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Stag parties usually end up as stagger parties.

We never think of saving for a rainy day until a rainy day.

Some people's idea of a big time is to get so drunk they can't remember what happened.

Alcohol makes a temper dangerously inflammable.

It's a pretty good idea to know where you're going before you get on your way.

Some ordinary people have an extraordinary opinion of themselves.

A Country Doctor

No life of service has ever appealed stronger to us than that of a conscientious, self-sacrificing country doctor, and Dr. J. Arthur Doshier was the perfect example of this type.

Born and reared in Southport, he spent seven years of his young manhood in Baltimore, Md., mastering what was known at that time about the practice of medicine. The young Doctor Doshier must have known even then that greener pastures were his for the taking, but back he came to serve the people of his home community.

A skilled diagnostician and a sound physician, he did untold good in general practice; but it was the unexplored field of surgery that intrigued his brilliant mind. Unsurpassed in the annals of modern medicine are some of the feats of surgery performed in Brunswick county by this man, for with none of the advantages of modern equipment he was miraculously successful with home-made major operations.

News of his success spread abroad and offers came, tempting him to give up his work here to go to larger places where everything that modern medicine affords would be his to command. But dearer to him than financial gain was the well being of his fellow man, and Dr. Doshier was unwilling to leave the hundreds for whom he was the family doctor for the greater opportunities of the city.

His dream was a modern hospital for Brunswick county, an institution that would enable him and his colleague, Dr. W. R. Goley, to better minister the needs of Brunswick county people.

In 1930 this dream was realized. The Brunswick County Hospital, a modern, well-equipped institution, was opened and finally he had at his command the things that would enable him to operate without discouraging handicaps.

We shall never forget the speech that Dr. Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the Duke Hospital Endowment, made one night in May, 1935, before a meeting of the State Hospital Association here. Among other things he said that the Brunswick County Hospital was his perfect example of the good that a small hospital could accomplish. He compared the mortality rate of our local institution with that for the entire state of North Carolina and showed our deaths considerably lower than the state average.

Then it was that he paid his finest tribute to Dr. Doshier, saying that but for him the Brunswick County Hospital never would have been; that this institution at Southport had enabled Dr. Doshier and his two colleagues, Dr. Goley and Dr. William S. Doshier, to serve a territory of unheard of proportions.

He was a practicing physician, and for that reason we have delt only with his application to his chosen profession. Hastily we recall that he was actively interested in the social, civic and fraternal affairs of his community.

Inactive for more than two years now, the love of his people has never dimmed, and truthfully it may be said that long after his mortal remains are interred his good deeds will be living still.

Launches Drive For School

The drive for a nautical school was launched last week by Senator S. Bunn Frink when he introduced a bill in the Legislature proposing a \$50,000 appropriation for the establishment of an institution of this kind along the North Carolina coast.

This is following closely the schedule set by Senator Frink for himself before he left for Raleigh, for then he said that the nautical school bill would be the first introduced by him.

Incidentally, a look at the committee appointments announced Saturday morning reveals the fact that Brunswick's man is chairman of the Senate committee on commercial fishing and that he also was named on seventeen other committees. It appears from these facts that our senator has a pretty substantial rating in the upper house of the North Carolina General Assembly and it seems likely that this prestige will gain support for the nautical school bill.

Under-Emphasis

We saw a part of the two basketball games played in the Southport gymnasium Friday night between teams representing Southport and Shallotte and our reaction is that the schools of Brunswick county would be better off without athletic teams.

And in the four seasons that we have been in Brunswick county we have seen very little else that would tend to change this opinion.

The Shallotte girls' team, county champions last season, have enough hold-over strength to present a smooth looking attack against a push over opponent and there is reason to believe this team would fare all right against stronger opposition. The Southport girls, though, looked pitiful as they tried for their second victory in three years.

With a student body embracing as many strong, well developed girls as does Southport high school, pride and school spirit must be at a low ebb when the lassies are content with a team that weak.

The boys game was a hit and run affair between ten fine, healthy boys whose combined knowledge and training in basketball wouldn't be enough for one good player. But that isn't their fault. Any grown man who has ever seen good games played ought to be able to teach a bunch of boys more than any one of them showed evidence of knowing Friday night.

Athletics in some schools occupy a prominent and important place. Some say there is over-emphasis, that boys and girls come to place too much importance upon the relative unimportance of athletic glory.

