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Telephone Service

There are definite signs that something soon will be done to relieve the handicaps resulting from poor communications in Brunswick county. The encouraging thing is that efforts in this direction are being made on three important levels, Federal, State and local.

Currently there is a bill before Congress which will if approved set up a plan for extending telephone service in much the same manner that electric current was made available through REA. As a matter of fact, REA has been mentioned as a probable agency through which to operate the proposed new program.

In Raleigh it is well known that Governor W. Kerr Scott is extremely interested in making telephone service available to rural residents. There has been much speculation that this program is the matter referred to by him as his coming "big surprise."

In Brunswick county the law firm of Frink and Herring has been employed to take steps to organize a corporation whose business will be to provide telephone service to Bolivia, Supply, Shallotte and possibly to other points in Brunswick county.

We know of nothing right now that will do more to knit Brunswick into a closer-working, more harmonious community than the establishment of dependable communications. We hope to see a practical telephonic network established through this area, and the sooner it is done the better it will be for all parties who will be affected.

The Boats Blow

If you are a stranger in town and are engaged in a perfectly normal conversation with some local citizen when suddenly he appears to go into a trance and stop listening to what you are saying, all at the mere sound of a boat whistle; think nothing of it.

Listening to boat whistles is pleasant pastime for Southport citizens these days. The chances are that the blasts you hear is from one of the menhaden fish boats which work for the local factory and which carries a crew of Southport men. The number of blasts tell the story of the day's catch, and everyone around here feels that he has a stake in the fishing results.

If you are curious and want to do some figuring yourself, then here are your directions: The first three long blasts of the whistle are for the purpose of warning the hands at the Brunswick Navigation Company that one of the boats has started down the waterway with a load of fish. So check off the first three toots and stand by with your score-pad. Each long blast thereafter indicates a catch of one hundred thousand fish. It is a little difficult to sound out fractions on a whistle, but a short blast at the end of the series usually denotes twenty-five or fifty thousand fish in the catch.

But when your conversationalist suddenly makes another show of life and interest and announces with a note of pride that "the Gifford—or the Morehead or the Anderson, of the Brunswick or the Plaxco or the Nickerson—has three hundred and fifty thousand," never doubt it. The whistle told the story.

Prescription

Charles Evans Hughes, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and able statesman, once furnished his prescription for a balanced life. He listed the ingredients as follows:
 Faith without Credulity.
 Conviction without Bigotry.
 Charity without Condescension.
 Courage without Pugnacity.

Self-respect without Vanity.
 Humility without obsequiousness.
 Love of Humanity without Sentimentalism.
 Meekness with Power.
 Hughes, it appears to us, prescribed well for a busy world.

They'd Like Understanding

The North Carolina teacher is a long way from being the highest paid but she is in the most favorable position she has ever been in the history of the State. However, a discussion of pay is not intended here. The teacher needs more than pay. Above all she needs to belong and she needs for the parents and the community to understand her problems.

Children are in the classrooms for six to seven hours a day during a five-day week and a nine-month year. Parents will agree that the span of school years contains some of the most difficult years in the life of the child, perhaps the most difficult of these being the "smart-aleck, sassy" years when the child thinks he knows everything and wants to be "cute."

It is doubtful if there is a parent who, at one time or another, hasn't said, "I'll be glad when school starts again, for Johnny (or Mary) is about to run me crazy."

In all too many cases this is forgotten when something ruffles the temper of the parent. It is difficult to understand—and yet it's true—how any parent could expect a teacher, with 35 to 40 pupils, to do 10 times as much with a problem child as the parent is able to do. And yet, that expectation is all too frequent.

Even more than an extra dollar in the pay voucher, the average teacher would like to feel that she can call the parents of her pupils and be sure that they will understand the situation which has arisen. She would like to know that she will be accorded the same right to enforce discipline and compel wise employment of the pupil's time as the parent would accord himself or herself.

The next time the parent's temper is ruffled by something which happens in school, maybe it would be wise to sit down and ask the question: "What would I do if there were 30 or 40 Johnnies and Marys on my hands for six or seven hours every day?"

If you have not often felt the joy of doing a kind act, you have neglected much, and most of all yourself.—A. Nielsen.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

"I KNEW IT" . . . Tony Tolar, head of the State Highway Patrol, said last week that a check recently made by his boys showed that trucks and buses are the speedsters in North Carolina. Can't you just hear (if you haven't already) some nervous motorist saying "I knew it all the time."

