

Let's Get the Commission Started

Each morning when we pick up our daily paper, we turn to the sports pages and read of the activities of the major league ball clubs during their spring training. Last week, Rev. Paul Carruth of Franklinton wrote and expressed his regret at not being able to play second base for the Scribes softball team this summer. The National Guard is already lining up its squad.

Along with a severe attack of spring fever, this has given us a great desire to get moving with the summer recreation program. Not only has the time come to get the old throwing arm limbered up, but the time also is here when the town board should get a move on and form the recreation commission which will govern softball play.

We understand that the commissioners have hesitated because they have no control over the school property, which is not yet inside the city limits. We also understand that this property cannot be taken in until the property owners in the area included in the proposed extension sign a petition agreeing to the extension.

But we cannot understand why a recreation commission cannot be appointed now. When the city limits are extended the jurisdiction of this group will include the school grounds, and in the meantime they can draw up rules and regulations by which softball teams may be organized.

Don't Fall Down This Time

We know from experiences gained through three and a half years as a Scoutmaster that the Boy Scouts are a very beneficial organization for any community. It brought sorrow to us when the local troop lost its charter at the end of last year because no person willing to contribute of his time could be found to help with Scouting.

Now a new effort is being made to activate Scouting in this community. Four years ago the Zebulon troop had nine Scouts. One year ago the troop had over forty. We believe that if several leaders share the responsibility of supervising the troop, it will have over 50 members before summer's end.

It was bad that the troop charter expired. It will be disgraceful if we let this opportunity to be of service to growing boys slip away.

Want the Hole in My Sock, Too?

Newspaper business makes the editor, the publisher, and everyone concerned face one deadline after another. It never becomes routine, because when things are going well and we believe the paper will be printed with no last minute rush, something always happens. Usually, we are looking either for a little space in which to print an article or a lot of extra news to fill empty pages. With 104 issues a year to get in the mails, we have our share of deadlines, and we ought to be used to them.

But once a year comes a last minute rush that threatens our sanity—that old March 15 deadline when our income tax return is supposed to be in the mails.

Tonight we'll figure our gross income and our net income, capital assets, computations, and exemptions, and somewhere between lines 14 and 19 we'll be thoroughly confused and the Tax Computation Instructions on page 4 won't help clear the atmosphere. It will be a bad time for the family and the coffee pot will be overworked, but generally we manage to figure out some sum which we mail in to Greensboro. After that we sit around with nerves on edge waiting for the Federal man to come around, slip the handcuffs on us, and lead us off to Levenworth.

Oh, well, when we think of the wonderful good that our tax dollars are doing with never a one wasted, we feel like saying: "Uncle Sam, you've got the shirt off my back, but if you need my underwear shirt and drawers, just beckon and they're yours."

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Zebulon Personal Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Milam spent the weekend in Lamar, West Virginia with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Ferebee and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Spruill of Norfolk, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Garland Godwin Saturday.

Bill Allman sprained his arm Thursday.

Bobby Gill is getting along satisfactorily at Rex Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bryant spent Sunday night with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Davis, Ann Davis, and Loomis Parrish spent Saturday in Wake Forest.

Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Massey are in Washington, D. C. Dr. Massey is attending a dental clinic there. They will return to Zebulon Wednesday.

Mrs. Jimmie Allen, Mary Beth Allen, and Mrs. J. G. Kemp spent Thursday night in Petersburg with the James Rosenstocks. They were accompanied by Mrs. Millard Chamblee, who visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Antone are spending some time in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Ruric Gill is sick with low blood pressure.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Debnam carried their grandchildren back to Raleigh Sunday afternoon. Their mother, Mrs. W. H. Jones is getting along fine following an operation.

The W. A. Allmans visited Mrs. Tom Bunn of Wendell Sunday. Mrs. Bunn has just returned from Rex Hospital after a spinal operation.

Mr. Howard Beck, Mrs. Gilbert Beck and Howard, Jr. visited their parents in Thomasville Sunday.

Miss Irene Pitts spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McNabb.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McNabb visited relatives in Oxford Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie Debnam of Winston-Salem is visiting Mrs. Millard Chamblee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dawson and family of Southern Pines spent from Thursday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pippin and Kay, of Smithfield were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dawson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Godwin of Coats visited Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Davis Sunday.

S. V. Chamblee, brother of Mrs. Pattie Harris, was taken to Duke Hospital Thursday for an operation to be performed this week.

