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Things Will Grow

We are sure that Southport people take more interest in the appearance of their yards than they did a few years ago, because one of the first impressions we gained of this community when we first came here in 1935 was that the soil evidently was so poor that nothing would grow.

That theory has been disproved time after time, until today many of the grounds about homes in Southport are well landscaped, and pretty lawns are the rule, not the exception.

We have just about decided that you can grow anything here that you will go to the trouble to plant and cultivate.

Question Your Candidates

Nine candidates filed for the Republican nomination for member of the board of county commissioners, eight filed for the Democratic nomination. There is a contest for every office for which a candidate is to be nominated by one of the two major parties at the May primary.

This means that our citizens have an opportunity to choose from a number of candidates the men they want to place in charge of our county government. The time to decide about these candidates is before the primary, not afterward when it is too late.

There are certain controversial matters which must come up for consideration, and the candidates will have to make some decision if they are holding office. Ask them before the primary where they stand on issues in which you have an interest. Make them outline a platform, then use the power of public opinion to force them to live up to it.

This is the only way that the voter can really be sure that he has a voice in his government—and this is the inalienable right of every citizen and taxpayer.

Helps Everybody

One of the sources of revenue for building funds for the Southport Baptist church has been the sale of scrap iron, and the manner in which the pastor, the Rev. H. M. Baker, has pitched in and has taken the lead in doing the hard work necessary in the collection of this material has earned for him a greater measure of respect from citizens of the community.

Folks usually will help a man who will help himself.

The last report we heard from this project was that more than one thousand dollars had been raised from this source. That is a substantial sum, and no doubt has come in handy in paying bills connected with the erection of the new brick building.

But another important result has been made to a general clean-up of the city of Southport. There is nothing more unsightly than a rusting pile of scrap metal, and future efforts to beautify the waterfront, vacant lots and premises will be made easier because of this work.

This should be particularly helpful to the Southport Home Demonstration Club, which has chosen as a project for this year the cleaning up and beautification of Southport. Already this campaign is off to a good start because of the scrap iron drive.

No Vacancy

The Evening Banner, of Greenville, Texas, recently told, in an editorial, the sad story of Eddie, an inefficient and discourteous clerk in a store. One day a customer noticed that Eddie wasn't

present and asked about him. "He's just not working here any more," the proprietor said. "Got anybody in mind for the vacancy?" the customer responded. "Nope," said the proprietor. "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

As the Banner added, "There's no place for the Eddies because the days of competition have returned and customers want to be waited upon . . . they want to see clerks take an interest in their requests, give them courteous, attentive service and try to make them feel at home. That's just human nature."

During the war, many a store, from the big chains down to little shops, had to employ poor and disinterested help, because nothing better could be had. But we're getting back to normal now, and we're seeing again that retailing is a career, that it calls for very special talents and mental attitudes and capabilities, and that it isn't a job that anyone can do. Many of the larger stores carry on highly developed training programs for their employes, and these are of service to small stores as well, by raising the standards of retail service in general.

The customer is entitled to interested and intelligent service, whether he's after a pound of hamburger or a complete spring outfit, and retailing is giving it to him. That small percentage of stores which takes no interest in this basic form of public relations won't be in business long. And like Eddie, they'll leave no vacancy.

"How Fur You Gwine, Cap'n?"

Walking along a roadside near our home on a day in late winter, a drizzle came up . . . suddenly a somewhat dilapidated Ford stopped by us, and a middle-aged Negro we did not know but who had a kingly face looked out.

"How fur you gwine, Cap'n?" he inquired. "I might keep you from getting wet on a col' day."

That was a little thing, of course. But we mention it because it is one of those little things that help keep friendship strong between the best white people of the South and our best colored people—no matter how much violent demagogues, Northern and Southern, may try to do to break down such kindly relations. And just such little things are occurring each day. For example, when a member of our household had to go to a hospital for a week, a Negro servant who had been working half time voluntarily came whole time and could not be made to take any pay for the extra time and work, saying, "I shouldn't feel like a Christian if I did".

Again, the writer's wife this week was one of the women from half a dozen white churches who not only raise funds for the nearest Negro hospital but join in a once-a-month work-meeting to make bandages, towels, and everything they can for it.

Sometime ago a Texas subscriber suggested that we ought to observe each year a "Good Will Day" when every white person would try to do some good turn for a Negro, and each Negro for some white person. To this the reply came that such action should not be thought of as something to practice on rare occasions but regularly. Right now we should especially like to urge the cultivation of such friendliness. In other sections there are men and women who would force on the South policies of compulsion that would hurt both races. In the South we have leaders who treat the rights of Negroes with such neglect as to make other sections feel that national interference is justified. As Ralph McGill wrote recently in the Atlanta Constitution: "We wrote our laws to say that while the races were to be separated, we would provide 'separate but equal' educational, travel, recreation and other facilities. This we have not done." But this we must do. As the Arkansas Gazette wisely suggests, while we of the white South must oppose vicious forms of outside compulsion, we must accept the special responsibility that falls upon the dominant race—giving the Negro proper educational, economic, and other opportunities "not because we are forced to, but because we recognize his right to them."—(Reprinted from The Progressive Farmer, April, 1948).

The U. S. Navy Yard at Mare Island, California, has an establishment covering approximately 2,200 acres.

The surface of the Caspian sea is 40 feet lower than it was in the 14th Century.