A total of 2,232 vehicles were checked by stop watches at seven points in the State, said Tolar, and it was found that the busses were fastest, trucks averaged a speed of 46.3 miles per hour. This is only 1.3 above the 45-mile-per-hour limit and is still well within the five-mile tolerance which virtually all patrolmen will admit (off the record) they permit.

Motor Vehicles Head Landon C. Rosser said late last summer . . . in a public statement . . . That truck drivers are the safest on the road. They are also the most courteous, by far. The average motorist may be an angel around the house and a deacon or choir-leader in the church, but let him or her get riled while driving and he (or she) becomes a regular little hellion with no manners whatever and very little sense.

Make this test: the next time you go on a daytime trip keep your headlights on. Chances are that one car in 10 will give you the signal that they are burning. The other nine are too selfishly occupied to tell you. On the other hand, here's a bet that every truck you meet will give you the flash that your lights are on. Give it a try.

Also, the next time you are driving at night and are in doubt if it's okay to pass that truck ahead of you, kick your light button if it's all right to go around, you will get a signal from the driver.

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LOOK OUT! . . . Incidentally, Cousin, here's a tip. This fellow Tolar, you know, went into his present position under a little criticism, and that, of course, makes him extremely eager to do a bang-up good job. So be careful about your speed . . . be keer-full!

OFF THE CUFF . . . Mrs. Carl Goerch and Mrs. J. C. Ehringhaus are still working on their North Carolina Business Directory . . . have \$8,500 in advertising sold and will publish when the figure reaches \$12,000 . . . The book will sell for about \$1 . . . President Harry S. Truman wants to set up another place in his Cabinet . . . to be called the Department of Welfare . . . or Welfare and Education . . . If he is successful, Jonathan Daniels or Senator Frank P. Graham might be offered the post . . . Daniels should stand the better chance, for the President needs all the strength he can muster in a stubborn Senate . . .

CALL ATTENTION TO
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 tion \$3.00, total \$15.00. All those desiring to go should make a \$5.00 deposit with their application by July 9th. This can be sent to either Mr. Knowles or Miss Greene at Supply, or may be handed to them in person. The \$5.00 deposit will be deducted from the \$15.00 camp costs. Should anything prevent the applicant from attending the \$5.00 deposit will be refunded. It is important that the \$9.00 for food may be paid either in cash or in provisions totaling that amount.

CASWELL PIER
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 The place has been more or less closed to public fishing for years. Sergeant Mann, the caretaker for the War Assets Administration, has relented considerably towards the folks whom he knows will respect property rights. Therefore fishing is now allowed on a limited scale.

WOODMEN REACTIVE
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 Pigott, advisor lieutenant; H. R. Tatum, banker; W. M. Hewett, financial secretary; L. B. Bennett, escort; J. M. Hawes, watchman; J. P. Russ, sentry; R. S. White, chairman of auditors; Bailey Russ and R. E. Hawes, auditors; Dr. Wingate Swain, physician.

The Shallotte Camp is now reported to have a strength of around 100 members, which represents an increase of approximately one-hundred percent since the first step in the reactivation program started in January of this year. This session was attended by George Walter, district man-

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ager, and was held at the home of Harry Tatum. Mr. Walter attended the Thursday meeting and is much encouraged over the enthusiastic show of interest. Regular meetings will be held on first and third Monday nights.

C. D. POTTER GOES
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 Shallotte home last week, and after reporting at his new station, they will have a three-weeks vacation which they plan to spend at their home in Coyle, Oklahoma. The Potters were very popular both in Southport where they resided for several months and at Shallotte where they have lived for the past year. He had a wide acquaintance throughout the county as a result of his contact with farmers in connection with his soil conservation work, and he was recognized as being a faithful and conscientious man in the government program.

FIVE AND ONE HALF

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 son.
 Regulations which will govern the 1949 sales season, as adopted by the board Thursday, show only one change over last year's—the selling time per day was increased from five hours to five and a half hours. The other regulations call for a five-day sales week, a 400-pile per hour rate of sale, and a maximum weight of 300 pounds per pile.
 Holidays will be observed on Labor Day, September 5; Armistice Day, November 11; and Thanksgiving Day and the day after, November 24-25.

"I think the market dates are eminently fair and equitable to all belts and markets," declared President Fred. Royster of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, following announcement of the board's decision. "I believe they represent the best possible solution under the existing circumstances."

Graders Assured
 Assurances have been given that a sufficient number of government graders will be on the markets on the specified opening dates, board officials said.

