

EDITORIALS:

Don't Swap Horses

Currently there is a controversy over whether Brunswick should remain as one of the ten southeastern North Carolina counties which compose the Southeastern Economic Development Commission or whether it should withdraw to become a part of a new district which also would include Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties. All of the four affected counties are members of the present 10-county grouping.

Those who have been working for three years to develop the SEDC program claim that all of their efforts will go down the drain if the proposed realignment of counties takes place. A Department of Commerce spokesman who has kept up with developments of the present organization says that it will be impossible to fund more than one of the three groups which will be formed from the 10-county body. Pending applications for EDA projects will lose their priority, and applications must begin again from scratch. And there also is the practical fact that the trend is toward consolidation, not diversification, in the creation of governmental units dealing with federal projects.

During the formative years of SEDC Brunswick has been fortunate to have as its representative on the executive committee

Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., of Winnabow, who serves as secretary of the organization. She has had a hand in nursing it through some troubled times during its infancy; she has been faithful in the performance of her duties and in her attendance at its meetings; and she has helped to create a favorable image for her area in the eyes of those who make decisions affecting loans and grants and the establishment of future programs.

With the conviction that the above facts are true, we cannot understand why members of the Board of Commissioners for Brunswick County recently in the greatness of their wisdom decided to override the recommendation of Mrs. Henry that Brunswick remain a member of the 10-county group. It is unthinkable to us that she does not know more about these matters than they do, because she has taken the time and has gone to the trouble to become informed. It is our opinion that they showed bad manners and poor judgement when they voted to have Brunswick withdraw from SEDC to become a member of a late-born four-county group.

Now, before it is too late, we hope the commissioners will rescind their action and give their support to what appears to us to be a successful operation that is well underway.

COLLEGE CRISIS CONTINUES

Laurinburg (N.C.) Exchange Appalachian State University last week announced it will increase its tuition and fees for both in-state and out-of-state students beginning with the 1970 fall term. Each North Carolina student will pay \$35.66 more per quarter while those from out state will pay nearly twice this much more, up from the \$750 they are paying now.

Trustees of this popular mountain university have also authorized the hiking of dormitory rent there, from \$97 per student per quarter to \$116 per quarter.

An Appalachian spokesman says Appalachian is pleased to be able to keep food charges and other costs in line for another year, but says the inflationary trend in the state has made it mandatory for the adjustments in tuition and fees. Needed added financing for a new men's residence hall is given as the sole reason for upping room rents.

Appalachian has the authority from the legislature for these increases, as do other

institutions of higher learning in the state family. Students will murmur and their parents will grumble, but they will pay them. Where the real hurt comes is in the overall picture of higher education in North Carolina. Whenever Appalachian has to increase charges, the likely result is that the harder pressed church-related and private colleges will also have to face this problem once again. And sooner or later, unless there is a reversal, or unless Uncle Sam comes to the rescue of private institutions, some of these will be forced to the sidelines.

Two spinsters were talking. One remarked, "Last week I advertised in the paper for a husband." "You don't mean it!" the other exclaimed. "Get any replies?" "Hundreds of them. And they were all the same." They all said, "You can have mine."



By DOROTHY B. DAVIS

Over a month ago Mr. Roland English, principal at Waccamaw School, and Mrs. Claire Evans, librarian, were in the library. After looking around one of them made this comment, "You know, we have something in our library that you do not have." We were all ears to hear just what it could be. The answer to our question was, "We have a moon globe." This called for further discussion and before Mrs. Evans and Mr. English left the library we had obtained the address so we could order one. Our moon globe arrived this week and the delivery man was so interested when he heard us exclaim, "Our moon globe is here!" that he stayed until we had unboxed the globe and had all taken a peak. He was so interested that he left with the address to order his own globe. So on your next visit to the library, ask about the moon globe.

The moon globe is not the only item of interest. The library can now supply some of its readers with a few French fiction books. So if you can speak a few words of French these could be a joy. In fact one lady who was born and reared in Canada has already checked out some of these books and wanted to know if there other French Canadians living here. French titles now available are: LE PETIT PRINCE, Antoine de Saint-Exupery; LE PERE GORIOT, H. de Balzac; LES MISERABLES, Victor Hugo; L'ETRANGER, Albert Camus; MADAME BOVARY, Gustave Flaubert; LE ROUGE ET LE MOIR, Par M. de Staudhal; and LA SYMPHONIE PASTORALE, Andre Gide. These titles are also good for the advanced French student.

And now some news for our mystery and suspense fans. It is good to have Charlotte Armstrong's new book THE PROTEGE, Margaret Moffat, a grandmother, lives in her old home near Los Angeles. She is visited by a bearded young man, Simon Warren, who somehow manages to extend his visit indefinitely. Mrs. Moffat's daughter-in-law becomes suspicious of Simon and her investigation of the mysterious happenings around the Moffat house results in a tale of nerve-jangling suspense.

