and suppression even if relief from the yoke takes their blood and lives.

THE TASK: TEACHERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS

We are grateful to a reader for sending us an article on education taken from the Ladies Home Journal and written by Sterling M. McMurrin, U.S. Commissioner of Education. To be specific, it is about schools, teaching and those processes which make for a higher level of learning by all students.

Among many key expressions in the article appears this one: "When we demand of our schools something less than the individual is capable of doing, we rob him of his self-respect and deprive him, his community and the nation of the personal and social dividends that can come from a full development of his talents."

At times, the author asserts, we have been far too willing to tolerate school programs that entertained and amused our children when they should have been disciplined, directed and inspired.

Discussing teacher qualifications, the author says there are many highly qualified and dedicated teachers who serve our schools, but in general, he says "the quality of teaching in our schools and colleges is lower by far than it should be."

The problem of quality in teaching,

Mr. McMurrin goes on, will not be solved merely by increasing teachers' salaries. But certainly it will never be solved until the average salary levels for teachers are at least competitive with salary levels in other employed fields.

The Commissioner's words are well said. Yet, let us not forget, teachers should not be expected to make the whole contribution to the learning processes. Students, and their parents, have an obligation. If every member of every faculty in the land had a Ph. D. degree, all of that collective knowledge would be worthless in a classroom without dedicated student interest and willingness. Indifference among some students, resistance to discipline among others, are knavery thieves. Those so afflicted rob themselves of opportunities and others of added knowledge resulting from interrupted teaching.

Encourage and assist Phi Beta Kappa potential, yes, but seek, at the same time, a formula for diverting indifference to interest. This is a co-operative task of teachers, students and parents.

When we all join in the common battle, the desired improvement will be accomplished, but not until then.

WEAPON OF ENSLAVEMENT

In these times when enough to eat is taken for granted in this country, it is suggestive of the dark ages to know that millions in other parts of the world are hungry to death. Their lands will not produce enough to sustain them, at least with their still primitive farming methods, and their peers deny them the sustenance free people elsewhere would provide willingly.

Stewart Alsop, noting in a recent article that Red China's industrialization flopped and that last year's poor harvest brought no relief, says the only way out for China's 600,000,000 is for about a quarter of them to die. He says that is the only way to adjust the land-

to-population imbalance.

His suggestion means that 150,000,000 Chinese would have to die that the remaining 450,000,000 might live. There are already indications that forced undernourishment is reflected in a decrease in births and as time advances the drop is expected to be more precipitous.

Meanwhile Mao Tse-tung and his Peking government forge ahead using hunger as the weapon of enslavement. Frightening, all the Communist way of gaining and keeping control. Americans would do well to study closely what is happening in China and other Communist dominated countries.

EDITOR MIFFED OVER MENU

The editor of the Canton Enterprise went out to lunch the other day and came away disgusted. For one thing, he was indignant because they served blackeyed peas cooked without seasoning sidemeat. Then, the worse, there were no stewed tomatoes on the menu.

He wrote that you can eat stewed tomatoes without blackeyed peas, but who ever heard of eating blackeyed peas without stewed tomatoes?

Frankly, he has put the question in a new way. We have enjoyed blackeyed peas and tomatoes cooked together, and with a generous slice of home cured meat of course, but in our book that was "Hoppin' John."

This piece-de-resistance is said to have originated by necessity during a storm years ago at Pauley's Island just below Myrtle Beach.

A rising tide and whistling winds took hold of Uncle John's cabin and floated it mainlandward across the inundated marsh while the old fellow was cooking dinner, blackeyed peas in one spot and tomatoes in another. Flooded out below, he poured the tomatoes into the yeast, scrambled onto the roof and spooned away all but oblivious to nature's fury. The concoction has been "Hoppin' John" since that day. It's sustaining when accompanied by a pone of knuckle-patted cornbread.

ANOTHER CHANCE --- TO KILL

Two youths, one 17 and the other 18, were given their third life sentences to prison in Virginia a few days ago. First they had robbed and killed a taxi driver. Then, last December, they killed a

truck driver and took \$10, all he had, from his pocketbook. So each must live the rest of his days under three life sentences. The 17-year-old was an illegitimate child, got through the sixth grade and had been in numerous other scrapes with the law. The 18-year-old had a similar record.

