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One of Southport's most apparent needs is a small, modern hotel.

When was the last time you did anything to try to help make this a better newspaper?

Don't let your last impression of church keep you from going again—especially if that impression is two years old.

Our idea of a first-class basketball game would be a contest between Camp Sapona and the Southport all-stars on a night when both teams were in top form.

Thinning Projects

One of the most convincing demonstrations we have ever seen is that being conducted by the forestry service in this county in thinning out several timber tracts.

Even though we do not personally own an acre of timberland, we find ourselves riding along the highways of the county locating the timber tracts that need thinning.

The clean, efficient manner in which these projects have been conducted has given the farmers a greater respect for the work of the CCC boys.

Over-Production

When the law-making bodies of South Carolina and Georgia refused to enact compact tobacco crop they left the door wide open for the ruination of farmers dependent upon tobacco for their cash crop.

With the problem of their own salvation left in their individual hands, farmers are going to follow their usual custom of cutting their own throat by over production.

There are two things left for the farmer to do to help himself in this emergency. First, it will be a good idea to place emphasis upon quality instead of quantity.

Secondly, it will be a good idea this year to place greater stress upon a live-at-home program. Land and labor that formerly has been devoted exclusively to the production of cash crops should this year be used toward diversified farming.

Sign-Boards

Within the next few weeks thousands of people who have spent the winter months in Florida will begin to return to their northern homes for the summer.

There isn't much that Brunswick county people can do about the railway travelers, but many who pass through this section via the other two routes could be induced to stop for a time to see some of our principal points of interest.

So far as we have been able to learn, there is only one sign-board along the route of the inland waterway calling attention to yachtsmen that they are approaching Southport.

of the marine service and supply station on the waterfront, would profit if attractive signs advertising their location were placed on the banks of the canal south of here.

There are hundreds of people making a leisurely automobile trip back north who would make the triangular detour from U. S. Highway at Supply via Southport if the attractions of this place were displayed on a sign-board at the junction.

Another Warning

At the risk of becoming tiresome because of repetition, we again remind citizens of Southport that the only way to keep their Sunday mail service is to use it.

The post office department does not do things because of sentiment. Officials put on the Sunday mail service because they were assured that there was sufficient volume to justify it.

Tricky Weather

Hark back to high noon on February 2, 1937. 'Twas a bright, sunny day; and there was nothing to prevent nature's weather prophet, the Groundhog, from seeing his shadow.

Cynics scoffed, and doubters doubted as the days slipped by bringing Spring weather in mid-winter. But the Groundhog believers had their inning during the past week-end.

Beautiful flowers that had amazed older residents with their unseasonable appearance were killed; undetermined damage was done the fruit crop; and some fear was expressed concerning larger tobacco plants.

The Groundhog must have enjoyed a chuckle of satisfaction in his warm, underground retreat.

Planting Time

This is the first week in March, and it is time to give thought to the planting of a family garden.

In many sections of Brunswick county gardening activities have been continued through the year by entrants in the annual winter garden contest, sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs.

Early Spring gardens present no problems to match those of the hardy gardener. The chief requisites are fertile soil, an early start and a willingness to work.

Nothing which requires such a small cash outlay pays a larger dividend to the average family. Plenty of fresh vegetables are important in a well-balanced diet, and the cheapest and surest way to have them is to grow them at home.

Do not make the mistake of waiting until it is time to harvest before you plant your garden.

Basketball Games

The interest of every normal Brunswick county high school student will be centered this week upon the Waccamaw gymnasium, where the annual county basketball tournament will be in progress.

Almost a hundred fine, healthy boys and girls will play in tournament games. Each will have his heart set on winning. On the sidelines will be hundreds of other students pulling just as hard for their favorite team.

But the importance of doing just that should not be overlooked. To win is a normal objective, but victory won at the expense of fair play is robbed of its glory.

The fan has just as great responsibility as the player. Cheering should be for the purpose of boosting the confidence of your team, not for the purpose of destroying the moral of the opponents.

And a final word for the referee: Remember that whoever that official is, his is a hard and responsible assignment. His decision may not coincide with yours in every instance, but the chances are that his percentage will be better than yours.

Southport School News

(By Mildred Aldridge, Mary Hood And Delphia Lemmon) Finale

Athletics has about reached its crowning point. We played our last game with Waccamaw last Thursday evening.

Good Program The two division of Physical Education had a joint meeting last Friday. The subject of the program was "Music Appreciation."

Puppet Show A Puppet show, sponsored by the State Board of Health, was presented in the Southport auditorium on Monday morning.

Junior-Senior The juniors and seniors are looking forward to the banquet on March 18.

Half Mast The school is very much grieved to learn of the death of a former school friend, Mrs. A. O. Robinson.

Plan Play The dramatics class is selecting a play to be given near the end of school.

P-T. A. Program The glee club has been asked to give a girls' chorus at the P-T. A. meeting Thursday of this week.