THE RHINE REPLICIA, by Martha Albrand, takes Andrew Waldron, the American journalist, to Cologne for the last five days of a carnival to see the treasures of the past and to dance madly in the streets. But instead he meets Bettina van Alten and they are caught up in an old terror and resurgent Nazi group determined to exploit the future. This is a haunting and violent mystery.

A Victorian mystery, THE LINK, by Robin Maughan, tells of a young Victorian Englishman who leaves home after a broken love affair and disappears from view. Years later someone with the same name reappears to claim the family estate. What is the "link" and dark mystery behind these two men whose identities are exchanged and whose fate and fortune depend upon the exchange. THE LINK is a spell-binding novel.

He said that counties must join together in order to benefit from Federal programs and funds. Criteria used by the State Planning Division in drawing the regional boundaries included "significant consideration of existing multi-county organizational forms." Also, the Division specified that "regions should be made up of counties related to a primary urban center surrounded by independent areas within the sphere of influence."

Time And Tide

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It was February 22, 1950, and a front page headline reported that Southport High School boys had repeated as Brunswick county basketball champions and that the girls had tied with Bolivia for the county crown in the tournament held at Shallotte. There was a headlined prediction that "Orton Gardens Will Be Beautiful Sunday". Frederick McDonald, consulting engineer, was at Long Beach to discuss development plans with owner E.F. Middleton.

Also on the front page was a reprint of a portion of the famous Bob Ruark "Mocking Bird" piece that had appeared in Reader's Digest. Bunn Frink had announced that he would be a candidate for State Senator; and the Republicans were active, with a free barbecue to be served at their March 4 convention at Supply. Tobacco farmers faced the worry of the first report of the appearance of blue mold; the tooth of some pre-historic monster had been found by Clyde Holden and delivered to Dr. R.H. Holden, Shallotte dentist, for identification; and a milk goat belonging to Otto Hickman had given birth to triplets completely nullifying her prospects for adding to the milk supply at the Hickman homestead.

The time was February 23, 1955, and a contract had been awarded for the erection of a steel fishing pier at Yaupon Beach. Mrs. C. Ed Taylor was in Washington, D.C., where she was being honored by the U.S. Weather Bureau for her services. There was a special citation for her work as displayman during the period of Hurricane Hazel a few months before.

Two more of Hazel's scars were receiving treatment: Electric power lines from Southport to the Caswell Baptist Assembly had been reactivated for the first time since the storm and U.S. Army Engineers had received the "go" signal to snag debris from the Waccamaw river and certain of its tributaries. Johnnie Simmons had bought a new boat, and our editorial writer was citing social security payments that had been earned but unclaimed by Brunswick residents as a potential payroll.

There was a front page photo in The Pilot for February 24, 1960, showing A.L. Willetts, Brunswick county native, as he was being sworn in as acting postmaster at Whiteville. A headline proclaimed: "Voters Approve Bonds For New Water Tank". That was here in Southport.

Southport boys and the Leland girls had been crowned basketball champion of Brunswick county; a news story with photo announced that L.R. Bowers had been promoted from cashier to vice president of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co.; and a front page story announced that there was need for census enumerators for work in Brunswick county.

A front page picture in The Pilot for February 24, 1965, showed Mrs. Mae Bamber of Southport, England, with Mrs. Audrey Miller, a native Britisher, who had come to call on her during a reception for the former English mayor while on a visit here. Another Washington's Birthday Fox Roundup had been held at Long Beach and a gruesome front page photo showed the bodies of 14 dead animals stretched out on the sand.

Brunswick County High School had won the Southeastern AA basketball championship and a picture of the squad, including Coach Anthony Davis, was on our sports page; a harmless firework display on the Southport waterfront had led to a false alarm that a rocket or meteorite had fallen in the Cape Fear river.

region such as the one including Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties."

"If the regionalization takes place as outlined by the Planning Division," Hicks said, "we may indeed lose our designation and therefore the four Redevelopment Counties of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus,

and Robeson, and the Growth Centers of Fayetteville and Wilmington would be left dangling.

"In such a situation may very well develop unless we act in concert and take a realistic and unified approach to this matter of Regionalization," he concluded.

Not Exactly News

We were riding along the highway when we looked ahead in a pasture beside the highway and saw a pony rotating his rump like a go dancer. The thought flashed through our mind "Here is a real far-out little horse. Maybe he ought to be in show business." Then we drew closer, and the myth was shattered. He had backed up to a guywire for a power pole and was scratching where he otherwise could not reach. . . . We have enjoyed the extended fall season this year but the other afternoon we thought it may have lasted too long. We called a friend to go hunting with us and he couldn't decide whether to do that or stay home and work in his garden!