What happened in the case of these two boys proves many things but, mostly, that delinquency, illiteracy, and illegitimacy go hand in hand with crime.

If there was ever a case where two humans were judged unfit to live with society, certainly, these are prime examples. Yet, some will say: just an example of misguided youth; give them another chance. They had that chance under parole and went out and duplicated the crime.

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Time and Tide

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tions were going in for more farming: Grain and cattle were the main operations at Pleasant Oaks; a well-rounded farm plan was being carried out at Clarendon; and Orton had stepped up its nursery operations.

Mayor Leon Galloway had swept back into office at Shallotte and the late John D. Eriksen was retained as Mayor of Southport in city elections; collections totaling \$408.36 had been made in the Cancer Fund Drive, with Mrs. M. M. Rosenbaum as chairman for Brunswick.

Last week we recounted the visit to Southport 10 years ago of movie star Jennifer Jones. A sequel in our issue for May 7, 1957, was that she had invited her local hostess, Mrs. Lou Mallison (Lewis) to go with her to Hollywood to serve as diction coach during the filming of "Ruby Gentry."

Announcement was made of the purchase by N. C. Pulp and Paper Co. of a 13,000-acre tract of land between Southport and Supply; all county offices had agreed to go on a 5-day week, eliminating Saturday office hours; and sports fishing was off to a big start, with bluefish catches running to as many as 200 to the boat.

May 8, 1957, and E. B. Tomlinson had been elected Mayor of Southport; Henry C. Stone was to be honored when Shallotte High School officials named the new cafeteria for him; and a memorial fund was building for the late W. B. Keziah.

The "Summertime" motif was to be carried out in the annual Flower Show; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Jones and J. Baylor Roberts, member of the staff of The National Geographic, had stopped at Southport on their way South while doing a story about the Intra-coastal Waterway.

Letter To The Editor

Shallotte, N. C.
April 25, 1962

Editor
The State Port Pilot
Southport, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I want to ask your help in getting a bill passed in the next state legislative session: Take all state tax now collected on gasoline used by boats on waterways and use and apply it to waterways. It is now turned over to the Highway Department for use on roads.

Three years ago, I asked Mr. Bunn Frink (then State Senator) to present such a bill. He agreed and asked the Attorney General's office to draft the bill. Unfortunately, it was not properly drawn and so much time elapsed that we were not able to get a proper one presented during that session.

When Mr. Sanford was in Shallotte before election, I asked if I could get his support on such a bill if he were elected Governor. He answered he was very much in favor of such a bill and as proof, he had presented this bill in 1953 when he was a representative. He got it through the House but the Senate rejected it. After election, I wrote him that I wanted to again get the bill presented and asked if he would make a public statement that he favored it. He did not answer my first letter, and his brief reply to the second letter said to take this up with Bunn Frink.

There is between \$150,000 and \$200,000 paid the State yearly for tax on gasoline used on waterways. If this were used intelligently on the waterways, we could develop miles of attractive waterfront lots with access to deep water and the ocean. We could improve rivers and lakes in Western North Carolina, all of which would attract and bring to the State hundreds of retired persons and others interested in fishing, boating, and skiing.

If you know or will look into what has been done by Fort Lauderdale, Florida, it will be easy to see the tremendous possibilities of such a program.

Yours very truly,
Congreve Jackson,

WEEKEND CAMPING

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Donald Brown, Johnnie Brown, Ricky McWilliams, Jack Duffie, Pat Duffie, Stephen Parker, Michael Parker, Patrick Parker, Anders Hoglund, Jimmy Manis, Richard Bellows, Eddie James, Clyde Graham, Jack Keith and Johnnie Melton.

Adults who participated in the operation were George Parker, Reese Swan, Kenneth Stiller, Allen Graham and Leslie Bellows.

MAY DAY WILL

Continued From Page One and May Pole—fifth grade. The May Court recessional will conclude the program. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

In the evening at 8 o'clock the sophomore class will sponsor the May Day Dance. The event will be held in the gymnasium, and this dance will be semi-formal.

