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State Superintendent Here

Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was a visitor in Brunswick County last Wednesday and is shown here as he

addresses a group of school officials at a luncheon meeting at Calabash.

Young Heads County YDC

Thomas J. Young, Jr., was elected Chairman of the Young Democrats Club of Brunswick County at a meeting held at Southport Community Center Thursday night. Young is a graduate of the Relators Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is owner of Tom Young Realty at Bolivia. He is a member of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee and also a member of the local Draft Board.

Elected First Vice-Chairman was attorney Jim Prevatte of Southport; Second Vice Chairman, Percy Hewett of Supply; secretary, Allison Holden of Holden Beach; and treasurer, Mrs. D.T. (Cherry) Clark, Jr., of Leland.

Five directors were elected and are as follows: Leo Johnson, Jr., of Leland, Herb Ward of Waccamaw, Mrs. T.J. (Aveline) Young, Jr., of Bolivia, Mrs. J.B. Kenney of Southport and Benny Ludlum of Supply.

Judge Ray Walton spoke to the group, discussing the value of young Democrats. He said young Democrats are welcome in the party and the field is wide open for them as a candidate for office.

In the future, the club plans to host candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, and other offices. Plans for these events will be announced at a later date.

Supt. Phillips:

Taxpayers Take Closer Look At Public Schools

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. A. Craig Phillips paid the Brunswick County Schools a six-hour visit last Wednesday.

Dr. Phillips, accompanied by Assistant State Superintendent for Personnel Relations and Public Affairs Gene Causby, began his visit with a short briefing by County School Superin-

tendent Ralph C. King, Associate Superintendent Robert C. Elkins, and Board of Education Member Mrs. Mae Barbee. The briefing provided Dr. Phillips with an overview of the strengths and weaknesses of the unit as well as plans for improving the overall program.

Following the briefing, the group accompanied Dr.

Phillips to the Southport Elementary School. This school site was of special interest to the State Superintendent because of the myriad of problems that grew out of the destruction of the main building by a fire about four years ago.

School principal Col. Marion L. Burn used a sketch of the facility to underscore some of the problems posed by the physical layout of the school. The visitors were taken on a tour of the school plant which included visits in some of the classrooms.

The Southport visit was followed by a luncheon at a Calabash seafood restaurant honoring Dr. Phillips. Fifty-three persons representing all levels of professional educators, local and county school boards, and the P.T.A. attended the luncheon.

In a short address to the group, Dr. Phillips indicated some possible new directions in public education. He pointed out that the taxpayers are beginning to take a closer look at public education and are demanding that schools be held accountable for their product. He stated that public schools must adopt business practices similar to those advocated by the American Management Association if

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Heart Fund Kick-Off Set

Jim Street, North Carolina Heart Association associated director, will be the guest speaker at the Brunswick County Heart Fund kick-off duty dinner Thursday night, 7:30 p.m. at Bennett's Kitchen in Calabash, announced Mrs. Doris Redwine, Heart Fund Chairman, has announced.

"All city, rural, and area chairmen - along with all the county officers - are urged to attend," said Mrs. Redwine.

"There will be a ten-minute film entitled 'What to Do In Case of Heart Attack,' and a question-and-answer session following," said Mrs. Redwine.

"Mr. Street is a very informative speaker. He has his Ph.D. Degree in History from Chapel Hill, has worked in the management consultant department of a well-known firm in Atlanta, Ga., is a freelance writer, was a director for McGraw-Hill Publishers and is very well known in Brunswick, having been a close friend of Bob Ruark family in the Southport area," stated Mrs. Redwine.

"Anyone who is interested in the Heart Association and its work may come to the dutch dinner and are welcome to attend," concluded Mrs. Redwine.

Well Prepared Students Goal Of New Curriculum

Curriculum changes in Brunswick County high schools next year have been tentatively approved by the board of education.

College preparatory, vocational training and basic education courses will be offered; also, changes will be made in the social studies curriculum, while "mini courses" will be offered on some grade levels.

Working with the broad of education to develop the new school program were Supt. Ralph King; Robert C. Elkins, associate superintendent; Frances Stone, assistant superintendent; and Paul M. Brummett, secondary supervisor.

The board also approved the Title I program for the elementary grades, but the major emphasis of the meeting was the development of the new and altered high school curriculums.

Following is a summary of the new program:

PHASE SYSTEM

College Preparatory (Phase 4) is designed to assure students preparing for college and university status

with the minimum entrance requirements, subjectwise. As this particular phase is devised to provide depth in qualitative and quantitative thinking and achievement, students entering this phase curriculum should have a "C+" and above average in academic subject areas - English, science, math, and social studies. Students are advised to maintain such an average throughout the course of study.

General (Phase 3) is devised for average students who may have no designs for continuing education beyond high school. Students entering this phase with slight modifications and upon successful completion of chosen curriculum can seek and attain entrance to college providing they maintain a "C" and above average in academic subjects and achieve an acceptable score on required college entrance

examination. Subjectives, students choosing this phase will be provided a general content coverage.

General Business (Phase 3) parallels that of the general curriculum phase 3 in academic subjects in scope and sequence. Students in this phase will major in business subjects during their junior and senior years. Having successfully completed this course of study

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Penny Tax Produced \$75,000 In Three Months

Brunswick County will receive about \$75,000 from the first distribution of the penny sales tax, which was approved by the board of commissioners last summer.

