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Only eleven more shopping days before Christmas.

Hunters are generally agreed that quail are scarce this year.

The cost of doing nothing is going higher and higher.

Christmas spirit and Christmas spirits are two entirely different things.

We still haven't seen any "two-fers" done up in Christmas packages.

You can't appreciate the good that stop-and-go lights do until you get into a traffic jam when one is broken.

Mussolini's attack upon the Ethiopians hasn't done anything to popularize Italy or Italian products.

Good News

When the daily papers are filled with accounts of brutal crimes that occur in other sections, we find it a pleasing contrast to be able to write a notice similar to the one which appeared last week in The Pilot to the effect that the county jail was free of prisoners for several days.

We are glad that Brunswick county citizens, white and colored alike, are able to go about their daily business without transgressing to any great extent upon the rights of their neighbors and without breaking the laws of their state.

It is our honest opinion that the residents of this county are among the most law abiding citizens of North Carolina.

The Farmers Of Tomorrow

One of the most interesting phases of present-day education lies in the encouragement and knowledge given young farm people.

Contests are held for livestock and crops raised by these budding farmers. Instruction is given them in scientific farming, marketing and distributing. There is an opportunity that few of their forebears had.

The result of this is to better the outlook for the agriculture of the future—and to make it inevitable that the farmer of tomorrow will be a better crop scientist, a better business man, and more valuable citizen, than the farmer of yesterday.

School Page

The school page, which has been a feature in The State Port Pilot for the past seven weeks, has met with general approval. Principals of the schools, faculty members, students and merchants have done their part to make these pages a success.

We appreciate the following letter received this past week from the Schoolmaster's Club of Brunswick county:

"Dear Editor:—  
"At a recent meeting of the Brunswick County School Master's Club, the secretary was requested to convey to the Editor of the State Port Pilot the Club's appreciation of the excellent support the Brunswick County schools are receiving from the State Port Pilot. Special emphasis was placed on the weekly school page which has been very helpful in that it has brought the work of the schools to the attention of the patrons.  
"The School Master's Club wishes to assure you of its fullest co-operation in your work in Brunswick county.  
"Very truly yours,  
"ANNIE MAY WOODSIDE, Sec."

Basketball

The growing popularity of high school basketball games has done more than

any other one thing in recent years to make the citizens of this state sports conscious.

At large consolidated high schools all over North Carolina will be found indoor courts that, during the winter months, become a center of community interest as the girls and boys play one or two games a week with teams from other schools.

We know of no faster, more thrilling sport than a game between two well-matched basketball teams. And this is one sport upon which the boys have no monopoly. The best high school game we ever saw was played by girls.

There was a time when parents looked with disfavor upon high school sports for boys and girls. Reading, writing and arithmetic were the three reasons for going to school; and as far as exercise was concerned, milking cows and bringing in wood before and after school would take care of that part of their child's development.

Because there are certain scholastic standards which must be met before a player is eligible to play against a team from another school, parents soon discovered that John and Mary were bringing home better report cards as they took no chances of being dropped from their team because of low grades.

Having heard so much about this game that could cause such keen excitement among the young people, parents began to go to the gymnasium occasionally—always with some good excuse. The result is that fathers and mothers now are the most loyal supports of a team, and spacious gymnasiums are being packed with citizens who, a few years ago, would have scoffed at the idea of ever attending a basketball game.

Schedules for the boys and girls teams at the five consolidated high schools in Brunswick county have been so arranged that all games this year will be played indoors, either in the Waccamaw high school gymnasium or in the Southport gymnasium. Those of you who still haven't attended a basketball game have a big surprise in store when you discover how much you enjoy seeing your girl or boy playing for all he or she is worth for the school while the crowd looks on and cheers.

Good Will On The Road

The Holiday season is a peculiarly fitting time to emphasize the obligations of every motorist. It is of more than passive interest that the Yuletide closes that quarter of the year when automobile accidents, deaths and injuries are at an annual peak. How horrible is the thought that as we approach the days when the sentiment, "Good Will to All," is glorified throughout the land, the carnage of wrecks and broken bodies is strewn more than ever over the face of our country.

A great deal has been said about the necessity of courtesy in driving as an accident preventive measure. Driving at speeds reasonable for conditions, sharing the road, passing properly, using correct hand signals, avoiding all those actions which make driving dangerous and uncomfortable for the other fellow, are the dictates of courtesy and manners. So, too, are they dictates of the principle of the good neighbor. Good driving, with a real desire to safeguard the lives of those exposed to the consequences of that driving, is practical Christianity. It is a kind of practical Christianity that followers of all creeds can subscribe to as they join in the common rejoicing at this Christmas season.

