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Grand Juries Are in a Rut

With the exception of examining indictments, we sometimes wonder if the county's grand jury investigations aren't a waste of time, especially when the only thing they can do is say every county office is efficiently operated, then dwell on criticism of the schools.

The fact that county government is functioning to the jury's satisfaction has long been accepted as routine—perhaps unfortunately. But criticism of the schools has become routine, too, when nothing more can be done about them than is being done with funds available. What the grand jury recommended in its report will merely remain "recommendations" unless the general assembly makes provision for more state funds in January.

Everything the October grand jury pointed out in its report regarding schools is well known to the board of education, the superintendent of schools and readers of THE NEWS-TIMES. The jury "revealed" or "discovered" nothing.

The first detailed report on the frightful condition of school buildings, made by the March grand jury two years ago created a big furor. People were suddenly awakened to a social crime being committed not only in this county but throughout the state.

Ever since then, with the exception of one or two occasions, grand jury reports for the most part have dwelt on schools. At the present time, however, such reports constitute an unwarranted criticism, inferring that the money is available to make vast improvements but that the funds are not being used properly or to the best advantage.

It takes time to travel all over the county and carefully survey conditions of school buildings—and it is well that the public is protected by such a body empowered with this authority—but to harp on schools at each and every term of superior court constitutes a waste of time.

An "investigation" of our schools is similar to a person informing everyone he needs during a rain storm that it's raining. We already know the schools are in a deplorable state and we've put up an umbrella, the best we have, of about \$68,000 when actually we need a million.

Things the October grand jury didn't do are more interesting than the things they did. There was a belief that they would investigate alleged illegal gambling in the county. As a matter of fact, Jack Riley, author of a recent article in the News and Observer which left one with the impression that Carteret county resembled a gambler's paradise, was subpoenaed. However, he wasn't called, and if the jury devoted any time to discussion of this issue, there was no hint of it in their report.

We have come to the conclusion that we could write the fewest story on a grand jury report even before it is made. The news-story we would like to write is the one in which a jury tells us how to get the money to do all they recommend.

In The Good Old Days

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
The lead editorial deplored the fact that although Atlantic had one of the best high schools in the state, Carteret county children were still being sent out of the county to school.

A partial report was filed by the Board of Army Engineers on the inter-coastal inland waterway from Boston, Mass., to the Rio Grande river. Plans called for a canal 10 feet deep from Beaufort to Key West, Fla.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
An editorial suggested planting the highway from Beaufort to the Craven county line with crepe myrtle. It still seems like a good idea. The average salary received by teachers in the state was \$729.

TEN YEARS AGO
Earl Davis ofarkers Island named the improved "Brain" between Lookout Point and Back Bay Barden's Inlet, and had the hearty endorsement of the paper. A fishing pier was to be built at Cape Lookout if U. S. Engineers would grant a permit. The pier would enable anglers to fish all day for \$2.

FIVE YEARS AGO
As the result of a stamp and bond contest, \$18,000 was taken in through the Atlantic school. The contest was under the direction of Mrs. Lambert Morris, Mrs. Dennis Mason and Mrs. Clayton Fulcher, Jr.

North River Methodist church celebrated its 51st anniversary with a homecoming service and banquet dinner.

Mountain sheep are cud-chewers and have four-chambered stomachs. Known as the hunter's "most coveted prize," it is considered immoral to shoot one for any reason than to get a fine head.

GLOUCESTER

Miss Josie Pigott, who has been very sick with pneumonia in the Morehead City hospital, is at her home convalescing.

Mrs. D. S. Pigott is substituting for Miss Josie Pigott at Smyrna school while she is ill.

Mrs. Henry Chadwick made a business trip to Goldsboro, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Hallet Baer, of Durham, N. C., visited Mrs. Lillian Pigott last week.

Mrs. Lester Pigott and Miss Maggie Pigott have returned from Charleston, S. C. where they visited relatives and friends. Mrs. Mabel S. Pigott returned with them after spending the summer with her children in Charleston.

