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### Winter Payroll

Each year the months of January, February and March are looked forward to with little pleasure by the merchants and business people of Southport, for this is a dull period when fishing and shrimping has been at an absolute standstill.

But currently there is some relief from this condition, and for the first time in history large shrimp trawlers are bringing in menhaden to the local fish factory. It is doubtful if this is a very practical activity so far as the industry itself is concerned, but it gives work to men at the factory, it brings a weekly check to the boatmen and it puts money in circulation at a time when it is badly needed.

### Visit To The Dentist

We've been to the dentist again. It always has been easy for our readers to keep up with these infrequent trips, because one of the results always turned out to be an editorial reminding folks to "see their dentist at least twice a year."

We confess that we are just over one of our worst sieges of procrastination in this connection, and never before did we look forward with greater apprehension to what our dentist would find—or to what he would have to say about what he found. And having discovered once more that the worst feature about a dental appointment is in its anticipation, we are back at our old business of telling our readers to do as we say do—not as we did.

Your dentist can save you more trouble than any other person in the world if you will just give him a chance to help you. Don't be a victim of foolish dread and permit neglect of your teeth to undermine your health.

### Milk Shortage

If there is a scarcity of meat and we cannot have our favorite cut of steak for dinner we may feel provoked, but there will be no serious consequence. Or if pork is in short supply and we miss out on getting a piece of ham or a pound of bacon, that may cause some rearranging of the menu, but would constitute no threat to our health.

But the matter of a shortage in condensed milk is another matter, because it affects the principle diet of babies.

If there were a milk famine and this fact has been generally foretold, adjustments could have been made to meet the emergency; but there is nothing to suggest that the present local shortage is anything more than the result of poor distribution.

Companies which have developed National reputation for supplying the needs of growing babies have at the same time created an obligation to see that their job is a continuous one, and no effort should be spared anywhere along the line from your local merchant to the dairyman who furnishes the creamery to insure a constant supply of this life-giving food.

Speculation and controlled marketing have no place in connection with the distribution of milk for babies.

### Legislator Pay

Under the caption, "For a Better Legislature," The New York Times recently carried an editorial on the question of pay for members of the Legislature. Voters of New York approved a constitutional amendment permitting the members to fix their own salaries.

"We believe that legislative salaries should be no lower than \$5,000," The Times said. "To some, \$5,000 may seem

good pay for so short a period. But a conscientious member will not confine his service to the session . . ."

The Times goes on to say that "We have had ample evidence, especially in the Federal Government, of the difficulty of getting and keep able men in service for inadequate pay. The results of a low-pay policy may not be so conspicuous in a Legislature, but they exist nevertheless. A better Legislature is well worth paying for."

North Carolinians would do well to consider their treatment of the men who make their laws. The Times' proposal sounds fantastic to a member of the General Assembly in this State. Their pay, in comparison, has been the crumbs from the rich man's table.

What The Times says is true and it is worth repeating that "A better Legislature is worth paying for." We've been fortunate in this State in the character and ability of the men who have served, but that doesn't justify the present pay scale. We need the best each county has to offer.

### Charming Couple

Whatever else might be said about the county-by-county tour of the State by Gubernatorial Candidate Mayne Albright, citizens are bound to admit that they are a charming couple—the aspirant and his wife.

Making the tour together in "The Challenger," their house trailer, Mr. and Mrs. Albright are seeing folks everywhere. And not the least of the candidate's appeal is the winning personality of the lovely Mrs. Albright.

Mr. Albright may not win the Governorship this year, but a lot of people are going to remember—and pleasantly—him and his wife. And another thing we'll remember is that he isn't leaving any bad taste even in the mouths of supporters of other candidates.

### The Trend

North Carolina is facing an unprecedented shortage of qualified teachers in the elementary schools next year.

Only 211 seniors in elementary education will be graduated by teacher training institutions this Spring, and only three-fourths of these expect to become elementary teachers.

The State normally uses 1500 elementary teachers each year for replacements. That means that in addition to the 2000 emergency certificates already issued in the State, at least 1000 more must be added next year.

These appalling facts were revealed here last week by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, executive secretary of the North Carolina Education Commission. But why do these conditions exist? The preliminary studies suggest that among the factors are low salaries, large classes, too many demands on teachers' time and lack of opportunity for advancement.

But in any case, 100,000 children will be taught by teachers with substandard certificates. This is no castigation of this group. Rather than lash out at them, we should be grateful that they responded in this emergency. But we wouldn't want an automobile mechanic to repair a delicate watch. Neither do we want high school graduates to be responsible for the development of the sensitive minds of our children.

