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Flower Show

At no time during the year do the efforts of the Southport Woman's Club show to better advantage than when its members stage their annual Flower Show each Spring.

We are reminded that a few years ago a committee of out-of-town judges expressed frank amazement that a town the size of Southport could put on such a creditable exhibit. If these visitors had known what we know they would not have been surprised. These Southport women can do a good job of anything they undertake.

We sometimes think they greatly outstrip our men in this respect.

Free Offer

We do not have a single tobacco plant to our name, so in the very beginning let us confess that this suggestion is for an expression of generosity from others.

We read in a Sunday newspaper that farmers upstate are having the hardest time in years getting enough tobacco plants with which to set out their crops. Many are said to be using inferior plants, while others have been forced to truck in plants grown in other states. At least one farmer has flown in plants from another part of the South.

It is our observation that Brunswick county produced one of the finest crops of tobacco plants in its history this year. Moreover, the crop has been set out and transplanting is practically complete. There are millions of strong, healthy plants left.

We think that it would be a wonderful gesture if the tobacco growers of Brunswick county would through their County Agent announce that they will give free of charge all the plants that any farmer from up-state will come here and pull for his own use. This would strike a new note in friendly cooperation and would reflect everlasting good will upon Brunswick county and her farmer citizens.

Hospital Day

This is Hospital Week, and tomorrow (Thursday) has been designated as Hospital Day at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

One special feature of this year's observance is the opportunity which visitors will have to see the results of some of the activities of the Hospital Auxiliary. This will be particularly noticeable in the kitchen, where a large electric stove has been added to the equipment through the efforts of the women of this organization; and on the sun porch, the latest theatre of activities for beautification and improvement on the part of the Hospital Auxiliary.

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cian of thousands of our residents. It is a credit to his name that this institution still is being operated in a manner which would meet with his full approval; and it is well to remind our citizens that it is no less a Brunswick county institution now than it was before the name was changed.

The City Tax Dollar

The Reader's Digest condenses an article from The Saturday Evening Post entitled, "I Get My Money's Worth From Local Taxes." It was written by Carl J. Faist and appeared in the April issue of the Digest.

Faist says his salary is \$5,880 a year and he lives in a house which is assessed at \$4,250. His total taxes last year was \$1,174.78, and of this amount \$98.18 went to the city.

"From my city tax I get police and fire protection day and night the year round," Faist says. "I get pure water delivered to my home, and the garbage and sewage removed. I get traffic lights to drive by, street lights, bridges, sidewalks, pavements . . . I get health protection through the city's food, milk, restaurant and sanitary inspection. The street in front of my house was cleaned ten times last summer and the snow was removed six times in the winter."

Of course, he has much more to say than that, much of which is applicable in our own community. In some cases we get less and in other cases we get more. But in an event, there is much food for thought in what Faist says. Anyone who is on the tax books for \$2,500 would probably find it difficult to get his garbage collected for what he pays in local taxes. Maybe we should keep this in mind the next time we are tempted to complain.

Faist says he paid \$1,079.60 in federal taxes, or 11 times his city taxes and about one fifth of his entire income.

Of course this doesn't take into account the hidden taxes—those he pays on cigarettes, transportation, telephone, admissions, processing, luggage, tires, automobiles and even on a loaf of bread.

The article closes with this observation:

"The emphasis in recent years has been upon our obligation to the nation. Let us also recognize our local citizenship and the opportunity it affords to improve our way of life if we exercise self-government intelligently."

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

GOOD EXAMPLE . . . Sim A. DeLapp of Lexington, State chairman of the Republican party, probably set a good example for State Democratic Chairman Capus Waynick last week when he said he could not serve as a vice president of Better Schools and Roads, Inc., the agency set up to push the adoption of the \$225,000,000 bond issue for roads and schools.

In refusing the position, DeLapp said it is probable that there is divided opinion regarding the bond issues and that he, as head of the party, should not take sides. He did not say how he, personally, felt on the matter.

