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### Dangerous Condition

On Monday, the day school originally was scheduled to start, we received a report that the bridge at Walden Creek was in an unsafe condition. One of the school buses must cross this span, and had it not been for an earlier postponement, the lives of school children would have been placed in grave danger.

On Monday we heard one of the State Highway Patrolmen say that unless immediate repairs were made he would close the road. This has been done, but it strikes us that there was negligence somewhere when a condition this serious was permitted to develop.

### Maintain Schedule

Last month considerable confusion created for motorists who showed up in Southport on Monday of three consecutive weeks to take their drivers examination only to discover that no examiner was here.

It is our understanding that Driving License Examiner N. S. Hudson was in no way to blame for these broken appointments, but that on two occasions he was assigned to other stations to fill in for examiners who were on vacation, and that on the third Monday he was on vacation himself.

The trouble would seem to be farther up the line, and the blame for much trouble and expense caused Brunswick county motorists rests upon the person who makes the assignments. Whoever this person is, he apparently is under the impression that the service and convenience of our citizens count for very little, and that the needs of Brunswick comes after that of all other stations.

A new schedule has been set up now and the driving license examiner will be at Southport on Monday and Tuesday of each week instead of just on Monday as has been the custom in the past. We hope that in the future Brunswick county's time will be strictly observed and that we will not be required to take a back seat for another appointment which may be considered more important.

### Catastrophe Coming

One of these days you are going to pick up a newspaper and read about a \$100,000.00 fire in Southport, and when it is over there will not be a building missing. The scene probably will be the yacht basin, and the loss will be sustained in the shrimping fleet, the backbone of our one and only industry.

The fire Monday morning underlined this danger. The narrow escape last winter when one of the Wells boats caught fire first brought it to our attention.

It becomes increasingly apparent that we need more adequate fire protection, and the first step in this direction is a modern fire truck.

Another and immediate need is for a deeper, wider channel into the basin. Monday morning's danger was increased by the confusion of the larger boats being unable to get out of the basin and away from the blazing boat at low tide. Unless this anchorage is to be a death trap instead of a haven something must be done to make it possible for these deep-draft boats to enter and leave it will, regardless of the tide stage.

### Other Deadlines Ahead

There was considerable unpleasantness up at Winston-Salem, where some 500 motor vehicle owners found a tire-some wait ahead of them when they

rushed to the inspection lane and met head on with the deadline rush. The Raleigh News and Observer appropriately suggests that the self-kicking instrument that has become famous might serve a useful purpose.

The News and Observer editorial may serve a useful purpose if it warns that there are other deadlines ahead: "Automobile owners were mighty mad at Winston-Salem when 500 motorists who had waited until the last minute for inspection could not all be quickly served. They were impatient, weary and irritable. In Saturday's heat it is easy to understand their discomfort. It needs to be remembered, however, that all these angry and impatient men had waited until the last minute to create exactly the jam which exasperated them. That may be human. It also suggests that some such humans when they get mad about the results of their own delays may need examination as much as their cars.

"If there ever was a place where that Craven County machine with which a man can kick himself was needed this examination line would seem to have been it. In North Carolina in these dog days that machine certainly should be kept in good repair."

### 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."

### What's The Goal?

A noted lecturer addressing a large audience recently, said there were one of five things we all live for. He named those things in this order:

- 1—Money
- 2—Knowledge
- 3—Fame
- 4—Pleasure
- 5—Christ

It is pretty easy to look the list over and put a finger on the one item to which we are devoting most of our time and talents.

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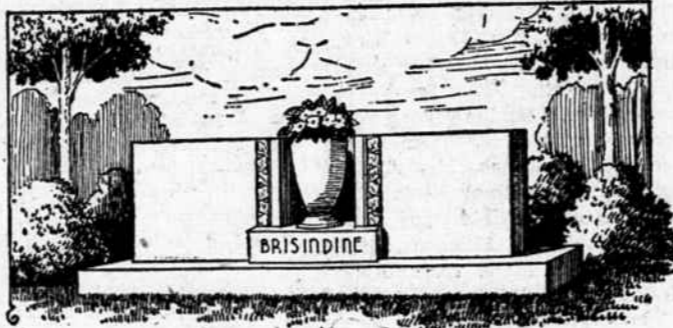
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### Farmers Day Queen Contest Rules Set Up

Candidates Must Be Over 16, Unmarried And Daughter Of Farmer In Tri-County Area

Some rural girl from Columbus, Brunswick or Bladen counties will reign as queen of Farmers Day on Friday, Sept. 17, when the Whiteville Civitan Club stages the annual event which always draws from ten to fifteen thousand people to this city. Martin Schulken, chairman of committee handling the queen contest, today announced the rules for the contest.

1. Candidates must be at least

- 16 years of age by October 1, 1948.
- 2. She must be a resident of Columbus, Brunswick or Bladen counties.
- 3. She must be a farmer's daughter. (She may be working in town provided her parents live on a farm.)
- 4. Official ballots which appear in the local newspapers must be used for voting. (Only these official ballots will be counted.)
- 5. Each ballot will be valued as one point or one vote.

- 6. The contestant receiving highest number of votes in township will be invited to compete for the final selection. .948 Queen. If two or more contestants in the same township receive more than 100 or more will be invited to compete in finals at Whiteville.
- 7. Deadline for voting is Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1948, at 12 noon.
- 8. Mail all ballots (official) to Box 509, Whiteville, N. C.
- 9. Contestants must be tried.

## SCHEDULE W. B. & B. BUS LINE

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.  
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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.

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