

# EDITORIALS:

## BONER OF CENTURY

Baseball this season for the fan-by-television will likely be a dull Saturday afternoon for devotees of the national pastime. Leo Durocher will be around, of course, spitting fire at umpires, **Curt Gowdy**, perhaps the best in the business, will be on again, but the inimitable Dizzy Dean, he of the "Me and Paul" pitching stars of the 1930's, has been removed from the air.

Whoever is responsible for demoting the great Dizzy has pulled the boner of the century. Any pulse television folk may have felt to arrive at dismissing the colorful country boy from the Ozark cotton fields has rounded third without touching the base. The boner is no less than the faux pas pulled by pollsters in 1948 when they said Harry Truman didn't have a chance of being elected President in his

own right.

Ol' Diz and his partner, Pee Wee Reese, were as much a part of baseball as peanuts and hot dogs have been since the game was invented by Abner Doubleday a century ago. Their capers and fun-making, added a touch of humor and zest making the sport attractive to all ages. Still both were always right on top of the play, for both had been a part of it all, Pee Wee scooping up grounders at short and Dizzy blazing his smokeball from the mound.

But television moguls, over-presumptive and feigning super-knowledge about what baseball fans like and don't care for, are as wrong as "Wrong Way" Corrigan was when he flew the Atlantic while assuming, as he said, he was heading for California.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TO CITIZENS' RIGHTS?

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Court decisions in recent years have gone overboard in favor of accused people brought before the bar of justice.

These decisions have made it extremely difficult to punish criminals. In fact, they have made it increasingly difficult to make an arrest and even more difficult to prosecute and convict.

One of the court decisions relates to counsel for accused persons. The result of this decision is that taxpayers are footing the bills to provide lawyers for persons accused of various kinds of crimes.

As an example, let us suppose that a thief breaks into the home of a citizen and takes his possessions. That thief goes into court gets a court appointed lawyer and the citizen from whom he stole is forced to help pay for a lawyer to defend the person who violated his rights to own property in his own home.

High court decisions have placed numerous obstacles in the path of law enforcement officers who try to identify and apprehend those who violate the laws of the country's citizens. These decisions in many instances have thrown

the cloak of protection about criminals, with no apparent concern for the victims of criminals or the protection of the innocent people whose lives and property too often are taken.

It is high time that the rights to life and property are placed back into their proper perspective, and it is past time that coddling of dangerous criminals be stopped.

And when laws are broken it is time that the people in high places, including government, humanitarian and social agencies, and the church, point the blame first at persons who commit the crimes, with attention to be given later to conditions and circumstances which may have had a bearing on the situations. Let us stop this matter of excusing crime and placing the blame on everything except the actual criminals.

This country got along very well for 175 years with proper safeguards for accused persons. Why did the high courts in a period of increasing crime see any need of increasing the protection for criminals?

## HAIR - RAISING CRIMES

From down New Orleans way, land of jazz and the best in shrimp creole, comes news of a new crime wave, real hair-raising crimes committed against women and dealers in the item.

Wig-snatching and burglarizing of wig-dealer shops is on the uptrend and it's a lucrative business with plain models going at \$50 and custom jobs running up to \$450. This is no laughing matter to the girls who are being demoralized on their way home from the

office or after an evening movie.

But the strange thing is that not a man has reported the loss of a toupee, the conclusion being that the market for male jobs is not so thriving.

When wig coiffured Milady steps out of an evening these days, she's ripe for a snatching attack for they are all the rage and wig bootlegging may become as profitable as the other kind we know so much about around here.

## About Books

By DOROTHY L. DICKEY  
 READ MORE! CAUTION! IT WILL BE HABIT FORMING. With this slogan for National Library Week April 17-23, the Southport-Brunswick County Public Library lists the following new books:

**TENANTS OF THE HOUSE**, by Heather Ross Miller. There is a great similarity about the houses in Johnsboro, a small aluminum-smelting town in N. C., but the people are varied. They act out, with diversified reactions, the universal confrontations of love and hate, youth and age, change and tradition. This is the second novel for the Albemarle born author.

**MAKING A DRESS**, by Ira Lillow. With the maximum of diagrams and the minimum use of words the author demonstrates the basic dressmaking techniques.

**EIGHT BELLS, AND ALL'S WELL**, by Daniel V. Gallery. Some of the episodes in Admiral Gallery's Navy life are hilarious, some hair-raising, some thought-and-anger provoking. As William Lederer says, "If every retired Admiral could write such amusing yarns, I'm for retiring half the flag officers in the Navy."

