

School Issue Causes Fireworks

Where three boundaries of separate political units meet, fireworks can be set off sometimes with little provocation. The battle between Onslow, Jones and Carteret Counties over school children and where they shall be educated has been rumbling about for months. And at this point nobody knows how it will end.

The State Board of Education was to take action on one phase of the matter yesterday. The issues, boiled down, are these:

1. Jones County wants the children from the western section of our county who are attending the White Oak School in Onslow to go to Jones County Schools. At the March meeting of the Carteret Board of Education, our board recommended that these children, numbering 56, go to the Jones County Schools. We asked that the State Board of Education approve that recommendation. The State Board was to act on it yesterday.
2. In addition to the 56 children involved in that issue, approximately 225 youngsters from the western section of our county attend school in Swansboro. Swansboro is planning to build a new school. They claim that since 25 per cent of their enrollment are Carteret children, this county should help pay for part of the new school.

Following the recommendation made by our board of education the first of this month, the Onslow County education board met and passed a resolution saying that the Carteret County children shall not go to Jones County but shall attend the school at Swansboro in their county! Where Onslow County gets the idea that they can dictate as to which school Carteret pupils shall attend is beyond us. Nevertheless that is what they have done, according to news reports from Jacksonville.

So, after appropriating more Carteret students, they claim that this county shall help pay for a new school to take care of them. That's like a farmer stealing his neighbor's land and then ordering his neighbor, from whom the land was stolen, to help pay to build a barn on it!

Carteret school officials naturally are against giving any money to Onslow County — even if we had it. They rightfully reason that because of the increased enrollment in the Swansboro school, due to our pupils, Onslow has received thousands of dollars through state and federal aid that they would not have gotten otherwise.

Had those pupils been in schools in this county, we would have received the dollars funneled into Onslow. As a matter of fact, there would have been enough money come to this county to rebuild the Carteret County White Oak School which burned several years ago. The destruction of that school made it necessary for our children to be sent to schools elsewhere and that's how quite a few of the pupils got into schools in other counties in the first place. (Jones County, however, has

To Protect Our Young'uns . . .

Two events will take place this month which will go a long way toward protecting our youngsters. One is the bicycle safety crusade being sponsored by the police departments of Beaufort and Morehead City and the other event will take place at the Boy Scout camporee at Camp Croatan next weekend. That's a demonstration on safe handling of guns.

The other day we were driving along Bridges street. In front of us was a boy on a bike who looked to be about 11 years old. He was pedaling for all he was worth. But he looked over his shoulder, saw a car behind him, held out his left hand signaling that he was going to turn at the next corner, and on his way he sped.

We would have liked to have caught up with that little fellow and shaken hands with him. Those are the kinds of bike riders we like to see. The cautious motorist always gives bike riders a wide berth, because we've been trained to the fact that kids are unpredictable.

been educating Carteret students for about 20 years).

Carteret County Superintendent of Schools H. L. Joslyn said that this county can accommodate our students now going to Swansboro. They could be taken into the Newport and Camp Glenn schools. While we now have the space, the issue of distance arises. Many of the parents would object to their children being transported the long way from their section of the county to Newport or Camp Glenn.

Distance is a factor that figures largely in the entire controversy. Carteret pupils in the western part of the county are much closer to the Onslow and Jones County schools than they are to ours.

Because of the inter-county aspect of the whole affair, Carteret school officials have repeatedly asked the State Board of Education to settle the matter. But realizing the explosive nature of the situation, it's been juggled like a hot potato, the state tossing it back into the hands of the counties involved.

As a result, lawyers have been hired by Onslow and Jones people to plead their cause. At this writing we know not the outcome of the State Board of Education meeting in Raleigh yesterday.

We do know that Onslow hasn't a leg to stand on in asking Carteret for money to help build their new school at Swansboro.

How to Rise Above it All

Now we know the solution to the traffic problem. Get a 'copter-glider.

This is a gadget unveiled Saturday by the Bensen Aircraft Co. President Igor Bensen built it at his helicopter plant at the Raleigh-Durham airport.

The gyro-glider or 'copter glider is just big enough for one person. Its rotor blades are on top, two of them, just like a helicopter. The 210-pound President Bensen, who has flown his own 86-pound craft, says it's "simpler than a bicycle" and "weighs only a trifle more."

Just think, in a 'copter-glider there would be no more waiting for draw bridges to close, no more waiting for trains to shift back and forth, no more struggling with Sunday traffic. Of course, such utopia has been predicted before — automobiles with wings that could just zoom down a highway and take off. But this is the first time something as inexpensive as this has come off the drawing board.

