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Fair Sample

Every day we have a sample of what business will be like in Southport when the River Road is finally completed and through travel can be routed so as to include this community.

You do not have to ask the merchants what the crowds of visitors mean; you can see for yourself. These out of town visitors come mostly from our nearby beaches, and the money they spend is having a very healthy influence upon the business life of our community.

Tourists and vacationists are mighty nice folks to have here.

Places For A Church

Recently we drove through Myrtle Beach, the most famous resort on this section of the coast, and one of the things which impressed us most was the presence of several large and substantial church buildings.

It suggested to us the thought that if our Brunswick county beaches hope to become established as permanent attractions which rival the South Carolina resort in size and in popularity then maybe it is time that we do something about building churches or chapels for the benefit of our own beach visitors.

We are not naive enough to think that the week-end beach visitor has come to the coast to attend church, although some of them might; but at all of our beaches there are homes where the owners spend the summer months, and parents are loath to see their youngsters go on a protracted holiday from church services.

Sunday morning there were numbers of beach visitors attending church in Southport, and each of our churches will welcome more of these visits; but we cannot help but believe that more good would come to more people if we had at least one church at each one of our beach developments.

We Can Be Wrong— And Were

By this time it must be apparent to even our most loyal readers that typographical gremlins seem to work overtime to be sure that no issue of this newspaper ever shall go to press free from all error. Even so, weeks like the last one are mighty hard to grin and bear.

Last Wednesday we were all set to present one of the most spectacular picture stories we ever had the opportunity to print with several scenes from the Homecoming Day festivities. The pictures were taken by Managing Editor Roy Cook of the Wilmington Morning Star to go with a story by Larry Johnson, and these fellows had been good enough to permit the use of these cuts in The Pilot. They came down from Wilmington Tuesday afternoon and were stored safe and secure to be picked up and taken to Whiteville on Wednesday.

So we drove off and left them lying here in the office.

Then just to end the day on the same note that is started, we left the Supply package of papers in the Southport post-office, and vice versa, resulting in late deliveries for readers in both places Thursday.

The parade was one of the most colorful attractions of Homecoming Day, and while we made no attempt to cover it feature by feature, still we consider ourselves guilty of an inexcusable oversight when we failed to mention the only local marching organization, the Southport Girl Scouts, who looked mighty sharp as they paraded past. We were given a verbal spanking for this, and felt like we had deserved it.

Then there was the little matter of our arbitrary switching off one of the prize

winners in the beautification contest sponsored by the Southport Home Demonstration Club. The winner was Mrs. H. W. Southerland, not Mrs. C. F. Southerland as we reported last week.

We would not be optimistic enough to say that this is all that went awry in our Homecoming Day coverage, but at least are the mistakes which have been called to our attention. If there are others we are sorry we do not know about them now, because while crowd is not our favorite food, once we have undertaken to eat it, we had just as soon have a lot as a little.

One To Remember

From time to time, we feel compelled to remind farmers of this county that a big election is coming up on July 23. That is the date to circle on your calendar for that is the day the flue-cured tobacco growers of the country will render the most important verdict of their agricultural careers.

The farmers are the jury in this case. And this case, please remember, is far more important than the one the people decided early in June. Then, the people declared themselves in favor of roads and schools. That was a vital issue to the rural citizens of this State. But the verdict on July 24 is of far greater concern.

What good will good roads be if the tobacco crop brings 20 or 30 cents per pound? How can you travel over paved highways if you can't buy the gasoline on which to roll? How important are schools if you don't have the money to adequately clothe the children?

Surely, this gives you some conception of the crucial vote you will cast on July 24th.

If the tobacco growers of this nation fail to approve tobacco quotas, the stabilization program and the export market program, chaos may be just around the corner. And these programs must be approved by an overwhelming and thunderous "yes."

No man is convicted by a jury without a unanimous verdict on the part of the jury. That is justice as it applies to criminals. In like manner, the Congress of the United States will not be convinced that tobacco growers need and want the present tobacco program unless the growers demonstrate that desire by unanimity in the July referendum.

Indifference to this referendum would be the costliest tragedy that ever befell the tobacco growing industry. It could well-nigh be fatal to all that has been built up over the years.

Your verdict must be "yes," and your verdict must be unanimous!

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

NOTES . . . Approximately \$100,000 was spent (on the State level) for advertising, etc., in the recent school-roads argument . . . This does not include the thousands of dollars spent by the pro's and con's on the local levels . . . Governor Scott is expected to come up with that big "surprise" for the people on August 1 . . . John Marshall, who handed the bond votes publicity, is in line for a Scott appointment if he wants it . . . This column scooped the daily press by one day on News Bureau Man Bill Sharpe's leaving . . . The date was right, too, Aug. 1 . . . Incidentally, look for some big changes in the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development . . . Director George Ross is going to give the old girl the new look . . . The changes won't be confined to appearances, however . . .

SCOTT ENTHUSIAST . . . Governor Scott need never want for seafood. Reason: One of his best friends is Tony Seeman of Morehead City, operator of the famous Sanitary Fish Market. The Governor was down there recently, left a horde of glad-handing greeters and quietly hid away to Seeman's farm, where he and Mrs. Scott leisurely picked butter beans. Tony is in a new place this year—seats 250 instead of 100 in the famous old red building nearby. P. S. A few days later a handsome box of shrimp arrived at the Mansion.

