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### New Fire Truck

The new fire truck for the Southport Volunteer Fire Department arrived Sunday and great enthusiasm greeted this long-wanted and greatly-needed piece of equipment. The firemen themselves appeared to be especially happy.

We are not one to dampen spirits, but we do think it timely to point out that efforts thus far to raise money with which to pay for the fire truck have resulted in raising only enough for a down payment. Several thousand dollars still must be paid before Southport will own this machine.

We think the town needs the protection afforded by this piece of modern fire-fighting equipment; but we believe that the citizens may as well know right now that if it is retained, money for its purchase must be raised. There must be a continuation of interest, and it may be that before the question is finally settled it may be necessary to raise city taxes to pay for the truck.

### Hospital Benefit

It is not often that we write up a benefit ahead of time in our editorial columns, but when Mrs. H. B. Smith told us Monday of the whole hearted cooperation she is getting on the supper to be served Thursday night at the Community Building, we could not resist the temptation to say something nice about our Brunswick county people.

Mrs. Smith, who is a tireless worker in the interest of the hospital, says that she wanted to put on one benefit supper for which nothing would be asked of Southport residents. "You never saw such a response in your life as we are getting from residents from all sections of the county," she said to us this week. "We have chickens and hams and green stuff—just everything. And everyone is just as cheerful as they are generous. These people in Brunswick county really are back of our hospital."

And we join with Mrs. Smith in her final observation: "If the citizens in the county donate the food with which to put on this supper, I think we should have no trouble finding two hundred Southport people willing to pay a dollar for their plate."

### Worth Supporting

Baseball fans of Brunswick county will have an opportunity tomorrow (Thursday) to see a game which may have an important bearing upon the outcome of the State Championship race for Class B teams.

Atlantic high school will play Southport on the local diamond for the right to play Wallace for the District 2 championship. The next step from there will be the Eastern North Carolina finals and the next will be the State Championship game.

We do not know how far along this road the Brunswick county boys can travel, but they have played good ball thus far and there are a lot of local supporters who believe they may go all the way. They were impressed with the manner in which they defeated the strong Camp Lejeune nine for the Group 3 title.

We are very enthusiastic over good, clean sports; especially athletics on the school boy level. Win, lose or draw in Thursday's game, we think the Southport baseball team has already had a good influence upon athletic interest in Brunswick county.

### Home Demonstration Week

During National Home Demonstration Week, club work is being evaluated in each county in the Nation. Behind any great movement there must be great

leaders. So today we would like to join M. L. Wilson, Director of Extension Work, United States Department of Agriculture, in a tribute to farm and home demonstration agents as they direct the Extension Work in the one hundred counties in North Carolina. Director Wilson says:

"County agricultural and home agents enjoy a unique position in our American agricultural system. First of all, they live among the people whom they are called upon to serve professionally. No one stays very long as a county agent in residence unless he or she is able to see what the most important everyday problems of farm people are, and unless he or she can give practical help to solve them. Secondly, county agents are located where they are likely to have more practical subject matter information in agriculture or home economics than any other professional training, and in the face of the speed with which science is moving forward, county agents today must keep up with the latest developments. They are able to do so by virtue of being staff members of their State land grant college or university. That institution maintains an agricultural experiment station and a State Extension Service which cooperate with the United States Department of Agriculture. Modern know-how in agriculture, home economics, and related scientific fields is steadily flowing from the research maintained by them cooperatively. Keeping in constant touch with the State Director through established channels provides county agents with the best know how on the technical ends.

"County agents, however, have another and very important source of information. It is the practical experience Extension farm cooperators get through practical farm trials of newly recommended methods. Last year, 774,241 adult men and women volunteer leaders took an active part in Extension projects. In addition there were 203,211 leaders in 4-H Club work. By far the most important link in the agricultural progress we have experienced is the close working relationship between operating farmers and their farm organizations on the one hand and their county Extension agents on the other, thereby creating a mutual cooperative relationship between individual farmers, their land-grant college, and the Department of Agriculture. Together they constitute a democratic educational partnership under which American agriculture has gone forward to do many things formerly believed impossible."

And this helps to make up the sum total of home demonstration. The whole plan is to help us to help ourselves and each other, in the common interest of better homes and better communities for us all, and we look forward to future progress. Mrs. P. P. Gregory, third vice-President of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs says:

"I would ask all to believe in the atomic force of home demonstration clubwomen in North Carolina in bringing about a more abundant farm life, happier homes, a greater appreciation of aesthetic values around us, and the power to accomplish as much as can be done anywhere on earth by any organization of people."

The true philosophical view of life not only enables us to live, but prepares us to die.

### RALEIGH ROUNDUP

THE WAY UP . . . Way to quick promotion: bet on the right political horse and stick with him over the hurdles. Of the six men chosen for important State jobs here last week, five—Paul Oliver of Robeson County, Dr. H. L. Trigg (Negro) of Raleigh, Josh James of Wilmington, Ed McMahan of Brevard, and Claude Ferrell of Elkin—were newcomers to big-time State politics and their names meant nothing to old-line North Carolina political leaders. This may well be regarded as a compliment to them, but it also indicates that their spheres of political influence have heretofore been on a local plane.