In contrast to this, Democratic Chairman Waynick is subjecting himself to some criticism by being one of the front-line proponents of the bond issues.

ABOUT NICARAGUA . . . Capus Waynick is the new emissary to Nicaragua. This country is a little smaller than North Carolina in size, having 50,000 square miles to this State's 52,000, and is much smaller in population—1,500,000 against approximately 3,500,000 for the Old North State. Nicaragua in 1940 had 150,000 white folks in its population.

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The Rovin' Reporter

(Continued from page one) both of whom reside on the Bell Swamp highway. Mr. Reid harvested five acres of crimson clover and put it in his barn two weeks ago. Mr. Lewis harvested his last week.

One angle of sport fishing that has grown rapidly along the coast of Brunswick without any attempts being made to speed up development, is the inside fishing that is offered all the way from Calabash to Lockwoods Folly Inlet. The waterway is good all the way through. At Seaside, Gause Landing, Shallotte Point and Lockwoods Folly the favorite spots are said to exist. At all of these places many small boats are available for use with either oars or outboards motors. Bait can also be obtained readily. During the spring, summer and fall thousands of fishing parties arrive for some of the extra fine inside fishing along the waterway and inlets. For Lockwoods Folly Inlet boats can be obtained at Long Beach, Howell's Point, Varnum's Landing and Holden Beach. Plenty of boats are available at Shallotte Point, Gause Landing, Seaside and Calabash.

A note from Jerry Ball of the Esso Company, Charlotte, brings the information that he, Marion Tarrant and Archie Thornhill had a grand time down here when they put on the Fire Truck benefit show. They said that Southport folks were as nice as any they have found anywhere. All intend to come back and help out in anything they can.

Brunswick county deserves and probably will get full attention from the new State Highway Commissioner of this district. In this county more than anywhere else the State road building program is far behind. For 15 or more years the county received little attention from the highway commissioners who came and went. Then J. A. Bridger of Bladenboro came along and to him Brunswick county owes its first real start in road building. His time was limited and he did not get to finish what he started in giving Brunswick county the roads to which it was entitled. But he made the start and made good progress. We believe his successor will carry on along the same line.

When the Girls Scout Camp at Pretty Pond is completed—and it is destined to grow and grow the Girl Scouts of New Hanover, Pender, Columbus and Brunswick will owe a lot to the initial efforts put forth by Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Holden of Wilmington. Mrs. Holden is chairman of the building committee. Mr. Holden, being her husband, just has to tag along and help. To his credit he is doing it willingly. To these two belong the credit for the hundreds of donations to the camp that will become a blessing to the whole coastal section.

Since he retired early in the early in the year after many years of useful service we have seen very little of formal County Agent J. E. Dodson. As a matter of fact, we have happened on him only once and that was just a few days after he retired. It seems to us that some of the farmers and others among whom Mr. Dodson worked and helped for more than a quarter of a century should take steps to honor him this spring or summer with some sort of fitting occasion.

Talmadge Sellers, agricultural teacher with the veterans at the Shallotte school, has invited us to go for a hop with him in his plane around over all sections of Brunswick. The young veteran has painted such an alluring picture of Brunswick county from the air the farm lands, coastal sections and the ship lay-in-basin with its hundreds of freighters, we have decided to take him up on the trip soon. While we have spent some time in the air, it just happens that we have never seen any of Brunswick county from that angle.

Lucius C. Lamar, of the Washington Daily News, at Southport for a week early in April, writes us that he had the nicest vacation he can remember despite the fact that his stay was during a week when the weather just would not permit fishing. He intends to come back at the earliest possible moment. Incidentally, it should be said that D. A. Whitley and Kelly at Howell's Point did much to make Mr. Lamar's stay a pleasant one.