Mrs. Fred Bates and two daughters, Wilma and Inez returned to Charleston, S. C. Monday after attending the wedding.

Dr. G. G. Whitehurst, of Baltimore, Md., who officiated at the Chadwick-Meadows wedding ceremony Sunday at Straits church, visited his mother, Mrs. Sydney Whitehurst and relatives.

Mrs. Lionel Taylor and Mrs. Floyd Chadwick were visiting in our community Tuesday.

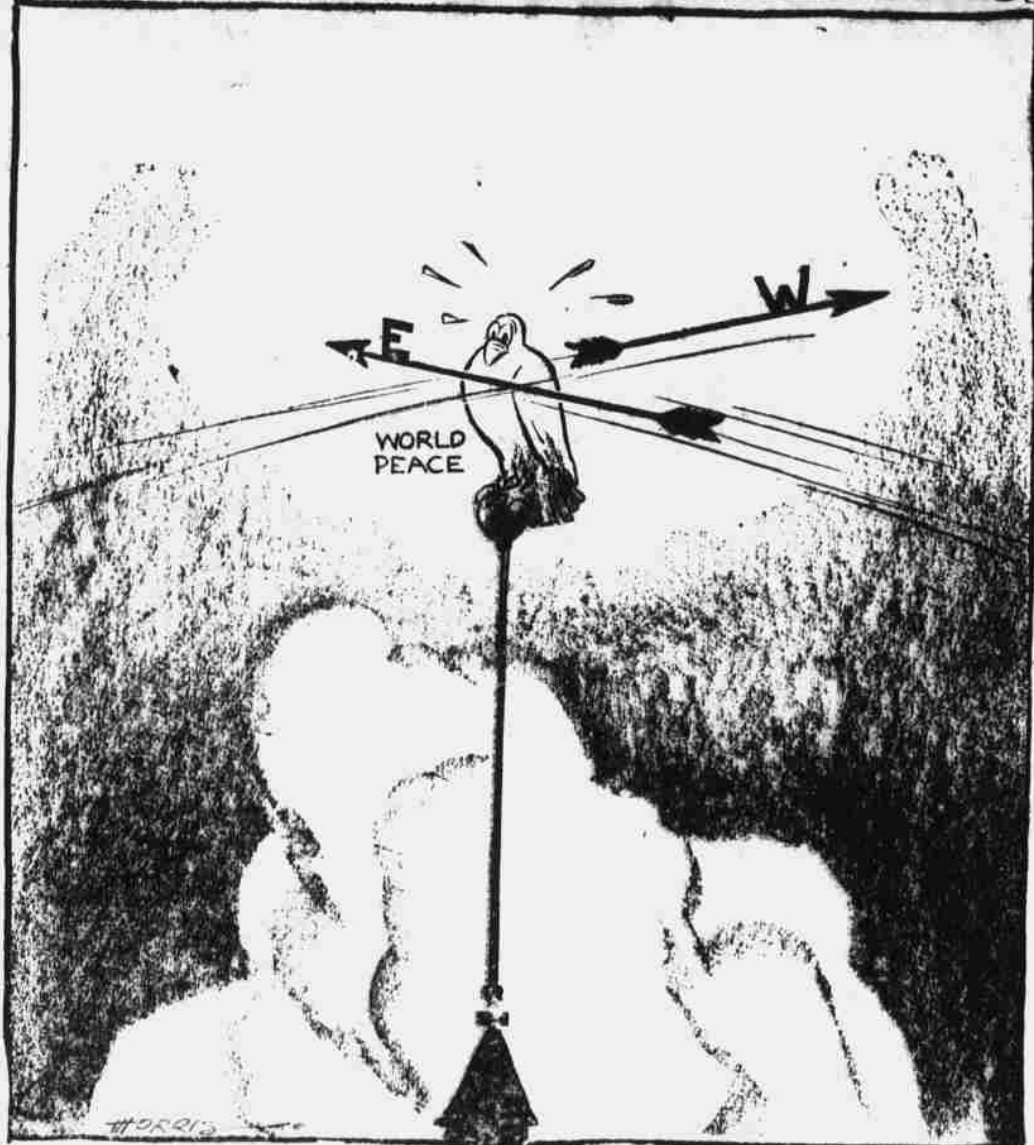
Mr. Norman Whitehurst, Mr. James Whitehurst and sister, Mattie Whitehurst, of Elizabeth City, called on Mrs. Lillian Pigott Saturday night.