Thursday marked the first time that the association's 26-man board of governors has set the market opening dates for the flue-cured territory. Explaining at the public hearing, Royster said that for a number of years, down to and including the 1945 season, the matter of setting dates was handled by the Tobacco Association of the United States.

Then, he said, certain major buying companies, fearful of anti-trust action, withdrew from T.A.U.S. in 1946, at the suggestion and instigation of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, a marketing committee was set up consisting of representatives of growers, warehousemen, and buying companies. Some months ago, Royster related, the buying companies withdrew from the committee.

In turn, after much discussion and legal consultation, Royster told the group, the association voted unanimously to place the task of fixing the opening dates in the hands of its board of governors. Legally, it would seem proper for one segment of the tobacco industry to set the dates, but illegal for a cross-section of the industry to do so.

The Rovin' Reporter
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 bacco growers just can't afford

Not Exactly News

It may sound like a small thing, but a lot of people in this area appreciate the improvement in the inland waterway bridge resulting from the replacement of a missing plank on the northern end. Automobile owners believe that it saves a lot of wear and tear on fragile front-ends . . . A few years ago C. R. Livingston demonstrated that beautiful dahlias will grow around here. Now Mrs. H. T. Bowmer has pointed in this demonstration with beautiful results.

Jimmie Prevatte has just returned from the sort of trip that all of us dream about. He spent 12 days on an all-expense stay in New York City. Of course, his mission was business—but you can't work at night in New York . . . The Southport Sandfiddlers, who lost their first game of the season to Shallotte 7 to 3, will entertain the same team here tomorrow and will be out to reverse the score.

There is talk that private capital may be used to surface a road from the Davis creek landing at Long Beach to Lockwoods Folly inlet. What a boost that would be for surf fishermen . . . And speaking of fishing, just as the

children were saving cellophane tabs from cigarette packs to aid the State Historical Commission in getting a seeing-eye dog for a blind person. This week B. E. Hewett of Toledo, Ohio, wrote The Pilot that he read the item. He included with the letter a small package of cellophane tabs to be given to the collecting children.

The Whittlers Park bench in Southport still serve a lot of purposes. One night the past week Don Reynolds, a presman for the Carolina Stamp and Printing Co. in Wilmington, came down the 11:30 bus with plans to go out on one of the shrimp boats next morning. He said that everything was closed when he got here. Next morning he was found peacefully sleeping on the park bench. He is not the first person who has done that.

With eight historical markers along the River Road, folks in this area who know something of local history think there should

Southeastern North Carolina Beach Fishing Rodeo opens, Mrs. F. Mellye of the most consistent winners in has taken off for the mountains.

County Game Protector H. T. Bowmer latest to enter the bee business in We hear that he purchased some ment from our friend W. J. Martin west, who has retired from bee-keeping.

The fellows on the Coast Guard say that there is nothing like a trip folk to make you appreciate living port . . . Walter Lewis says that animal which men at Oak Island be a seal still is living in the creek

A bad case of sunburn is a hard of a beach vacation . . . The streets port were as deserted on the Fourth as they are on Sunday afternoons. stores were closed . . . Several who can stand the few flies and with which they must contend are ested in the health department's program in the hope that it will get rid

be nine. Apparently the State Historical Commission played a very important during the Civil War, wrote this lighthouse to guide the blockade running the river, Fort Fisher was not unimportant as a this part of the state.

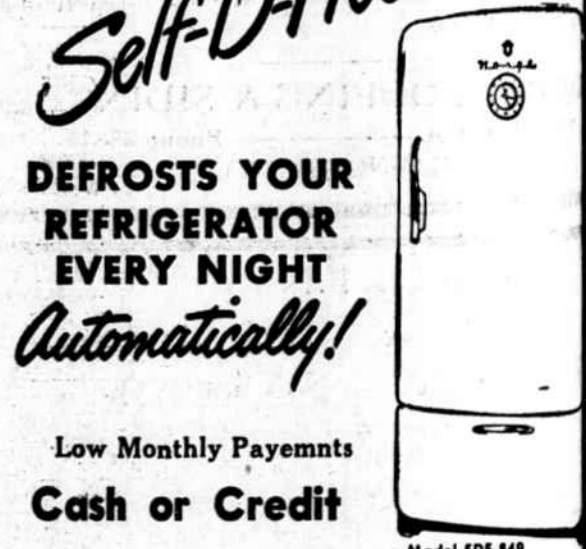
At the present time the past several weeks has probably had the employment rate of its size in the state. It is doubtful if there is a Southport able and work and who is Not only is there little employment, the scale earnings for labor is running much higher than received any other

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