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Love may be blind, as Shakespeare said, but it is not short-sighted.

Nervous breakdown is just a stylish name for temporary insanity.

It is easier to say something hateful than it is to successfully retract it.

It takes a fat person to have a double chin, but a lean person can be two-faced.

The mountains are beautiful if you aren't too scared to enjoy them.

Human vultures who prey upon the "easy money" of tobacco farmers each fall soon will descend upon the tobacco market towns of the Border belt.

Brunswick County school kids will appreciate being reminded of the fact that it is less than a month before school opens.

Post cards are things which you send to one person but usually are read by the neighborhood.

Diversified Farming

Brunswick county rapidly is becoming a more progressive agricultural section as the farmers get away from the one cash crop idea and go in for diversified farming.

Raising hogs for market has come to be a profitable business for many farmers in this county, and last week County Agent J. E. Dodson told of new experiments being made in harvesting the corn crop in the field with hogs. Money from this source promises to swell the income of Brunswick county farmers this fall.

Another idea which is almost entirely undeveloped in this section is raising and fattening cattle. County Agent Dodson is trying out this matter himself, and is optimistic over its possibilities for development.

Information Center

It is next to impossible for a stranger in Southport to find a place to get rooms and meals for a party of four or five persons.

The people of Southport are friendly, they will go out of their way to do you a favor and they will gladly answer most any question a stranger asks. But when someone desires information regarding board and lodging, our people become uncertain and evasive.

This is not caused by the fact that Southport residents are inhospitable and dislike the idea of having visitors. It is merely that facilities for taking care of out-of-town people are so uncertain that they are at a loss what to tell them.

Outside of town there should be erected a large sign telling motorists where they can call for and receive information in Southport. With a local office to place them in touch with the available places in town, strangers would get a more favorable impression of our hospitality.

There also is the possibility that the demand created by this service might soon encourage more Southport people to make arrangements to serve meals and rent rooms to visitors and vacationists.

Health Check-Up

While it may not be pleasant for the school children to be reminded of the fact that it is less than a month before the consolidated schools of the county will open for their fall term, it is nothing amiss to call the parents' attention to the importance of seeing that his or her child is in the best of physical condition on the opening day.

Long summer days spent out of doors in the sunshine have done much to stren-

gthen youngsters of school age, and there seems to be little to worry about regarding their health. However, there are certain important check-ups to be made.

For the beginners it may not be a bad idea to find out if they have been immunized against diphtheria. Although children of this age are almost out of the group in greatest danger, a six-year-old child is susceptible.

It is well, too, to be sure that the school child has been vaccinated against small pox and typhoid fever. If this has not been done, it is better to do it before school begins. Sometimes the reaction to these treatments causes illness for a day or two that will handicap a boy or girl in school work.

These things and a general examination by the family doctor during the next few days will help insure your child for the year's work.

Appreciation

Letters and expressions which we occasionally receive from readers are a help to us in trying to make The State Port Pilot a better newspaper.

Last week we received a letter from a lady who had some mighty nice things to say about editorials in The Pilot. Now we are fully aware that there are times when our editorials hardly constitute great literature, but the knowledge that at least one reader looks forward to them each week with tolerant interest surely is going to make us try harder to keep them timely and interesting.

Another subscriber writes that he is blind, but derives a great deal of pleasure from having The Pilot read to him each week. We appreciate his letter, and we are glad that we are able to make life more pleasant for him.

Another reader writes that of the ten or more publications received each week in his home, The Pilot is read with greatest interest.

Frequently we receive letters from former Southport and Brunswick county residents who keep up with what is going on in Brunswick county by reading The State Port Pilot each week. They are our most appreciative group of readers.

Maybe we are being immodest to mention these comments; but we would be concealing the true facts if we failed to let these people know that we do appreciate the nice things they say and write about our county newspaper.

Fire Loss Rising

The national fire loss is again on the rise. During the first five months of this year, it was some \$20,000,000 in excess of the loss experienced in the same period of 1935.

It is possible that part of the increased loss is due to the fact that property values are somewhat higher now than they were a year ago, and another part to increased industrial activity, which naturally increases fire hazards. Even so, America's fire loss is nothing short of a disgrace, and is a black monument to human carelessness, human ignorance, human indolence.

It cannot be too often repeated that at least eighty per cent of all fires, minor and great, are preventable. The fire that consumed a splendid home could have been prevented had wiring been checked and repaired—the fire that destroyed a church could have been prevented had the heating plant been periodically inspected—the fire that destroyed a factory could have been prevented had inflammable liquids or solids been properly stored and handled. So it goes, down the whole gamut of fire. The inevitable fire, that nothing could have prevented, is as rare as hen's teeth.

