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Building note: The third new home since the first of the year is now under construction in Southport.

Even when there is a fair day lately, the weatherman apparently tries to correct the mistake by sending along several more bad ones in succession.

The man who wants you to "burn somebody up" in an editorial isn't willing to do the job for himself in a signed letter to the OPEN FORUM.

Southport citizens would be more thrifty if they saw the possibilities for local development through the eyes of visitors to the community.

Notable Improvement

Credit for making the most notable recent improvement in his property goes to S. I. Burris, who recently purchased the old Praeger Cannery on the waterfront.

One of the first things that Mr. Burris did was to tear down the unsightly warehouse building. The dock will be widened to thirty feet and extended out to his house at the edge of the river channel. Mr. Burris says that he is going to make repairs and improvements that will be attractive to yacht owners who call here on the way north this spring.

This young business man has enough faith in the future of the town to invest in improvements.

Transfers

One of the bad things about being in government service is the frequency with which transfers are made. Often these changes come along to remove men from a community and friends that have become dear to them.

Not long ago Merle Hood, for many years one of the most popular men at the Cape Fear station, was transferred up the coast. This week notice came that Ted Willis, one of the most likable men at the Oak Island station, is being sent to Fort Macon station. Arthur Huntley, another popular man at Oak Island, is expected to be transferred sometime in March.

Their friends here hate to see these men leave, but wish them all the luck in the world in their new stations.

Encouragement

Notice received here last week from the district engineers office in Wilmington, reported that a public hearing will be held in the courthouse on March 4 with a view to determine the advisability of constructing a yacht basin at Southport.

Every step toward the procurement of the basin has moved along without a hitch. First there was the expressed need, then letters to Congressman Clark asking for a survey; this was followed by a favorable report from the rivers and harbors committee; and now the date for the hearing is set.

Meanwhile, a committee appointed last week from the Southport Civic Club will assist representatives of the Army Engineers in every way possible.

It seems to us that the yacht basin is virtually assured if local citizens will continue the co-operation that has brought matters along this far.

Down To Business

This session of the North Carolina General Assembly appears to be out to set a record for efficiency, for major legislation is being passed daily by our representatives and senators with unbelievable rapidity.

It isn't that the legislators aren't taking their duties seriously. On the contrary they are. But they know what they want, and are getting right down to brass tacks to get it.

Work like this will give North Carolina citizens an increased respect for their law-making body.

Dangerous Joke

A practical joke becomes a menace when there is danger of its resulting in serious injury, or death, for someone involved.

An incident which happened several weeks ago on a Brunswick county highway brought this matter up. A local motorist was driving along the highway at a moderate rate of speed when he saw ahead of him a group of people. They were walking on their left-hand side, as they should have been, but were on the pavement, so the motorist pulled over to his left to pass.

Just before he came abreast of the four pedestrians, one boy shoved another one directly into the path of the automobile. A frantic effort on the part of the boy to regain his balance, and a sudden swerve on the part of the driver managed to avoid what might easily have been a fatal accident.

That one was too close even for the boy who did the pushing. He was lucky to get off with a bad fright, for in a split second there had been before him all the elements of a tragic accident.

Tax Collections

The unfair thing about the tax situation in both our city and county government is that the entire burden has fallen upon the thrifty and fairminded citizens who have kept their payments up-to-date.

This means that those who were disinclined to pay in the first place have fallen further and further in arrears until now it is almost impossible for them to do anything about it. So they continue to evade payment.

It is hard to devise a method of settlement that will not penalize those who have paid in full for their honesty, but something should be done to get every property owner included in the support of his government.

This is a problem for the tax experts. Times are not as hard now as they have been for several years past, and it is necessary for the tax collectors to clamp down on delinquent taxpayers.

The first that should feel the effect of this policy should be the non-resident property owner. There is little reason to grant unlimited credit in tax matters to men who are merely holding title to their property in hopes that a sudden real estate boom will enhance its value. If these men are required to bear their share of the tax burden, the load for the hard-working, tax-paying citizen will be made lighter.

Rural Fire Protection

Out of the Central West comes a new move in the field of rural fire prevention, that promises to reduce fire waste which each year takes a toll of one hundred million dollars of farm property.

The rural districts have stood defenseless against fire unless by lucky chance the fire should be discovered in its early stages when it would yield to the primitive method of dousing it with a pail of water. For many years towns and cities have developed more and more efficient fire protection from the original hand apparatus to the fast motorized equipment.

