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We Add Two Features

On the front page today you will find the Tide Table, which gives a schedule of tides for the coming week at Southport.

A few years ago this was a regular feature of The Pilot, but during the war it was discontinued. Lately there has been a growing demand for a resumption of this service, and from today we plan to include the tide table in each issue of this newspaper.

Another war casualty of The Pilot was Not Exactly News, a hodge-podge of miscellaneous items that we enjoyed collecting. Usually this column included information which either did not quite come up to the full requirement of news, and many times there was more of a free advertising angle than is good for straight news columns.

Like all persons who start a column, we realize that there will be many weeks when it will make pretty dull reading; but our readers can help a lot with this by furnishing us with a choice collection of the stuff of which the column will be made.

We would like to say, too, that this feature is being resumed by popular demand. However, we suspect that we will get more fun from it than our readers will. Be that as it may, you will find the first column in the new series on this page this week and every week until the source runs dry.

New Citizens

We think that it is appropriate that the Estonian group headed by Captain John Woortman has been permitted to return to Southport, the destination of their trans-Atlantic crossing, to seek gainful employment and to establish homes.

These folks impress local citizens with their willingness to work and their determination not to be a burden to anybody. It is significant that one of their first acts upon arriving in Southport on Sunday was to attend services at a local church that evening. Although only one member of the group could understand the words of the minister, the attitude of worship was there, and it marked a good beginning for these people in their new home.

The one sour note we have heard in connection with the return here of this refuge group had to do with the condition in which they found their boat, the Roland, when they went aboard Monday with the idea of using it as temporary living quarters. They discovered that this small vessel which had born them safely across the ocean had been stripped of all of its removable gear, including several items which would add greatly to their comfort while they are getting established here. The Estonians themselves made no complaint about this discovery, but we have a feeling that our souvenir-hunting fellow citizens should have the good grace to return these articles to these men and women who have come to live in this community.

This loss was partly compensated when a representative of the Wilmington Chapter of the American Red Cross answered the emergency call of the local Executive Secretary and brought down some blankets and other bedclothes for the men to use while living aboard their boat.

Stubborn Governor

A New York foundation allocated one hundred thousand dollars for a study of educational conditions in North Carolina. With rare thrift and with nothing more than the good of children of this State in their thoughts, leading educat-

ors and business men followed through on the survey and produced a report with something like 500 pages of information.

The record is voluminous but not biased. The minority had its say as well as the majority.

The day came when this report was submitted to the State administration. Bear in mind that there was \$83,000 left from the foundation grant.

Nobody expected anything but the prompt publication of the report. The money was in Raleigh. The foundation had given it in the interest of North Carolina education with no hope of reward except the possible service it might render. The \$83,000, unless spent, goes back to the foundation: But we have the spectacle—the disgraceful spectacle—of a North Carolina Governor refusing to authorize the expenditure of foundation funds to let the people of the State know what a commission of leading citizens had to say about the educational system. Governor Cherry proved by his actions that he had rather that the grant be returned unspent than to let our citizenry know the facts about education.

We have this record on the authority of A. C. Dawson, Jr., of Southern Pines, president of the North Carolina Education Association. And here is the most disgraceful thing of all: North Carolina teachers, who are paid—and paid meagerly—to teach the children of the State—not to sell education to the parents—had to dig into their pockets for the publication of the report for which Cherry still has the money he refuses to spend.

Is Cherry a friend of education? Or have we reached a new low in political leadership? We leave the answers to the electorate in the event that the present Governor should ever offer for public office again.

Let There Be Light

The caption, "Let There Be Light," frequently puts in its appearance in these columns. It means that we are attempting to puncture a fallacy or nail a falsehood that is spreading or has been spread.

This time we apply it to the issue of socialization of services such as rendered by the medical profession. The Marion Star recently quoted a radio commentator as saying that "medical services are now free to all the people of Great Britain." We join The Star in its observation that "nothing is free."

The simple truth is that every governmental service, in whatever form and in whatever guise, costs money, and that money comes from the taxpayers. It is fallacious to contend that the socialized medicine is free in Great Britain or anywhere else.

The fallacy that we would like to puncture is that any we can at any time or any place get something for nothing. That preachment should not be encouraged.

The issue is not that something is free. Rather it has to do with method. We have yet to be convinced that the government can do a better job than business and the professions.

Stories We Enjoyed Writing

Naturally in mirroring a community, there are numerous stories a reporter or editor does not enjoy writing and yet must write if he is to do his job honestly and adequately. And there are others that he enjoys writing.

Glancing over the history of the past twelve months in this county, there were many developments in the enjoyable class.

In connection with music, we must mention again the beauty and splendor of the fine programs given in the various churches and other groups during the holiday season. They were heart-warming.

We liked to write the story of the efforts of our citizenry to spread Christmas cheer to the less fortunate.

It was a pleasure to write the stories of new church buildings which grew out of the reverence of man for things Divine. Perhaps there were not enough of these, and yet every one was a story of progress in the right direction.

