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School Attendance

Once a capable faculty has been assembled, there is no more important factor in a successful school year than the maintenance of good average daily attendance.

For one thing, it is only through regular classroom sessions that a boy or girl will be able to get the most out of a year's work, and it is unfair to retard the progress of other students by holding back a class for the benefit of their educational progress.

In the second place, faculty strength is based directly upon attendance figures, not upon total enrollment. Therefore, the only possible way whereby the teaching force at your local high school can be maintained as it should be is to have every student who is eligible to enroll, and to have every student enrolled present every day.

This is a matter in which the parents can be of invaluable assistance to school officials. Their interest in school affairs can be shown in no more practical manner than to see to it that their children of school age are present every day unless providentially hindered, and that they are there on time."

Southport And Artists

(Wilmington Star-News)

The successful exhibition of the work of a young Southport artist, Arthur E. Newton, in his home town, a few nights ago brings to mind the rich possibilities of the nearby community to become a painters' colony whose appeal would transcend the state's borders.

Southport is as charmingly quaint as the numerous New England maritime villages prospering from entertainment of the artist. Its sources of material are as extensive and inspiring. Its climate affords considerably more time for

painting than do the northern coastal towns. Wholesome accommodations are available and living there is comparatively cheap—no small matter to many an artist.

The picturesque and lackadaisical atmosphere, so we are told by those who paint, is conducive to good work. Practically every artist who has sampled Southport's advantages has praised the place. Because the town enjoys this good name among painters, perhaps the only thing needed to give it the boost it deserves is some well-planned promotion by North Carolina art interests, as well as other folks who have an idea what the colony would mean to our cultural resources.

Where You Are Safest

Ever since lightning struck a tree in our front yard when we were a youngster, we have been interested in the matter of where you are safest during a thunder storm. For years we have gone along believing that automobiles offered pretty good security during these times, and now we quote the following from an article in Automobile Facts, an independent trade publication:

"You're safest in an automobile when lightning strikes! Recently during a man-made storm in a research laboratory, a 3,000,000-volt charge of lightning was fired at a passenger car to determine what happens when the elements gang up on Mr. Motorist.

"Result: Even the engineer who sat at the steering wheel throughout the experiments didn't mind. The vehicle acted as a lightning-proof cage, diverting the heavy currents harmlessly around the passenger. Only a small scorched spot on the car's metal top remained as evidence of the dramatic test."

Tsch! Tsch!

So Hulan Watts is carrying fishing parties out from Wrightsville Beach these days!

Now that's going to come as something of a surprise to folks who see him leave his dock at the Southport yacht basin each morning and watch him come back in late in the afternoon. And some doubt may exist in the minds of members of the large crowd who watched him spread three beautiful sailfish on the grass near the basin last Wednesday afternoon that he took these fish off Wrightsville, but was mean enough to bring them down to Southport before he unloaded.

The Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association is now old enough to stop acting like a baby, and news releases concerning results of its fishing rodeo should be factual. A free press is no place to play up nor to pay off personal likes and dislikes.

Rovin' Reporter

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forts, pumping glucose into us, almost by the gallon. Penicillin, a really new and wonderful drug that first came into general use during the war, was needed into us from all angles, literally and figuratively speaking. Some of the nurses showed marked talent in discovering star board and portside spots in which they could stick a penicillin needle.

Five o'clock, the deadline. Several nurses were around the high bed in room 14. They had been getting us ready for the operating room where another group of nurses and two doctors were gowned, gloved, hooded and waiting. Robert Price, tops among orderlies, came rolling a stretcher down the corridor. He, too, was hooded. He had to stand-by there in the operation room and move the stretcher when necessary. As he rolled his conveyance into room 14 the ether mask was slipped over our face and mouth and in a matter of seconds our spirit had done a complete fade-out.

As a flying saucer we soared out into painless, dreamless and boundless space between two worlds. We should emphasize that there was no pain. In what seemed to have been only two or three minutes, we opened our eyes and there we were back in the same bed in room 14. Of doctors, nurses and orderlies there were none. Sitting over near the foot of the bed and looking as sleepily as the devil was a newspaper friend of ours. "See here," we said to him, "we thought we were going to be operated on at five o'clock and it must be past that time now." "You were operated on," he assured us, "at five o'clock and it is now two-thirty in the morning."

Now we have never yet met the fellow whose word could be taken as being the absolute truth in all matters. That operation, if it had been performed, had been painless, noiseless and in a decidedly mysterious manner. We began

to explore under the bed sheets, and, sure enough, there was something resembling a mustard plaster, and about as hot, covering the spot where appendectomy's are performed along with some extra territory. Strangest thing about it was that we were still not feeling the least pain or soreness.

Later on, when he happened to be alone with us in room 14, we told Robert, the orderly, about our having gone off as a flying saucer while they operated on us. He backed off a slight distance and seemed otherwise astonished. "How do you think," we asked him, "they operated on us and we had no pain?" "You had pain, all right," said Robert. "You just didn't feel it."