SHALLOTTE WOMAN (Continued from page one) Jack White, George Thomas, Gene Rourk, Billy Russ and Harry L. Mintz, Jr. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Kourk is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Betty Ann Marshall, of Manchester, New Hampshire; one son, David C. Rourk, of Shallotte; two sisters, Mrs. R. D. White and Mrs. R. S. White, both of Shallotte, one brother, Ralph Russ, of Daytona Beach, Fla.

LOCKWOODS FOLLY (Continued from page one) times they had come near to losing valuable boats and that members of the crew had been in danger of losing their lives. He pointed out that when the boats were outside carrying on their work and a storm comes up while the tide is slow, the boats cannot get in to safety. Often they have to make a run of many miles to Southport to get back into the waterway and safely through the Cape Fear river. Trying to get home by this route is about as dangerous for the small boats as it is for them to try and fight out the storm on the open ocean. It usually takes two hours to get around and into the river at Southport. During such a period the bar at the river mouth may turn itself into a raging cauldron, especially when the wind is bucking the tide. Mr. Grady thinks the government should do something for the safety of the boat owners and boats that have to use the shoaled channel if they are to make a living. The same bad condition exists at the Shallotte river inlet below Holden's Beach.

WINNABOW MAN (Continued from page one) dill officiating. Never married, Mr. Henry is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Galloway of Supply and Miss Fannie Henry of Winnabow; three brothers, J. L. and A. P. Henry of Winnabow and D. Leon Henry of Rocky Mount. Active pallbearers were A. P.

Henry, Jr., Leon Galloway, James Galloway, Vernon Baker, Eugene Williams and Floyd Atkinson. Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. F. M. Burdette, Don Lassiter, Webb Thorp, C. H. Zibelin, Clark Reid, Johnathan Reid, Herbert Rabon, L. B. Ward, W. C. Savage, W. S. McKeithan, R. S. McKeithan, G. T. Reid, B. J. Mills, J. N. Sowell, D. R. Johnson, R. L. Sullivan, Lacy Dawkins, M. A. Sullivan, E. W. Taylor, J. L. McKeithan, and L. E. Woodbury.

LARGE LOBSTER (Continued on page five) boat in addition to Captain Paulson. All of the fishing was done with hand lines. According to Mr. Wells, the less than two days catch was worth \$250.00 to the three men after the boat had its share.

BRUNSWICK SHORT (Continued From Page One) Tuesday afternoon. It was pointed out that Brunswick County alone has approximately 44 active cases of cancer at this time. Contributions are being received through the Southport Woman's Club, Lion's Club, and theatre, the Shallotte Lion's Club and theatre, and the Ash and Winnabow postoffices. Colored residents are being solicited through the schools, under the supervision of A. C. Cavness. So far, Miss Frink reported, a check for \$20.19 has been received from the Southport Woman's Club. If you have not been contacted, she urged, mail your contribution today to Harry Mintz, Jr., County Cancer Drive Chairman, Supply, N. C.

SPEEDING CASES (Continued From Page One) cases was as follows: Leon Alexander, speeding, capias. Eric Ingalls Neilson, speeding, capias. Levis DiMartino, speeding, capias. George Walker, Jr., speeding, capias. William Andrews Lang, Jr.,

speeding, capias. Lofton Clemmons, no operators license, continued to April 28. Ira Max, speeding, capias. J. O. Smith, violating stock law, continued to May 12th. Henry Williamson, speeding, fined \$5.00 and costs. Marnen Fulford, Odus Fulford and Carson Hewett, public drunkenness, continued to April 28th. Marnen Fulford, Odus Fulford, Carson Hewett, damaging private property, continued to April 28th. Alexander Davis, public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs. Arthur Rappaport, speeding, capias. Orbie P. Hewett, drunk driving, continued to April 28th. Lawrence Manuel, reckless operation, speeding, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. Yancy Cliff, breaking and entering, larceny, continued to May 5th. Newman Allen Hewett, failure to dim lights, not guilty. M. C. McLamb, possession, not prosessed with leave. Monroe Mebane, reckless operation, speeding, 90 days on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs.

THRESHERS MUST (Continued From Page One) tor where he threshes only for himself. If he harvests for others, he must pay a fee of 50-cents. The purpose of this law is not to raise revenue, but to provide a record of the amount of small grain harvested each year in North Carolina, and a part of the responsibility of each threshing machine operator is to submit accurate report of his activities during the season.

WILL HONOR CLUB (Continued from page one) our communities; study the best ways to do everyday work. "That we may find joy in common task well done. "Be kind beyond the standard of charity. "Avoid thoughts and words that condemn. "Be more thoughtful than love requires. "Maintain the highest ideals of Christian life."

Pressing For Action (Continued from page one) actual construction could begin.

The result of last week's activity will be to expedite the drainage project and save at least a year, it was stated. J. P. Quinley, long active in the Waccamaw River plan, was here to confer with Clark and Umstead. He returned to Whiteville after information was received that action was forthcoming. Mr. Quinley said he found Senator Umstead very cooperative in the proposed drainage plan and expressed confidence that the Junior Senator from North Carolina would back an appropriation to carry the project to a conclusion if the report is favorable. The Waccamaw flows through Columbus and Brunswick counties in Clark's district and into upper South Carolina counties in the district of Representative John McMillan. At the request of Clark and McMillan, Congress directed the Engineers to make a survey to determine if it would be practicable to drain the river, which parallels the Inland Waterway for about ninety miles of its course. Cutting a channel across the intervening five miles of

land would let the excess water run from the river into the waterway, Clark said, because it is a seventeen-foot fall and a five-foot tide to accelerate the flow. The crops that could be raised in the drained-out would in one year equal cost of the project, Clark estimated.

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