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Being a good liver frequently caused a man to wind up with a bad heart.

There is a large group who will never believe that a dollar may be earned honestly without sweat.

Most of the inhabited shacks in our county could be made comfortable if the annual whiskey and gasoline fund for the head of the family were diverted to improvements.

Time you spend talking isn't wasted if you are making friends.

Ours would be a happier world if some substitute for people could be provided for our conversations.

It strikes us as funny when we see a modern beast of prey have her victim stalk her.

Co-operation Did It

If W. B. Keziah, then secretary of the Southport Civic Club, hadn't been working hand-in-glove with Bill Sharpe and the State Advertising Department nobody in Southport ever would have known that the yacht Do-Ho was coming through the inland waterway with a Life Magazine photographer aboard.

If Allen Ewing hadn't got busy on the phone and established a contact up the canal that would let local citizens know the time of the arrival of the Do-Ho at Southport, the chances are that nobody would have been down at Thompson's dock to meet her.

If Will Sellers Davis hadn't been helping to call the boat by radiophone, he hardly would have been down at the dock to talk the skipper into spending the night here, because it was too far for him to continue to Georgetown, S. C.

If Keziah and others hadn't helped plan a birthday party aboard the boat for the pretty Florida Miss who served as model for the picture series, there wouldn't have been any party to photograph. And if J. Lawrence Sprunt hadn't graciously consented to send down a bouquet of his finest camellias for the young lady there would have been no need for Churchill Bragaw to come along later to make the official presentation and to bring a baby alligator to present to the honoree.

If Bragaw hadn't come there is no likelihood that the party would have remained over until noon next day while their yacht continued to Myrtle Beach so they could visit Orton Plantation and take pictures which probably will be used in a later edition.

There are a lot of "ifs" in this story, but not a trick was missed. Consequently, Southport came in for a major share of the picture of Life's trip to Florida thru the inland waterway. Three pictures, one of the Southport waterfront and two others snapped at the birthday party held here, plus repeated reference to the visit in the running text, gives as good example as we can recall off-hand of the value of co-operation.

New Danger

Since the oil transports recently were restricted to their 35-miles per hour speed limit it seems to us that there has been a significant slump in the number of news reports of their highway mishaps. It is well for the public that their type of conveyance is closely enough under control that an effective program could be instituted with no longer notice.

Coming now for the next few weeks is a highway menace greater than that ever offered by the oil trucks. It is the fleet of fertilizer haulers who will speed up and down our highways day and night carrying plan food from the factories in Wilmington and vicinity to all parts of Eastern Carolina.

When we class these trucks as a greater danger than the oil tankers, we do so

because there is no uniformity about their operation, hours or equipment. For the most part the trucks will be operated by boys and men who travel uninsured and as inexpensively as possible, hoping to wring from the few week's work enough to pay for their machine.

That our state is aware of this danger is shown by the announcement that beginning today there is in session at Raleigh a course in highway safety for truck owners. This course is being given at State College through the co-operation of the North Carolina Truck Owners Association, the State Industrial Commission and the State Highway Safety Division. For the sake of our citizens who must travel our highways we hope this session is well attended by members of the "Fertilizer Fleet."

Why Political Parties?

With all the strife and mud-slinging which accompanies almost every political campaign from that of President right on down to township constable, the average American citizen, tired to death of the fuss and the squabble which these campaigns impose upon the long-suffering public, may be prompted to wonder: "Why political parties, after all?"

That is a natural reaction of the average voter. He is far more interested in whether the groceries, or the hardware or the drugs which he sells will continue to yield him a fair living, than he is in who occupies the places of public trust in the community, state and nation.

He lends half an ear to the campaign ballyhoo which accompanies every political campaign, while keeping the other peeled for anything which might improve his business or place in life. He has no political aspirations himself, and is contented with the lot which life has meted out to him.

But it is just such a languid attitude on the part of Mr. American Public which threatens our democratic form of government. One of the principal functions of the two-party system is to keep the public alive to issues which confront the American public.

The party system of government is one of the fundamental requisites for our American way of life. In the United States there are two outstanding political parties, each so well divided that each election in the nation is unpredictable. There are other minor parties as well, which add their bit to the campaign life.

Germany offers a sad example of what the one-party system may yield—dictatorship, abrogation of the public liberty, and the abridgement of liberties of the individual.

So suffice it to say that the existence of two or more major political parties are absolutely essential to the American form of government, and without their existence we might find our selves in the predicament of the hapless German people today.

Every American citizen owes it to himself to take an active part in the affairs of this government, to exercise the prerogative which the constitution of the United States guarantees him—that of the franchise—at every opportunity, to the end that our American way may be perpetuated and never be dominated by a single clique or a single man.