**MAN WHO LOVED HIS WIFE**, by Vera Caspary. Out of a web of love, jealousy, guilt and hate, the author has woven one of her finest novels. She captures a cast of characters in a time of crisis when heightened passions bring forth the best and worst emotions. As author of LAURA and THE HUSBANDS, she has become an acknowledged master in the field of romance and suspense.

**GOING AROUND IN ACADEMIC CIRCLES**, by Richard Armour. A low view of higher education is given the Armour treatment. Such subjects as admissions, roommates, expenses, scholarships, honor code, faculty advisers come under his scrutiny. This book is for everybody, but especially for presidents, deans, professors, alumni, students, drop-outs, drop-ins, and all people with a sense of humor.

**FUNERAL IN BERLIN**, by Len Deighton. Here is a spellbinding tale of a nightmare world. It takes the map of Europe as its setting - from London to Prague, from a beach on the France-Spain border to Berlin-Berlin such as it has never been portrayed before, the divided city, the international crossroads where enemies become friends and friends become enemies. Written with an acute sense of complexities, and the harsh realities of the cold war.

**GOLDEN EAGLE**, by Robert Murphy. Written with a wealth of scientific observation and with a swiftly sustained pace, this story of the birth, the short, exciting life, and the tragic death of Kira, a magnificently handsome female golden eagle, will be enjoyed by readers of such books as RASCAL, and the RING OF BRIGHT WATER.

**EASTER VISIT**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson of Bolivia had as guests for the Easter holidays Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and daughters from Bena, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson from Wilmington; Mrs. Betty Hogan and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Cox and daughter and Mrs. Edwina Parson and daughter from Richlands.

**Revival Service**  
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 year the total of \$42,657.

The people of Southport and surrounding areas are cordially invited to attend every service. Special music will be rendered at each service by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Hunley. The youth choir will be present and sing a melody of choruses at each service. This choir is under the direction of Mrs. Gloria Stiller and Mrs. Roxie Chamblee.

The deacons of the Church will act as a transportation committee for those who may need a means of getting to the services. Such persons are asked to call the Church office in the day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and leave their names and addresses with Mrs. Barbara Faulk, church secretary, or call between 6:30 and 7:15 each evening. The number to call is 457-4911.

## Time And Tide

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 had purchased the old Miller Hotel from Paul Arnold; and the flowers at Orton were near peak beauty.

The year 1956 was the season for Southport residents to visit Cuba, and an even dozen local citizens were in Havana, or had just returned. Anyway, that's what it said on the front page of The Pilot on April 11. A forest fire was raging in Brunswick in the Grissetown-Longwood area.

Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, State Geologist, was coming to Brunswick to make some tests relative to the supply of fresh water; Dr. D. E. Earhardt was coming to Trinity Methodist Church to hold a revival; and up at Orton they were saying that the flowers ought to be at their best during the weekend.

The 1961 Azalea Festival was history, and our edition for April 12 had reported some activities that had affected life in Brunswick. One event had been religious services at St. Phillip Church at Brunswick Town; another had been a successful house and garden tour of Southport.

A couple of Southport landmarks were going: McNeil's Esso Station under the water tank was being abandoned by that operation and the old Pack Tharpe building was being demolished. National Library Week was being celebrated; Mr. Dorothy Bell Kaufman had won a literary award in New Jersey competition; and the first Miss Brunswick County, Carol Lane Hewett, had been featured on a float in the Azalea Festival Parade.

## Not Exactly News

Brunswick, with a total of 33, has more students enrolled at Wilmington College for the Spring term than does any other county except New Hanover. . . A friend of ours who was spending the night at one of the motels over at the beach during the past weekend was awakened one morning with a crash, followed by a knock on the door. There stood a fellow with a golf club in his hand, looking for his golf ball. He had been practicing chipping when a wayward shot hit the motel room window.

Be it remembered that in Southport, this is the year of the Hondo. For the time being, at least, the boys with the jalopies or even the sleek convertibles are taking a back seat to the fellows with goggles and crash helmets. Despite some crazy chances, there have been no bad accidents to report, yet. . . There was one under-aged kid Monday night who couldn't stand being shut out by his older cronies. He was aboard an unmotorized bike. Suddenly he wheeled off up the street, turned in a short circle and headed back for the crowd. As he drew near he let his heel scrape the pavement. Obviously he was shod with iron taps, for he sent up a shower of sparks from beneath his foot. For a brief time he held the center stage.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ratcliffe still are in the bait business, but this time of year most of the traffic is in worms. One day last week one fellow showed up and asked to buy three. "I don't need many worms today," he said, "I just want to test the fish to see if they are biting yet." Sunday set a new record for greens fees received in one day at Oak Island Golf Course.