"Dear Bill: writes H. B. Clemmons of Ashland, Kentucky, "Enclosed find my check for another year's subscription to Brunswick County's best yet, newspaper. Being a Brunswick Countian myself, I could just not get along without it and its Rovin' Reporter feature." Thanks a million, Mr. Clemmons. Appreciation from its readers helps a lot in the continued aim to try and make the paper better.

Jim Wilson, sports writer on the Wilmington News, spent a morning here with us this week. Very much interested in the sport fishing off Southport, he was discussing ways and means where-by the sport fishing parties that come here may obtain more satisfactory service. His own opin-

ion was that the inability to obtain boats when they are wanted is one of the worst drawbacks.

POLICE CHIEF

(Continued from page one) been appointed acting Chief of Police during the leave of absence.

The value of the menhaden fleet has grown with the addition of former mine sweepers and other craft to the point that the navigation company feels called upon to exercise every protection to the boats at night when their crews are at their homes on shore. The watchman's duties are understood to include all time when the boats are at their docks whether it be day or night.

NEW FUNDS WILL

(Continued from page one) few residents in the REA area who will not have current available, according to manager E. D. Bishop. Approximately 5000 members will be hooked up with the Brunswick REA when the short extensions or loops in the present program are completed, Mr. Bishop says.

RIVER DRAINAGE

(Continued from page one) and Harbors Congress Bennett was given an opportunity to discuss the proposal and was accorded a most courteous hearing. The canal which has been proposed for the Calabash area in South Carolina would lower the water table from two to three feet permanently and would greatly reduce the overflow which has damaged so much of the area. Actually, about two thirds of Columbus and Brunswick counties in North Carolina and about one third of Horry County in South Carolina would be affected by the project.

The proposal has captured the imagination of people throughout Eastern North Carolina and many persons, including engineers, who have been called in to advise regarding its feasibility.

SUCCESSFUL SHOW

(Continued from page one) Mrs. L. J. Hardee, Mrs. Fred Willing, Sea shells: Mrs. L. J. Hardee, Mrs. J. M. Harper, Mrs. H. C. Corlette, Mantel: Mrs. Fred Willing, Mrs. H. T. St. George, Mrs. Thomas St. George, Boudior: Mrs. James Harper, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. L. H. Bringle, Bras: Mrs. D. C. Herring, Mrs. R. B. Thompson, Copper: Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. Thomas St. George, Silver: Mrs. Thomas St. George, Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. H. T. St. George, Coffee: Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Mrs. L. J. Hardee (Mrs. H. T. St. George honorable mention). Dining table (without dishes): Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. Thomas St. George, Mrs. R. B. Thompson. Dining table (with dishes): Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Mrs. L. J. Hardee. Class III—Shadow Boxes—Mrs. J. M. Harper, Mrs. R. B. Thompson, Mrs. D. C. Herring. Class IV—Potted Plants—Mrs. Mattie Aspenwall, Mrs. C. Ed

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WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
** 7:00 A. M.	7:00 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
*1:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
	10:20 P. M.

*—These Trips on Saturday Only.
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Not Exactly News

Somebody was kidding James Arnold Monday when he reported he had caught an 11-pound shephard. "You must have got mixed up," they said. "Maybe it was a black drum and you didn't know it." James replied, "I know my fish, alright. He had teeth as big as mine—and a damn sight more of them" . . . Each year the childrens division in the Woman's Club Flower Show improves.

A few years ago when blue mold hit tobacco plant beds hard up-state two Wake county farmers we know came down to Brunswick to get some plants to set out their crops. They found some down in the Waccamaw section, and of the three farmers who let them have plants, only one would make any charge. We have seen these fellows several times during the intervening years, and they never fail to mention their appreciation for the help they received the season their tobacco beds were ruined . . . Some people think that the Riegel brahmas would do well on these coastal marshes. This breed is popular along the coast of Texas.

"So Evil My Love" is the ominous sounding title of the Ray Milland movie which plays Thursday and Friday at the Amuzu. The weekend attraction at Shallotte theatre is "Let's

Live A Little" . . . The men of Trinity Methodist church are planning to put on a barbecue supper in which the only participation will be as guests.