According to a report from the N.C. Department of Revenue, \$77,429.24 was collected in the county during the past quarter, which ended December 31. The total, minus one percent which will be withheld by the Department of Revenue as its fee for collecting the tax, will be distributed among the county and the Brunswick municipalities.

The Department of Revenue report shows that \$20,630.26 was collected during October, \$27,886.87

during November and \$28,912.11 during December.

The commissioners passed the one-cent sales tax last summer as a means of alleviating the growing burden on property-tax payers. The board passed the levy without a referendum, which was its prerogative, but commissioners were of the opinion that the penny tax was what a majority of the people wanted.

The tax can be repealed after the first fiscal year by a referendum, but it is doubtful that the sales tax will be challenged.

The penny sales tax is applicable to any purchase that had previously been subject to the state's three-cent sales tax. Merchants are

required to collect the extra penny and forward it to the Department of Revenue, just as they had done before.

The revenue from the extra penny tax has already been figured in this year's budget. The levy was approved too late for any first quarter collections, but the second-quarter collections will be distributed during February. The next quarter ends March 31, and the greatest revenue is expected during the summer vacation months.

Chairmen For Fund Campaign

Mrs. Shirley Ward of Ash and Mrs. Peggy Wolf of Rt. 1 Leland have been named Rural Heart Fund directors for Brunswick County, Mrs. Ouida H. Hewett announced today.

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wolf will direct the 1972 Heart Fund Campaign in the non-urban areas served by the programs of the Brunswick Heart Association.

In making the announcement Mrs. Hewett said, "The support of rural areas in Brunswick has always meant the difference between failure and success in reaching our Heart Fund goals. The leadership of Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wolf insures that this difficult but critical part of the 1972 Heart Fund Campaign will be thoroughly and effectively reached."

Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Wolf are recruiting the Heart Fund's volunteer group for solicitation in Brunswick, and will direct its over-all fundraising drive during February, Heart Month.

Time And Tide

In our issue for February 3, 1937, there was this headline: "January Was Month of Mild Weather." The Brunswick county chairman for the American Red Cross expressed in print his appreciation for the \$480 contributed by citizens of this county to the Flood Relief Drive sponsored by that organization. The editor said that he was proud, too.

Back then there was news from more different sections than now is being sent in to The Pilot. There was even one column from Bald Head Island. There also were three regular school columns - Waccamaw, Shallotte and Southport.

There was a front page story in our issue for February 4, 1942, reporting a campaign to buy a new schoolhouse bell to take the place of one that had been cracked when rung too vigorously during Halloween celebration. Victory Gardens were being suggested, and one loyal landowner was offering free garden sites—with no takers.

Groundhog day had come and gone, but in its wake was gloom: Six weeks more of winter weather was in prospect, according to that superstition.

Brunswick county was to undertake a locally administered revaluation program. That announcement was made in The Pilot for February 5, 1947. W.P. Jorgensen was tax supervisor. Representative Odell Williamson had introduced a bill in the State Legislature to abolish Rural Policemen for Brunswick.

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Nol Pros Is Court's Safety Valve

By ED HARPER

He slapped you and it made you mad, so you swore out a warrant against him. The next day you were on good terms, he promised not to do it again and you wished you had that piece of paper back.

"I used to make them all come to court and testify," said Judge Ray Walton, "but not anymore. If a couple has made up I let it go at that."

In this case, Judge Walton would order a nol pros (lat. nolle prosequi, meaning action would not proceed any further) — a term often used by the court and nearly always misunderstood by the people. It has been criticized as an excuse not to prosecute

a case, but Walton and fellow District Court Judge Giles Clark believe this is far from the truth.

"We don't use it except as a safety valve to take care of cases in which you do not have the evidence now but may have it later," said Judge Walton. "The purpose of nolprossing a case," Judge Clark added, "is to keep the dockets current. We really don't close the cases."

Judge Walton said most nol prosses involved minor traffic citations issued to out-of-state drivers. "On the docket today," he noted recently, "we may have 100 cases, but we won't try more than 40 or 50 of them."

Among the others are the out-of-state residents, charged with minor traffic offenses and allowed to go on their way without bond. Some pay their fines; many do not.

"The officers know that most of the out-of-state drivers will not come back," said Judge Walton, "but I'd hate to live in a state where they locked everybody up for minor traffic violations."

Judge Clark said that frivolous prosecution is another cause of nol prosses in the courts. He cited a case that allegedly occurred on December 11, 1970, and was recently nol prossed.

The plaintiff charged that he had been shot and injured, but never came to court to prosecute the case. "We have put forth an effort to locate the prosecuting witness," Clark said, adding that the plaintiff is charged with a separate crime and would be subject to arrest if he returned for trial.

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Disputes between couples or drinking buddies often end up in court with neither wanting the case to be tried. "They get together the next day and laugh about it," the judge noted, "but once an individual indicts another, the individual no longer has the right to determine if a case is to be prosecuted. It becomes the duty of the state."

When a wife or friend comes to court and asks that the case not be prosecuted, District Court Solicitor Wilton Hunt usually asks the judge to tax the plaintiff with the court costs. "There is too much cost involved for the magistrate, the deputies and the court," he said.

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Testing For Foundation

Workmen are shown here at work at Long Beach with the ocean in the background as they make sample borings to determine rock foundation at the site of the proposed multi-storied condominium at Long Beach. (photo by Shannon).

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