EDUCATORS . . . Claude Farrell, new member of the State Board of Education, lives only 35 miles from old-member Sanford Martin of Winston-Salem, who was reappointed. Claude, a former teacher, knows his education on the local level and will enjoy his frequent Thursday trips to Raleigh. He can meet with the boys and then do as they always do: saunter across Capitol Square for lunch at a long table at California Restaurant. Dr. Trigg will have to eat elsewhere.

Farmer Paul Oliver will maintain the rural touch on the Board. Alonzo Edwards of Greene County, who is going off, is president of the Farm Bureau.

DID YOU SEE? . . . Dr. Talmadge C. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Newton, was appointed State parol commission last Saturday.

### ASSEMBLY LINE

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est knowledge of the work, the 12 men and women at the line were keeping close on the heels of 32 pickers in the fields. A Ford tractor, with a platform body, only a few inches from the ground, shuttles between the pickers in the fields and the packing line, bringing in filled baskets of unpacked plants and taking out empty ones for more. The counting is done by the pickers, who place a rubber band around each bunch of 25 and drop the bunch to be picked up and put in the basket by other workers.

The trucking to the tomato farms in New Jersey is done by huge 10-wheeler trucking vans. One such van is now leaving each afternoon with its load. They arrive at distribution points in New Jersey early in the mornings after a 16-hour run.

Mr. Sheppard is producing an extraordinary crop of the plants, the number running into several millions. For this week and well into next week he will be hard pressed getting his plants in, packed and shipped. They are growing so fast that if the plants are not gathered within the next ten days they will be about too large for shipment.

### TRIO CONVICTED

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tors license, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Charlie Blue, larceny, 18 months on roads, suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for two years.

John Moore Gore, assault, prayer for judgment continued.

D. C. Register, drunk driving, no operators license, continued.

Talmadge Fowler, transporting whiskey, continued.

Roosevelt Whaley, improper auto equipment, ordered to pay costs.

H. W. Formyduval, drunken driving, pleads guilty, \$100.00 fine and costs.

Charlie Blue, larceny, six months on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs and to be of good behavior.

Paul Ellis, assault, nol prossed with leave.

Lanier Peterson, larceny, 18 months on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs and to be of good behavior.

B. M. Cox, assault with deadly weapon, amended to include carrying concealed weapons while off his premises. Found of simple assault and fined \$10.00 and costs.

Horace Earl Ivey, drunken driving, motion for jury trial.

David Hooper, Jr., possession, transporting, prayer for judgment continued.

Forney Boston Mintz, drunken driving, possession, guilty of reckless operation, fined \$50.00 and costs.

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### SCOUT CAMP BUILDING

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fine responses came from Acme in Columbus county.

Here in Brunswick Felton Garner of the Bolivia Lumber Company has been especially helpful. To give the building extra durability he gave and delivered all of the cypress sills necessary in the construction of the building. A little later he learned that the folks who had furnished the siding for the building had no planing mill and that it was planned to have things in the rough on the outside, this for want of having anything better. Mr. Garner promptly sent his trucks to the camp site, picked up the lumber, took it to his mill, dressed it and re-delivered it to the camp. This helpful act at Mr. Garner's expense will result in the building being much tighter.

Another free donation to the camp construction from Brunswick folks came when Grimes Willetts went the two miles from his home to the camp and offered his service as a carpenter. It was right in tobacco planting time for him and his offer really meant a personal sacrifice.

From a Brunswick man asked that his name be left out comes the suggestion that public spirited Brunswick folks cannot afford to leave all of the work to be done at the camp free by Wilmington citizens. The camp is to serve the girls of New Hanover, Pender, Columbus and Brunswick. This citizen suggests that any menfolk in the county who want to have a part in the camp building, go to Pretty Pond on Saturdays with tools and report themselves in readiness to do anything they can from carpentering on down the line to cleaning off the grounds.

It is understood that a good use can be found for the services of all who volunteer to help out on Saturdays during the month of May and perhaps longer.

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO

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inson, Mrs. Sam Bennett, Miss Annie M. Woodside.

Placement—Mrs. R. C. Daniel, Miss Corine Green, Mrs. Lewis Hardee, Mrs. R. B. Thompson.

Shadow Boxes—Mrs. Davis Herring.

Table (Entered)—Mrs. Fred Burdette.

Silver Offering—Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor, Mrs. Annie K. Vitou, Miss Margaret Parkhill.

Mantle—Mrs. L. D. Hayman.

Decorations—Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. R. B. Thompson, Mrs. Bryan Potter, Mrs. Fred Willing, Mrs. H. T. St. George, Mrs. Lewis Hardee, Mrs. James Carr, Mrs.

### CATHOLIC INFORMATION

#### How Much Must A Man Worship ?

Suppose a man paid taxes according to his individual conscience and nothing else? What then? A minute few would say more than their share. A very few would give what they pay now; but the vast majority would pay so little (if any) that the government could not function.