Viewers With Alarm

President Roosevelt in his speech before the Jackson Day dinner group at the Mayflower hotel in Washington, where plates were sold for \$100 each, coined a phrase which produced considerable laughter among those who heard him.

He spoke of the "viewers with alarm" who are to be found throughout the nation, who had rather look on the pessimistic side of life than the optimistic.

The President's remarks struck home so forcibly because everybody has witnessed this type of person. They pick up the newspaper, scan the headlines and invariably end up with the familiar refrain "I don't know what the world's coming to."

But the peculiar thing about this prototype is that they are seldom doing anything which will help to remedy the situation.

When politicians begin to play ball, it's a safe bet that somebody is going to be struck out.

When somebody looks daggers at you, that's perhaps what is known as a cutting glance.

We have adding machines, but until we get a mechanical speller will the country cease to have illiteracy.

Just Among The Fishermen

By W. B. KEZIAH

CASTING DEVICE

Freshwater bass fishing will soon be good and there are occasions when many of the fly rod users prefer the use of live minnows, suspended a foot or two below the surface of the water. This entails the use of a float. This entails the use of a float. This entails the use of a float.

To overcome this casting trouble, use a float with an opening large enough for the line to flow through freely, take a small metal disc and punch a hole of the exact size of the line through it. The disc should be placed on the line above the float and a knot should be tied in the line above at the depth where it is desired to fish. The knot in the line will easily pass through the eyelet of the rod, and the float and disc slides down to the sinker and hook when you are casting. The knot and disc prevents the float from rising further than the desired distance after the hook and sinker is in the water.

TO WORK ON

Manager R. F. Plaxoo of the Brunswick Navigation Company is understood to have said that he hoped to be able to keep the menhaden boats at work fishing through the month of January. This for the sake of the men.

For this decision commendation is due to Mr. Plaxoo. Although fish taken at this season of the year generally have little or none of the valuable oil that makes menhaden fishing profitable to the factories, fair catches will at least insure good wages to the men.

ALONG SAME LINES

Although the State Advertising Bureau has never been called a chamber of commerce, it is hoped that the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce can carry out a program for Brunswick county that the bureau has been carrying out for the state.

The state bureau has been spreading news of North Carolina throughout the Nation. The Chamber of Commerce hopes to spread news of Brunswick county throughout the state. Incidentally, much of this matter regarding Brunswick will go much further than the borders of North Carolina, it will gravitate just as far, in some cases, as state matter has been doing. The state bureau expected and received cooperation in its efforts, from nearly all sections of the state. The Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce will need cooperation from every section of Brunswick county.

NO "DOG" AT ORTON

Usually they call such places estates. Speaking that language, Orton Plantation, near Southport, is undoubtedly the most widely known estate in North Carolina. To the owners and the general public, it is just the Orton Plantation.

No one puts on any "dog" at Orton. It is just the plantation of a man who, with his wife, has the community spirit just as strongly as the best among regular citizens of Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt, the owners, are legal residents of New Hanover county. They only reside in Brunswick about half the year. During that time they are good citizens of Brunswick in every sense of the word. A great deal of valuable advertising has come to both Brunswick county and the State of North Carolina as a result of the magnificent Sprunt estate. But to Mr. and Mrs. Sprunt and everybody in Brunswick it is just the Orton Plantation.

LOYAL TO HOME TOWN

Our good friend Jas. A. Pearce of Camden, N. J., continues to clip and mail us news articles relative to Southport and Brunswick county, articles which he notes when they appear in the big papers in the north and east. This last week he sent us a whole envelope of such clippings.

The action speaks loudly for the fact that Mr. Pearce is still strongly interested in his old home county. He looks for and reads everything pertaining to the home folks. And having read them he clips the articles and sends them back to the Brunswick county Chamber of Commerce. We wish that other distant readers of this paper would also clip and mail in the stories that they read in their home papers about Southport and Brunswick county.

PROMOTED

Dr. M. M. Rosenbaum of Shalotte recently received notice of his promotion to rank of captain in the U. S. Medical Reserve Corps.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Workmen are busy laying the foundation for the home Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wells are building on their lot next to the Brunswick Inn.

Your Home Agent Says!

SCHEDULE

Friday 19, 2:30 P. M. Boon's Neck Club meets with Mrs. W. E. Bellamy.

Saturday 20, 7:30 P. M. Recreation Meeting for Public at Lealand Gymnasium directed by Miss Hattie Pearl Mallard of Duplin County. Songs and Folk Games for men and women.

Monday 22, 3:30 P. M. Shalotte club will meet with Mrs. Charles Russ, Jr.

Tuesday 23, Lockwood's Folly club will meet at 2:30 with Mrs. Talmage Varnam.

Wednesday 24, 2:30 Longwood club meets with Mrs. Nelson Bennett.