We have never agreed with this contention. Athletic competition more nearly than anything else we know teaches boys and girls teamwork—the kind that lays the foundation for co-operation in later life. Interest in sports is as healthy mentally as it is morally, and a youthful mind is well off when employed in wholesome thinking. We have never heard of anything that would weld a group into a unit quicker than a campaign against a common enemy, and that makes for school spirit when teams representing one school play those from another. Must people claim that sportsmanship is the finest lesson taught by athletics, but we do not place it ahead of the development of a will to win—the cultivation of a desire to excel so long as it may be done fairly.

The only spirit we have heard of in connection with Brunswick county athletics has been the arguments between the principals and coaches at athletic meetings. Once the meeting adjourns the school men—most of them—apparently adopt an attitude of patient resignation as they set about disposing of the unpleasant duty that is theirs in running off the customary county championship series.

The boys and girls would be better off, much better, to confine their athletic competition to recess games after choosing up sides than to be misled into believing that they are really playing basketball that is on par with that played by similar boys and girls throughout the state.

We have no patience with athletics that are engaged in from a sense of duty, nor do we respect a system that places no importance upon victory.

Guys who keep their thoughts in the clouds are bound to get some ideas which prove all-wet.

Give some people an inch and they'll take a mile—providing they can hitch a ride that far.

Just Among The Fishermen

DISAPPOINTED

Sunday we sort of expected a three or four day visit from Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Farrell of Greensboro, owners of the Art Shop. This past summer Mr. Farrell came to Southport and immediately developed into a strong friend of local fishing, fishermen, Southport people and this columnist. He went home and told the missus so much about things down here that she has become just as eager to visit here as he is.

LADIES ARE FIRST

The Farrells take The State Port Pilot and Mrs. Farrell is always first to get hold of it and read everything in this column and about Southport and Southport fishing. Charlie has to wait his turn, according to a letter from him last week. He said he always cut out this column and everything about fishing at Southport and filed it away for future reference. That being the case he will get hold of something this week about himself and Mrs. Farrell.

SOUTHPORT SCENES

Mr. Farrell is by way of being one of the best commercial photographers in the state. So intrigued are they, Mr. Farrell by his first-hand knowledge and the misses by what he has told her, they made their Christmas and New Year Greeting Cards out of Southport fishing scenes. Mr. Farrell having made the pictures during his four day visit here in the summer. One special box of these beautiful cards and envelopes were made and presented to this department.

THE MISSUS WIRES

We sort of expected, and certainly hoped to see the Farrells this last Sunday. The day was a beautiful one for fishing, pictures and various other things. A bunch of artists put in appearance from Washington, New York and Wilmington and considerable time was put in, bragging to them about Southport and admiring their work. As a matter of fact, they out-bragged us about the town. We missed the Farrells but, were finally consoled when along came a 55 word telegram from Mrs. Charlie. She said she and Charlie were both keenly disappointed at various complications which prevented them from coming then. They are in the midst of taking inventory and major remodeling operations about the shop and equipment. They hope to come soon and we hope they do.

A FETCHING LETTER

From the results we are about ready to conclude that we wrote John G. Mock, Editor of "All Outdoors" on the Pittsburgh Press, a rather fetching letter last week. Sent Bill Sharpe a copy of the letter as Bill is expected also when Johnnie comes down. Bill wrote us immediately and said it was a good letter, despite the fact that nobody asked him to express an opinion on it. Johnnie also wrote back, immediately and enthusiastically, saying that he and Chet Smith, the head-man of the sports department, were going to head in for "Dear old Southport", just as soon as Chet got back from the Rose Bowl and they could get things straightened out. It seems that Mr. Smith saw Duke lick Pitt and had to journey to the Rose Bowl in the hope of seeing the same thing happen to Southern California. Before he left he arranged with Johnnie to fix for a fishing trip somewhere along about the last of this month.

WAITING FOR A BITE

From Lancaster, Pa., comes a letter from Owen Wertz of the Baltimore Circulating Company. He is very keen on fishing and has heard a lot on Southport fishing, so much that he sent us a self addressed stamped envelope with instructions to advise him just as soon as they begin biting. They are biting now, but, we want Mr. Wertz and his friends to be pleased so we are waiting just a wee bit in order to be safe in telling him they are biting good.

SHRIMP IN SPOTS

Shrimp appear to be in bunches, spotted about the ocean. One of the Wells Brothers boats brought in 36-bushels as the result of two drags one day the past week. There has been a good deal of desultory shrimping going on for the past week or two. Results are bad as often as they are good but the boatmen hope to strike a big school of them sometime soon.

