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### Vacation Spot

We have an idea that hundreds of anxious parents will be everlastingly grateful to Brunswick county beach resorts for the haven they have offered this summer to those who wished to get away from the crowds and possible contagion from polio.

Even for those parents who lived in the areas where polio cases were most prevalent there was little incentive to go from one crowded condition into another, and thus it was that several of the more congested beach resorts were passed by.

Here is where Caswell Beach, Long Beach and Holden Beach were at their best, for the broad expanse of these developments made crowding unnecessary. It was possible to spend an entire vacation at one of these resorts and never be in a large gathering.

This would give a person who does not understand the situation grounds for saying that these beaches are primitive and undeveloped and that the reason there were no crowds is, because there were not enough people to make up one. Actually, on any pretty afternoon it was possible to go out on the beach and see small groups in bathing for as far as the eye could see. True, there was no central point for gathering, just as there was no crowd, but in front of every cottage there was a bathing party.

This was possible because of two things. The first of these is that there was a natural desire to keep children to themselves. And secondly, it was possible to do this because every foot of these beach areas affords a shallow, sandy bottom, ideal for bathing, eliminating completely any necessity for forming large crowds at one or two designated points on the beach.

### Pay Your Bills

The other day we received an issue of a newspaper printed in another county, and included in the advertising section was a reminder from the tax collector that tobacco is selling good, and that it might be a fine idea for some of the growers to use some of their high dollars to pay their taxes.

Well, this is just a free advertisement for the tax collector, for the dentists, the doctors, the merchants and the fertilizer dealers to urge those who owe them to pay up while money is coming in. We are even going to add the preachers to our list, because we consider generous support of the church of your choice to be just as much an obligation as any other debt you may incur.

Aside from the matter of honor involved, it is just plain good business to keep your debts paid while you have the money. The day may come when you will sorely need credit, and your prospects for obtaining it will be based upon your reputation for meeting your obligations.

Always remember that the best way to keep your credit good is not to use it unless it is absolutely necessary.

### The Bear Situation

It may be that there are two sides to the bear situation but there is no question that Paul Kendall has made out an able case in behalf of the bee-keepers and corn growers.

Even before these remarks reach print we expect to hear from the spokesmen for bear hunters.

Mr. Kendall's position is that corn-growing and honey-producing are tangible benefits to the public, while hunting, purely a sport, has only intangible benefits to offer. As spokesman for

apiarists, Mr. Kendall has made it clear that the choice is much like a choice between going fishing or working a crop that is being devoured by weeds. Naturally, a good farmer resists the temptation to take out his rod and tackle and hitches up Old Dobbin to the plow.

The appeal of the bee-keepers is understandable in view of their losses in recent years. The question now arises: "What shall we do with Mr. Bear?"

Developments will be interesting to watch. We are not taking sides because we might be unduly prejudiced. We have never engaged in bear hunting but we do have a real admiration for the delectable qualities of honey.

### Let's Help Out

The city administration is making another appeal for suitable garbage containers. This request should result in universal compliance, not because the city wants it done but because we are interested in the health and appearance of Whiteville.

Uncovered garbage containers are perfect visiting places for flies and these carriers of germs make some mighty close contacts with all of us. Let's do something about this situation.

### Moral Wisdom Must Rule

"It should now be branded on our consciousness that, unless science is controlled by a greater moral force, it will become the Antichrist prophesied by early Christians." In that statement Charles A. Lindbergh crystallizes the message of his new book, "On Flight and Life." The book, Lindbergh's first since the publication of "We" in 1927, is condensed as the leading article of The Readers Digest for September.

The American people's sense of values has been dangerously distorted, Lindbergh believes, by the very scientific marvels which have made this country the most powerful on earth. Holding that man's survival depends, in the last analysis, "fully as much on the quality of life as on the power of arms," the author urges a re-evaluation of our standards, based on spiritual truths. "We must measure education less by the amount of knowledge it instills than by the wisdom of living it creates. The amassing of knowledge is of negative value when it places business above family, and makes women consider careers ahead of children; when it teaches us how to turn loose modern weapons without teaching us the human values to control them."

Three times in his life, the flyer says, he has felt an overwhelming compulsion to communicate a brief to his fellow men. "The first was as a young pilot, when I became convinced that man had a great destiny in the air." The second was just prior to World War II, "When I believed it best for America to keep out of Europe's internal wars. The third time is at this moment of 1948. I believe that, if we do not control our science by a higher moral force, it will destroy us with its materialistic values, its rocket aircraft and atom bombs."

Envisioning this country poised for a future war, Lindbergh sees the "intolerable concept" of our civilization existing from hour to hour, at the mercy of an enemy whose atomic rockets and other weapons wait only for some fanatic's fingers to close an electric switch. "It is a picture of the future toward which we are now heading," the author warns, "technically possible with bombs already tested, with known methods of biological warfare and with rockets soon to be designed."

To turn this trend we must resort to more than material power, he declares. "We must strive to achieve a civilization so satisfactory to men that its force can remain unused in the background. . . . If we succeed it will be less by forcing our democracy on others than by setting an example others will wish to follow; less by pointing out the mote in another's eye than by removing the beam in our own; less by using arms than by avoiding them."