Thursday 25, 2:30 Bethal club meets. 8:00 P. M. Southport club meets with Mrs. C. Ed Taylor.

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

Pep Meetings

The high school students met in the auditorium one afternoon recently for the purpose of electing cheer leaders. The chief cheer leader, Josephine Moore, was elected by ballots. Since then pep meetings have been held, old cheers have been brushed up and new ones have been learned. At the games there have been large numbers of students in the Southport cheering section doing all they can to cheer the teams on to a victory.

New Editors

The girls club has decided to be responsible for the newspaper work. Up till this time the club has been studying nature, but has now decided to write articles for our newspaper column. There are six members in the club, besides the president and the adviser. Each member is to write at least one article for the paper each week.

Debate Society

The debaters have formed their debating society. Several meetings have been held and talks were given about how to debate. There are now eighteen members interested and we are planning on giving a debate in chapel soon. It will be on some topic other than the one on the railroad question. As yet the debate subject had not been definitely decided upon.

Senior Superlatives

A few days ago the seniors held a class meeting to select class superlatives. In selecting these superlatives much fun was had. We are unable to say that these people were given the proper places but we hope each one will be able to live up to the name given them, if it is a good name. In some cases they are given the place as copies, etc., and we hope they can soon outgrow the name. The superlatives are as follows:

- Prettiest girl: Doris Lewis. Handsomest boy: Ted Lewis. Most popular girl: Doris Corlette. Most popular boy: William Sellers. Class Old Maid: Marjorie Potter. Class bachelor: Harry Weeks. Most athletic girl: Annie Margaret Watts. Most athletic boy: Ted Lewis. Wittiest: Paul Doshier. Dopest: Arvil Cottrell. Most studious: Margaret Potter. Best all-round girl: Josephine Moore. Best all-round boy: Harold Alldridge. Class baby: Edmond Newton. Most bashful girl: Marjorie Potter. Most bashful boy: Marcelhus Cox. Most marriagable boy: William Sellers. Most marriagable girl: Josephine Moore. Most conceited girl: Doris Corlette. Most conceited boy: Irvin Lewis.

New Students

Several new faces have been seen around our school lately. Just before and since the Christmas holidays quite a few new pupils have come to complete this school year with us. We want them to know that we are glad to have them and expect them to be at home among us.

Visitor

Last week Miss Annie Mae Woodside brought a visitor over to inspect our rooms. With the aid of Mr. Lingle, Miss Woodside showed the visitor about. Favorable comments about our rooms were made by the visitor and Miss Woodside.

Chapel

Last week two chapel programs were held for the purpose of learning some new songs. We sang some songs that most of us were familiar with and learned the words to a few new songs.

The pupils' singing has improved a great deal lately. The singing was used in connection with the pep meetings and was used to a good advantage. We hope, in the near future to have some good group singing.

--- NOT EXATLY NEWS ---

The keeper of this column has fared forth once more to seek his fortune, and if we are to keep it going we'll need some help and suggestions.

Some of the boys of Southport received new guns for Christmas, so hunting has been their favorite sport. Story has it that recently three of them returned from a bird hunting expedition with one of the better bird dogs of the city only to report to the owner that the dog wasn't much good. "We found some birds, all right," reported the young nirod, "but we had to walk them up. Every time the dog got around where they were he just sat down and we couldn't get him to move..." They say that the late Mr. Alex Swain was a master cook. Fruit cake was one of his specialties.

Two years ago Johnie Simmons fought in the 115-pound class in the Star-News Golden Gloves tournament; last year he moved up in the 135-pound division; and this year he must fight in the 145-pound welterweight division. Sounds like boxing is a healthy sport, all right... The Finch Bandwagon plays for a private dance Thursday night, and rumor has it that the boys have an offer for their first out-of-town engagement.

Julius, general handyman for Churchill Bragaw at Orton, probably holds undisputed title to the alligator hatching championship. Using the kitchen stove for an incubator, he turned out 11 tiny

gators, one of which was presented to Life Magazine's Miss Florida on her recent visit... Maxie Cooker says that in cold weather the fishermen find mullets in the bottom of deep pools by feeling for them with oars. Once located a gill net is draped about the spot... F. M. Molycheck found a flight of redhead ducks huddled together Saturday afternoon close enough for him to have got two-day's bag limit at one shot, but he had to let them be. Took a check until next November.

"Here I Am A Stranger," probably will make many friends with movie goers here tonight and tomorrow night and the irrepressible Dead-End Kids are sure to be welcomed for the week-end feature at the Amuzu. Add theatre notes: They tell us that "Gone With The Wind" will get one of its first North Carolina showings at the Carolina in Wilmington. Top prices for reserved seats has been unofficially mentioned at \$1.10 per space.