And yet, we are still waiting for a call of the General Assembly to act to stop this trend in our educational system.

The minds of children do not wait.

### Screening Necessary

Recent incidents over the State indicate that more careful screening of candidates for the State Highway Patrol may be necessary if the standing of this excellent organization is to be maintained.

Of course there have been and will continue to be misfits on the patrol. Naturally, they do not last long. But the temperamental background of candidates should be considered as strongly as their records and recommendations.

Too many lives have been saved through the efforts of the patrol for it to be allowed to fall into disrepute through too many examples of misfits.

The original American Navy consisted of four warships and four escort vessels. Their names were: Alfred, Columbus, Andrew Doria, Cabot, Providence, Hornet, Wasp and Fly.

The New York City police force has about 17,000 members.

### Boats Range Far Offshore

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There was to be no half way effort about it. The boats went 45 miles out, and right in the middle of the toughest February weather. They not only had to find fish, they had to locate bottoms from which the fish could be taken without too much damage to trawls.

First trip in bad weather and each boat brought in 4,000 pounds. Second venture in even worse weather showed the same production, but they were beginning to find their bearings.

The third and convincing effort was made this past week. Leaving here at 8 o'clock one morning, they came in the next afternoon at five o'clock. The Penny unloaded 15,000.00 pounds of fine sea bream and sea bass, the Seafighter had 14,000 pounds.

In that trip Captain Moore and Captain Lancaster wrote the beginning of the history of food fish production off the coast of Brunswick county. They have since been underscoring what they wrote. Food fish production off the coast of Brunswick county is due for a big increase. More and more shrimp trawlers will add fishing rigs to their equipment and whenever shrimp production lags or the price of fish warrants they will do an ambidextrous business.

The fishermen will hereafter have an added paying use for their big boats. They will be gainfully employed at times when they would be idle, if shrimp was the only dependence. The boats, should many of them care to engage in fishing, as many of them will care, will become a powerful food fish producing factor for North Carolina, South Carolina and many other seafood consuming states.

Said one of the shrimp boat owners this week: "It won't be long now until you will see a crying need at Southport for a mammoth freezer plant to handle both fish and shrimp."

### SHALLOTTE MAN

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of each week, Mr. Redwine will be able to spend much of the time at home and will be available for any sort of auctioneering business on Saturdays. Preceding the tobacco marketing season

he may possibly be with one of the strawberry markets during April and May of this year.

### TOBACCO PLANT

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that case his seed may have been damaged. Such poorly located beds, are the exception instead of the rule.

Both men pointed out that whereas heavy damage resulted to plants from cold last year, in all cases the damage resulted from the plant beds being very dry. Seed that had sprouted and which were just out or barely out of the ground could not withstand the cold dry winds of the winter of 1947. This winter has been just about as cold as last but there has been little or no damage because the sprouting plants were protected by very moist soils.

### LITTLE SYMPHONY

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magnificent work they did in behalf of the North Carolina Symphony. We were all thrilled to play to such a fine and enthusiastic audience. We are convinced that the residents of Brunswick county like fine music. We hope that the Symphony will come here each year and that the event will grow in importance with the years. This music will mean more and more to the children as they learn to love that which is good and fine.

All of the 23 players in the orchestra, as well as Dr. Swalin, the conductor, made a very fine impression on the Southport people and the large number of folks from throughout the county here to hear the concert.

### TRAFFIC CASES

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- Melvin S. Berger, speeding, called and failed, capias.
- Samuel Ernest Hewett, reckless operation, \$15.00 and costs.
- Cleon Jessie Connetto, speeding, called and failed, capias.
- William Dugo, speeding, called and failed, capias.
- George Huston Sappen, reckless operation, \$25.00 and costs, fine remitted.
- Mack C. Wells, bad check, continued.
- Thomas Bowen, assault, \$25.00 and costs.
- Paul Reaves, assault with deadly weapon, nol prossed with leave.

Ruth Strickland, reckless operation, continued.

Alexander Lewis, drunk driving, \$100.00 and costs.

### TRACTOR SCHOOLS

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charts, etc. All farmers and others who own tractors are invited to attend and to bring their tractor drivers along.

### WINNABOW MAN

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G. R. Hickman of Winnabow; one brother, E. M. Hickman of Leland; three sisters, Mrs. B. S. Reynolds of Wilmington, Mrs. Lee Mercer of Bolivia and Mrs. D. C. Coleman of Elizabethtown. He also left 30 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### Clarkton Coach Dies In Wreck

Automobile Accident Is Fatal To John Justus Anderson Who Piloted All-Star Team

CLARKTON, Feb. 23.—John Justus Anderson, 33, of route two, Clarkton, died in the Randolph county hospital Saturday night from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Asheboro last Thursday night.