While rural losses have attracted much attention and valuable educational work in the field of fire prevention has been done, there has been, until now, no systematic movement to extend organized fire protection to the farms. Manufacturers have now developed efficient motorized equipment especially adapted to farm service, and the greatly improved roads make it possible for this equipment to be moved rapidly from headquarters to the scene of a fire within a radius of ten miles.

Standards have been set for rural fire department equipment and organization and a credit incorporated in the farm rate schedules of farm property where these standards are met.

This has given an auspicious start to a development which is likely to be far-reaching in its good results. The supporters of this movement visualize a healthy growth of rural fire protection districts until most of the farms of the country will share with the towns and cities in the benefits of effective motorized fire departments. A reduction of the rural fire waste by half would result in the saving of a hundred million dollars of property loss and thousands of lives annually.

Endorsement by the United States Independent Telephone Association, which proposes through its thousands of individual companies to work for the more rapid promotion of fire protection districts, lends additional strength to this movement.

Shalotte School News

(By Odessa Reynolds)
Miss Frances Galloway's section of the first grade gave a chapel program February 17. The program was as follows: Song, "Loves Old Sweet Song," by the school. Twenty Third Psalm, Idell Hewett; Song by class: "Morning Prayer," "The Swing," J. M. Hewett, Jr.; Story, "The Tar Baby," James Todd; Song, by class: "Little Bo-Peep"; "The Friendly Cow," Ernesteen Bellamy; "Whistle," Robert Russ; Song: "Quack, Quack," Harry Hewett, Lorine Inman, Ernesteen Bellamy and James Todd; "At The Seaside," Idell Hewett.

P. T. A. MEET
The Parent-Teachers Association of Shalotte high school held a meeting February 17th in the high school auditorium. The following program was given:

String music by Sherman Register and Talmadge Phelps; String music and songs by Earl Milligan, Fred Brown and Jessie Mae Russ; string-French harp music, Albert Phelps, Homer Phelps and Rutherford Holden.

Mrs. Earnest Parker, president of the organization, presided at the business meeting. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meetings were read by the secretary, Miss Vera Belle Long. It was decided that the organization would send flowers to Harry Mintz, Jr., who is in the hospital in Albemarle, due to a serious automobile accident. It was also moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. George Kirby and family. Remarks about the work of the P. T. A. were made by Henry C. Stone. After the business meeting, other music was rendered by the guest players. The date March 3rd was set for the next meeting. The president then declared the meeting adjourned.

Grieved
The school mates of Harry Mintz, Jr., were exceedingly grieved to learn of his accident. He is remembered as being the president of the class of '35 and a very active and popular member of Shalotte high school. He has for the last two years been attending Phifer College, near Albemarle. The students at Shalotte daily inquire about his condition and wish for his speedy recovery.

The seniors selected their class colors, flower and motto in a class meeting Thursday. They are as follows: Class colors, green and silver; flower, sweet pea; motto: "Build for Character, Not For Fame."

Winners
The Shalotte girls were victorious when they played Waccamaw on Thursday, February 18, at Waccamaw by a small score of 17 to 15.

The boys were not so fortunate, Waccamaw boys won 26 to 5.

The Shalotte girls line up was, Marie Bennett, Versee Stanland, Gladys Mintz, forwards; Lina Gray, Mamie Holden and Kathleen High, guards.

Waccamaw girls were: D. Smith, M. Brady, C. Stanland, forwards; L. Smith, M. Williamson, M. Ward, guards. P. Smith, substituting for M. Brady.

The Waccamaw boys line up was: Garth Winstead, I. Evans, A. Jenrette, E. Hughes, forwards. L. C. Stuart, E. Milligan guards. L. Smith substituting for E. Hughes; O. Williams, sub. for E. Milligan. Shalotte boys were: Pershing Tripp, Ruffin Redwine, Rozelle Hewett, Sherman Register and Talmadge Phelps.

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.

Shalotte, N. C.,
February 22nd, 1937.
The Editor, State Port Pilot,
Southport, N. C.

I wish to make a statement to the public regarding an article printed in the Wilmington Morning Star as to talk I have had about the flogging threat and the resistance that would be used, should the threat be carried out.

I have never had any such talk to any one, and if the man that had it printed will come to me I will tell him to his face that it is a falsehood. There has never been a body of armed men at Hickman's Cross Roads for such a purpose, and the one that started such a rumor must have wanted to put a strain on this section.