Preacher Hayman was excited this afternoon seeing some mullets jumping in both creek . . . State College basketball Everett Case has asked Richard Brendle to Raleigh to talk over where the Southport boy will go to college next fall . . . We obtained this week on the coast of drooping yacht basin for pleasure craft seem to be this project out of the realm of possibility private ownership of moderate means.

Davis creek and the waters lying there and Holden Beach offer a beautiful in which to operate small boats with out motors. We look for this area to be used this summer by residents both at Beach and Holden Beach . . . Week-end of summer visitors give local merchants pleasant prelude of what business will be a few weeks . . . We hated to see the school baseball team drop out of the Championship race Thursday, but it has happened in a cleaner game, now they have lost to a nicer bunch of boys.

operation, motion for jury trial. W. D. Pankey, possession, 6 months on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs and good behavior for two years.

PLANTING SEED (Continued from page one) attention. Early next spring they will be distributed about the State for the purpose of forming small plots of quail food among land owners who are interested in quail and other wildlife.

FOUR FATALITIES IN (Continued from page 1) them to testify. Attempting to jump on the body of an unloaded pulpwood truck near Seaside, Saturday afternoon, Moses Hill, 65-year old negro of that community, met instant death when he missed his seat and fell under the wheels of the heavy vehicle.

Constable Todd of Shallotte township states that the wheels of the truck passed over the neck and shoulder of the negro, his neck being broken. The truck was being operated by Ervin Brooks, colored.

Said to have run from behind a parked car directly into the path of a highway truck, driven by Grady Lane Bordeaux, George Barnes, a 6-year old negro boy of Exum, was run over and instantly killed Thursday afternoon. Highway patrolman say that no charges have been made against the truck driver. The boy apparently followed the fashion of many children and ran into the path of the truck from a point where the driver could not see him.

RECORDER HOLDS (Continued from page 1) \$10.00 and costs. Lemuel Lester Lowe, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs. Fine remitted. Edward McPherson, reckless

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VISITED MOTHER Mrs. A. L. Williams and Eljia Rae Williams, ofmond, Va., spent the weekend at Shallotte with Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, parents of Mrs. Williams.

CLASS PLAY AT SHALLOTTE The Senior high school of the Shallotte school will give their annual class play tomorrow (Thursday) night at the school Auditorium. The play is entitled "Kay Beats the Band" and is set for 8 o'clock.

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CATHOLIC INFORMATION

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They carried him into the emergency ward, mangled and dying, and all he would answer to repeated questions was: "a priest—a priest!" "Get a priest," ordered the surgeon impatiently, "any priest! It doesn't matter. I've seen scores of them die—these Catholics—and without exception each calls for a priest and also without exception each passes on resignedly if the priest has come in time. Funny thing!" "Funny? It's the most natural thing in the world if one understands the importance to a Catholic of the Sacraments and the need for a priest for administering them. No matter how faultless the dying Catholic, no matter how recently he may have confessed his sins to a priest, when death approaches it is his greatest desire to make a final confession, to receive his God in Holy Communion, to have the healing graces of Extreme Unction—to pass on to his God with every possible preparation. This is what is known as a "happy death," for which every Catholic prays throughout life, for which he yearns and calls out. He is aware of his critical condition. That is why the Catholic prays ready day or night, fair or foul, to rush to the sick or dying. That is why he risks plague or pestilence, shell, danger of any kind, to him who calls for those graces God which the priest alone can administer. The Catholic priest may not be a good preacher. He may not have a pleasant personality. He may or may not be the average amount of weaknesses. But when he stands up at the altar of God and when he administers the Sacraments, he is exercising God-given authority as did Peter and the Apostles who received their date from Jesus Christ, 1900 years ago. Every Catholic knows that is why, when death comes, he calls for a priest. If it's anything Catholic! For further information P. O. Box 351, Whiteville

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