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Permanent Improvements

In traveling about our county it is encouraging to see that as a part of our present prosperity many persons are making permanent improvements to their homes, and in many instances are either improving or are erecting useful barns and storage buildings.

Even though current building costs are greater than ever before in our history, we think that it is a fine thing to see these building and repair projects. For one thing, the money which we are required to pay for these high cost materials and labor is money which we earn at wages and prices which were unheard of a few years ago; and that means that comparatively, costs are no higher now than they were then. For another, improvements which add to the comfort and convenience of daily living are things which will remain through good times and bad.

We have no way of knowing that the future holds in the way of prosperity, but the next generation will have cause to be thankful for this period through which we are passing.

Church Attendance

Ever so often we hear some of our church leaders bemoan the indifference of people in general in their attendance at worship services, and we have been led to believe that everywhere there is a marked decline in the interest in religion.

Sunday morning we were in Raleigh, and about 10:30 o'clock we found it necessary to move our car from where it was parked about two blocks west of the Capital. When we returned a few minutes later, there was no such thing as a parking place, and cars were double-parked in front of several churches loading and discharging churchgoers during the next half-hour.

At 12 o'clock we saw the confusion increase, for added to the other rush was the arrival of special buses which had come to take on passengers returning from services. We have seen traffic snarls at football games, but this was our first time as a participant in an after-church traffic jam.

Maybe people in the small towns and in the county do not go to church like they did in days of old, but in the cities church still is a popular place on Sunday morning.

The Volunteer Worker

We think that everybody should be devoted to some worthy cause, for then the thankless job of promoting the interest of various programs and activities would rest upon the shoulders of a larger group of people.

It seems a normal function of our civilization to have various causes for which it is necessary to secure public support. It is largely through these agencies that unfortunate persons are cared for or the sick made well. There are, too, the agencies whose motivating influence is strictly cultural and whose aim is to influence the well-being of the community as a whole.

But the trouble is that the person who feels responsibility for the Red Cross Fund Drive is likely to be the same person who is active in the local Parent-Teacher organization and the one who usually comes to see you about matters for the church.

That's your unpaid, unappreciated volunteer worker, the person who has the welfare of the community at heart, the one who can see the far-reaching benefits of a state-wide or national program, the person who comes to see you so often and about so many different things that perhaps you sometimes get

to thinking of him or her as being just a little on the nuisance side.

Well, these people are an asset to the community in which they live and without their hours of patient, hard work many things which we take for granted never would come into being. Use your own judgment about what to do in the matter of giving, but don't be discourteous to these people who give their time and efforts to public programs.

Raleigh Roundup

(By Eula Nixon Greenwood)

NEXT WEDNESDAY—The biennial whitening of the Advisory Budget Commission on appropriations requests will get under way next Wednesday, November 3, the day following the General Elections. Nothing is being said about it, but grapevine reports are to the effect that total requests from the various State departments will run close to \$200,000,000. This is from the General Fund alone. Ten years ago—1937-38—the amount appropriated from this Fund (for that fiscal year) was only \$48,417,123.

RADIO—If the Legislature gives Kerr Scott too much trouble, he contemplates taking his case to the people via regular weekly radio broadcasts similar to FDR's famous "fireside chats." It may be that—with Scott being Governor and not a candidate for office—he can get the air without cost. Anyway, the story is that a substantial fund is being held in readiness for the chats if they cannot be carried gratis.

IN 1942—The enthusiasm which the Democratic rallies showed for Bill Umstead has friends talking him as a candidate for Governor in 1952. However, he lives next door to Alamance and this may be a handicap.

NICE FACE—What did the people who saw President Harry Truman when he was in Raleigh think of him? Well, Mrs. Norma Davis, Raleigh housewife uttered the general feelings of most of the thousands of people who saw President Truman during his 22-hour stay in the Capital: "I thought Mr. Truman was a very pleasant man. I liked his looks. He had one of the friendliest smiles I have ever seen. He looked as though he might be a next-door neighbor instead of the President of the United States."

"I believe that the majority of the people who saw him liked him. . . . His family made as good an impression on me as the President did. I think they are fine people."