I want to say we have as good community as can be found any where, and I don't thank any one to publish such a falsehood on this place and charge me with it. I do not deny getting a letter signed EKKK, but I can account for the fictitious letter and there is nothing serious about it, as I found out it was only a make-believe.

R. B. LONG,
Hickman's Cross Roads.
Hog sales continue to grow with prices remaining high, says a report from Craven county.

FARMS FOR SALE

I have sub-divided the late Dr. Wm R. Goley Farm consisting of 493 acres into 13 farm lots, which I am offering for sale at very attractive prices. Practically all of these farm lots have tobacco acreage allotments, have some source of running water and are adapted for growing all general and staple crops.

Some of the unsold Tracts are Described as Follows:

LOT NO. 1—23½ ACRES, located on State Highway No. 130, 20 acres upland, 3½ acres marsh, about 8 acres cleared. This lot is bargained for but deed has not yet been made.

LOT NO. 2—54½ ACRES, State Highway No. 130 runs through this tract, one good two-story bungalow, good tenant house, excellent new tobacco barn, barn stables and garage. About 35 acres cleared, good tobacco land and general crops. This tract has been bargained.

LOT NO. 4—56 ACRES, about 8 acres cleared, has good dwelling for tenant, good tobacco barn, feed barn and stables. Remainder of tract can be cleared for farming and stock raising. Located on Mulberry Crossing Road.

LOT NO. 5—35 ACRES, all woods tract, but good land for a house and farm can be cleared. On Mulberry Crossing Road.

LOT NO. 6—20 ACRES, good building site for colored family and excellent for small farm.

LOT NO. 7.—21 acres same as above, and both tracts are located on the Crossing Road.

LOT NO. 8—52½ ACRES, all woods, located on old New Britain road, some of it good for farm clearing.

LOT NO. 9.—87 ACRES, all woods land, an excellent crop of virgin long leaf pine timber now growing. A bargain for some one. Turkey and quail habitat.

LOT NO. 10—39 ACRES, all cleared, 39½ acres, except a small branch running water beside the tract, no buildings, good tobacco land and excellent for hog raising.

LOT NO. 11—29½ ACRES, all cleared, in high state of cultivation, one of the best farm tracts in the whole estate, good dwelling, tobacco barn and other out buildings. Located on public street or road.

LOT NO. 12—21½ ACRES, this tract has been bargained and deed is now being made.

LOT NO. 13—6 ACRES, all cleared, this is excellent building site, residential section of town. Located on corner of two public roads or streets.

The above farm property is practically all within the boundaries of the Town of Shalotte. For further information see maps and blue prints in my office.

Other Valuable Property is Now offered for Sale for the Estate

THE DR. Mm. R. GOLEY HOMESTEAD, containing 17 acres, located in the Town of Shalotte, two-story dwelling house, new smoke house, good barn and stables, corn crib, potato curing house, garage, storage house with an upper story suitable for office rooms. Three other adjoining lots can be purchased with or separate from the home.

ONE BUILDING AND LOT in the heart of town on U. S. Highway 17, Mr. Chandler Rourk is now residing on this lot.

ONE LOT, about one-half acre, located on corner opposite Clemmons' Filling Station, desirable location for business site.

Swamp Farm

Located about three miles west of Shalotte, known as the A. S. White swamp farm, containing about 35 acres of real good land, excellent for truck and other staple crops.

Pecan Orchard

FOUR ACRES, located in town, on highway No. 130, one of the most desirable building sites on the estate, around 100 paper-shell pecans on this tract, now old and large enough to yield full crops. Adjoining this tract on the back is a one-acre garden plot that will be sold with or separate from the lot.

Resort Property

TWO LOTS with dwellings and other out buildings at Shalotte Beach Point. Deep water borders one of the lots, other adjoining, excellent fishing, duck hunting and sea food in abundance the year around. Also an 8-acre tract near the Point, an excellent buy for someone wishing to develop into summer camps or residences. All this property located on Beach Highway.

Timber Lands

LOCATED in Waccamaw Townshi, four miles from Shalotte on State Highway No. 130, 300 acres in one tract, 40 in the other, both adjoining. The Shalotte Fire Tower is located on this land. The timber on these tracts has been recently leased for turpentine cupping, and the property will be sold subject to this lease. Deer and other wild game run and feed on this land.

For prices, further description, maps and deeds call on

W. R. HOLMES

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