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### Opportunity Overlooked

Sunday evening we had a visitor who was making a trip down the inland waterway from New York to Florida. He came in late and was fortunate enough to find a good place to tie up overnight, and so far as he knows Southport has good facilities for taking care of all waterway visitors.

But he told us about spending the previous night at a town up the coast where many comforts and conveniences were available to men on boats. In addition to marine filling stations where fuel and motor oil is available, there are places where parts and equipment can be purchased, where members of the crew and passengers can go ashore for something to eat and where these folks can get a hot shower while their craft is being serviced.

Southport should make every possible effort to establish facilities here that will make this a favorite overnight stop for the several hundred yachts which pass through here twice each year. This development will not result from wish-thinking, and will come about only after someone has realized the need for this service and sets about to make it available.

We have said many times before that it is our opinion that the greatest hope of development we have lies in the direction of the tourist trade. Granted that this is true, we cannot afford to continue to ignore the importance of inland waterway travel.

### Ft. Caswell

A letter this week to Superintendent J. T. Denning from the North Carolina Division of Purchase and Contract indicates that there still exists a wide-open possibility for the State to acquire Ft. Caswell "at a one hundred percent discount" for use either in connection with educational activity or as a part of the State Park System.

The day that we hear that Caswell has been sold to some New York firm for salvage there will be a general cry which will be heard for miles around, but none of these mourners are ready now to do any constructive thinking, an intelligent promoting or any long-range planning that may result in permanent, profitable use of the splendid facilities which are included in the former navy section base property.

There should be some action taken before it is too late; and the best place for it to start is locally. It is well enough to hope that the State will want the base for a park or for educational purposes; but there should be plans that can be put into action in the event that negotiations along these lines break down. Perhaps there are other uses for the property that will be of greater benefit. This is a possibility which should be explored, and the best people to do this exploring are the ones who stand to gain the most if their idea turns out well.

It is time that we stop waiting for someone else to act about Ft. Caswell; it is time we did something ourselves.

### It Makes Sense

Men who go into the earth to obtain coal for the nation's industries belong to a labor union which represents them in negotiations with employers and around the council table where legislation affecting their welfare is discussed. And they've done right well. Their interests are protected because they are banded together in a common cause.

A resident of this county said the past week: "This is an agricultural county and

every citizen has a vital interest in the program carried on by Farm Bureau. We see every reason for the citizenship as a whole to be in on the Farm Bureau's efforts to help maintain a high standard for agriculture."

It makes sense. Every wage earner and every business man in this county is dependent on agriculture for his livelihood. Hence there is logic in the reasoning that all of us should belong to the organization that can represent us in matters affecting agriculture. Have you joined?

### Helping A Friend

We like the story of the colored man who went to church on Sunday morning and upon his return home was asked what the sermon was about. His answer was, "That preacher talked upon the subject of hell and the way he told all about it, why you would think he was born there."

Which is a way of introducing the subject of Alcoholics Anonymous and their method of operation. The members are men who have found their way out of the wilderness of alcoholism and wish to help others, or are still fighting their own affliction. By the help of those who know what it was to go through the hells of desire for drink, men in the throes of that agony are aided in overcoming their problem.

It is a sane approach and pays dividends. The local group of AA has only one purpose in mind: To help those who know they are being destroyed by alcoholism and want to save themselves. The latter is a necessity. If the alcoholic doesn't have a sincere desire to halt his progress toward destruction, the AA can't do anything to help him. But for those who earnestly seek aid, Alcoholics Anonymous can work wonders. It is encouraging that this group is seeking to increase its effectiveness among those suffering from this terrible affliction.

### Raleigh Roundup

(By Eula Nixon Greenwood)

MORNING AFTER—Very little work was done in Raleigh offices on Wednesday following the Election, for your State capital is a politically conscious community and the employees had averaged only about five hours' sleep (informal survey) on Tuesday night. Gov. R. Gregg Cherry hovered over a radio in the Mansion's big living room, chewed tobacco and smoked cigars until around 2 o'clock Wednesday a. m., meantime carrying on casual, but sometimes spirited, conversation with two old cronies, LeRoy Martin of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., and Zeno Martin, business manager of Meredith College. Gov. Cherry got to work on time, which is more than can be said for some of his leading associates, many of whom took a day's annual leave to "see it through" and to catch up on sleep.

