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Tourist Story

"Down in Georgia," said Highway Commissioner Wilbur Clark Thursday in a speech before the Southport Lions Club, "they have figured out that one tourist is worth as much as a bale of cotton—and is much easier picked!"

Which is just another way of highlighting the importance of the tourist business for which Brunswick county offers so many natural possibilities for development.

Deadline

Many of our readers who know that The Pilot is printed on Wednesday have the erroneous impression that news copy turned in at any time before Wednesday morning should be published.

The fact of the matter is that getting our copy set up in type ahead of time is one of our most important problems, and it is one with which many of our readers can help. A news report that comes in on Thursday, Friday or Saturday is just as welcome as one that arrives Monday, and in many instances it has a much better chance of getting into the next issue of this newspaper.

For anything except last minute news, Monday is our deadline for news copy, for it is only material which we receive on or before this day that we have an opportunity to get set before press day.

Many times we have interesting news items which already are several days old turned in too late for use in the current issue of The Pilot. When we are forced to leave them out for another week, our friends who have helped us by turning in the copy think that we are not appreciative.

We always welcome contributions which will help make this a better county newspaper, but above all things else we are slave to the deadline.

The Saturday Vote

Reports from all sections of Brunswick county indicate that never before have our citizens been so perfectly in accord as they are on the Better Schools and Roads issue upon which they will vote Saturday. They are convinced that here is a proposition from which we have everything to gain and nothing to lose, and our citizens have no intention of permitting an opportunity for permanent improvements to our schools and roads to escape if by their vote they can help it.

We freely admit that Brunswick is one of the counties which will be the most greatly benefitted by the Better Schools and Roads program, and it is only reasonable to expect that some of the other counties will not be as enthusiastic in their support.

For this reason it is not enough that we are in favor of the bond issue and hope that it will carry; but we must see to it that our opinion is registered upon a ballot, and we must see to it that as many ballots as possible favoring this issue are cast on Saturday.

A vote here counts just as much as a vote in Mecklenburg or any other of our rich counties. We not only want to have a majority vote in Brunswick, but we want an overwhelming vote in favor of the issues at stake, to help take up slack which may develop where there is stronger opposition.

Every man and woman—yes, and child—has an interest at stake Saturday if he or she is interested in the future of North Carolina. Let us make the voice of Brunswick ring out loud and clear in favor of progress.

"Robinson Crusoe" sold through eight editions in a year. It has been translated into virtually every known tongue.

Commencement Season

It is always appropriate to say something and give a little advice to graduates at commencement time. In the excitement and thrill of the occasion, it is doubtful whether much of it is retained in the minds of the boys and girls. Still, it may be that just one or two or a half dozen remember.

If we had any simple thought to pass along to the Brunswick county graduates, it would be this: Just keep in mind that you have acquired only a little knowledge and the true test of your accomplishment to date is whether you have built a foundation for future study.

Whether you go to college or go out into the business world, keep learning and keep growing. The English you have studied is important to the extent that you use it. The new words you've added to your vocabulary aren't the only words you should know. Keep a dictionary beside you as you read and look up the unfamiliar words you find, then put them to use. Keep writing the themes you struggled to write in high school. Keep enlarging your knowledge of geography, of history, and science. Keep growing.

Grow in knowledge of love and truth and beauty and yours will be a richer life. Grow in tolerance and you will help to rid the world of bigotry and prejudice. Go forth, young men and young women, to make a better life for all peoples.

July 23

Mr. Farmer, mark July 23rd down on your calendar as the most important date in the history of tobacco growing! Put a circle in red pencil and take a look in that direction every day.

Governments will keep operating with 40 or 50 per cent of the people casting ballots, but acreage quotas, stabilization assistance, and export efforts will not continue with such percentages.

You came through, Mr. Farmer, in support of the Farm Bureau last year. You needed to do just that, because the Farm Bureau laid the foundation for the vote you will have on July 23. Supporting the Farm Bureau was the purchase of the cow. But it does no good to buy a cow unless you provide the feed from which she produces milk. The continuance of the farm program is contingent upon an overwhelming "yes" vote two months hence.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

THIS FELLOW MARSHALL... A guy you should, and probably will, know more about is John Marshall, currently the wheelhorse of Better Roads and Schools, Inc., one of the officials of FCX, editor of their paper, a sports enthusiast and leading Legionnaire.

