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The Movies Retaliate

The Stewart-Everett chain of theatres, owner and operator of all movie houses in Beaufort and Morehead City, has taken exception to our recent editorial condemning the showing of lurid gangster and murder thriller movies on Saturdays when the youth of Carteret County flock to the playhouses, not to see that type of harmful trash but rather their old favorites in the traditional wild west shows.

As a matter of fact the editorial so upset the movie monopolists that they have discontinued all their advertisements. We can only assume that Stewart-Everett believes that their advertising dollars can dictate the editorial policy of THE NEWS-TIMES.

Stewart-Everett is naturally very interested in the fifteen cents each county youth passes through its box windows on Saturdays and likewise we, naturally, are interested in the advertising money that comes our way.

But our interest in revenue is not above our interest in the youth of Carteret County.

We do not presume to dictate to the movie houses as to what pictures should play and what ones should not, any more than we will tolerate their dictating to us what we shall print and what we shall not. Our editorial merely pointed out that "murder pictures" are not the proper thing to be shown to youngsters and it suggested that other types of shows play on Saturdays when most children go to the movies.

If there is some insurmountable barrier to changing the Saturday playbills, we are more than glad to listen to Stewart-Everett's side of the story.

The names of the movies playing currently at the various theaters will appear in our paper as a news item.

Recreation—Does It Have A Place Here?

Both Beaufort and Morehead City are taking a forward step in recognizing the importance of recreation, not only for young people, but for adults.

In the workaday world that is ours too little thought is given to relaxation, especially the type of relaxation that re-creates and gives one a zest for living.

Too easily we let ourselves fall into a routine that becomes wearisome, not so much because we work hard, but we do the same thing all the time, day after day.

Planned recreation is usually thought of in connection with a factory populace. It is true that our population is not largely industrial. Our two major occupations, farming and fishing, are outdoor jobs. But even the farmer and fisherman must have a means of relaxing. Each of them should be removed at least once a week, if not oftener, from the strain of their daily tasks. The housewife, the businesswoman—neither do they work on an assembly line, yet diversion from their daily routine is necessary if they are to remain healthy, happy citizens.

Miss Ronie Sheffield, assistant director of the North Carolina Recreation commission, in her address Tuesday night to Beaufort Rotarians, told what comprises a well-rounded recreation program: sports, music, crafts, art and drama—for all ages!

Too frequently when we think of recreation, our thoughts turn to games or sport of some sort. This is fine for the school child who sits at a desk all day or for a factory worker who spends the major part of the day within a confined area. But a farmer or fisherman would be unlikely to enter with zest into a basketball game after he has been working in the fields or hauling nets all day.

Maybe the farmer would enjoy making something with his hands, tooling leather or working in wood; perhaps the fisherman would be interested in wood carving; the housewife in relaxing with a hand loom in front of her so she could weave, making her own designs—there are innumerable possibilities for the relaxation that actually re-creates.

But where can a place be found or where is the opportunity offered for one to engage in such recreation in Carteret county? No where.

Of course, we look to recreation for our children and this must not be neglected. But for a change, let's turn our thoughts to ourselves, not selfishly, but for the purpose of making us happier individuals—recreation, the proper type, can do that.

With Dr. Harold Meyer, director of the North Carolina Recreation commission and Miss Sheffield's visit here, the ball has started rolling. If we pick it up and run, we will have, with our natural resources, recreation facilities that are second to none.

Raleigh Round up



By Eula Nixon Greenwood

REVALUATIONS . . . Nothing was said about it in the press, but Long John Skinner of Littleton, big wheel of the North Carolina County Commissioners Association, and Kerr Scott tossed some rather sharp darts at each other in the privacy of the governor's office here last week. What they had to say in that little meeting should be of interest to every landowner in the State.

Said Governor Scott to Long John Skinner: "Your commissioners are too conservative. When are your fellows going to get on the ball? It is time for an upward re-

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FUNNY OR SERIOUS?



valuation of property in North Carolina—all over the State.

With that, Skinner virtually hit the ceiling. What? Revalue property in these inflationary times? He told of the revaluation experiences of the 20's and of the foreclosures, etc., during the depression. He's agin it—dead agin it. However, Governor Scott has said privately during recent weeks that the value of property on the tax with its actual monetary value.

It is his opinion that counties would not find it necessary to come crying for State aid for schoolhouses, for instance, if they had the proper tax programs at home. Of course with an upward revaluation, the tax rate could be lower. Is property in your county on the tax books at a figure far below its actual value? Is this the proper time to revalue property? The little Scott-Skinner controversy is exceedingly important at this time.