CHERRY DID IT—You can believe this or not, but if Gregg Cherry, at the National Democratic Convention last Summer, had pulled along with the State's Righters and against Harry Truman, this State might have lined up solidly with Strom Thurmond and Fielding Wright. Don't forget this, whether you like Gov. Cherry as a Governor or not: When the chips are down, you will always find him right in there pitching. And he doesn't care whether it's the popular thing or not. At the Philadelphia convention, there were several North Carolinians who were weak-kneed about Truman, but not Cherry.

DANIELS—Of course, Jonathan Daniels was up there as a delegate plugging for Truman. He was with him all the way, both figuratively and literally, and the talk in Raleigh last week was that "Jonathan Daniels can have anything he wants in the Truman administration . . ." While the High Point Enterprise and the Charlotte Observer were drum-beating for Thomas E. Dewey, the News and Observer in Raleigh counted it a day lost when it didn't run at least one headline—and most of the time this was the feature story—on Harry Truman.

TOPS—So, North Carolina is on top in the Democratic Party—though there is some talk that War Secretary Kenneth Royall was out playing golf when Truman wanted him for an important Cabinet conference just before the election. North Carolina for three years now has had more first-time officials in the Federal Government, than any other State, including Missouri, and now Congressman Harold Cooley will be chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, while Congressman R. L. Doughton will be chairman of the all-powerful Ways and Means Committee. Incidentally, the present chairman, Congressman Knutson, your tax-cutting friend, was defeated for re-election.

Though wittlings may still defame her old North Carolina has certainly come of age.

### RALLY SERVICE

(Continued from page one) the Youth Fellowship hour for young people and children. The day's program will come to a close with message by the Pastor of "Working Together for the Advance of Christ and His Church", which is to be the moto for Christian service all through the year. Everyone is cordially invited to share with Trinity Methodist church in this advanced service Sunday the 21st November.

### TENNESSEE HUNTERS

Continued From Page One Russ withheld his fire for fear of killing a dog. While he was trying to get into a more advantageous position for a short time the bear took off again and pursuit finally had to be abandoned. A lot of bear hunters from distant states are planning to try the metal of the Great Green Swamp bears this week and during the remainder of the season according to John Fernside of Freeland. Parties with him thus far have killed four bears this season and a number of deer. None of them have raised any kick at the hunting they found in the Green Swamp.

On a hunt this past week Fernside's own Winchester brought down a 2886-pound bear and the party with him also got a 164 pound deer.

The bear, Fernside says, put up a four and a half hour running fight with dogs, a fight that was only ended when he got near enough to use his Winchester. With him on this trip in addition to other Brunswick hunters were Captain Howard and Lieut Kaka of Langley Field, Alabama. Many hunters from all about through Texas and Alabama as well as other states are arranging hunting trips.

Folks from as far as Oklahoma are writing to arrange for alligator hunts in Juniper Creek and Lake Makotoka. Mr. Fernside says he is advising such hunters to wait until spring or summer, as about all of the alligators are denned for the winter at this season of the year.

The Freeland man says that the bears in the swamp are the very devil on dogs. Chases may last anywhere up to 24 hours and even then the bear may be lost through its getting to some inaccessible part of the swamp. One of his dogs has been killed and others badly mauled, but he still has a fine pack.



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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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LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
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.

### Rovin' Reporter

(Continued from page one) over the prospect of the flower display for next spring.

For a dozen or more years Devon Milliken has been a regular institution, always to be seen around Shallotte, mostly at the R. D. White garage or the Shalotte Theatre. We have noted that he has been out of the picture of things for some months. Inquiry as to the why of this brought the information from Mrs. Myrtle Boyd, Saturday Devon is in very bad health at the home of his brother at Longwood.

A 250-pound bear found the cornfield of Woodrow Russ, at Freeland, an unhealthy place in which to forage last Tuesday. Finding that the animal had been in the field Mr. Russ summoned John Fernside, his dogs and Homer and Edward Russ and Warren Phelps. In short order they trailed the bear down and it fell a victim to the famous old Winchester belonging to Fernside. After finishing off the bear the party went deer hunting and Warren Phelps killed a large buck.