Marshall got his start in Elizabeth City, where he worked with the late W. O. Saunders and his son, Keith, with their short-lived morning daily. Later, he was sports editor of the Raleigh Times here. After a tour with two other papers and the Navy he came back to Raleigh and has been doing a bang-up job for M. G. Mann and his co-ops. Naturally, you might say, he was a Scott man from the beginning, helping with the publicity, advertising, and general campaign work.

Around 40 years old, he has a fine family—married to a sweet little Elizabeth City girl—and loves his West Raleigh cottage to the extent of keeping his yard spic-and-span even if it does frequently require Sunday afternoons to condition it like a golf green.

Skinny, affable, a former athlete at Wake Forest, he has done quite a bit of wandering about, but is now on the high road. Keep an eye on him.

Meantime, if you need any publicity or anything else pertaining to this \$225,000,000 bond vote coming up on June 4, just get in touch with him at the Hotel Sir Walter.

THE BACK COUNTRY... Governor Kerr Scott, in his casual, homespun way, can turn a neat phrase without half trying. Speaking in Charlotte the other day in behalf of his road-and-school bonds he said the cities are dependent upon the "back country" for their strength. This is something everybody understands. He uttered a great truth.

Here is another statement made by him recently: "The people in the towns and cities should help us folks in the country pass these bond issues. In the development of our primary road system, we went along with you even though many of us were left in the dust and mud. Now it is your turn to cooperate with us."

JUDGE HORTON... Banks Horton of Caswell County split his shirt for Kerr Scott when he was running for Governor last year, and he wanted one of his county friends to be put on the State Highway Commission. When this could not be done, he was asked if something else would be satisfactory. Yes, he said, after thinking a moment, just make my brother, Wilkins P. Horton, special Superior Court Judge.

Although Wilkins is a State figure and has been prominent in politics for many years, little-known Banks is one of the reasons he is now Judge Horton.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A monthlies 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.

Presbyterian College
Clinton, South Carolina
May 18, 1949
Editor, State Port Pilot
Southport, North Carolina

Editor:

No words ever printed in any press publication could have been a greater shock than those which I have just read in the Charlotte Observer reporting the disgraceful action of a supposed group of educated and respectable men. The dismissal of Principal Henry Stone is the blackest mark on education Brunstic county could achieve had she done less than outlaw public education.

The action of the students who knew him best and with whom he worked and whom he served is indicative of the sham. Mr. Stone has been a loyal, well-liked, progressive, and interested individual. He has been a ray of hope in the progression of progress for our county. I have never seen such a display of utter ignorance on the part of a Board of Education.

I finished school under his guidance, and I am now in preparation to become a member of the profession which he exemplifies so well. I can only set as my goal in life to mean as much to the teaching profession as he has. He has received his reward in the action and support of his students and not in the blunder of the Board of Education.

In two decades of service he has built up the school to one of which the citizens, parents and students, can rightfully be proud. Would we dare to ask the Board where the school would be today had Mr. Stone not untiringly worked to give Shallotte a high school that would be a just credit to the community.

Very truly yours,
Robert H. Sellers,
Southport, N. C.
May 24, 1949

Editor State Port Pilot,
Southport, N. C.
Dear Sir:

No greater tribute could be paid to the ignorance of Mr. Average Brunswick Citizen in matters pertaining to conservation of game than the rendering today of a "Not Guilty" verdict relative to the clear-cut charge against three Supply men of jack-lighting deer on the River Road near Southport. Caught in the act by hard working game protectors, they had flashlights, guns, etc., all the violators' possession, at night and out of season. The jury said "Not Guilty." Maybe they ain't in your estimation, Mr. Jurymen, but to a lot of us they are guilty, and that's partly our game they were hunting as well as yours.

As long as Mr. Average is so complacent there will continue to be less game, year to year.