Mrs. Leslie Fisher and children returned to Dallas, Texas by plane after a long visit with relatives.

Mrs. James Davis and son, Donald spent Tuesday evening with Miss Florence Pigott.

The Women's Society of Christian Service has installed gas heat in the Straits-Gloicester church and redecorated the community building.

TRYING TO TELL WHICH WAY THE WIND BLOWS



HERE and THERE

With F. C. SALISBURY, Morehead City



We are wondering if there are any fish left in the sea in this section of the great Atlantic after the quantity brought in last week from the daily hauls along the beach.

Favorable weather conditions all during the week resulted in some of the largest hauls ever made in this section according to old time fishermen. In fact some of the old-timers cannot recall when the catches of last week have ever been equalled.

Two large crews working along

the beach, one in the Siller Path area and the other between the resort buildings and Fort Macon were responsible for the most of the catches. While each haul contained several varieties of food fish, the most of the catches consisted of spots and mullets.

The chief fish houses in the city were worked to capacity in sorting and boxing the fish for shipment. At one time the Belhaven Fish & Oyster company's house was so crowded with packing and boxes

ready for shipment that one truck load of fish had to be dumped on the sidewalk in front of the packing house.

Menhaden boats which have been operating in northern waters during the summer months are working their way into port in readiness for the fall and winter fishing of commercial shad. It is expected that some 50 or 60 shad boats will work out of this section during the coming months. Present indications give promise of a good season.

Official weather observers state that the first killing frost of the season for this section of the state which occurred Tuesday night of last week came a month earlier than it did last year and in 1946. In both those years the first killing frost was recorded on November 13. Truck drivers leaving the city early Wednesday morning report that after getting away from the sound the frost was so heavy that it looked as if it had snowed.

Vegetation in and about the city show little effects of the cold.

Postal authorities have set October 15 to November 15 as the date in which Christmas packages should be mailed to civilians and service personnel overseas to insure the delivery of those packages in time for Christmas. It informs the public that parcels mailed later will not likely be delivered in time.

Willie Luther Taylor, 74, who was raised in the Broad Creek section of this county but who for the past few years made his home at Stonewall, died at the family home on Sunday, Oct. 17. Funeral services were conducted from the Sound View Free Will Baptist church near Newport on Thursday afternoon by the Rev. J. C. Griffin of this city. Interment was made in the Broad Creek cemetery. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and six sons.

Mrs. B. B. Slaughter of New Bern but whom Morehead City likes to claim as "one of us" was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Women's Temperance Union at its 66th annual convention held in Raleigh last week.

If your name begins with an E, F, or G and you are a driver of a car and have not taken your driving test you had better attend to the matter before the end of the year. Reports from the State Department state that only about one-third of the drivers who's names are in the third bracket have reported for examination.

John Nelson of this city, a student at the East Carolina Teachers college, at the election of the new student officers of the college, was elected as one of two members of the Men's Judiciary.

The traditional memorial flower service for Navy and Marine war dead lost at sea was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Cherry Point Air Base as a part of the observance of the week of Navy Day. Flowers received from relatives and friends were scattered from a Cherry Point plane over the Atlantic ocean off the coast of this city.

The first two days of supervi-

ed-hunt in the Hoffman forest last weekend resulted in the killing of 36 deer. Some 50 hunters took part in the hunt on the 84,000 acre tract.

Friends of ours over to the beach last week to watch the hauling of fish were greatly impressed by the number of fine homes or cottages that have been built within the past few years.