Anderson who was a local farmer and employee of the State Agriculture Extension Service in Bladen county, was returning home from a meeting of the IBBA basketball tournament committee held at Asheboro. He was coach of the Clarkton All-Star team, which has been entered in the tournament.

Complete details of the accident were not available here this afternoon. It was understood that Ralph Clark of Elizabethtown, a passenger in the car was not injured.



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### CATHOLIC INFORMATION

#### Is Golf on a Sunday Unholy?

"The Catholic Sunday seems to end at noon!"

"Noon? Look at the golf courses! Plenty of Catholics out there every Sunday from 9 a. m. till dark. And I know some who play cards for money on Sunday evenings—members of the holy Catholic Church!"

Dear Neighbor, to the above accusations, the writer of these words pleads guilty. But guilty of what?

Is walking over God's hills and vales on a Sunday unholy, because, while walking, I knock before me a little white ball? Is sitting in my home 'midst friends of a Sunday evening unholy because, while sitting, we deal out bits of card-board and perhaps bet small sums to lend interest to the game?

If my golf or my cards interferes with my worship or the worship or peace of my neighbor—if these games bring with them anger, blasphemy, envy, cheating, or some other sin—if the money lost is injurious to my family or my creditors—then, and only then, according to my conscience, are my games unholy on a Sunday—and on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

The Catholic believes that the prime requisite of keeping Sunday holy is worship. He believes that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is, as it has been from the

birth of Christianity, the supreme act of adoration. Therefore the Catholic assists at Mass every Sunday in every season, through every kind of weather. Having done this, his only other obligation is to refrain from unnecessary servil work.

Many Catholics, at the recommendation of the Church, attend services also of a Sunday evening and spend parts of the day in prayer and good works; but never does the Church command, nor the individual feel, that innocent recreation for mind and body can be turned into evil by the day of the week on which they are enjoyed.

The Catholic's way of keeping Sunday holy is his own. For the non-Catholic who observes Sunday sincerely in another manner, the Catholic has nothing but the greatest respect. This same respect he asks from his neighbors of other creeds, who, we believe, must also give the Catholic credit for sincerity.

If every man had true knowledge of the creed or philosophy of every other man, all-around good-will would be engendered. We Catholics seek your good-will. Hence these little articles!

If it's anything Catholic, ask a Catholic. For further information on this subject write for a free pamphlet to Box 351, Whiteville, N. C.—Pd. Adv.

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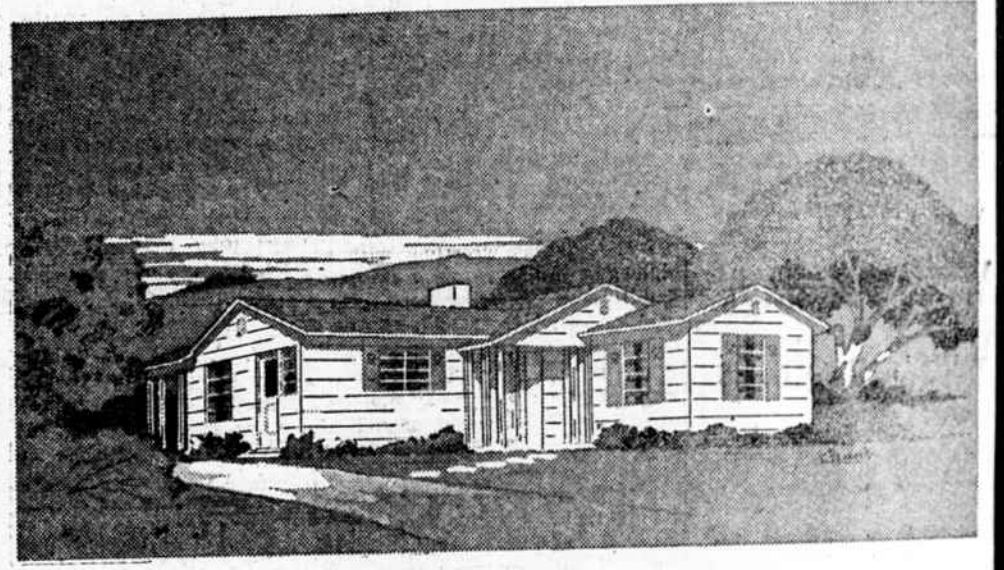
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