Thursday we visited a place we had never been at before, a spot on Lockwoods Folly river, two miles above Howell's Point. The way it came about was that Ed. Baucom of the Seashore Grill at Long Beach wanted a load of oysters and asked us to go after them with him. Levi and Alvah Cox, colored fishermen and farmers, have a beautiful little place on the river and Mr. Baucom has a standing order with them for oyster every week. The several Cox boys, sons of Della J. Cox, have little time to be idle. When they are not busy with their framing the river always affords them plenty of profitable fishing.

One day this week Ed Leonard of Shallotte showed us some very pretty hogs, all ages being represented. He will have five nice hogs to butcher this winter and his huge brood sow has nine of the prettiest pigs we have seen in a long time. Mrs. Leonard is preparing to raise chickens on an extensive scale. At present she has 400 young chickens and the pullets in this flock will be just right for laying in the early spring.

Several of the ex-service men who attended the 10th District American Legion meeting at the Ocean View Tavern at Holden Beach two weeks ago have called our attention to the fine service the Tavern was able to give to the 80 or more men in attendance. The dining room was amply large enough to seat the entire crowd and the food was prepared and served in tip-top shape. The veterans who attended this meeting will unquestionably urge to have other meetings at the same place.

Among other things that are not what they used to be in Brunswick is hog killing time when freezing weather was a necessity. In this area such days were few and far between before Christmas. The span of life of many a big Brunswick hog has been lengthened in the past to await the coming of a cold day. All hogs had to be fattened with the idea of having them ready for slaughter whenever cold weather came. The difference now is that the fat hog can be butcher whenever it suits the inclination of the owner. Cold storages and home freezer units now take care of what formerly had to depend on the weather.

It is an age-old belief that small grain planted when the soil is dry will make a bountiful crop. If that holds true this year the spring harvest should reveal Brunswick county as having the biggest small grain crop ever grown. The weather has been dry this fall, never too wet to plow the land and sow small grain, never too dry for the seed to germinate and come up. As a result of this happy combination our Brunswick farmers have planted and are keeping on with pinating small grain. The acreage has grown to more than anyone expected.

Edward Redwine, rising young Brunswick county tobacco auctioneer, has not yet decided whether he wants to follow the 1948 tobacco marketing season clear through to the end. He stated the season at Fairmont, moving on from there to Danville, Va., The Danville market closes on December 10th and Edward has been asked to shift on to Kentucky for the season there. One deterring factor is that Kentucky is as cold as all get out during December, January and February. At his home a Shallotte this week-end the young auctioneer frankly said that he felt he should finish up for the year at Danville and return home to await next seasons opening of the bright leaf belt.

At Holden Beach Friday and fishing up Lookwoods Folly river, Bill Edmonds of Chadbourn caught four nice rock fish, with a total weight of 42 pounds. The Ocean View Tavern at Holden Beach, only a couple of miles from the best fishing area, is bidding fair to become an extensively used jumping off spot for sportsmen as fast as they become aware of the nice accommodations and the wonderful winter fishing nearby.

Pete Knight writes us this week that we are going to be proud of the Wilmington branch of our Chamber of Commerce, meaning himself and us. Pete it seems got a letter from some publicity department, wanting pictures of interesting places in Brunswick. He supplied them and immediately thought of himself as operating our Wilmington branch of things. He warned us to be on the lookout for something more that would make interesting pictures as he proposes to come down and make us go around and help him make them.

Speaking about pictures, Carl Sing, right hand man in Bill Sharpe's office, has written us advising that there is a possibility of our having Art Rickerby of Acme Pictures on our neck shortly. Acme, if you don't know it, is tops in feature pictures, serving some of the most outstanding publications. To find them something that will make the grade will take a lot of thinking on our part. We'd appreciate it if some of you'd help. If you know of anything that would make a news picture of general interest, write us where and what it is. Thanks a million.

Without singling out any of them for a citation, praise that might be unfair to others who are just as deserving, we would like to say here that the colored people of Brunswick are deserving of commendation for the average neat and well-kept home. We

to mention one, when hundreds are deserving. Nice, well homes and yards are very the rule among Brunswick colored families.



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