NOTES—Mrs. Harry Truman is just as homely as the newsreels and the magazines and the newspapers picture her. However, Margaret Truman is pretty, is much taller than her mother, has nice teeth, nice eyes, and is possessed of a rather good figure in the long-stemmed, tomboyish manner. Her face is much more mobile and active than either her mother's or her father's. Each time her esteemed father lifted his eyes and departed from the written speech in front of him Daughter Margaret seemed to wince, to frown just a little, as much as to say: "Well, I wonder what he's going to pull this time."

As Truman uttered one of his off-the-cuff remarks at the State Fair speech, Margaret gave her mother a vigorous elbow nudge in the ribs.

The President had not intended speaking at the Fair on his original plan to visit Raleigh. Agriculture Commissioner D. S. Coltrane ramrodded this when he found that Jonathan Daniels had persuaded Truman to come to Raleigh for the dedication of the Three Presidents statue.

Into Thy Terminal

At about two o'clock one morning a fatally injured railroad man was carried into the yard office. Suffering from shock, he was beyond pain, but conscious and pleading for someone to say a prayer. Big Doc, the night chief yard clerk, took off his hat and stepped forward. Bowing his head, he said:

"Oh, Lord, you know us railroad men. We live by signals. Sometimes we can't see them plain because the smoke of this world gets in the way, but most of us try to read the signals right. Now our brother is on his last run. We ask You to give him a clear board to Thy yard limits, and line the switches for a clear rail into Thy terminal. Amen."

That a problem exists is easily deduced when we realize that since 1900 more American people have died in highway accidents than were killed in two great World Wars and in all of the crimes of the past 48 years.

The right to vote exists in but few countries of the world. Our nation is among those in which there is no coercion, no dictator's hand to say how a ballot shall be cast.

Rovin' Reporter

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and Mr. Nelson told us Saturday night that Mr. Morson said that the Southport fishing was better than that at Morehead City.

We often meet up with people who are rated as pretty big in this world. They are fine folks, or that is the way we have usually found them and we have grown to think they could not be big people without being fine. We often get good stories out of them. But between you and us, when a Brunswick county farmer takes the trouble to stop and tell us about his big hog, fine crops, hunting adventure or anything like that, we get just as big a kick out of it as we got out of Commodore W. K. Vanderbilt's lady inviting us to take tea with her while she was leader of the 400.

Down at Southport Sunday afternoon Al Dickson, editor of the Wilmington News, was much interested in the probabilities regarding Fort Caswell. He also made some discreet inquiries as to how the freshwater fish were biting. During recent years Al, with some assistance from Phil Wright, the state news editor, has greatly broadened the sphere of popularity of the Wilmington afternoon paper.

With cold storage now available farmers are not dependent on a cold spell in order to butcher their hogs. They can do it any time. Saturday we were shown a couple of town-raised pigs, not yet 11 months old. The animals belong to Delmas Hewett and C. G. Arnold in Shallotte. A fair guess is that each of the pigs will dress 350 pounds. They are to be slaughtered this week.

Our friend Sam Danford, of Shallotte was telling us Saturday that he had dug up some sweet potatoes large enough for one to fill a bushel hamper. Unfortunately for our peace of mind Sam did not weigh the potatoes. To save us from being worried now and hereafter our friends should weigh, measure and do everything else to their potatoes, hogs, fish and unusual produce.

Harry S. Davis of the Boone's Neck community out from Supply is sort of proud of a catch he made a few days ago. Two years ago a bull calf belonging to Harry's sister, Mrs. S. W. Lewis, went completely wild and took off into the woods and swamps. No one could ever recapture the animal or get near it. Recently Harry built a large trap in the woods, something in the order of a bird trap. He baited the contraption and a few days ago he found he had caught the wayward bull. He says it was just as troublesome to handle as the bear that the hunter had by the tail.

The Shallotte Pirates, otherwise the Shallotte high school football team are getting up from the ground for another start. Never having played football before this fall, they took on the Myrtle Beach team last week. Myrtle Beach is reported to have stayed on. Shallotte failed to score a point. The Pirates will play Tabor City Friday night of this week. John F. Grahl, one of the high school teachers, is the coach for the Pirates and the indication are that Shallotte will really have something in the way of a football team next year.