Suthport School News

First Grade The first grade students are working on a Health Training Project this month. They are going to make health booklets as part of this project.

They are also going to make an Eskimo sand-table and study Eskimo life and they are going to take an imaginary trip to Eskimo-land.

Another phase of their education this month is to improve their attendance record.

Third Grade The third grade students are studying about the "Eskimos and how they live."

Fourth Grade The fourth grade presented a play Monday morning entitled "Tom and the Rescue." Its purpose was to educate students in "Safety First."

Seventh Grade Officers The seventh grade held a class meeting last week for the purpose of electing class officers. Those chosen were: president, Mary Swain; vice-president, Rudolph Sellers; secretary, Jean Hornsby; treasurer, Eloise St. George.

A committee was appointed to keep paper picked up off the school grounds.

Select Class Play The seniors selected as their class play, "Betty, The Girl O' My Heart," a 3-act comedy-drama by Katharine Kavanaugh. They plan to present the play sometime in the spring.

Junior Play The junior class of Southport high school will present a play entitled "Hobgoblin House," on the evening of March 17th.

Debaters Hold Meeting A meeting was held Monday for students interested in debating. About fifteen candidates were present. A general discussion of debating was held in order to inform new comers about the subject. Several debaters of preceding years were assigned topics on which they were to report for the benefit of new candidates in future meetings.

The majority of those present expressed their opinions as to the organization of a debating society. Nearly all were in favor of doing so. Of interest to all is the topic of debate for 1939. Resolved: "The United States Should Form an Alliance With Great Britain."

Athletic Play A play for the benefit of the school athletic fund will be presented January 27. The play is being produced under the supervision of Mrs. W. R. Lingle. The name is "Crashing Society." Try-outs are being held this week for the characters of the play.

Basketball Game Friday night, January 6, there was a basketball game held in the Southport gymnasium between Shallotte and Southport. After a slow start the Southport girls came to life in the second half, but were unable to overcome the large lead built up by Shallotte through the sharp-shooting of V. Stanley. The local girls sent several shots through the hoop to boost their total to ten. Shallotte however made their total 33, and the final score was 33-10.

The boys played a rough and exciting game, Shallotte defeating Southport 18-17. During the first half the score was 7-5 in the visitors' favor. The second half was more exciting with the shooting of Teddy Lewis, bringing the score at the final 18-17. The high school selected cheerleaders at a pep meeting last Wednesday. Mary Hood was selected head cheer-leader with Louise Rees and Billy Willis as assistants. Friday afternoon before the opening game of the season that night, the students from the sixth through the eleventh grades held a pep meeting under the supervision of all the cheer leaders. Much school spirit was exhibited, and a grand attitude on the part of everyone was shown.

P.-T. A. MEET Last Thursday evening the Parent Teachers Association met for its regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium. The meeting was opened by the reading of some poetry.