Now God demands worship, and it would seem to the Catholic that subjective private judgment is just as unreliable and self-favoring in determining the amount of worship God requires as in determining the amount of taxes a man should pay to his government.

Yes, God demands worship, but who's to determine how much worship a man must give to God in order to save his soul?

The Catholic claims to have the answer—simple, logical, authoritative. And this it is:

God knows the uncertainty and elasticity of the human conscience, so when He gave man His revealed truths, He founded a church, not only to safeguard and interpret those truths, but to guide His children in the use of those truths. To accomplish this He gave His Church the power and duty to make its own laws in conformity with His divine plan.

It seems to us logical that God would do this. It seems to us certain that He did do it, in view of His own words in the Scriptures. To take a few samples from

the King James Bible: Christ said to His Apostles: "Whosoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 18:18). And again: "He that heareth you heareth me" (Luke 10:16). And also: "If he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican" (Matt. 18:17). And then to make it all permanent our Divine Lord promised: ". . . and 'I, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world'" (Matt. 28:20).

To have to assist at Mass 58 times a year may seem a hardship to him who enters a church seldom if at all; but to the practical Catholic this minimum is so low that his love for God takes him to Mass and other devotions on many occasions when there is no obligation at all. In fact many Catholics assist at Mass every morning in the year.

The Church gives no guarantee of salvation to him who merely keeps within its laws. On the other hand it constantly warns the faithful that only by frequent attendance at Mass and frequent reception of the Sacraments can the soul be safeguarded against the snares of a God-neglecting world.

If it's anything Catholic, ask a Catholic!

For further information write P. O. Box 351, Whiteville, N. C.

## 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.
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# Not Exactly News

G. C. Kilpatrick is one of the most versatile men we know. His latest successful venture is the managership of the Southport baseball team, which has scored two straight victories under his guidance. Incidentally, we hear that the local undertaker was quite a ball player in his day and once had a chance for a major league tryout . . . Having Atlantic come here Thursday to engage in the group play-offs of the championship race is a break for Brunswick county sports fans who want to have a chance to see some good high school baseball.

Lee Kye, Jr., combined business with pleasure Sunday afternoon when he flew down to Long Beach for a brief conference with Tommy Garner about some lumber deal. The plane landed on the strand . . . Red Skelton fans get a treat Monday and Tuesday when they have a chance to see him in "Fuller Brush Man." Feature at Shalotte Theatre on these dates will be "Words & Music", another of these biographical musicals that make good listening.

Sign of summer: Bun Frink and Sam Bennett getting ready to do some fishing in Davis creek . . . And speaking of fishing, we wonder

of any of the blues that have been running ashore have run in close enough to be tempted by anglers casting from the beach . . . Paul Williamson and his automobile van attracted as much of a crowd Saturday as used to gather when a horse trader came to town during court week with a load of horses.

All this talk about baseball has the Standard fiddlers anxious to get to practicing. They are afraid they will fall too far behind the Shalotte boys, who already have played a couple of games . . . William Robbins out at the Sea Dust Trail has a pretty horse that we never see anyone riding. And speaking of horses, hear that Monroe Barnhill has Rebel back here from training school in Wilmington.

Mack's Cafe should be open about the middle of the month, according to the best advice. As usual, there was little interest in voting in the city election in Southport yesterday. And as usual, there was plenty of interest in the same thing at Shalotte . . . The ban about keeping horses inside the city limits just about makes it impossible for Southport youngsters to experience the joy of owning a pony.

### BENEFIT PROGRAM

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sing "I Dream Of Jeanie" and Patricia Adams will sing "A Dream".

Outstanding feature of the program promises to be several groups or organ selections played by Ben C. Stephenson, band director. These will "Hymnology" and will conclude with a medley of the organist's own selection.

A silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the band in the purchase of new instruments with which to expand their forces.

### GOVERNOR SCOTT

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the schools and roads in good condition and will make possible certain additions which are badly needed for school buildings. The Governor pointed out that this is the best opportunity of the life of this county have ever had to help get themselves entirely out of the mud by throwing their influence behind the special bond election.

### FIRE TRUCK ARRIVES

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reach of hydrants, as is the case at nearby beaches and in neigh-

boring communities.

The 1932 Model T Ford truck is not being retired or sold. This machine, despite its age, passed the State Motor Vehicle Inspection with flying colors last summer. This old machine, according to Ormond Leggett, will be kept in condition and available for any needs. When calls are made for the new truck the old one will be kept standing by for any possible use.

On a specially built Ford Truck chassis, the new machine has plenty of get and go under its hood. In addition to its pump and tank for water it will carry a 42 foot ladder, chemical extinguishers, axes and all needed regulation fire hose.

Joe Spencer, Jack Hickman and John Hewett formed the class of three volunteer fire department men who were given instructions in the use of the truck. Other members of the department are expected to be trained through them.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leiner, Mrs. L. Leiner and Mrs. H. Strickland, of Wilmington spent Sunday here with Mrs. M. Butler and Capt. Fred Burns.

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