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This May Be Progress

We spend so much of our time looking for the big things that often we permit a number of important little things to completely escape our attention.

Now it may be a little farfetched to say that catching a few thousand pounds of small crokers comes under the heading of progress, but there is evidence already that the extensive experimental fishing in which Southport boatmen have engaged during the past few weeks may have an important bearing upon future operations off this section of the coast.

Catching crokers may not amount to much when there are plenty of fish to be had for the choosing, but in the dead of winter when the weather has shut down most operations and people still have their appetite for fish, the lowly croaker is in good demand.

And it may seem that we are over enthusiastic about experimental efforts to produce truck plants down here for northern truck growers. But it is our contention that any activity which brings a payroll to our community, particularly during the dull season, is something to nurture along and to encourage in every manner possible.

These things may be evidences of progress; not the kind, perhaps, which comes by leaps and bounds, but a good, substantial improvement in business conditions which help to give our people money to spend the year round.

Congratulations

We do not know what is the record collection for a single church service in Brunswick county, but when members of Southport Baptist church contributed \$2,358.00 in cash on Sunday evening they must have established a new mark of some sort.

This money is to apply to the building fund, and work of remodeling the old church buildings and construction of the new education building addition will continue.

It took a lot of faith to begin this work; it has taken self-denial and generous giving to finance it to date. But our Baptist brethren will see this job through, and the church and the community will be the better for it.

A Fine Tournament

Year in and year out we do not believe that there is a more enjoyable event in Brunswick county than the Annual High School Basketball Tournament. Everything about last week's program in the Bolivia high school gymnasium tends to bear out this belief.

We have nothing but highest praise for the boys and girls who comprise the squads which have competed for the county championship. They have fought through a tough schedule and along the way have picked up training which not only has increased their skill as basketball players, but which has had a lot to do along the line of developing better bodies and stronger characters.

We particularly commend the good sportsmanship which always was in evidence on the part of the players, and in this connection we wish to single out for special praise the members of the Shallotte boys squad and members of the Waccamaw girls squad, winners for the third successive year of the sportsmanship trophy.

We can think of only three things which might be done to make the Brunswick county basketball program more enjoyable.

First, we think that this matter of good sportsmanship should apply not only upon the playing court, but among

the spectators as well. The price of admission is not great enough to license some of the evidences of poor citizenship too frequently seen among the fans.

Second, we believe that more attention should be given the very important matter of obtaining officials for regular season games. We think that it was evident during the tournament that good refereeing speeds up the game, keeps the players in better spirits and has a tendency to quiet the stands.

Third, some provision should be made for taking care of the ever increasing crowds who like to attend basketball games. It is a wonderful thing to have indoor playing courts at each consolidated school in the county, but the comfort and convenience of the spectators must be given more consideration in years to come.

Better Record

From the Department of Motor Vehicles at Raleigh comes this news release:

"During February, 637 persons lost their driving licenses in North Carolina because of drunken driving . . . This was a considerable drop over the 803 persons convicted of drunken driving during February of 1947.

"The February convictions also showed a big drop over January when 934 persons lost their driving privileges because of tipsy driving."

Why operators of motor vehicles continue to risk their lives, the lives of others, heavy penalties in the courts and revocation of their driving privileges for the sake of a few drinks is beyond comprehension. If drinks must be consumed, lock the car door and give the keys to the baby.

The better record of the past month may be merely a sign of less money in circulation or just a happen-so, but it is earnestly hoped that it reflects a greater conception of the risk of drunken driving and will, therefore, continue.

Old Fashioned Truths

A list of "old fashioned commandments" has been going the rounds of newspaper offices in Kansas and Arkansas, picking up stamps of approval along the way. Referred to by one newspaper as "a voice out of the dim, dead past", these comments on the economic and social scene first appeared in the Arkansas Gazette, and have been quoted frequently since, as they appear below:

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
5. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
6. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.
7. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

Endangering Everybody

"One-fourth of the Negro tubercular patients die on the waiting list." This is not a layman talking but the superintendent of the State Sanatorium. Dr. Willis in his address to Whiteville women spoke plainly, telling his audience that there are not enough hospital facilities to keep T.B. patients isolated from the mass of the people.

We are in full agreement with Dr. Willis that as long as this condition exists, "our State is disgracefully out of debt." It is like a father who boasts of his huge bank account and lets his children go blind for want of eye glasses.

Three patients died in Columbus County last year while waiting to be admitted to a hospital for treatment. As much as a human life means and as much as we dislike to see physical suffering, the loss of three lives is insignificant in comparison to the potential danger from the lack of hospitalization. Cases which are not isolated endanger the masses. They spread the disease and not one of us is safe until this situation is remedied.

We believe the State is going to do something about this matter. But it probably won't without a public uprising. Meanwhile, isn't there an emergency solution? Isn't there a way to take this matter up right here at home and find a place to put our T.B. sufferers?

The least we can do is give serious thought to the possibilities.

COMMISSIONERS IN

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lieved of \$498.00 valuation due to error in listing; W. G. Gurganus, relieved of \$200.00 valuation due to error in listing; M. L. Watts granted permission to pay 1932 and prior years taxes on the basis of the 1933 valuation; taxes due the county from James McMillan Estate were settled for \$20.00, valuation of the property to remain the same.
The Monday following Easter has been declared a holiday for county offices.

