

## Quite a Jolt, Anyway



## Short Snorts..

PERSONAL  
PARAGRAPHS  
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It seems that everybody is fairly well pleased with the tax listed valuation arrived at for the Du Pont Company installation in Contentnea Neck Township. Tax Supervisor Milton Williams is happy with it. Du Pont folks say the valuation and rate are comparable to tax costs in other areas where they have plants, so they're happy. The Du Pont Company has a reputation of wanting to pay its fair share of taxes everywhere that it does business. And, of course, it's good public relations to pay strictly local taxes as they are deductible when time rolls around to pay those "exorbitant" federal taxes.

We often wonder if the public is not exposed to TOO MUCH information. We have so much shoved at us by radio, TV, the printed word and plain rumor that we have little or no time to digest any of what is put before us. Rather as if we have indigestion of the brain from over "eating." Our minds are so crowded with "facts" that we are frequently unable to penetrate the mists and see through to the principals and principles actually involved.

It might be an enlightening thing for Americans today to play back some old recordings of Hitler's. Whether one speaks German or not, the similarity between the sounds Hitler made and those currently being made by Senator McCarthy is most evident. The same forced-gutturals, the same tone of hysteria, the same phonetic posturings are there. Of course, even more enlightening would be a comparison of the actual subject matter.

Speaking of taxes, the five cent cut voted for 1954-55 by the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners is no doubt welcomed by one and all. We get more for our city and county tax dollar than for any other money we spend, but no matter how much we get we are always happy to pay a little less so long as we still get the many services that the city and county provide.

From reading and listening to the Indo-China attitudes of our leaders it appears that the American mind is now being conditioned for another Korea. All of the subtle tricks of the propaganda trade in America are being used to get the public "use to the notion." Hope we are wrong, however.

Novelists who make money either write things that make them blush or shame their grandchildren.

"Freedom" they have been given by their so-called court and use at least a little of it to go to the north where they claim they are accepted as equals and with open arms.

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## EDITORIALS

Never Forget That These Editorials Are The Opinions Of One Man,  
And He May Be Wrong.

## The Importance of Voting

No matter who a person votes for in a second primary, they should exercise that duty. Voting in a first primary is, of course, important too, but in the final analysis the vote in the second primary is the one that actually selects the office holder.

This paper does not belong to that "get out the vote" school of thinking, with repeated beggings to the public to vote above all else. We believe that a person should take the time to inform himself of what the issues and individuals are, and after that vote.

If a person is too busy, too ignorant

or too lazy to inform himself he ought to stay home and wait such time as he can inform himself to vote. The most dangerous segment of the voting public is that part which merely votes because "voting" is a public duty.

Voting is a serious business and should be approached in just that manner. And in that serious vein, we urge as strongly as we can that everybody who voted in the first primary on May 29th go back to the polls on June 26th and make that final selection. The first primary was only a preliminary skirmish, the one June 26th is the one that counts.

## More On Court Decision

Anyone exposed to this paper for any considerable period of time must know that we are flatly, finally and everlastingly opposed to ending segregation in our public schools in the South, even if it means ending public schools as we know them today.

Some of our sincere friends have tried to calm us by reminding that "This isn't going to happen overnight. Don't get too alarmed. The Supreme Court isn't going to rush this thing on us. It'll take years to put it into practice. The court was merely pointing out a principle."

These platitudes and many more have been aimed at us, and those who think like we do. My answer to them has been and still is: Nuts.

No one with an ounce of knowledge of what is going on in this affair can sincerely believe that any such slow process is going to be permitted. This has been pointedly and repeatedly stated for all to see by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

At a meeting this past Sunday in Durham that has been stupidly dubbed a "Freedom Celebration" White said, in part, "The NAACP will not be a party to plans to postpone integration of the schools." And more, "The NAACP is

preparing petitions asking Southern school boards to abolish segregation without delay. The petitions have been completed by the organization's legal department and are being sent to local branches."

Spouting further, White added, "There is a pathetic futility in the recent agreement of certain Southern governors not to comply voluntarily with the Supreme Court's anti-segregation decision."

If this is the language of a group "satisfied with establishing a legal principle and not wanting to end segregation any more than white people" then we are guilty of a complete ignorance of the meaning of the English language.

In a speech delivered last month by Walter Trohan, bureau chief of the Chicago Tribune in Washington, which is reprinted in full in this edition of this paper, there is at least one northerner (Trohan) who has publicly pointed to the inevitable clash and loss to both races that this stupid, arrogant, un-Constitutional use from the once Supreme Court makes inevitable.

Mercenary rabble rousers of the White breed are doing both races a tremendous and terrible wrong and we, for one, wish they would exercise this

Many times when newspapers go too far into politics a public reaction builds up in the opposite direction, so that the purpose the paper started out for backfires. This column may be of that nature. I certainly hope that it does not for I feel very seriously on this specific subject and surely hope that this column does not backfire to the detriment of the cause which I hope for.

The people of Lenoir County are faced with a choice on June 26th between Clay Broadway and D. F. Wilcox Jr. for the important job of Sheriff of Lenoir County. This is the highest police job in the county, although in recent years it may have been somewhat dimmed by the lassitude of the holder of that office.

Nevertheless, the Office of Sheriff is a high and constitutional position of great trust and great importance to every man, woman and child who lives in, visits in or passes through Lenoir County. The voters of the county have a solemn obligation to seek for the truth in the campaign between these two men and to do their best to find which of these men would be the best for this job.

This is not an attack on D. F. Wilcox Jr as an individual. I have known him most of my life and personally like him and have never gotten along with him in any but the best way. We have never had any "falling out." But this is rather an attack upon the official position Wilcox has held in the present sheriff's administration and the part he has played or NOT played in that department.

This is not a personalized effort to drag all, or any of the personal affairs of Wilcox into the public eye. I have heard a great many charges against him but most were largely of a personal nature and practically all came from people who were not themselves as "pure as the driven snow." Because of the personal nature of many of these charges and because they were made by people who may have had an ax to grind I must put them aside and in my effort discuss things as THEY ARE and not as somebody SAID THEY WERE.

Among the things I have found, without too much effort that exists, to the detriment of Wilcox are mostly sins of "omission" of the present department in which he is chief deputy. I know fundamentally that the responsibility for these sins of "omission" rests most largely upon Sheriff Sam Churchill for he is, at least in name, head of the department. But Wilcox cannot escape responsibility in these matters for he has had full authority to do just about as he has pleased under Churchill.

The No. 1 fault I have found, and still find with his department is that it has not done the work for the county that it should have done. A current report reveals that fees paid to constables during the first nine months the sheriff had five deputies and three radio-equipped cars amounted to \$4,429.90 while fees paid into the county treasury by work done by the sheriff's six-man department amounted to only \$308.50.

I do not maintain, for one minute, that the sheriff's department could have done all of this work, could have served every one of these papers but I do contend that it could have done far more than an average of \$36 worth per month.

This is a serious dereliction which has directly cost the taxpayers of Lenoir County many thousand of dollars in fees paid out to constables. It ought never  
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