The gyro-glider can be built, Bensen says, for \$100. He says it can be put together in any home workshop. Of course, that leaves us out right off the bat, but possibilities of such a flying machine are thrilling to contemplate!

They say you can't get hurt in this thing. It can't stall and its landings are so gentle the pilot could carry a sack of eggs without cracking 'em.

Here on the coast where we almost always have a brisk breeze, this gyro-glider would be the nuts. Probably for nuts too, but we still think it has possibilities. People who go nuts trying to drive a car are right ready for something like this.

But if the bicycle safety crusade and bicycle clubs train bike riders to give signals as did that youngster on Bridges street, we've gone a long way toward protecting our children and easing the mind of the motorist.

As for the gun handling, we commented at Christmas time that somehow, somewhere, boys should receive training in handling guns. From the day a boy can run, he wants a gun strapped to his hip, be it water pistol, target pistol, or six-shooter from the five and ten. As they approach their teens, they begin to get more interested in the "real thing." BB guns, rifles, pistols — they're somehow as alluring to a boy as a steak to a starved beggar.

The Scouting announcement of a demonstration in gun handling is the first ever to come to our attention in any program for boys. And we say it's high time.

With training in bicycle safety and gun safety, we'll soon make the teenage accident statistics take a nose-dive.

NEIGHBORHOOD'S GETTING TOUGHER EVERY DAY



F. C. Salisbury

Here and There

The following information is taken from the files of the Morehead City Coaster:

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1915
Hon. John M. Morehead of Charlotte was in the city Monday.
Captains Harry Moore and S. W. Farris left Tuesday in the "Dohema J." for Sound Beach, Conn., where they will meet Edwin Binny, the owner of the yacht. The "Dohema J." arrived here Wednesday of last week after having cruised in the waters of southern Florida for the past three or four months.

Captain Foard left Thursday in the yacht "Aloa" for New York where he will meet Colonel Frank Marion, the owner of the yacht.

W. H. Stead left Tuesday morning for Sound Beach, Conn., where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Edwin Binny. He will make the trip on the yacht "Dohema J." being the guest of Captains Moore and Farris.

Mrs. W. S. Franklin and children of Goldsboro left for home Monday after spending several days

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Willis.

Charles Piner Jr., left for Charles-ton, S. C. Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keifer and daughter Arline of Stroudsburg, Pa., returned home Monday after spending several weeks here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Canfield.

Isaac Tawes of Crisfield, Md., arrived in the city Friday and will remain here during the crab season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woodland of Crisfield, Md., arrived in the city to spend several weeks so that Mr. Woodland can look after his business interests during the crab season.

Leroy Davis, Abram Riggin and James Davis of Marshallburg were business visitors in the city Monday.

Mrs. Hettie Roberts and daughter Mamie of Wilmington who have been visiting John D. Styrren for the past several days returned to their home Wednesday.

Miss Emeline J. Pigott has re-

Today's Birthday

ALEC GUINNESS, born April 2, 1914 in London, England. The

famed British actor is known to American audiences for his motion picture roles in "Great Expectations," "Kind Hearts and Coronets," "Man in the White Suit" and "Captain's Paradise." Also featured on Broadway in "The Cocktail Party." Has acted in and directed Shakespearean plays. During World War II was an officer in the Royal Navy.



turned home from New Bern where she has been spending some time visiting relatives.

H. Agnew Lewis returned to New Bern Sunday after spending some time here with relatives.

C. F. D. Bell returned to the city Monday after spending a few days with his family at Harlowe.

Miss Kate Leary returned to her home at Buies Creek Monday morning after spending a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Leary.

Mrs. T. B. Davis of Zebulon returned home Monday after a short visit with friends here.

Mrs. J. T. Davenport who has been visiting in New Bern as the guest of Mrs. A. E. Hibbard returned home Monday night.

Two cars of machinery have been shipped to Morehead City for the D. L. Taylor Contracting company to be used here for the unloading and handling of the stone to be used in the construction of the Harbor of Refuge at Cape Lookout.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bell have moved from their home on the corner of 8th and Arendell streets to that of their daughter's, Mrs. Dan G. Bell on Bridges street. After April 5 the house recently vacated by Mr. Bell will be occupied by E. C. Boomer and family of Surf-folk, Va., who moved here this week.

W. B. Blades of New Bern was in the city Tuesday looking after the erection of his new cottage which is now in the course of construction near the Atlantic Hotel.