VACATION TIME . . . Morehead City looks like Florida this summer now that the greyhounds are running again. Built and equipped at a cost of \$250,000, the Morehead track is the most beautiful, and probably the most efficiently and neatly operated, of any sports setup in North Carolina.

With square-dancing in the west, swimming and sun-bathing all over, baseball, boating, fishing, and golf in most sections of North Carolina, and a race track with all the trimmings on the coast, Tarheelia is truly a tourist's paradise this season—if said tourist has a little money to spend for relaxation.

The mountains and the seacoast are within a day's drive in North Carolina, and they are calling you, so go Tomorrow you may be too old, or you may not have the money.

And—before you die—go see the "Lost Colony" in Dare county and go watch those greyhounds fly after that rabbit at Morehead City. There is nothing more thrilling in North Carolina.

MIDSHIPMAN HOLDEN
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no play makes Jack a dull boy, holds true in the Navy as well as in civilian life. Authorities in Portsmouth and London along with those of the Navy have provided for the Midshipmen excellent entertainment during their visit in England. Besides social parties and teas, there will be two tours to London which will provide free lodging and free meals at two of London's fine hotels namely, the Imperial and the National. Everyone should have a wonderful time and the possibilities of an excellent culture education are very good.
"The next stop after Portsmouth will be Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where task force 61 will participate in gunnery practice, then it's Norfolk, Va., and home.
"Personally, I think the Navy is a great life for those who enjoy that kind of existence, but if you are prone to be a family man like myself you had better stay away! Regardless of its disadvantages, there are many advantages that the Navy offers which tend to prepare a man for a confident and well-aimed life no matter what he may do or where he may be."

SPEEDING CASES FILL
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ing, fined \$10.00 and costs.
Golden Thornton, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.
Harold Taylor, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.
William Salisby, speeding, fined \$25.00 and costs.
Hampton Rowe McKenny, speeding, fined \$25.00 and costs.
Dan Wayne Gore, speeding, ordered to pay \$17.45 court costs.
John McMilliam, possession, continued.
Preston Herring, non-support, continued.
Mack Patrick, public drunkenness, capias.
James B. Curlee, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

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Prince O'Brien, cashier of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. of Southport, also attended this meeting of the Whiteville club.

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"SABET MATER"
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This oratorio has been compared with Handel's Messiah, and one local critic has ventured the opinion that it is even more tune-ful and showey.
There will be no admission charged for the Tuesday evening performance, but a silver offering will be taken.

PLANE SPOTTING IS
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coast. Much of this success was undoubtedly due to the spotter plane. Leaving for work at daylight, the pilot quickly spots the best fishing area for the day and guides the boats there with its radio. Cruising around all day and being able to observe things from high in the air the plane is able to point out schools that are worth the boats working on.
SOUTHPORT PAIR
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his jaw and beating his face into a bloody pulp. Mrs. Wells attempted to aid her husband and she is said to have been badly shaken and knocked down by the assailants.
It is reported here that the three young men had been making nightly trips between Charleston and Rockville, hoping to meet up with Mr. Wells. He drives a new Buick convertible and when the youths found such a machine on the road and out of gas they recognized it and waited for Mr.

SHRIMPING FLEET
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Southport has the most fleet of shrimp trawlers found anywhere on the North of Florida.
FUNERAL RITES HELD
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Solea, Harold Willit, Knox, Macon Danford and vin Johnson.
EXTENDED VACATION
Edwin Lee Hewett, and Mrs. Vance Hewett left Friday for Blackfoot, Nevada, where he will spend time with his aunt, Mrs. L. Kennington, the former Esstie Holden of Supply and Olin Beach. Mrs. Kennington's husband is a radio announcer on Station Reno, Nevada.

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| ** | 7:00 A. M. |
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Not Exactly News

Frank O'Brien who once did a column for his newspaper drew a choice assignment during the past week-end when he was named as the member of the News and Observer sports staff to cover the trip of the Wake Forest Deacons to Notre Dame as the North Carolina boys invaded the mid-west in quest of the National baseball title. . . The fame of the Franklin Square pump water is spreading. The other day we saw a car from Long Beach stop up by the grove while the occupants took some jugs out to be filled with drinking water for their vacation stay.

Anybody who wants to see the antics of Abbott & Costello in "Noose Hangs High" shouldn't have any trouble this week or next. That is the feature tonight and tomorrow at the Shalotte theatre, and on Monday and Tuesday it comes to the Amuzu in Southport . . . One of the unsung heroes of the Homecoming Day parade was James Garner, who lost a half-day's hauling with his truck and tractor while he let the Southport Woman's Club use his equipment for a float. His son who is the driver, not only piloted the huge vehicle in the

parade, but gave the truck a wash night before and spent a part of the helping club women complete their day. Mr. Willie Cooker, who does his best Southport provided with fresh seafood an 11-pound flounder in the river. He says this is the largest one he ever caught in the river. . . And speaking of fish, Wortham had five large sheepshead on morning that had a lot of would-be worming they had made the catch. . . from over in the bay.

Carl Watkins is toying with the idea of forming a regular dance orchestra play week at Long Beach Pavillion. If you is a good plan tell him so. . . Danny son is the envy of all his buddies in the age group with the model A Ford that like a railroad watch. . . Phil Dodson is feeding a new synthetic poultry ration produces broilers that average over 8-weeks. . . Local hunters are worried what happened to young quail during rains of last week.

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