Texas is the only state of the Union that may divide itself into five separate states.

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The game of chess originated more than 5000 years ago in Hindustan.

### Rovin' Reporter

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Saturday he apologized to Carl Andrews for not being able to keep his usual Saturday date at Shallotte, and he promised that this week he will be there. His doctor may have something to say about that, but he will be there if he can. Sunday he wanted a typewriter to hold across his stomach so he could write his column for this week, but that, to, seemed to be rushing things a little fast.

The thing he misses most of all in the hospital is his pipe. His doctor's, perhaps with other patients also in mind, turned thumbs down on this form of indoor amusement, and he has been forced to content himself with numerous cigars.

During the first few days of

his confinement to the hospital he was given penicillin and numerous hydrodermics. When he received news that these would stop he made no bones about being glad of it. "I'm as full of holes now as a roll of biddle wire," he said. "They stuck me all over, too," he added, "but it was all very professional."

Even when he felt the worst, and that was a week ago Sunday when he was first taken to the hospital, he never was without his sense of humor. His doctor was having someone ask questions in attempting to diagnose his trouble, and among the information sought was whether the patient had been having any ringing in his ears. "Not in a good many years," he reported with a twinkle, referring to his total deafness dating from the time he was 7 years of age.

All things turning out for the best, he should be ready to come

home from the hospital on Thursday or Friday of this week, must take it easy for another week or ten days, then will be back at most of his normal rambling about his favorite county.

His stay in the hospital and his operation has been expensive, and one of the things his friends can do to lighten his financial load is to give him their renewal to their subscription. Commissions on subscriptions provide one important source of income for him, and every one that is given to him or mailed in direct to him will help on his hospital bill. As a matter of fact, we can think of no finer way his friends can show their appreciation of his column than by sending him in a spontaneous flood of renewals.

And here are two or three paragraphs he wrote for last week but which we had left over.

We met up with W. Levi Swain at Shallotte Saturday. Mr. Swain, a former resident of Brunswick county and former county commissioner, is now living at Fayetteville, but we sort of think he would like to be back in Brunswick county. Anyway, he told us Saturday that Brunswick county was becoming widely known for its splendid beaches, fishing, farming and other things. He was kind enough to credit some of this to The State Port Pilot.

At Shallotte Saturday Bill Holmes remarked that there had been three fogs already this August. He reminded us of the old saying that for every fog in August there will be a snow in December. Well, there has been no fog at Southport this August. Going by the Holmes predictions, Shallotte is already booked for three snows next December and Southport has not yet made any

reservations with the snowman.

Holden Beach folks, at least the several keymen interviewed this-week, view the extension of the Long Beach road with approval. A fine cooperative spirit is being manifest between the residents of two beaches. It is realized that as one develops the other will likewise profit. Extending the Long Beach road means more miles on what will some day be a road all the way through Long Beach, across Lock-

woods Folly inlet and down through Holden Beach.

RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS  
William H. Bernard, of Bolivar, technician fifth grade with the Army, has returned to the United States for leave and reassignment after 21 months in the Far East. He has been serving with the Army Transportation Corps Headquarters on Okinawa. He is listed in May 1946. His wife, Rosie, and two children, Mary and James, live on Route 1, Bolivar. He is a son of Frank Bernard.

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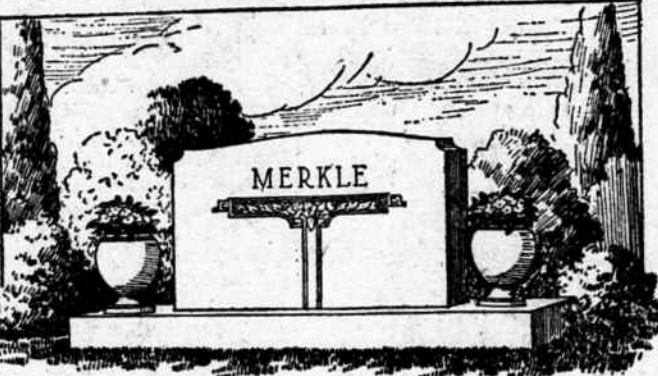
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WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

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.

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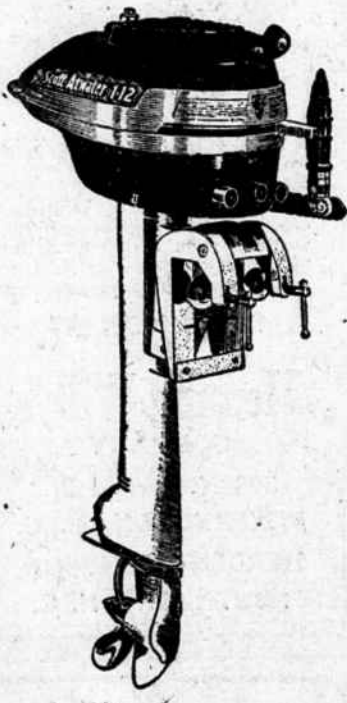
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