Elijah Willis has begun work on his new building on the vacant lot just east of the R. T. Willis building in which the stores of Klein Brothers and J. C. Helms are now located. The building when completed will be 22 feet by 75 feet and two stories in height. The lower floor will be used as a store while the upper floor will be used for residential purposes.

As was stated in The Coaster several weeks ago, that the Morehead City Fire company had purchased another hose wagon from the Goldsboro Fire Department, it arrived here last Tuesday and is now in commission. The wagon is of the latest make and carries modern fixtures. Cost of the new wagon was \$155.

Discourteous Drivers Cause Most Accidents



Most motor accidents last year were directly due to discourteous—reckless driving, excessive speed, driving on the wrong side of the road, bulling through without the right-of-way, cutting in ahead, passing on curves or hills, passing on the wrong side, failing to signal, or signalling improperly.

In other words, accidents don't just "happen"—accidents are caused. You're the driver who causes accidents, if you're a driver who leaves your manners on the sidewalk when you get into your car.

The man who wouldn't think of

standing in line at a movie theater bellowing at the top of his voice because the line doesn't move faster—is the same man who leans on his horn, fraying all the tempers within earshot, and putting other drivers into an accident-causing mood.

And that same man will begrudgingly expect his car to respond to every emergency, even when not kept in top operating condition. The man who handles the make of car you drive can keep it in perfect operating shape—if you ask him to—but only you can keep your driving manners polished.

Kidd Brewer

Raleigh Roundup

NOTES ON ALVIN . . . Don't start scheme-dreaming in your thinking about Alvin Wingfield's decision to run for the U. S. Senate.

Kerr Scott didn't have anything to do with it. It would suit Scott all right if nobody were running except him and Sen. Alton Lennon. You may be sure that neither Lennon nor any of his folks were in on the decision. They would have much preferred that Wingfield stay out of it.

Well, you ask, then just what happened? Nothing, really, outside of Wingfield's mind. He just decided he wanted to be the junior U. S. Senator from North Carolina. Anything wrong with that? He's free, white, and of age. He had, apparently, the \$250 filing fee. Don't try to read any deals, any cloak-and-dagger-smoke-filled-rooms plans into the statement. There were none. There are none.

Scott people were at first pleased with the announcement. They still are not too unhappy about it. The House of Lennon was seen to sway slightly like a tall pine in a May breeze. But it recovered quickly enough. Its recovery became complete when Wingfield's Wake County Courthouse talk here attracted 63 people last Friday night.

The Lennon people feel that Wingfield's entry may push the contest into a second primary. There are four men—not all of them bad, either—running besides Scott, Lennon, and Wingfield. They are Olla Ray Boyd, whom you have no doubt heard of before, A. E. Turner, H. L. Sprinkle and W. M. Bostick.

We understand that Turner plans to spend some money and that Sprinkle has plenty to spend if he wants to, so don't sell these fellows short just because you have never heard of them. Ten years ago you didn't even know Adlai Stevenson existed, and now look.

Anyway, Lennon people say there will be a second Primary—and that's just the briarpatch they're looking for.

BURGEON . . . With spring busting out all over and momentous things in the air for education in North Carolina and elsewhere, there is a word with which all good Tar Heels should become familiar—and an interesting story in connection with it.

Ever heard of "burgeon?" Chances are you have not in all your born days uttered the word in ordinary conversation. Odds are just as great that you have never heard it used except possibly in some address.

Well, a burgeon is a bud. To burgeon is to-commence growth in the bud. The word has become peculiarly North Carolina's because one man made it famous 40 years ago. It ranks in importance right along with "equal," "independence," and "freedom" with us in this state. Gov. Charles B. Aycock pleaded in one of his speeches for "the equal right of every child born on earth to burgeon out all that is within him!"

But it wasn't until some 20 years after his death that children of tobacco-growing Columbus, for instance, had school facilities equal to those available to the children of tobacco-manufacturing Forsyth. This came only after the State took over the schools 20 years ago.

And the burgeoning in many areas has been retarded until recently because of inadequate schoolhouses. Many a county in this state neglected their school buildings for colored children until the State first appropriated funds and voted bonds for school plants in 1949.

QUOTES . . . Writing in the News and Observer last week, Columnist Marguerite Smethurst said she was surprised to find in "The Life and Speeches of Charles B. Aycock" by Clarence Poe and R.