The list might be continued. These are the stories we prefer. These are the developments that must go hand in hand with our school program in order that the stories of homicides, drunken driving, robberies and other less pleasant reporting may be overshadowed in the overall picture.

It may be well to remember that the head of no totalitarian state ever proclaimed at the beginning that he intended to control the lives and businesses of the people over which he was to rule.

The Rovin' Reporter

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work was not finished, the place was ready for the storage of fertilizers. It is understood that the Trading Company, which also operates from Whiteville, Chadbourne and Tabor City, will begin the delivery of fertilizers from their new Shallotte house this week.

The term "watching the old year out" is accepted generally as an appropriate and correct figure of speech. On New Years Eve a small friend, in the 7-year old bracket, strayed into this office and was asked if he intended to stay up that night and watch the old year out? "I don't know what that means," said he. "Well, he was advised, "suppose you get your mother to explain to you what is meant by watching the old year out." "Aw," he said, "She is too dumb to know what it mean." Owing to the possibility of his being called upon to account for his remarks, the identity of the young visitor is not being revealed here.

We met up with Mrs. Roderick H. Holden of Wilmington down at Holden Beach Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Holden is one of the prime backers of the Cape Fear Girl Scouts Area, which organization bought Pretty Pond and considerable surrounding land last summer. Interested in what the girls are doing and planning to do, we asked regarding development at this beautiful Brunswick county spot. Mrs. Holden said she would write us something of interest soon.

Instead of having a captain of the boys or girls teams for the entire basketball season, Coach Grahl of the Shallotte school is following the custom of designating this and that boy or girl for this and that game. In that way all of the players who put forth earnest efforts stand a chance of getting a deserved honor. It is not known if the practice is followed in other schools but it seems well worth trying.

Meeting up with Attorney and Insurance Agent J. B. Hewett at Shallotte this week, we recalled that he had just finished a nice new brick home on his farm near Shallotte. Naturally, he was asked if he was adding farming to his various lines this year. "Yes," was the reply, "but only to grow three crops. Corn, peanuts and potatoes." When he was asked of hogs were not a logical part of such farming operations he admitted that hogs were also being given their just consideration.

Leaving Brunswick county twenty-three years ago, Eunice E. Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs.

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CATHOLIC INFORMATION

What!—No Wives?

Yes—no wives. More than 30,000 husky men have made a solemn promise to God never to marry—in this day and age—in the United States; and thousands more of them are training themselves right now in self-discipline so that they'll be able to keep that promise, when they're allowed to make it. It's an oath by which they vow to keep themselves, with God's help, from every sex-pleasure in body and mind.

They do this so that they can be free to serve God more completely in the Catholic priesthood. "He that is without a wife, is solicitous for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please God. But he that is with a wife, is solicitous for the things of the world, how he may please his wife; and he is divided" (1 Corinthians 7:32,33).

They are leading a life apart, a life dedicated to God and neighbor. Theirs is not a profession but a vocation, calling for heroic self-sacrifice. There must be no element, no natural force in themselves, of which they are not masters.

For there are eunuchs who were born so from their mother's

R. D. Holden of Supply, has been back this week for one of his periodical visits. Mrs. Holden and their young son are with him. Now a resident of Merchantville, N. J., Mr. Holden has made good. For twelve or thirteen years he devoted himself to getting acquainted with everything about airplanes and for the past ten years he has been an instructor in the Rising Sun School of Aeronautics at Philadelphia, Pa., where he still is.

The Brunswick Plumbing Service at Shallotte is a fairly new enterprise for that section of the county, although neither of the partners to the business are new to such work. H. V. Gore and D. L. Bowen, both practical plumbers, are the partners of the business. It used to be that plumbing was confined almost entirely to towns. Now hundreds of farmers have plumbing and fixtures and this service plans to go anywhere and everywhere that they find plumbing in need of repairs or new fixtures to be installed.

The first of January has come, and that without a report from any farmer to the effect that he has sown his tobacco plant beds. With the sort of weather prevailing for the past two weeks it is doubtful if any beds have been sown. By the tenth of this month, at least, quite a number of the early birds among the tobacco growers should have their seed in the plant beds, the first start towards planting the 1949 tobacco crop.

With the coming here of the Estonian refugees to work and try to make an honest living until it is decided whether or not they are to be allowed to remain in the United States, it is sort of up to everyone in Southport to give them a friendly hand in every way possible. A Southport man offered them the work that brought them here. To a large extent he is responsible for seeing that they can make good. This fact does not release the general public from also having responsibilities in the matter.

Stories and pictures of the Reigel Paper Companies Brahma cattle have been widely distributed throughout the United States in recent weeks. Look at it in whatever way you want to, it has splendid advertising for Brunswick and Columbus Counties. The pictures made and used were good, but it would have been possible to have obtained much better ones of the cows had been in the corals, where they are sometimes placed during the winter months. On the open range it was impossible for the cameraman to get near them, and in some cases dangerous to try. An effort will be made to get better pictures sometime when the cattle are penned.