The first concern of the churches of America is the saving of souls. By entering with whole-hearted activity into the automobile safety movement, they can extend their activity to the saving of lives, without violating their first purpose. The blot upon a soul as a result of killing or maiming another through careless or heedless action, is one not easily erased. The churches have the advantage of being able to appeal to a great section of the drivers of the country on occasions when they are most receptive to the idea of good will as a driving maxim. The good neighbor on the road could well serve as a theme for a sermon in every church at this time of the year.

So long as selfishness and stupid recklessness, so long as death and destruction exist on our streets and highways, the ideal of peace on earth, good will toward men, will command little more than lip service.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, Dec. 11.—While veteran economists seldom agree and are frequently wrong in their predictions, there is significance in the unanimity of opinion that recovery of boom day proportions will be under full steam during the next eighteen months. It is in full acknowledgement of this drift of affairs that has widened the gulf between government and industry. Briefly, the situation may be summarized as a struggle between desires of private enterprises to permit natural forces to foster the upturn rather than undergo further intervention by political authorities in attempts to render artificial stimulation. In other words, if the government will minimize its sphere of influence to the bare essentials necessary to protect the public interest, the industrial progress eliminating unemployment and hard times now pent-up due to uncertainty over regulatory policies will be something more than a mere promise.

Unbiased observers feel, however, that this highly desirable goal is far from attainment. Too much politics. The fact that large industrial groups have sounded the tocsin for militant resistance to the New Deal projects has the inevitable effect of placing this vital issue squarely in the political arena for 1936—a campaign year. Only a fatuous optimist would hope for complete freedom from governmental intervention. What industry probably wants is assurances from responsible government officials of the greatest possible freedom to capital consistent with business integrity and social safety. They have been provoked by the arbitrary action of the Federal agencies during the last two or three years which involved a large amount of inequity and mistakes. Unless compromises are reached at an early date it is a foregone conclusion that the nation will be thrown into a turmoil as the gigantic forces of industry and government comes to grips at which no strangle holds are barred.

The politicians are preparing to capitalize the impending conflict of principles and policies. Senator Hugo Black is out to investigate all opposition to New Deal plans under the general classification of "lobby probes." Clumsy mud-throwing which spares only the politically-protected will again take precedence over constructive legislative matters. It is genuinely deplorable but definitely a part of a stacked deck. The practical utility of these investigations as campaign fodder is openly questioned. The current conference between the government and private enterprise here has brought this dreary picture out in bold relief. Efforts to confine the discussions to questions of taxation and unemployment have been blocked by the strong tides of criticism from within the meeting and outside.

A few members of the Congress are coming to town in advance of the January session to show the folks back home that they are on the job. There is another reason—escape from persistent demands of their constituents which are becoming increasingly vocal as the lawmakers remain in their home towns. Returning solons are loudly protesting the patronage distribution in their localities as a danger point of their campaign for re-election. It seems that after voting for huge expenditures of Federal moneys that the disbursing officials were ungrateful enough to reject candidates for jobs having Congressional endorsements. This situation minimizes the importance of the legislator and raises doubts as to his standing with the boys in charge of governmental bounties. The dispensing of government posts particularly on public works projects has been a sore spot with the Democratic Senators and Representatives. The administrative branch will feel their sting when additional appropriations are asked next year.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

CHAPEL SPEAKER  
To the Editor of The State Port Pilot:  
Please allow me space in your columns to say that we were real glad to have our former superintendent of schools, Mr. R. E. Sentelle, to drop in last Thursday morning and make us a talk on "Why do we need an Education."  
The message was easily understood and full of inspiration, and

It Won't Be Long Now



every one present appeared to enjoy his discourse. We hope he can arrange to come again at an early date, as we are always glad to have him with us.

His knowledge and wide experience in school work makes him a valuable asset to any school,

and we feel ourselves very fortunate to have such a man in Brunswick county, to visit and lecture us on the great needs of to-day.

We trust the time will come again when he can serve us in our schools in an official capacity and thereby give us the benefit of his time, talent, and experience, which we believe will be a pleasure to him and a great profit to us.

Norman Bellamy,  
Student in the Shalotte-Lockwoods Folly school.

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