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Pay Up

We once heard a very wise man say that no matter how much money you have to your name in the bank, it does not belong to you so long as you owe money to someone else.

Many of our farmers who are now in the midst of their seasonal prosperity will do well to heed this warning. The easiest time in the world to pay a debt is when you have the money with which to do it. The surest way in the world to keep your credit good is to pay your just obligations.

These may sound like trite repetitions of obvious truths, but they are bits of advice which our people well might follow.

And just this final admonition in this sermon about paying your debts: "Don't forget your doctor, your dentist nor your church pledge. Just because none of these creditors holds a mortgage or a note is no reason to wait until the last thing to pay them.

Notable Improvement

As a rule we do not devote a large amount of space crediting donations, regardless of how worthy the cause may be; but this week we are breaking over because of the forceful impression we received about recent improvements at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

The moment you walk in the front door on your next visit you will realize what we mean. The walls and floor of the lobby and hall are fresh and clean looking, but it is not until you pass through the

sun porch that you will fully appreciate the splendid job of decoration and furnishing. We can sum it up by saying that it is something you can well afford to be proud of.

First of all we should say that none of these improvements would have resulted had it not been for the untiring efforts of members of the Hospital Auxiliary and particularly the president of this fine organization, Mrs. H. B. Smith. There could be no finer measure of the importance attached to hospital auxiliary work than the fact that this is one of the requirements for an accredited hospital. The local organization does much more than meet this requirement; and we sometimes think that there is no more important department of the county hospital.

When they start out on a project the main job for the Hospital Auxiliary members is to get a little help from a lot of people and accomplish some major undertaking. This is what was done in connection with redecorating and refurbishing the sun porch; and since some of the donations reached such generous proportions, we think that our people will want to know about them.

First there was the matter of paint, and all of this material was donated by Atlantic Paint & Varnish Co. of Wilmington through their local dealer, L. H. Harrison, who has taken a personal interest in the work. Drapery materials with which to complete the job were donated by Hobson Kirby of Shallotte Trading Co. The matter of furnishing the sun porch called for some major financing, but this job was made easier when Leon Todd of Todd Furniture Co. and Mrs. Jones of Wilmington Furniture Co., both of Wilmington, agreed to furnish the room at net cost.

Funds for this purpose and other requirements were raised principally from a benefit supper—put on by members of the Hospital Auxiliary—with provisions furnished by friends and patrons of the hospital. Typical was the contribution of 12 grown hens by the membership of Bolivia Baptist church, colored; and the contribution of all eggs needed by the school children of both the white and colored schools of Southport.

And while this by no means gives all the credit to all who deserves it, it does let our people know that conditions are improving at Doshier Memorial Hospital, thanks to the hard working women of the auxiliary and the generosity of many good citizens who have been called upon for help.

every trip they make. The information will also be used for newspaper stories.

Last summer we presented Mr. and Mrs. Ted Robinson a big watermelon. They had rented and were occupying a cottage at Long Beach for the summer. The cottage they rented was later sold to Charles Trotter. This week Charlie stopped us on the street to say that the big melon which we gave to the associate editor of Time Magazine had reproduced itself in his front yard. The vine now has a 40-pound melon that will soon be ripe, according to Mr. Trotter.

ROBINS NEST HAS NEW

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Mr. and Mrs. Targerson, the former owners of Robins Nest and the last tenants, were both writers. Since they moved away the 22-acre estate has grown up in beautiful woods. As soon as they get well settled in the home Mr. Hayes intends to devote himself to an acre or more of the grounds about the house, planting flowers and shrubbery. In a few years he expects to have one of the show places along the Cape Fear.

IMPROVED BUS TO

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bus line at Pueblo found it necessary to switch to buses with heavy duty diesel engines. Four of its buses with regular gasoline engines were acquired by the local corporation.

CLYDE P. PATTON

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public, Mr. Patton then went into detail on the state's program of game management. Afterwards he answered various questions posed him by those present.

At the close of the meeting everyone attended a fish fry which had been skillfully prepared while the meeting was in progress.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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1946. At the time it was destroyed by fire it also was the post-office site for the community of Longwood.

Many towns with a history similar to that of Longwood have wasted away to nothing once their principal support has been removed, and for a few years hard times set in for this place. However, the land in the surrounding area was fertile, and more and more enterprising men developed good farms. Slowly at first, but steadily on the upgrade, Longwood began its come-back, this time with the solid back-log of a prosperous farming territory.

Building records during the past few years indicate better than anything else to what degree this recovery has been accomplished. One of the first to make a sub-

stantial permanent improvement was Rice Gwynn, Jr., who erected The Country Store. Next came D. S. Gore, who built a general merchandise store. Then came the new postoffice building, replacing quarters destroyed in the Brown Store fire. Former County Commissioner A. P. Russ demonstrated his faith in his home community by building a two-story brick building; and P. G. Russ followed with a large cinder block building for a furniture store. W. H. Long's Service Center is one of the latest business additions.

Erection of Longwood Baptist church and several attractive residences help to round out the building picture.

Meanwhile, colored residents of the community have been busy with improvements. Among these are a high school of brick and cinderblock construction, a church and the R. L. Gore store.

FATAL INJURIES

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more and has a 4-months old baby.