NOT SO WELL . . . The N. C. Employment Security Commission has approximately 800 employees, most of whom, it seems, have been in a lather for the past few weeks concerning the future of their head man, Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the Employment Security Commission. A native of Shelby and a brother of Editor H. W. Kendall, of the Greensboro Daily News, Henry was appointed by Governor Cherry to this position. He's made a good man, but was supposedly a Johnsonian Democrat, hence the litters.

In Charlotte resides one R. Brooks Price, \$3,600 field representative of the ESC, a strong Scott man and the brother of an ardent Scott disciple in Union County. The employees of ESC have heard for three months now that Price is turning heaven and earth to move to Raleigh, thus raising his salary exactly \$3,000 per year. Up until last week they were sure Kendall was on the way out. He may be. But Capus Wainick likes him. So does his brother in Greensboro. It begins to look as if Price may continue to reside in Charlotte. His campaign isn't going as well as early in the year.

Why is all this petty dickering important? Mainly because virtually every department here is shrouded in girlish whispers about what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month.

LADY ON THE BENCH . . . Don't say who told you, but there is a very good chance that Miss Susie Sharpe, Reidsville attorney, will have the honor of being the first woman to grace the Superior Court bench in North Carolina. Scott likes to break precedents and herein lies his opportunity to do so and at the same time pull into his scope of influence an unusually fine legal brain. Since it is bad to discuss women's ages, particularly if they are unmarried, it is only important to remember that Miss Sharpe was old enough to vote for Scott three times last year. She and her father influenced many a ballot for the governor in Rockingham county.

ALSO GWYNN? . . . It is almost certain that Scott will have the opportunity to fill one or more State Supreme Court vacancies during his term of office. He doesn't have somebody who was on his team, for the jurists flocked to Johnson. However, Judge Allen Gwynn of Reidsville was a Scott man, so look in that direction when the vacancy occurs.

FLOUNDERING . . . The Legislature is still floundering. In fact, the old heads here, including some of the solons themselves, agree that it is the "most disorganized" General Assembly they have ever known. That seems to be putting it a little strong, but there is un-

OTHER ISSUES . . .

On other issues, Governor Scott is pretty vague. On the one hand, he wants \$22,000,000 more for the operation of Schools than the Advisory Budget Commission recommended. He wants \$800,000, also from the General Fund, for the State Agriculture Department. But—and this is the important point—he makes not one recommendation as to where this extra tax money is to come from. He said in his press conference last Friday afternoon that "it takes guts to go forward", intimating, evidently, that the Legislature does not have the "guts" to raise taxes. But he makes no suggestion as to where the Legislature can look to get these taxes. On the contrary, he recommends taking the sales tax off meals, which will cost the State an estimated \$800,000, and the possible end to legal alcohol in North Carolina, which will cost the State, in taxes, about \$7,000,000. These are fine suggestions and the people, if they could vote on them, would no doubt stand firmly with Kerr Scott. But where is the \$22,800,000—only a portion of his "go forward" program—going to be raised?

Further portions of his program call for \$7,000,000 for ports improvements and \$50,000,000 for loans to counties for schoolhouses. Where is the thunder is all this money coming from?

FROM STATE INSTITUTIONS? . . . Including the amount which was set aside for them in 1947, the State institutions—mental asylums, the Greater University of North Carolina, colleges, etc., will have about \$76,000,000 for permanent improvements. Facilities at most of these plants are a disgrace to North Carolina. Will Gov. Scott dip into these funds? If he does not, he has only three brackets from which he can hope to raise any where near the revenue he will need for his "go forward" plan.

SOURCES . . . He can raise the income tax, which paid the State \$56,000,000 last year. He can go up on the sales tax, that penny-grabbing aggravation which was put on as an "emergency measure" 16 years ago and is still hanging around, bringing in \$39,000,000 during the past fiscal year. He can go back to a State tax on land. Since he was one of the leaders in the fight to get it removed, he would like to fight any attempt to resurrect it. He has recommended decrease in the sales tax. As a candidate, Scott led the people to believe he was against new taxes "with all that surplus in the banks".

\$79,800,000 . . . It finally develops that Gov. Scott will need an additional \$79,800,000 in order for North Carolina to "go forward." He requested in his inaugural address that action be taken which would reduce taxes by \$10,300,000, as referred to above.

Thus he is in the hole \$70,500,000 plus \$10,300,000 or a total of \$80,800,000.

Time marches on.

Save your waste paper!

Majority of Residents Comply with Listing Law

Approximately 80 per cent of county residents listed taxes during January, F. R. Seeley, Beaufort list taker, estimated yesterday. Listing was scheduled to close the last day of January but list-takers in the court house were on the job through Saturday.

Australia Reports Population

CANBERRA — (AP) — Australia's population at June 30, 1947, was 7,579,358. This is the final figure shown after the count of the census taken on that date.



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