This summer, as usual, the country has undergone a number of serious forest fires. More will occur before the fall rains set in. The great human causes of such fires are sparks from faulty smokestacks, donkey engines, careless disposal of smoking materials, and ignorance as to building and extinguishing camp fires. Hundreds of thousands of acres of magnificent timber, the growth of centuries, have thus been burned to ashes. Wild life has been cremated as forest fires roar across miles of territory.

Fire is a calamity—and it is likewise a crime. And the fact that most persons who start fires do not realize their guilt does not mitigate the results of their offense. No American is so far beyond "school age" that he shouldn't take lessons in fire prevention.

Personal

Miss Elsie Snipes, of Rocky Mount, visited Miss Blanche Newton here Sunday.

Miss Frances Garrett and Derrick Giles, of Danville, Va., visited relatives here Sunday.

Misses Bobbie Davis and Clyde Field Swain returned home Sunday from a visit with relatives in Danville, Va.

Misses Catherine Cox, Isabella Cox and Marion Jordan and Nathan Cox were visitors in Southport Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Berg and Miss Annie May Woodside spent Sunday at Seven Springs.

Dr. D. I. Watson and Miss Louise Watson are spending some time at Seven Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hardee, of Fernandina, Fla., have returned to Southport, where Mr. Hardee will be engaged in the shrimp business during the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, of Washington, are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones.

William Keel, of New London, Conn., visited friends here last week-end.

Mrs. Margaret Hawkins will leave this week to visit her mother-in-law in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. George Whatley is visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Dye, of Wilmington, for a few days.

Arthur Huntley is spending his vacation leave from Oak Island Coast Guard Station in Southport with his family.

Charles Parker, of the maintenance department of the State Highway Commission, spent the past week-end here with his family.

E. G. Griffin, of Woodland, visited his daughter, Mrs. Carey Reece, here over the week-end.

J. G. Christian spent the past week-end here with his family.

Mrs. Ruth Gray and children are spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Mills, at Leland.

Mrs. Grace Ford and son, Claude, were called to Wyandott, Mich., last week on account of the death of Mrs. Ford's granddaughter.

Mrs. L. J. Mills and daughter, Gertrude, of Leland, visited Mrs. Ruth Gray last week.

Bryant M. Potter of New Bern is visiting his sisters, Mrs. H. A. Livingston and Mrs. Lou Ella Ruark, and his brother, John F. Potter.

Mrs. E. H. Cranmer and daughter, Jeanette, and son, Morris, who have been spending the past few months in Shreveport, La., arrived home last week.

Mrs. W. F. Jones is visiting relatives in Wilmington this week.

Mrs. C. R. Livingston spent part of this week in Wilmington with her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Weeks.

Rev. T. H. Biles, who is Chaplain in a Government camp near Atlanta, Ga., spent the past week-end here with his family.

Mrs. Virgil Harris and little daughter, of Virginia Beach, Va., are visiting Capt. and Mrs. Chas. N. Swann.

Phillip McKeithan, of New York, N. Y., arrived last week to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. McKeithan.

The Rev. Eugene G. Mintz, of New York, a former resident of this town, arrived here this week to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Manson, of Miami, Fla., are visiting Mrs. Ida Potter Watson.

Johnnie Fullwood, little son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Fullwood, of Wilmington, is visiting his grand-mother, Mrs. Ethel Fullwood.

Shalotte News

Mr. and Mrs. Colon Mintz, of Goldsboro, spent the week-end with Mr. Mintz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mintz.

Wingate Swain, who has been attending summer school at Pine-land Junior College, in Salem-berg, has arrived to spend the remainder of the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swain.

Miss Ruby Hewett has returned home after spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Haywood Goley, of Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Mintz, of Southport, spent the week-end in Shalotte.

The Methodist Sunday School here gave a very delightful picnic Friday afternoon at Holden's Beach in honor of the children of the Sunday School. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mesdames George Goley, of Mount Holly, N. J.; Sadie Sellers, Lillian Oliver, Margaret Russ, Katherine White, Martin Gore, and Livie Russ; Misses Gladys Frye, Betty Ann Johnston, Johnnie Mae Russ and Vera Belle Long; W. L. Swain, D. T. Long, Byron Goley, George Goley, R. D. White, Jr., and Lennon Swain, along with members of the primary, junior, and intermediate classes.

When There's a Boy in the Family.

By PERCY CROSBY

I'VE GOT MY FATHER'S
BIG SIX SHOOTER WITH
ME 'N IF ANYBODY WANTS
TO START SOMETHIN' LET
'EM, BUT THEY DASSN'T!

The trip past the loney
woods at night-fall.



HARRY G. LEA
Owner and
Proprietor

LEA'S WAREHOUSE
Whiteville, N. C.

I thank each one of you for your past patronage and invite you to sell your TOBACCO with me this season. I will be on the sales to see that your interest is taken care of all the time.

"WE DO OUR WORK ON THE FLOOR"

Harry G. Lea