Withington came to this section from Dillon, S. C., and several years ago married Singletary's mother. He had previously been married in South Carolina and has a married daughter, Mrs. Alice Allen, at Dillon. Mrs. Allen asked that the body be sent to Dillon for burial.

Officers found a small unopened pocketknife of the dead man. The death weapon is said to have been a large, long-bladed pocket knife. Singletary surrendered this weapon to officers.

In view of his admitting the slaying it was not necessary to hold an inquest. Singletary is being held for the September grand jury.

Sheriff Walter M. Stanaland made an investigation Monday into the circumstances surrounding the case, and when evidence was uncovered that the victim had been cruel to his wife and her children over a long period of time, he recommended to Solicitor Clifton L. Moore that Singletary be freed under bond of \$5,000.00. Relatives were trying this week to raise this amount.

WALLACE WADE IS

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bert Clark of Winston-Salem. Mr. Wade's two small granddaughters, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, are also at the cottage.

Tentative plans for today or tomorrow include a trip out for the bluefish and mackerel. This trip has been arranged for any day this week when the boatmen do not have a regular party. If he can get away from his freshwater fishing ideas W. B. Keziah may go out with the party. The Blue Devil football mentor has been freshwater fishing with Mr. Keziah in past summers and the

Not Exactly News

Better bus service to Whiteville this week, and we look for business to pick up on this route, which serves Brunswick county's most progressive rural area. . . . Frank Rabon does a thriving business renting boats to fishermen at a Town Creek Bridge, and we believe there is a good chance for a similar success at Davis Creek landing for benefit of Long Beach visitors.

The tarpon caught Monday afternoon by Bill Styron probably will have more influence on local sports fishing than any development since Hulan Watts made his first trip to the Gulf Stream. . . . "The Boy With Green Hair" is the Saturday feature at the Amuzu, and this Pat O'Brien-Dean Stockwell show has been described as a movie worth seeing. . . . We welcome back the Shallotte Theatre program, complete with casts!

School opening is less than three weeks away, but we are looking forward to it. We want to see our school columns start up again, only this year we would like to make it a clean sweep and have five. . . . Guy McKeithan's Shallotte boys have run up a string of 21 victories out of 23 games this summer, four of them over the local Sandfiddlers. He has some

local man does not hesitate to say that Mr. Wade must be a darn sight better football coach than he is a fisherman.

TRAINING SCHOOL

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day nights of each month. He will gladly assist all ex-service men filling out their papers.

Service officer Crawford Rourke is also available for doing this work four days of each week at Shallotte and at Southport on Wednesdays. Commander Redwine says that owing to the fact that many ex-service men find it more convenient to do such work at night, it was decided that the former service officer should be made available to help any of them on each regular meeting night.

POULTRY SHOW AT

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tension service. As pay for the chicks, the club members will give back 12 of the choicest pullets. These pullets will be on display during the morning of September 17 and will be sold at auction in the afternoon. The proceeds will be used to buy more chicks for other club members next spring. In this way the project will continue from year to year.

The purpose of this project is to get good chickens started in the various communities and to train 4-H members in good practices of poultry management. It is hoped that this show will grow

good prospects coming along among youngsters.

Dr. Roy Daniel's office building is to take shape and will be the most recent improvement to the business district. We hope that Brunswick county boys kept an eye on the interesting Doshier Club members in Raleigh last week. . . . coming school term we expect to see emphasis placed upon this program by the ty agent and the home demonstration agent.

W. T. Fullwood, Jr., now is dividing est between Plot hounds and bloodhounds. He tried the latter last year for dog having good results when a beautiful he was breaking was stolen. . . . They new coach coming to take over the football reins this fall and there is a of lighting a field for night games if gram gets up much steam.

Walden Creek is one of the most in this section for fishing and boating know of no one who enjoys it more R. Bomberger and his folks. . . . Listen some big real estate transactions are within the next few days.

Local fishermen who know thing about tarpon have no doubts of the fish being in the Cape Fear. Dozens of people seen them leaping from waters in the late. . . . Other people, fishing in bays have suddenly had lines and sinkers to the silvery fish. In such instances Tarpon sometimes breaks reveal himself to the as it was throwing the other times normally were snapped off like the fish shot away through water.

SHEPPARD SHIPS

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load with him.

The hundreds of New Jersey tomato farmers who planted the Brunswick county grown tomato plants all have wonderful crops, despite the dry weather that has been existing in New Jersey. Mr. Sheppard's faith in Brunswick county as the logical center of a great plant growing industry is being amply justified. He will use over 40 acres for growing plants here next spring and this winter he will clear 25 additional acres of woodland for watermelons next year and to be added to his plant growing acreage in 1951.

SILVER TARPON

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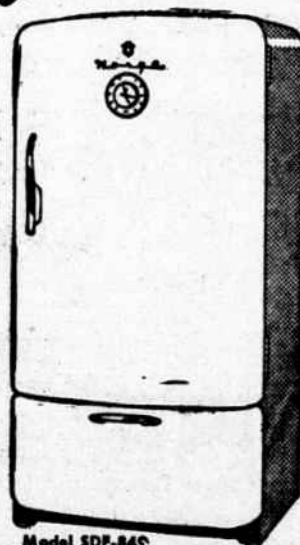
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