To our knowledge most of these fine houses have been built by Henry Guthrie, contractor and builder, of this city. While Henry will not go down in history as a builder of some great canal, dam or an Empire State building, the houses he has erected at Atlantic Beach will ever stand as monuments to his ability as a builder. Several new cottages are going up under his supervision with prospects of others to be constructed before the opening of next season.

Big Oaks From Little Acorns Grow
Reviewing old sketches of the business firms in Morehead City some thirty-five or forty years ago, one is impressed with the fact that so many concerns of that period were started by men determined to make a success of their venture.

Noticeable among the business firms of that period, that from a small beginning grew into and flourished for many years as one of the principal concerns of the city, was the Paragon Company.

Quoting from a write-up of this concern in a special edition of The Coaster of 1913 one finds this interesting item: "It may sound almost incredible to state that this extensive business has been built up by the efforts of one man who started with a capital of \$75.00 \$50.00 of which was borrowed, yet such happens to be the case that man being L. L. Leary, now president of the Paragon Company and owner of the Paragon building."

Mr. Leary began in a small way about 22 years ago with a light stock of general merchandise and continued in this line until 12 years ago when the line was changed to dry goods, ladies and gents furnishings. Three years later the millinery department was added forming the present stock.

Mr. Leary is prominent in school, social and religious matters. He is a member of the board of trustees of the graded school here and one of the directors of the Bank of Morehead City. As an alderman

of the city he is in charge of the water works.

In religious matters he holds a strong interest, serving as superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School 15 years, member of the State Board of the Baptist Association and is teacher of the Baracca class of the Baptist church."

In this same connection mention is made that the Paragon Company is incorporated with a capital of \$5,000, the officers being L. L. Leary, president, and John T. Willis, secretary and treasurer. The store being located in the new Paragon building 75x100 feet of which a floor space of 40x100 feet with a balcony of 20x40 feet is occupied by the company.

Today the store space occupied by the Paragon Company is the business home of Rose's Store. The adjoining store space, which back in the time this article was written, was occupied by the late George W. Dill operating as the Morehead City Drug company.

From the tap-roots of this business started nearly fifty years ago and located in the block which had its birth from the success of that business is the Leary's Store for Men, owned and operated by the son of the man of this sketch who has inherited a share of the business acumen of his forbear.

:: Smile a While ::

A colored man got his nerve together and took a flight in an airplane. As he climbed out of the ship on its return to the field, he said to the pilot, "Suh, Ah has to thank you fo' both dem rides." "What are you talking about," said the pilot, "you had only one." "No, suh," returned the passenger, "Ah done had two—mah last an' mah last."

Newport Men Serve in Navy
Three Newport men, McCoy Dudley, metalsmith, third class, USN, of route 2, Eugene Thompson Lilly, fireman, USN, and James Edward Daugherty, steward, second class, USN, of Route 1, are serving aboard the destroyer USS Ernest G. Small on a six-month cruise in the Mediterranean with the Sixth Task Fleet under Admiral Richard L. Conolly, Commander-in-Chief of Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

ELECTION NOTICE

GENERAL ELECTION: TUES., NOV. 2
HOURS: 6:30 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION DAYS:
Saturday, Oct. 9th — Saturday, Oct. 16th
Saturday, October 23rd

PLACE: THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACE

(The Registrar can enter your name on any day from October 9th to October 23rd. Be sure to see him).

No Registration Can Be Entered After Oct. 29

CHALLENGE DAY — OCTOBER 30th

Absentee Ballots:
(An Absentee Ballot can be cancelled on Election Day, by the Registrar, if the Voter has changed his plans and wishes to vote at the Polls.)

For any voter in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marines.

For any voter who will be out of the county on November 2nd.
For any sick voter unable to go to the polls.

Absentee Applications:

Voter can apply to this board by letter or Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Son, or Daughter may apply for the voter.

Application must state Precinct of voter.

Men or women in the Services will be registered by this Board.
All others must be registered on Precinct books.

No application can be received after October 30th.

Register or You Cannot Vote! Apply For Absentees Now! Every Citizen Should Vote!

Carteret County Board Of Elections
BEAUFORT, N. C.



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