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Had Your Car Inspected?

Have you visited the inspection lane? Although the program was started in January, it is doubtful if 25 per cent of the motor vehicles in the State have received approved stickers. And this isn't because so many have been rejected, but because owners haven't even gone about the lanes.

The time is getting shorter and unless the matter is attended to at a more rapid pace there will be rushes—inconvenient ones at that—just before each deadline.

We call the attention of our readers to this situation because the long waits in the rush hours at deadline will be far more unpleasant than prompt handling will now.

That Fall Feeling

Last week marked the first recent break in the intensely hot summer weather as the proverbial cold day in August started people shivering.

Just one sample of this cool weather set us to thinking about the fall and of the wonderful season it is in these parts. Our summer visitors come, enjoy themselves and are gone before the most delightful part of our year arrives.

For the hunter there will be the marsh hen season opening on September 1; for the fisherman there will be increasingly good inside fishing, plus some mighty fine surf casting along the beaches. For the person who likes warm, sunshiny days and crisp, cool nights, the season coming up is one to which they may look forward with a great deal of pleasure.

Big Improvement

The biggest improvement that has been made in the business district of Southport during the past week took place on the corner lot belonging to Robert McRacken Friday when he used a tractor and plow to beat down the rank growth of vegetation and prepare the plot for sewing peas.

On the same day the Rev. H. M. Baker came in to tell us that he planned to add to the list of services being offered by the young people of Southport Baptist church, and that as a result of last week's editorial on the need for a general clean-up, the boys in his congregation would contract for clearing away rubbish, old buildings and other unsightly objects—not to mention scrap-iron.

All of which means that our people gradually are getting 'clean-up minded' and there is reason to believe that soon our visitors may have a better opportunity to see Southport at its best.

No Time For Drinking

We hate to see a farmer with a big handful of money he has been paid for a sale of tobacco who is celebrating his good fortune by getting drunk.

A man in this condition is easy prey for low characters, both male and female, who are looking out for an easy touch. For the most part, a farmer in this condition is a man not in the habit of being intoxicated, and he has little experience by which to get a true gauge of his fading conception of right and wrong.

We hate to see a farmer in this state because it leaves him in the position of placing money he has been paid for months of hard work in jeopardy for what he supposes to be one day or night of fun. It makes him liable to go back home a broke man.

What brings on this feeling of festivity, no doubt, is the experience of hav-

ing in his hand at one time enough money with which to do all the things he has been putting off until he sold his tobacco. He doesn't stop to remember that many of these things have been furnished him on credit by merchants and business men who have been willing to wait for their money; and that it is not his wealth but their's that he feels so free with.

Finally, we think that perhaps the worst feature of a sale day drunk is the fact that no farmer we know has been able to make his tobacco crop through his own efforts. The money he has been paid usually represents the sum total of the effort put out by members of his entire family over a long and dreary spell. The fruit of their labor is something that should be shared by them all, and there is nothing more pitiful than the family who waits at home for the good news of a sale, only to hear that the head of the house has taken the money and gone off on a binge.

Simple But Important

This year, the state and Federal forest services are conducting a drive to prevent forest, woods and range fires, ninety per cent of which are caused by human carelessness. Four simple rules have been prepared—and every one of them should be memorized and remembered by the people who go into the woods on business or pleasure.

1. Hold your match until it is cold—then pinch it to make sure it's out.
2. Crush out your cigarette, cigar or pipe ashes. Use the ash tray in your car and never throw smoking materials from the window.
3. Drown your campfire in water—then stir and drown it again.
4. Make sure you know the law before burning grass, brush, fence rows or trash.

There's nothing in those rules a child cannot understand. There's nothing that will cause anyone trouble or expense. Yet their observance would save for ourselves and our descendants a very large part of the millions of acres of fine timber and grazing land that fire destroys each year—and save with it human and animal life, and the breeding grounds of wild creatures.

Found Wanting

Tests given to North Carolina school children indicate that urban children as a group are more advanced in subject matter than are rural children, the office of the State Education Commission has reported.

The committee reports that the present offerings of too many schools are confined within too small a compass and thinks the offerings and services of the school should be extended.

"They lack vocational offerings; adequate experiences are not provided for the all-round development of children and youth; community services are limited; pre-school services, adult services, offerings for out-of school youth, and special offerings and services for exceptional children are practically non-existent," the committee found.

The committee said that the achievement of children was higher in school units which have supervisory services for teachers.

"North Carolina lags behind most states in provision for art, music, and shop work," the report continues. "The lag is due largely to lack of money for facilities and staff. Other factors accounting for limited offerings and services are tradition and the large number of small high schools."

Achievement tests were given in grades four, six, nine, and twelve in certain selected school systems in the State by the instructional program committee. Test data indicated that rural white children in all four grades are more advanced in all subjects than are rural Negro children. The greatest variation in average achievement is in the twelfth grade. Urban white children in all four grades are more advanced in all subjects than urban Negro children, and urban children, as a group, achieve at a higher level than rural children.

The importance of supervision for the teaching staff was shown in the results of the achievement tests, according to the report of the committee. It said that in a North Carolina county which has had supervision in the elementary grades for several years, 95 per cent of the children were promoted for the school year '46-'47, while in a neighboring county with no supervision, only 88 per cent of the children were promoted.

ENGINEERS UNABLE TO
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tain, by dredging, a channel such as you desire through the ocean bar at the mouth of Lockwoods Folly River. A dependable channel would have to be stabilized by jetty construction and the existing project does not provide for jetties. Such construction is very costly and as you know, before work of this nature could be undertaken it would have to be authorized by Congress.

request either your Congressman or Senator to sponsor a Resolution authorizing the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors to review previous reports on Lockwoods Folly Inlet, to determine whether at this time a stabilized channel should be provided from the Inland Waterway through Lockwoods Folly River inlet to deep water (say the 12-foot contour) in the ocean."

FAMOUS BAND
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musicians form the Cincinnati

Symphony, which he directs. Although famous in musical circles, he is very friendly and congenial and a fine mixer with all who meet him. He and The Pilot's representative are planning a fishing trip this week.

Honoring the Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Johnson, of Mt. Airy, and their son, Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Brunswick county committee of the North Carolina Symphony will hold a reception at the U. S. O. Building Tuesday night at eight o'clock.

The reception will be for adults and no children will be invited as it may be unwise to stage gatherings of the young folks.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and Dr. Johnson are spending three weeks at Long Beach. Southport music lovers who have had the good fortune to meet parents and son are charmed with all and are anxious that other music lovers may have an opportunity to meet the distinguished conductor.

SOUTHPORT LADY

and it was a well-known fact that it always was open house at the Doshier home, both while the family lived in Southport and later when they moved into the colonial home on the beach road.

Mrs. Doshier is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Jones, and two grandchildren, Robert L. Jones, Jr., of Southport, and Mrs. Ray Holdcraft, of Elmer, N. J.

Funeral arrangements were not complete this morning.

SOUTHPORT MAN

S. W. Holden, Southport; two sons, Monroe and Fred Barnhill, both of Southport; one half sister, Mrs. J. W. Guthrie, and one half-brother, M. E. Skipper, Wilmington; and five grandchildren.

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