Should any fisherman go to telling you about Big Hill our advice is not to try and walk out there. In fisherman's language Big Hill is a spot in the Atlantic ocean, directly off the lower end of Long Beach. If you don't know it, the big hills on the lower end of Long Beach are the highest points of land in Brunswick county, 99 feet above sea level. They are also the highest wood covered sand dunes on the coast of North Carolina. Fishermen operating due south of these hills use them as range or location

finders as they can be seen when nothing else on shore is visible. That being that, when fisherman is operating off the lower end of Long Beach he tells the world that he was fishing at Big Hill.

Seeing tugs go by on the waterway about every other day lot of people wonder just how many cords of pulpwood are carried on the three big barges they have in tow. Inquiries among pulpwood people has revealed that each of the three barges is supposed to be loaded with 400 cords of pulpwood, a total of 1200 cords. That is a lot of wood, but it is only a portion of what must go into the hungry maws of the pulpwood each day.

Dredging to remove shoals in rivers and waterways of Brunswick county has to be carried on for most of their lengths every few years. This dredge dumpage if properly placed would be valuable in building up land at nearby points. It seems that various land owners near the scene of dredging operation miss good bets by not requesting that the dumpage be placed at points where it will benefit their property. Such requests, if they are made in time and are not too unreasonable owing to difficult access are said to be usually complied with.

All Democrat Candidates

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he blamed many of the ills in our domestic affairs.

Yesterday's vote is a tremendous tribute to this one-man battle for ballots, for not only has it resulted in his reelection as the nation's chief executive, it was assured him the support of a congress both of whose houses have a dominant Democratic majority.

Perhaps it is as well to believe that the Truman success stems from the silent vote, the individual expression of the man or woman who liked prosperity even though it does carry a tinge of inflation; who feared the blundering of the administration less than the uncertainty resulting from sweeping changes, the scope of which were undetermined; who dropped in a ballot for Harry Truman the underdog, believing at the time that this act would not be enough to put him back in the White House.

SHALLOTTE STORE

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ed to get it open, however. So far as could be ascertained nothing in the store or office was bothered with the exception of the cash register and safe. Mr. Mintz had gone to the cash register shortly before closing up and had taken out \$40.00 in change. He said that in addition to the checks it appeared that there was something over \$50.00 in cash left in the drawer and which the thieves got. Entrance to the building was made through the rear door.

Harry Pales, finger print expert of Wilmington, went down and is reported to have found some impressions about the safe.

Local Menhaden Boats

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as large. Two other Brunswick Navigation Company boats are remaining at Southport to be on the lookout for any large schools of fish that may show up.

They are the W. P. Anderson, Captain Homer McKeithan, and the John L. Morehead, Captain Merle Hood. The boats fishing at Beaufort only expect to fish there about two weeks until the fall run of fish southward get near enough for them to operate at the factory here.

WILL MAKE TRIP

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Dallas Pigott 3; Bill Wells 3; Paul Fodale, 2; Swan and Down, 1.

This will be only for a start, if the early winter fishing pans out as expected, Charles and Wiley Wells are said to be planning to bring a number of big boats back

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Several Cases Before Court

Routine Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Disposed Of Here Last Wednesday

Several cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court last Wednesday before Judge W. J. McLamb. The following entries were made in these matters:

Rudolph Bennett, no operators license, not guilty.

Ira Jennings, speeding, \$15.00 and costs.

Bias Simmons, allowing an unlicensed person to operate motor vehicle, not guilty.

Mrs. Homer McKeithan assault continued.

Charles Benjamin Gullidge, reckless operation, not prosessed.

George E. Leary, trespass, not guilty.

Samuel Seigler, drunk driving, failure to dim lights; guilty of reckless operation, fined \$50.00 and costs.

and drinks furnished means for the amusement of everyone, young and old.

Total receipts from the carnival and its various activities were \$569.60, which will be used by the Parent-Teachers Association for various school projects.

William James Barefoot, no less operation, continued.

James Bascom Clemmons, operators license, continued.

Volley Bolton, public drunkenness, one year in jail at own request.

Marsden Bellamy, Jr. drunk or near highway, \$25.00 fine and costs.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. J. M. Hewett, Jr., stationed with the Army in Columbia, S. C., has been spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hewett, Sr., Shallotte.

VISITING MOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Smith and children, of Atlanta, Ga., spending several days here.

Mr. Smith's mother, Mrs. P. Smith.

WANT ADS

SHOPPERS: When passing through Bolivia stop at Polley's. We carry a nice line of general merchandise. Always glad to see you. N. B. LEONARD, Bolivia.

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