Beauty and the beast! Monday night we had a call from Mrs. Louis Clark, who said that a bear had got up on her car and left his tracks--and if we didn't believe it we could see for ourself. We took a look, and there were some marks on her hood that looked suspiciously like big animal tracks. We called H. T. Bowmer, retired game protector, to ask if there might be a bear in town. "Could be," he said. "Last year one of my dogs treed one back of my house down toward Dutchman's Creek. . . And Tuesday afternoon Maurice Sinclair phoned us from over at Yaupon Beach to say he thought Miss America might be over there. We investigated and found that someone connected with the Miss America Pageant is there--but apparently not this year's winner.

At the Amuzu in Southport "The Rare Breed" is the show for Friday and Saturday. . . Enjoy the Azalea Festival and the Azalea Open Golf tournament.

## Exum Collision

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 Park.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Dean Evans; a daughter, LaDean Evans of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Evans of Freeland; three brothers, Levy Evans of Charlotte, Charles Evans of Whiteville and Cecil Evans of Freeland; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Clewis and Miss Carrie Evans, both of Whiteville.

traveling some 375 feet out of control. Day said Evans was thrown into the creek; Wayne was also thrown out. The car was demolished, the patrolman's report shows.

Both Wayne and Bennett are being treated for multiple injuries at the Southport hospital. Trooper Day says that charges are pending; that the incident is still under investigation.

## More Candidates

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 Jack Brown announced this week that he will seek election for his fourth term as Clerk of Superior Court. He is a native of Longwood and is well known throughout the county for his long service in public office. Prior to becoming Clerk of Court he served for a time as Brunswick county tax collector.

V. A. Creech announced several weeks ago that he will seek nomination to the Board of county commissioners as representative from Town Creek township. He is a salesman for Armour.

## BE WISE ADVERTISE

**FRANK WEEDON'S . . . PACK HOWLS**

RALEIGH--Noting the North Carolina State Wolfpack: Part of the Wolfpack's baseball troubles is that only three of the regulars are hitting as much as their weight. And State has only two men weighing over 200 pounds.

Tommy Bradford, sophomore first baseman from Fayetteville, is the biggest man on the squad at 220 pounds and coincidentally carries the heaviest batting average at .364. Fred Combs, sophomore second baseman is next with a .300 average, while junior shortstop Julian King, currently sidelined with a bad arm, has a .294 batting mark.

Buck Johnson, senior right-hander from Plymouth, will pitch against North Carolina here Saturday at 2:30. The game will mark the first Atlantic Coast Conference baseball action for both the Wolfpack and Tar Heels. Johnson has won two games this Spring and has not yielded a run in 14 innings. Johnson's mound opponent will be left-hander Beattie Leonard. The teams split one-run games last year, with the Wolfpack winning 1-0 and losing 2-1 in the ninth in the other meeting.

Steve Rerych, North Carolina State sophomore, should play horseshoes instead of swimming. The unlucky Rerych has missed out on a U. S. Olympic team berth and two NCAA championships by the blink of an eye.

Two summers ago, Rerych, a freestyler from Paterson, N. J., missed qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics by one-tenth of a second. Last week at the NCAA meet at the Air Force Academy with an electrical timing device used for the first time, the 6'7" Rerych missed out on the 50-yard freestyle title by sixteen-hundredths of a second, and then was beaten in the 100-yard freestyle by three-hundredths of a second.

The judges, to be used only in case of mechanical failure of the timing device, had split ballots on Rerych and the official winner Don Roth, of Santa Barbara, who was swimming in an outside lane. Roth was clocked in 46.87 seconds, while Rerych had an official 46.90 clocking.



**Scholarship**  
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 Science Foundation, will run from June 14 to August 9. Its purpose is to provide teachers with an opportunity to improve their subject matter competence, to gain a better understanding of some of the modern basic con-

cepts of mathematics, to increase their skills as teachers, and to strengthen their ability to inspire their students to choose careers in mathematics.

Dr. Williams stated that approximately 650 applications were received and that Mrs. Sellers was one of 75 teachers accepted throughout the United States.

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