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PLANS CONTINUE

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take care of entries and Mrs. Basil Watts will take charge of classifications.

Entrusted with the securing of judges, will be Mrs. Bobby Jones; Mrs. J. E. Warth will head horticulture; Mrs. Hoyle Doshier, special exhibits.

Doing the clerical work for the exhibition will be Mrs. Roscoe Rogers, Jr., Mrs. Harold Aldridge, Mrs. Harold Spencer and Mrs. Albert Doshier.

Besides the various ribbon awards to be given participants, the top award for sweepstakes will be the annual Silver Trophy which was presented to the Southport Flower Show in 1957 by Mrs. Mae Bamber of Southport, England, and designated to be held annually by the winner of the yearly event.

Good Fishing Being Reported

First Big Catch Of King Mackerel Of Spring Is Brought In By Saturday Fishing Party

Good fishing and good weather got together again during the past weekend to bring some good fishing for parties going out of Southport aboard local charter boats.

The first king mackerel of the season were caught Saturday, and good reports continued to come in from parties fishing for bluefish on the shoals.

Capt. H. A. Schmidt had Ray Cauble and party of Granite Quarry out with him aboard the Idle On III and came in with 36 king mackerel. That same day J. D. Skelton and party of Charlotte, fishing aboard the Idle On II with Capt. Hoyle Doshier had 27 king mackerel and 25 blues. Capt. Rob Austin and an unreported party also had about 20 kings for their Saturday catch.

Capt. Basil Watts had part of the Cauble party out with him Saturday aboard the Idle On II and came in with 160 bluefish.

On a Sunday trip Capt. Doshier and the Skelton party of Charlotte brought in 61 king mackerel. Earlier last week Capt. Watts had the Goldsmith party of Columbia out aboard the Idle On II and they had 112 blues.

Not Exactly News

One of the most convincing recruiting pitches we ever heard made on behalf of the U.S. Navy was made by Rear Admiral William S. Maxwell during his speech here Thursday night. He came out second, however, when Little Clare, Margaret Glorie came up to receive the television prize won by her father. The young lady stuck out her hand and said, "I enjoyed what you said about the Navy, Sir, but I have been an Army brat all my life, and I think that I shall have to remain loyal to the Army" . . . And the Admiral stooped over and kissed her!

We thought we were witnessing a roadside robbery Tuesday night when we saw some cars, some men walking around and some strange lights in the woods near the blueberry farms close to Southport. We were right about the robbery, all right, but not the nature of the occasion. It was H. T. Bowmer doing a little work with his bees, and it could be that there was a little harvesting of honey included in the operation. They used to all that "robbing the bee lives" . . . Incidentally, the location of the apiary across the road from the blueberry farm probably is no accident, for during the past few weeks there probably was more nectar accessible out there than at any other place in the county.

Dan Walker had a good fish picture last week, and before he could get a print made they had caught another—and bigger—one. Both of them made the newspapers . . . The Sunday excursion by the Fayetteville Yacht Club is an example of what there could be more of if a concerted effort were made to attract visitors into this area for their recreation.

Every time we go to Calabash we discover something new and nice about it. Recently we discovered a new place, Colemans. Friday night we had our first meal at the Thomas place. Both of them made it possible for us to say again: "We have never had a poor meal at Calabash" . . . It takes a lot of water to make things too wet in the spring when sap is rising. Until this week the water in the canals beside the highway in the Waccamaw river swamp was out of its banks. If it continues for another week like it is going now, the canals may be dry by next Wednesday . . . There's that limb with yellow leaves showing up again on the right of the highway just across New Britain Bridge going toward Whiteville.

"Tender Is The Night" is showing this weekend at Holiday Drive-In at Shallotte . . . Here at Southport "Splendor In The Grass" is showing at the Amuzu . . . And don't forget that next Wednesday is North Carolina Night on the Perry Como Show.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Blake announce the birth of a son at a Greensboro hospital on April 29.

There are over 11,000 different types of insects native to North Carolina, including over 2,000 types of flies.

FIRST GAME FRIDAY

The Southport Little League baseball team will play the Wilmington Fire Department nine here Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the first game of the season.

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