Remember: Wet feet cause colds; colds lead to flu; flu frequently develops into pneumonia; pneumonia has a high mortality rate. Be sensible... Latest development on the equine front is the purchase by Dr. R. C. Daniel of a racing sulky for his fine little filly, Nellie. But the only time anyone has seen Doc riding in his new rig he was driving a trotting mule. Come home, Gene, all is forgiven.

Drug Store Quarterbacks

It seems that there is an old legend of the Southport high school that the basketball teams couldn't win any games, but I don't see anyone trying to help the teams. The school itself has improved in its cheering when we have games. However, when anyone goes down to the drug store in the morning following a game and says anything about winning the next game, a group of people that gather around in the place have a lot to say about the teams losing all the games because they haven't the stuff. If these people would encourage the players, we might win some games. They are just drug store quarterbacks who have never seen a real basketball game in their life.

NEW SUITS

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams have received their new suits. These suits are very pretty and they are in keeping with the school colors—blue and white. They help very much to arouse the interest of the players.

P. T. A. MEET

The P. T. A. met Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. in the school auditorium. One of the main features of the program was Mrs. Lesson's illustrative art lecture. She gave some bird calls and sang some songs. All of this was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire audience. The P. T. A. is putting on a contest in the school for the purpose of soliciting new members. The winning grade will be rewarded.

P. T. A. SPEECH

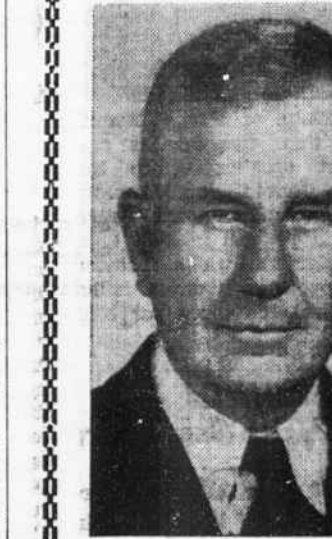
The fifth grade won the party that the P. T. A. gives monthly for the grade having the greatest number of representatives present at its meeting.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

The student body and faculty of our school assembled in the auditorium Tuesday for the first time

Cooperation Is Succeeding!

"Clean Up or Close Up" Campaign, with Public's Aid, Is Ridding State of Illegal, Disreputable Beer "Joints"



Colonel Edgar H. Bain State Director

"Cooperative support from the public, press, officials and law-abiding beer retailers accounts for our Committee's heartening success," declares Colonel Bain. "My appreciation is hereby extended to all, together with my appeal for continuance of this intelligent cooperation."

Six months ago, the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee began its efforts to eliminate those relatively few beer outlets that sought to hide liquor selling and other illegal activities behind the respectability of legal beer licenses.

"Clean Up or Close Up" was the ultimatum.

The results are gratifying. Public sentiment has been awakened. Newspapers all over the state have reinforced us with editorial support. Law enforcement agencies have responded with constructive aid. And 37 licenses have been revoked — 37 "dives," so to speak, "kayoed."

For the generous cooperation received, we are most grateful. Accept our pledge that throughout the New Year we shall continue unremittingly the job of driving law violators out of the beer retailing business in North Carolina—driving them out, and keeping them out.

Editorial Comment on "Clean Up" Campaign

Rockingham Post-Dispatch: "The industry does not want beer sold in joints where blind tigers operate. ... That's why the industry has a 'clean up' committee."

Statesville Daily: "The average citizen is still rubbing his eyes in unbelief, but slowly is becoming convinced when he sees beer dealers losing their licenses after engaging in questionable practices. And that has happened here in Iredell."

Salisbury Post: "The beer folk have taken the stand that they want beer dispensed only in establishments of good general reputation. To that end they ... are filing formal legal petitions for the closing of such establishments as serve beer but fail in some measure to sustain a good name."

Oxford Ledger: "An alertness to insure distribution of their product only through reputable outlets is keeping the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee active in many sections of North Carolina."

Durham Sun: "The dealers in beer have outlawed the bootlegger. ... Such a campaign is certain to have wholesome effects."

The State (Raleigh): "Col. Edgar Bain ... is reporting great progress ... The work has been progressing quickly but excellent results have been accomplished."

Greensboro Record: "... the state committee of the brewers and beer distributors is in a position to render a very definite service in ridding communities of places which belong in the category of 'dives' and low class hangouts."

Hickory Daily Record: "... the Beer Committee has done its duty, and all persons who are sincerely interested in curbing the illegal sale of hard liquor will welcome the opportunity to join in the crusade."

Lexington Dispatch: "... where persons are found selling without licenses the violation is promptly reported ... This work in a good many instances may result in a decided check on bootlegging."

Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee

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