Next time you get a chance to do justice, give your kids a break. Maybe they will like to hunt when they grow up.

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Your truly
W. T. Fullwood, Jr.

The Rovin' Reporter

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40 pieces. With the players all decked out in proper uniforms for next session of school.

While we were out in a row-boat on a pond Thursday, a couple of Standard Oil company men being our companions, it hailed down on us like hail Columbia. Our companions were fine fellows. Nevertheless, we hope that the whole Standard Oil Company will catch hail Columbia Saturday in their efforts to prevent the school and road bond election from carrying.

We slept during most of the meeting at Shallotte Saturday night. However, we woke up during each change of speakers, long enough to get their names for the papers. Being the only person in the building who was not wide-awake, we explained our early to bed habits to State Highway Commissioner Wilbur Clark after the meeting was over. "I noticed it," he said, "and I was talking directly to you to try and wake you up."

Each time we head down that way, and that is not as often as we should be, we note the number of new homes that have been built or are under construction on the Shallotte Village Point road. Riding down that way Saturday with Attorney S. B. Frink, we counted five completed and now occupied since our last trip. At the Point where the road ends Mr. and Mrs. John W. Garner with their Anchor Hotel have done a lot towards attracting attention the Point and building up the place.

Last week something was said in this column about Harvey Milligan of Ash claiming he had a better crop of tobacco than either John B. Ward or Rice Gwynn. We kind of expected a refutation of this claim just as soon as we saw John or Rice. We were not disappointed. Mr. Ward approached us Saturday and told us that the fellow Milligan was crazy, that he, Ward, had better tobacco than either Milligan or Gwynn.

We sort of expect to hear the same thing relative to the Gwynn crop, soon as we see that gentleman.

Although he did not personally stick to farming, Tax Collector Edward Redwine is enthusiastic about the crops that Brunswick farmers are growing this year. Corn, tobacco and everything, he says, is just shooting up. Some of the corn is about ready to lay-by. The prospects are excellent in all places.

Our friend J. H. Tinga of the Bolivia school agricultural department has sent us an urgent invitation to go with his class to the Border Belt Tobacco Research Farm at Whiteville on June 10. We are very much sold on going and seeing how those fellows do. In future Farmers of America and other agricultural work the Bolivia boys have been making great headway during recent years. With this being distinctly a farming county, the agricultural work in the schools will mean

Not Exactly News

When Halstead Holden won the 880-yard championship of the Southern Conference in Chapel Hill ten days ago he ran one-half mile at the rate of a little better than 15-miles per hour. If you think that is easy, try it yourself some time . . . Add another chapter to the versatility of G. O. Kilpatrick: The man is an accomplished musician, can play either a cornet or a violin.

Remember the rustic bridge which formerly made a connecting link between the garrison and the sidewalk in front of the Pullen House and the Grimes House? Last year they removed the structure and filled in the sidewalk with dirt. Now they are dumping trash and will use other dirt to bring the resulting ravine up to the level of the lots on either side . . . Sam Bennett is the perfect host. Last week when he carried Judge Henry L. Stevens and Solicitor Clifton Moore fishing he docked his boat at an obscure point upon return, hurried ashore and purchased a beautiful string of bluefish, then brought his craft back to a public dock for a triumphal landing.

"Sun Comes Up" sounds like a good show to see Monday or Tuesday at Shallotte theatre. At much in future years for modern farming in Brunswick.

Seven Persons Lose Lives

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lotte Post American Legion had charge of the burial services.

Palbearers were James Stone, Harold Milliken, R. D. White, Jr., Hubert Holmes, Charles Hewett and Carl Andrews. Composing the color guard were Ashburn Cox and Ed Redwine, while the color bearers were Charley Arnold, James Bellamy, and members of American Legion Post No. 247 of Shallotte. Also participating in the services was Co. 1, 119th Infantry, National Guard.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lou Ellen Hewett, of Shallotte; two daughters, Jan Enna and Sandra Margaret; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Gray of Shallotte; three brothers, Oscar LeRoy of Mooresville, Bertram of Washington, and Thomas Gray of Shallotte; and two sisters, Mrs. Magnus Hewett and Carolyn Gray both of Shallotte.