The construction equipment we reported last week, together with picture, was moved from the site of the new municipal pier to a safer mooring at the Boat Harbor. We haven't heard what is causing the delay. . . . We visited Harry Sell's grape vineyard one afternoon last week and were amazed with how closely he has pruned his vines. We recall, however, that he told us that it is only the new runners that produce grapes.

The basketball weekend was a dandy for those of us who like to watch these games on television. The only time we ever had a chance to see four games in one day prior to this was when we went to the first day of the ACC Tournament. . . . We thought the Kentucky-LSU game was topflight showmanship, and it wasn't bad basketball, either. Pistol Pete Maravich is for real—and so is Dan Issel.

More than a year ago we ran something in The Pilot about the Raleigh-Southport Railroad at Mount Gilead we received the following information: "The Raleigh and Southport Railroad ran its first train into Fayetteville last Wednesday (July 18, 1906). Work on the road is being pushed by a large force of hands". This quote is from the "Anglo-Saxon", a newspaper published in Rockingham. . . . In case you do not remember, William Reaves is "Hoss", the former costumed guide at Brunswick Town Historic Site.

This is the last week of oyster season and Freeman Kirby wants to make the most of it. He was here bright and early this morning with a truckload. . . . Marvin Watson was telling us this week that the fairways at Briarwood Country Club at Shallotte have been good all winter. They are planted in common Bermuda.

"Gone With The Wind" will be back in town Friday and Saturday. If you never have seen this movie, you should. And if you have seen it, maybe you ought to see it again. In our opinion, it is the best moving picture ever made.

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at that time was to get him out of there. He identified himself with credentials of a N.C. STATE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN.

"II. A boy who had just gotten his license back, and was in a friends car, crashed through the intersection, admitting he was going 100 miles an hour when he left the pavement, narrowly missed two of our staff, hit our bus, and piled up on a sand dune. He had been seen drinking earlier, and a half empty bottle, beer, and a knife were found in the car. To my knowledge—no action.

"III. Two drunks did not slow down, flipped their car over on the side, missing one of our buildings by a few yards. No local law enforcement was available, and we had to call Wilmington and claim an emergency. The State Patrol arrived before the local Police.

"IV. Upon discussing our situation with Senator Herman Moore of Charlotte (his son was in camp), we were able to get a reduced speed limit sign posted some six months later, reading 20 MPH.

"V. We tried to get one of our people appointed as a deputy. Our town votes Democrats. The sheriff is a Republican. When I talked with him, he expressed to me that he thought Rep. Odell Williamson (who has done a great deal for our area) had something up his sleeve as a Democrat, and would not help us.

"VI. We had a theft of an engine, costing over \$600. We called the local Sheriff (several times), and nothing was ever done, not even a visit or any investigation.

"VII. Our local Chief of Police recently arrested a couple who had been stealing in the area for

sometime. Regarding our property, they had to return what they had not yet sold, and to my knowledge, there was no requirement for them to repay for the stolen items which had already been stolen. The report I had was that the Solicitor was a cousin, and the couple got off.

"VIII. Even with the current posted 20MPH Speed Sign, we have put up reflectors at this intersection, with the permission of Mr. Williamson. A few days ago, another speeder crashed through at a reportedly excessive speed, busting through the warning signs.

"IX. We have had several cases of speeders who have come close to hitting some of our people. This is a State Road, but you never see a State Highway Patrol car, except maybe a Patrolman off-duty, or when called for an emergency. Nor have I had any knowledge of the Sheriff ever setting foot on the place.

"I could go on, but two pages of this will give you an example. And there are many other cases. Most involve vehicles.

"Please tell me, as taxpayers, and as a person interested in promoting our State, is it impossible for us to have law enforcement, to protect life and property. All indications point to that very fact! I am deeply concerned for the lives and safety of both.

"Will you do anything to help provide law and order, with enforcement, in our area, and for our situation?"

SEDC Status

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conform to regions designated by the state," Scott said.

Examples of multi-county programs that would be expected to "gradually change" are Sencland Community Action, Inc., and Tri-County Farmers Association organizations that cross proposed multi-county boundaries.

Frailey said the present policy of Federal funding to SEDC could not continue if the counties affected by the organization were divided. He said not more than one of the regions could be funded, and he could offer little assurance that any of the counties would receive benefits for which they are eligible now.

The determination of which regions receive Federal assistance is made by the governor, Frailey stated.

Hicks told the group of area representatives that the multi-county system "allows continuity for long-range thought" but added that the dissolution of SEDC would make it necessary for "someone else to come in and start over what we've been working on for two years."

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BOOKMOBILE OUT
The Brunswick County Bookmobile is out of commission for an indefinite period and Librarian Mrs. Dorothy Davis said this morning it may not run again until a new vehicle has been obtained. The present bookmobile is 10 years old and had been driven 88,000 miles.

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5 1/2 %

2 Year
Savings Certificate

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