LOCAL RESIDENT

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Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of Col. and Mrs. William B. Rodman, Jr., 520 West Main street, Washington. The services were in charge of Rev. Richard Sturgis of Wilmington and Rev. Stephen Gardner of Washington. Interment followed in the Oakdale cemetery in Washington.

SUPPLY BAPTISTS

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Rev. Ira Britt; presentation of church member handbooks and offering envelopes; charge to the church: Rev. C. E. Brisson; Relationship to other churches and denominations: Rev. W. G. Phelps; dedication prayer: Rev. H. B. Bennett; hymn: "How Firm a Foundation;" special music; sermon: Rev. H. M. Baker; Hymn: "Lead on O King Eternal;" benediction.
H. L. Clemmons will serve as secretary of the meeting.
For some time Baptists in the



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LEGGETT'S

CATHOLIC INFORMATION

Let's get down to dots on Science
Science! Hark to the advertisements! By a "scientific" process one cigarette makes us a perfect 36 and another keeps us kissable. List to the news columns! One scientist states that "there is no God, while another writes—as St. Thomas taught—"where Science ends, Faith begins."
What conflict! What confusion! What are we unscientific folk to believe? Thank God for our common sense. Let's use a bit of it here to clarify matters.
Theories and facts are not the same. Let's remember that. Scientists are mere men—some honest, who seek only the truth—others biased, who regard not the truth if it interferes with their purposes.
The true scientist proclaims scientific "facts" only when they can be proved. The pseudo-scientist, under the prestige of a university degree, by a wave of his hand changes mere theories and guesses into "Scientific Facts," teaches them to his students, and, if sensational enough, finds a ready market for them in the modern press of "Modern Thought."
Let us laugh at the "scientific" advertisements; but let us deplore and denounce the pseudo-scientist, who would cast God Almighty from the heavens without the slightest semblance of knowledge, cause, or proof, and substitute for

immediate Supply community and was re-elected chairman of J. O. West, Dunn; H. Edr. Rodgers, Wilmington and P. Keith of St. Pauls.
Columbus county executive committee. Charles M. Trott of Southport was elected secretary of the executive committee.
Listed on the district executive committee were D. E. King of Dublin; J. J. Laughlin of Southport; I. B. Tucker, Jr. of Whiteville; Geo. W. Hair, Fayetteville;

building of a church as the ultimate objective. The store building next to the post office has been used for Sunday school services since the first of the year.
Recently considerable building material has been acquired and delivered on the proposed site of the church, a short distance east of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hawes and on Route 17. From interested parties it is learned that plans are on foot to construct a nice building in the near future.

PRODUCING PLANTS

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den's Creek. This week county soil conservationist C. D. Potter and a representative of this paper went out to see the plants. They presented a beautiful sight.
In connection with this Long Island truckers plant growing efforts and others being made by New Jersey interests, a Pennsylvania man who is connected with the canning industry recently made the statement that in a matter of a very few years thousands of acres of Brunswick county lands would be devoted to early plant growing.

NOMINATED FOR

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Tucker, Jr. of Whiteville and D. R. Johnson of Bolivia were named alternates.
Named to the State executive committee were H. E. Rodgers of Wilmington; Thad Pope of Dunn; J. A. Maulsby of Whiteville and D. R. Johnson of Bolivia. Dr. L. Baggett of Whiteville was elected presidential elector

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Southport, N. C.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS

Appreciating the cooperation that I have received from the people of Brunswick county while serving as your Register of Deeds, I wish to announce that I will be a candidate in the Democratic Primary election to succeed myself.

If you have appreciated the service that I have endeavored to render you and your neighbors, I will appreciate your vote and support in the primary election.

AMOS J. WALTON

Notice To The PUBLIC

To all persons who are interested in filing for any of the various county or township offices to be voted for in the coming primary of this year, will please take notice that due to certain changes made in the 1947 Election Laws you no longer have to see the chairman in person to file your notice; but you can now sign your notice before a Notary Public, the Clerk of Superior Court, or a Justice of the Peace, who will of course, affix his or her certificate.

A self-addressed, stamped envelope sent to me with your name and address and the name of the office to which you aspire will bring you a blank form for filing, also the fee that you will have to pay, which must accompany your notice in the form of a personal check, postal money order or registered mail addressed to the—

BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS,
David Ross, Chairman,—Freeland, N. C.

Of course if it is more convenient for you, you may file as usual before the Chairman or Secretary of the County Election Board.

Please remember that if you file for a Township office you must put the name of your township on your form.

Keep tuned to this paper for filing dates and other items of instructions as to the time for filing.

DAVID ROSS
Chairman of Brunswick County
BOARD OF ELECTIONS



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Southport, N. C.

EFFECTIVE TUES., JAN. 20, 1948

WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
**	7:00 A. M.
7:00 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
*1:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

*—These Trips on Saturday Only.
**—This Bus Leaves Winnabow at 6:10 Daily.

— SUNDAY ONLY —

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
10:50 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.