Joint funeral services for Mrs. Bertram Gray and her eight-month-old daughter, Gloria, were held at the graveside at Silent Grove cemetery, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The rites were conducted by the Rev. Russell Cordell.

Mrs. Gray is survived by her widower, Bertram; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hewett of Supply; one sister, Mrs. Tunny Hewett, of Washington, D. C., and one brother, Tom Hewett, Jr., of Supply.

The bodies of all seven victims were brought to the Kilpatrick Funeral Home at Southport. Later three were removed to Wilmington.

SOUTHPORT MAN

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visiting him at that time, and when the ice man left, Mrs. Roberts went with him to her own home.

Soon after their departure Mr. Crapon walked from the dining room there was the sound of a pistol shot, and Mrs. Vitou heard

the Amuzu in Southport on those seas will be "A Southern Yankee," later ton flicker . . . We think that flounder could be popularized as a night sport beaches this year . . . Pearlie Russ heir to the Shallotte juniors who Keithan handled for the past two Guy has turned his attention to the older age group.

Beach bookings which were slow are picking up at an encouraging rate. A party of 40 collegians will be using the Ford Apartments for a house party at Beach next week . . . Southport residents the men on the dredge Savannah, but glad to have the steady throbbing of theinery that vessel out of ear-shot . . . That Rice Gwynn sold 36 halibut to thepolices the day after last week's storm.

Although it is a little out of season, tell us that Henry Hickman is a migrant man at training bird dogs . . . Abolition Motor Vehicle Inspection program has 1927 model vehicle back into local circuit. Which reminds us that Southport certainly its full share of new cars.

the body slump to the floor. She ran back through the kitchen to see what had happened, and immediately spread the alarm.

Apparently death was instantaneous, and Coroner John G. Caison deemed an inquest unnecessary, calling it a clear case of suicide.

The deceased was a former resident of New Bern and Black Mountain. He has made his home in Southport for many years and formerly was in business here.

A short prayer service was conducted Sunday morning at Kilpatrick's Funeral Home by the Rev. H. M. Baker after the body was taken to the for graveside services to be held in the afternoon.

Mr. Crapon is survived by sisters, Mrs. Augusta Roberts, Southport, and Mrs. J. P. of New Bern.

CONSTRUCTION OF

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ply and Bolivia community coming to Brunswick months ago he has been active in planning the construction of the new church.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION

Paging Mr. John Dillinger!

John Dillinger is dead! Public Enemy No. 1 in an era when gangsterism was at its height—murdered, robber, perpetrator of many hell-deserving sins—was shot down in the act of drawing his gun and died without regaining consciousness!

Hell-deserving sins, surely, yet no Catholic would dare to state that the soul of this arch-criminal is now in hell. No mortal can tell whether or not Dillinger was mentally responsible, nor whether in his dying gasp he did not plead with God for mercy and forgiveness.

"But," it has been asked, "John Dillinger was not a Catholic, and sinful or sinless, does not your Church state that outside its fold there is no salvation?"

But these words are only a part of the story and, thus isolated, they give an entirely false meaning to our doctrine. Let us explain.

Christ founded one true Church—a visible body to preserve and teach His Word infallibly to all men of all centuries. For him who, recognizing this Church as Christ's one true Church, yet remains with out its fold, there is not—and in all justice should not be—salvation.

But for those who lived before the time Christ—for those today who have never heard of the Catholic Church—for countless others who is conscience cannot

embrace Catholicism—well finish with the words of Plus IX (1846/78). He says: "It is known to us and that those who are in ignorance of our most religion (which merely means who do not, through no fault of their own, know the Church as the true Church Jesus Christ), but who carefully the natural law and precepts given by God to hearts of all men, and disposed to obey God, honest and upright life, led by the light of divine attain to eternal life." who sees clearly, who knows the heart, the thoughts and intentions each, in His supreme goodness by no means that anyone suffer damnation because of ignorance."

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