The operation and everything about it had all been done so smoothly and efficiently that getting over it would have been next to nothing in our young life. We could have gotten up and walked back up street the next day but for a unfortunate circumstance. We had forgotten to tell the doctors. Despite the fact that there were many times when they could not be of any use, the nurses were all very kind and helpful. We especially remember Mrs. Inez Shannan, Mrs. Thomas St. George, Mrs. Eddie Spencer, Mrs. Jones, Miss Anderson, Eulene Stedham and others who were always about our room.

We believe we often shocked these good women. We were supposed to keep lying flat on our back in bed. Time after time, even on the night following the operation, they would come into our room and find us sitting on our back in a chair with both feet resting on the window sill. On such occasions they would hurry off to report our unorthodox conduct. Before they could return with reinforcements we would be back in bed and resting easy.

There were a lot of really bright spots in being sick, little things that undoubtedly went far

to help us to get well quickly, just as such things help others in like circumstances. There was the interest and attention of the doctors and nurses. This interest also goes to hundreds of Brunswick county people and patients from other places.

Even such supposedly cold blooded propositions as a couple of lawyers, Bun Frink and Davis Herring, ordered us one of the largest and finest bunches of flowers. Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson and their son, Dr. Thor Johnson, also sent in some beautiful flowers, as did Mrs. Alice Arrington, Mrs. J. W. Ruark, Mrs. Doug Norton, Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mrs. Helen Bragaw and others.

From Charlotte came a box of fine cigars from G. F. Ball, one of the big boys in the North Carolina Sales Division of the Standard Oil Company; Phil Wright, state news editor of the Wilmington News, kept raising Cain over the telephone for us to get well. He also wrote some especially crazy letters, as did O. G. Bain, manager of the Wilmington District of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Dr. L. H. Sanders of Raleigh wrote us his children were still talking about "Mr. Bill," and asking how he was. Little Danny White, eight-year-old Southport boy, and many others of like age and older sent beautiful cards. The cards were almost unlimited, as were the visitors. All were really appreciated, because deep down in our heart we could not fail to see that those who wrote and those who came to speak for themselves really meant what they said about hoping we would be well soon.

Three cards were from hopeless cripples, who have been that way for many years. They touched us more than anything else.

Right now, and always, we are grateful for the sickness that has shown us the fine inner side of many, many people.

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY

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active case of polio in Brunswick county.

Miss Barbara Adams, county health nurse, says that the first Brunswick county child reported as a victim of polio during the current epidemic has been discharged from the hospital and appears to be completely recovered. Two other children, both colored, are being hospitalized outside the county.

Postponement for another week will give principals an opportunity to fill a few vacancies which will exist in their teacher list.

COUNTY COUNCIL

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ment Day in October of this year. Brunswick county has 14 Home Demonstration Clubs, totaling about 200 members, among whom there exists a remarkably fine

spirit of cooperation for community betterment.
Miss Greene says she will begin her 4-H Club Work among the schools of Brunswick county just as soon as the fall session opens.

THREE SAILFISH

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this fish broke water on several occasions and that there was no doubt as to his identity. He estimates it weight at least 90-lb. This was not his first contact with tarpon in this area, and he doesn't figure to let it be the last. He plans to improve his fishing gear and go back for another battle.

It was a Siler City party fishing aboard the Idle-On with Capt. T. H. Watts Wednesday that had the field day with sails. They had three on at one time, and caught two of them. They came back in with three of these big fellows, including the 8-ft., 2½-in. leader in his class. Mr. Buckner caught the top fish, while W. E. Vestal had the next one in size and Sam T. Reese had the third. Other members of the party were W. H. Rowland and G. S. Butler. They also had 16 blues and mackerals.

On Thursday Mr. Boyd and party of Myrtle Beach caught a sailfish, 2 dolphin and some blues. The said was taken by Mr. Boyd's son, and made it two for the Watts boats on that day, as the Botfly also had a sail. Griffin Lloyd and party of Durham were out Friday and had 65 blues and mackerals; S. W. Coldridge was the man who hooked the marlin on Saturday, and about fifteen min-

utes before this fight got underway C. C. Lorraine landed a sail; on Sunday Noel Dunivant and party of Whiteville caught a small sailfish, 2 dolphin and several blues.

HOUSE GUEST
Miss Carol Ballard of Washington, D. C., is the attractive guest of Miss Mary Jo Usher of Greensboro at the Usher cottage Long Beach. Miss Ballard and Miss Usher were roommates Greensboro College.

SCHEDULE

W. B. & B. BUS LINE

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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.

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7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
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4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
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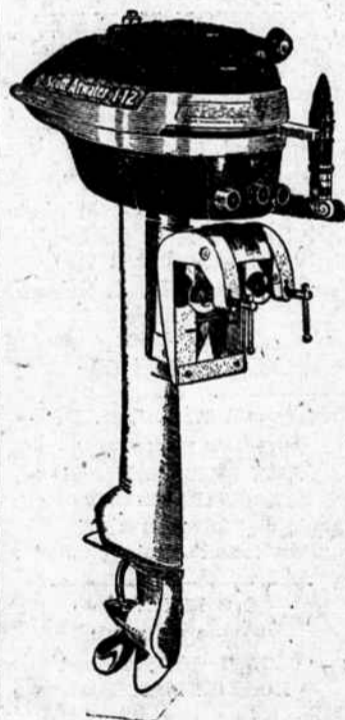
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