Mrs. M. E. Whaley of Ahoskie visited Mrs. Hannah Liles all last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Talton visited Miss Lady Talton in Greensboro Sunday.

Miss Nancy Whitley and three guests from WCUNC spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Whitley. Her guests were Miss Louise Griffin of Williamston, Miss Mary Eleanor Gray of Lexington, and Miss Elizabeth Outlaw of Mount Olive.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Temple had the Carlton Mitchells and Mr. Claude Cook as dinner guests Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wade and family visited in Clayton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Finch and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Finch and Faye visited Dr. and Mrs. Sigma Finch in Oxford Sunday.

Mrs. Susie Alford will return Wednesday after a five months' stay in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Brantley of Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ferebee on Sunday.

Seen and Heard

E. C. Daniel, Jr., reports from London an incident of the recent election campaign there. A speaker was being heckled by a rural constituent, who asked him: "How would you tell a bad egg?" "If I had anything to tell one," the candidate replied gently, "I would break it very gently."

The magazine agents were in town yesterday. They descend on a town like a bunch of locusts, much as gypsies came fifty years ago. Many are crippled, and give a sob story about getting 10,000 points and an operation if only you will subscribe to *True Confessions*, *Real Romance*, or another magazine of this type.

They violate our municipal ordinances concerning peddlers, but they look so pathetic people hate

to turn them in. In a land as rich as ours there should be, and are, better ways for cripples to make their living than by this particular form of begging.

Vance Brown's definition of an irreducible minimum is a sliced chicken sandwich with the bread removed.

Sunday was a hundred-per cent spring day hereabouts, and most Zebulon folks took advantage of the weather to get outside. The rocks at Pleasant Hill and Mitchell's Mill had their share of visitors, as did local fish ponds.

Many of our local beauty spots are losing their natural attractiveness because of indiscriminate and unlawful dumping. At Pleasant Hill we counted over 400 tin cans

in one pile; only the Lord knows how many there are in this area. Philip Whitley says that one car dumped 26 empty whiskey bottles next to his pond between Zebulon and Wendell, and other land owners tell the same sad story.

This problem is not peculiar to eastern Wake County. Sections of beautiful drives in the mountains, not to mention coastal areas, have been turned into dumping areas, too.

Some people are stupid, some are lazy, and some are just plain mean; and they will continue to ruin our country side until they are carried to our courts of law.

"Failures are divided into two classes—those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought."—Salak.

Farm Questions Answered

Are pecan trees valuable as a sideline source of income?

The best way to answer this question is to cite the experience of a Columbus County farmer, W. J. Collier of Route 1, Whiteville. Collier has 20 pecan trees around his house and yard. They are useful for both shade and nuts. During the past season he gathered 1,496 pounds of nuts and sold them for 22 to 25 cents a pound. His receipts were \$328.63, slightly more than twice the amount of his county taxes. However, pecans

will not grow in all types of soil. Before a farmer begins this enterprise, he should consult his county agent for complete information.

Where can I get information about pastures for hogs?

Write to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh, and ask for a copy of Extension Folder No. 67, "Graze Hogs for 12 Months," which has recently been revised. This publication, prepared by Jack Kelley, animal husbandry extension specialist at

State College, emphasizes the importance of thorough planning in order to have pasture every month in the year. Kelley says Ladino clover makes one of the best hog pastures for dry sows, boars, and hogs being fattened for market. This is a permanent pasture, he says, and should not be used more than one out of every three years for sows nursing pigs in order to control worms. Ladino clover should be seeded in August and September, so that there will be plenty of grazing from early spring until late fall.

Tar Heel Farm Facts

James Carl Boyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Boyce of Tyner, has been awarded first place in the Chowan County 4-H peanut contest for 1949, according to Robert S. Marsh, assistant county agent.

Approximately one out of every four Caswell County farm operators attended a series of farm management schools held recently.

Falls are the principal type of injury that occur on the farm and in the farm home.

Brunswick County pastures are in excellent condition as a result of the mild winter weather.

Grasshoppers, boll weevils, and European corn borers may cause U. S. farmers serious trouble in 1950, say entomologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

In 1948, nearly 30 per cent of all city families were using less than a pint of milk per person each day.

Net farm income in 1949 was about 16 per cent lower than a year earlier.

Fats and oils produced from domestic materials in the year beginning October 1949, are expected to total over 12 million pounds.