New Trophy Our Principal, C. A. Ledford, who is chairman of the Brunswick County Athletic Association,

DISGUST Shallotte, N. C., March 3, 1937. The Editor State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C.:

I wish to make a statement or a few statements, I should say, regarding the feelings of shame and disgust that have fallen upon our small town of Shallotte due to the publicity of the flogging cases.

Such statements as—"I'm ashamed to tell anyone I'm from Shallotte," have fallen from the lips of more than one Shallotte citizen.

A local lady was visiting in a South Carolina city a few days ago where she saw Shallotte floggers appearing in all papers. Upon her return home she stated "I was so mad I couldn't eat."

WERE THE FLOGGERS (if such ever existed) all we had to worry about in our community and county, each person abiding in this county could become a "Sleeping Beauty" within a couple of hours.

VERA LONG, Shallotte, N. C.

The Bootblack: "Light or dark, sir?" Absent Minded Professor: "I'm not particular, but please don't give me the neck."

Shallotte School News

(By Della Gae Robinson) Chapel Program

A chapel program was given Wednesday by Miss Brightie Holden's third grade.

Bible reading, by Ruby Love Brown; prayer, Mr. Hendron; song, "America," by school; "Little Tommie's First Smoke," by Jack Chadwick; special music, by Ida Mae McCumbee, Myrtle Lewis and Lawrence Lewis.

Illness The member of the senior class regret the sudden illness of Susie Clemmons, who is now recovering from an appendicitis operation in the James Walker hospital, Wilmington.

The Shallotte basketball girls went to Waccamaw Monday night to practice in the gymnasium in preparation for the tournament.

The Shallotte teams played their last official game of the season with Southport at Waccamaw Thursday night. The boys score was 27 to 10 in favor of Southport.

The dramatics class is working on the play, "Neighbors," by Zona Gale, which will be given in Chapel in the near future.

A modern application of the ancient art of puppetry was effectively utilized for health propaganda purposes at Shallotte high school auditorium Tuesday morning by Miss Anna B. Towse of the good teeth council of America and Dr. Earnest A. Branch, director of the division of oral hygiene of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

Inspectors Last Friday the Cape Fear Coast guard station was visited by inspectors from headquarters who visit all stations and cutters. They put the boys through the drills and they came off with flying colors.

Visitors Saturday the school was visited by representatives of the State Board of Health. School was in session and they asked if we have school every day.

Shallotte News Mrs. H. L. Stanley and mother, Mrs. Lennie Hewett, were Wilmington visitors Wednesday.

Miss Louise Swain, of New Bern, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swain and family.

M. H. Gatlin, of the local school faculty, spent the week-end at his home in Raeford.

Misses Louise Swain and Mary Winstead, A. L. Hendren and G. T. Rourke were visitors to Wilmington Saturday.

Mrs. H. C. Stone visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, at their home in Newberry, S. C., during the week-end.

Wm. R. Teachey, of Beulahville, visited friends here during the week-end.

Rev. F. V. Spence spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Carrine Greene spent the week-end at her home near Newberry, S. C.

The many friends of Mrs. Peter Rourke will be glad to learn that she is improving following a recent illness.

Mrs. Lennie Hewett was a Southport visitor Saturday.

Misses Gladys Frye, Carrine Greene, Mesdames R. D. White, H. C. Stone and Lillian Oliver spent Saturday in Charleston, S. C.

Cecil Trippe, of Savannah, Ga., spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stone, Misses Catherine Chadwick, Carrine Greene and Annie Russ visited Harry Mintz, Jr., who is seriously ill in an Albemarle hospital, Sunday.

D. T. Long and Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams were called to Rocky Mount Saturday on account of the death of a nephew.

Upon their return home Monday morning they were struck by a large truck loaded with mules in Mount Olive. The car, a V-8 Ford, driven by Mrs. Williams, was slightly damaged.

None of the occupants was seriously injured.

Miss Louise Trippe, who underwent an operation in a Wilmington hospital Saturday, is progressing nicely, her many friends will be glad to learn.

Miss Mary Winstead was a Wilmington visitor Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor spent the week-end at her home in Southport.

Mrs. E. Holden, Jr., has returned to her home here after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Guye Womble, in Kannapolis.

Leroy Collins, of Barnesville, S. C., spent the week-end with D. T. Long and family.

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Bald Head News

Leaves County L. R. Munn left Brunswick County Hospital about a week ago to recuperate at the home of his parents in South Carolina.

Illness and Death Mrs. Dan Sadler returned home Friday after being called to her former home on account of the death of her grandfater.

Myth Exploded We have heard often that this island has a semi-tropical climate and no frost. We had frost, frost, and ice several times during February and last Thursday night the cold north wind swept down on us freezing ponds and ground and pumps—pumps for the first time this winter.

Roland Styron was called home about ten days ago on account of illness in his family. We are sorry to hear that he lost a daughter with pneumonia and that other members of his family are ill.

Colin Wilson went home on Monday about a week ago and has not returned because of being ill with flu.

write up.

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