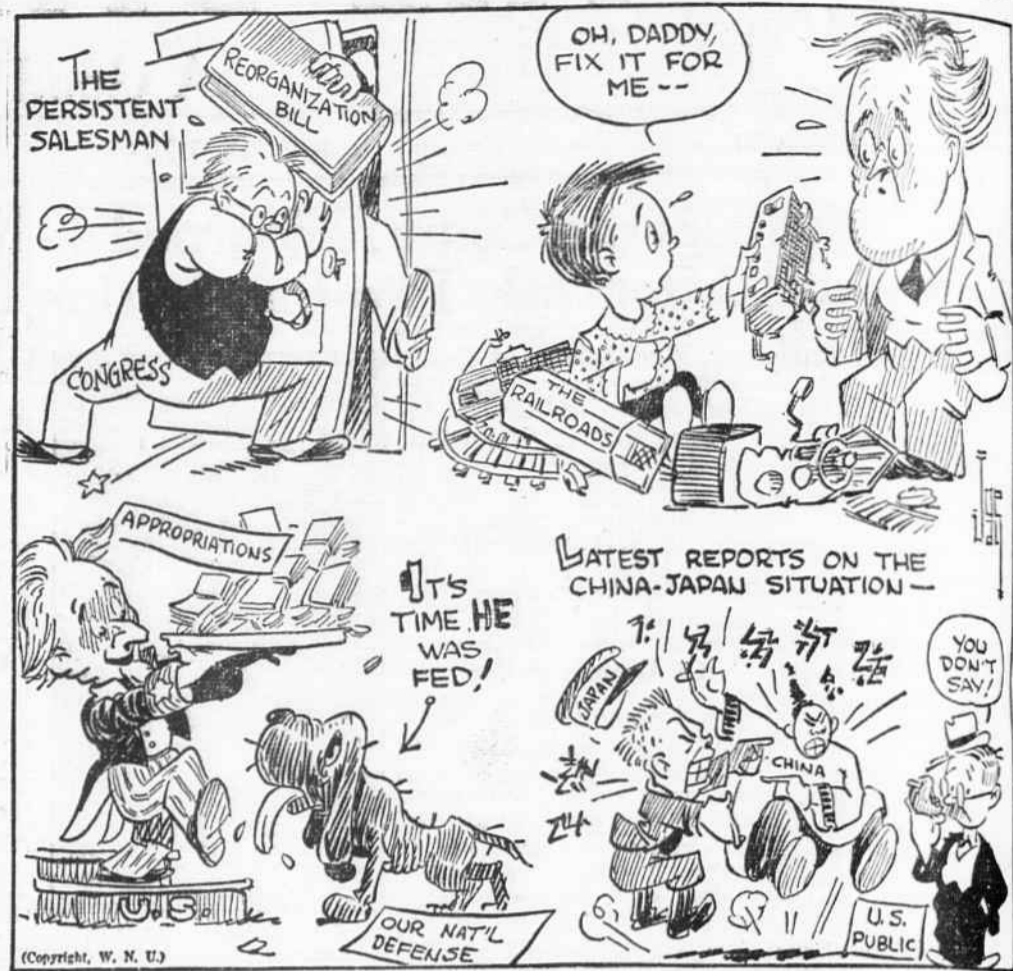
Following this, a very unique program was presented. It was a "Professor Quiz" program, conducted by Mrs. J. E. Carr. The two opposing teams were picked from the audience. One side was composed of five members of the faculty and the other of five parents. Interesting questions were asked and both sides gave a creditable showing.

After the program the business of the meeting was discussed.

Snakes Never Out Of Season

Otto Hickman, Sam Reece and Herbert Rogers were coon hunting one night this past week and heard a bird chirping pitifully in the bushes nearby. Investigating, the boys found the bird encircled in the coils of a rattlesnake. The tide of battle was quickly turned, and the little bird recovered in time to see its, erstwhile attacker killed.

Cartoon Potpourri



SHALLOTTE SCHOOL NEWS

(By Susie Sellers and Sigmund Swain)

The students in the commercial department are making much progress in book-keeping, typewriting and shorthand. In typing the average is unusually high. One book has been completed in short-hand and the bookkeeping class is now working on their first practice set.

PRESENT PLAY The "footlight players", dramatic club of our school is now planning to present 3 one-act plays in the near future. These are: "The White Phantom", a mystery play, "A Light on Beacon Hill", a sentimental comedy and "Curse You, Jack Dalton", an old fashioned melodrama.

SCHOOL PAPER

The school newspaper "The Tarheel" is published every two weeks under the direction of Miss Ida Creech. Members of the staff are: Editor, Wilma Thomas; circulation manager, Mendal Norris; business manager, Ruffin Redwine; reporters, Lena Chadwick, Bernice Blanton and Susie Sellers. In each issue a special feature is a minute biography of either a teacher, our principal, or our superintendent. The stencils are cut by members of the typing classes and then the mimeographed copies are made on the machines owned by the Commercial department. The price of the paper is two cents per copy. The two basketball teams are looking forward to a good season and have begun the season's games with a double victory over Southport last Friday night.

Longwood Club Women Meet

The Longwood Home Demonstration club met December 21 at the home of Mrs. Lucy Bennett at Thomasboro. The meeting was entirely recreational being a Christmas party. The home was attractively decorated in the Yuletide motif. Many Christmas games and contests were enjoyed and an exchange of gifts was held. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. R. Potts, pastor of the Southport Presbyterian church will have for his sermon subject Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock "Preparedness". A very timely topic. The public is cordially invited to attend.

If You're Worried About What 1939 Will Bring!



Just Remember That The Year 1938 Didn't Bring Much That You Didn't Go Out And Get Yourself!

If no effort is made to get business there will not be any business—this is true no matter what year it is. We know of a lot of Brunswick County farms that made money during 1938, and these same firms will make money during 1939. Every one of them has "invited" business and proved to their customers that they deserved it. This newspaper offers the best medium of "inviting" business—it is . . .

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