FARMERS REQUIRED

Continued From Page One. Continued on Jan. 15 instead of waiting until March 15. The regular return then serves both as a return and an estimate, and a separate estimate is not needed. Another advantage of filing the regular return by Jan. 15 is that if you have a refund coming you will get it sooner than if you waited until March 15 to make your tax report.

If your income has been in wages subject to withholding tax, you have a good prospect of getting a refund because of over-withholding.

That's because the tax reduction last summer came after several 1948 months during which withholding was at the old, higher rates. The tax cut was made retroactive to January 1, 1948.

SOUTHPORT WOMAN

(Continued From Page One) Surviving her are her husband and a young daughter; her mother, Mrs. Charles Easley, a brother, Capt. William Styron, all of Southport, and a sister, Mrs. William L. Searle, of Rockland, Mass. Funeral services will be held here Thursday afternoon. The complete arrangements had not been made this morning.

Not Exactly News

We are reminded that this column started off a good many years ago as the brain-child of Gene O'Brien, who since has deserted the newspaper field for the greater security of postal employee in the Wilmington Postoffice. Gene's older brother, Frank O'Brien, hung on more grimly and now is a member of the sports department of the News and Observer in Raleigh.

Capt. Charlie Swan and his black dog Gyp are inseparable companions as they go about Southport during week days. "The only way I can get her to stay home," says Capt. Charlie, "is to put on my good clothes and tell her that I'm going to Sunday School. Gyp never tries to follow me there." Undertaker-contractor G. C. Kilpatrick has still another field in which he is a top hand. He served for twelve years as register of deeds of Transylvania county, and that was back in the days when you had to run for that office every two years. He says that his father's record puts him to shame, as the elder Kilpatrick served Transylvania as its Sheriff for 16 years.

Although several hunters have seen geese in this vicinity recently, the only fellows we know who have bagged one of the honkers are Game Protector H. T. Bowmer, Principal H. T. Sanders

and E. C. Blake. . . . And along with this week's nimrod report comes news that County Superintendent of Schools J. T. Denning used this Year's holiday to bag his first buck—deer, is . . . Southport residents, possessed of chronic distate for staying at home in the evenings, have little choice in the matter now that Mack's Cafe is closed for an indefinite period.

Our nomination for the biggest business improvement of the year is the face-lifting job the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. in Southport. . . . The most interesting new project launched locally during 1948 was the Southport Museum which conceivably might become a real place. . . . We can't remember a year when ceaseless shrimping and menhaden fishing operations still were going on in January. But we all for it, and for the weekly pay-roll that bring.

We used to have something to say about radio, but the only thing we listen to now the quiz programs; and we don't have any notes because we haven't been able to go to the baby started staying up until 10 o'clock every night. . . . Maybe later.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A monthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

Editor, State Port Pilot Southport, N. C.

Dec. 31, 1948

Dear Sir:

In reading the January issue of "Liberty", I came across an item, "Saving the Teeth", which is sponsored by the U. S. Public Health Service. When requested by the State Health Department. This item goes on to tell that the U. S. P. H. also sends teams to local areas when requested by State, county and city health department, for chest x-rays.

This program has been in operation for some time and has been in nearby areas, but never in our county or local schools.

As we do not have an active health department could it be that our county health department is not up to standard and cannot meet the requirements of the U. S. Public Health? If so what can be done about this? Everyone knows for a fact that before a child can start to school they have to be inoculated and vaccinated for certain diseases. Why not X-ray for T. B. for all when it can be had for asking? I know this letter will bring arguments for and against. It will also bring to the attention of the people of Brunswick county

that they and their children can be x-rayed for a deadly disease. Hoping that more letters will come to The Pilot in a campaign for better health for the people of Brunswick county. Respectfully, Ed Marlowe

PROFITABLE CATCHES

Following a dull holiday season the menhaden boats of Brunswick Navigation Company broke into large catches this week. The fishermen that catches will continue as long as good weather last

SCHEDULE W. B. & B. BUS LINE Southport, N. C. EFFECTIVE TUES., JAN. 20, 1948 WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

Table with 2 columns: LEAVES SOUTHPORT and LEAVES WILMINGTON. Lists departure times for buses on week-days and Sunday only.

1949 Tax Listing NOTICE

LIST YOUR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

All property owners and tax payers are required by law to return to the Listers for Taxation for the year 1949, all the Real Estate, Personal Property, Etc., which they own on the first day of January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years must list for Poll Tax at the same time, except those exempt by law for physical disability.

All persons to whom the foregoing applies who fail to list their Real and Personal Property, and/or Poll Tax will be guilty of a Misdemeanor and subject to a fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

LOCAL LIST TAKERS WILL POST NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS IN PUBLIC PLACES—WATCH FOR SAME !!

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet at the Tax Office at Southport on March 14, 1949. Any complaint about valuation should be taken before the Board at that time.

PLEASE LIST YOUR PROPERTY WITH THE LIST TAKERS IN YOUR HOME PRECINCT

W. P. Jorgensen TAX SUPERVISOR