D. W. Connor the phrase "to burgeon out all that is within him" set off by quotation marks.

Did Aycock borrow the statement from some great word merchant of another era? Not at all, it developed. Clarence Poe came forward with the explanation in a letter to Mrs. Smethurst. Dr. Poe, now famous, middle-aged and semi-retired, married one of Aycock's daughters. They were in a hurry to get started to Europe on their wedding trip.

"In preparing the manuscript of this last speech . . . instructions to put this phrase in italics so as to emphasize it somehow got mis-phrased into 'put into quotes' wrote Dr. Poe to Mrs. Smethurst.

The quotes stayed there, for Dr. Poe never got to check on the book after it was set in type.

It may surprise you to know that Aycock never made the speech from which the quotation was lifted. Ready to run for the U. S. Senate, he dictated the address for the announcement of his candidacy, but died in Birmingham, Ala., while making a speech there and thus never delivered, in the usual sense of the word, the great equal and burgeon address.

BYRDIAN . . . When you hear Kerr Scott doing any talking about saving money, you may know he is running for public office.

Harry Flood Byrd and W. Kerr Scott are, ordinarily, about as much alike as Sen. Joe McCarthy and Adlai Stevenson.

But last week in Clayton when Scott said that Uncle Sam could save upwards of \$300,000,000 by investing some of its idle money instead of letting it sleep in New York banks, he was snuggling right up close to Byrd.

Scott knows a good campaign point when he sees one. Politics makes strange bedfellows.

We know certain folks who yell loud enough to be heard from here to the barn at the mere mention of Byrd's name. They love Scott like a schoolboy loves his pie, like an old Kentucky colonel loves his rock and rye.

It may surprise Kerr Scott to find that Harry Byrd has been plucking for years on the same strings now being harped on by the gentleman from Alamance.

As the Greensboro Daily News said editorially last Saturday: "It doesn't make much sense to give them (the banks) several million dollars a year when the government deficit is increasing, and government should be doing everything it can to get its expenditures in balance."

What we're getting at, too, is that this is the first time we have heard Kerr Scott say anything about saving money since his campaign for Governor in 1948. Right now he's a little Byrdian. He's likely to remain that way right on until May 29—or a month thereafter.

But to paraphrase an old song: Will he love in December as he does in May? Will he love us in that same old Byrdian way?

GOOD THING? . . . Parents and teachers having difficulty persuading some children to study and to attend school regularly would do well to quote from the Dec. 31, 1953 records of the N. C. Probation Commission.

There were 4,113 under probation in North Carolina for various crimes. Of this number, 3,308 had never been to high school. Only 77 of the 4,113 probationers had received any training beyond high school. Only 19 of the more than 4,000 were college graduates.

This would seem to indicate that education is, after all, really a pretty good thing, don't you think?

TIP . . . Watch it. That innocent looking little green car away back there behind you may be a patrolman. Those wires across the road may be there to check your speed. Be safe. Drive carefully.

Man-of-War Bird Attains Pinnacle in Air World

Imagine a bird with a wingspread of 8 feet and a weight of just under 4 pounds! It has a length of about 3½ feet including a 6-inch bill and a 19-inch tail that is forked more than half its length. The wings are conspicuously bent backward at the "elbow" (which isn't the elbow really) and while many of the birds appear at a distance to be solid black beneath, others show conspicuously white underparts. The bird that would fit into this picture may be seen flying endlessly over the ocean and near tropical shores and is the frigate bird or man-of-war bird. They have been seen on occasion off the North Carolina coast.

There are five species of man-of-war birds recognized. They range from Nova Scotia to Venezuela on the Atlantic Coast and from Humboldt Bay in California south to the Galapagos Islands with one species widespread in the Indian Ocean and other species extending the range over most of the warm seas. In spite of their uncanny ability to fly there is relatively little seasonal migration. Sometimes the birds are found inland in North America as far as Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio.

The birds never sleep on the water and because of their strong homing instinct have been used to carry messages for man. Since any

group of half a dozen birds would be likely to seek land with the advent of sundown and since individuals probably do not range, at least during nesting season, farther than 75 miles off shore, the movements of a number of birds in a given direction at dusk is often taken to mean that land lies within 75 miles of the point the birds were observed and in the direction they



Man-of-War Bird

are flying. To a man lost in a boat this may often have considerable significance.

During the breeding season the male distends an enormous balloon like sac beneath its throat, sits on the nest and makes cackling noises when a female approaches. From one to three eggs measuring about 2 by 3 inches and white are incubated by both parents. The young are soon covered with a white down and hold their juveniles plumage for a year. The adults are

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