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Mailing List Trouble

They have always told us that it is a poor policy to admit in print that you have made a mistake; but somehow we think it is worse to pretend that you are perfect when you know that there is a chance you may be at fault.

During the past six weeks we fear that we have given some of our readers cause to complain. This has resulted from the fact that just prior to the opening of the Border Belt Tobacco Market and during the weeks since we have had a crowded condition over in the printing office. This has made it impossible to have corrections made to The Pilot mailing list, and some of our subscribers may have missed copies of the paper.

As we have said many times before, we may make mistakes, but we never have made one we are too proud to correct. If for some reason you do not get your paper straightened out, and soon, you will do us a favor to let us know about it.

Action On The River Road

This week a crew of State Highway Engineers is busy locating the seven mile unimproved stretch of the River Road. This leads us to hope that there may be an early letting of this project, perhaps in time to give visitors to Orton Gardens a break on their 1950 trip to the plantation.

During the late winter and early spring months each year Orton is the outstanding tourist attraction of North Carolina. With the effort which our State is expending in drawing visitors to this outstanding scenic spot, it hardly seems consistent not to have Orton on one of the good roads for which North Carolina is famous.

We look upon this latest move as a step in the right direction, one which if the pace is quickened may solve a bad problem before the next flowering season.

A New Sport

Before Thanksgiving sports fans of Brunswick county may have their first opportunity to see teams representing two of the county schools clash in a football game.

Last year Shallotte made a start in this sport, and with a full season under their belt their boys are set for a regular schedule this fall. Among their improvements is the service of a faculty coach.

It is too early to predict with what success the Southport high school squad will meet this year, but football is being added as a sport this fall and the boys already have begun practice in light gear.

There will be those who will say that already there is too much emphasis upon athletics, and that more attention might well be given to new courses of study. However, we have found that in many instances the development of the athletic program of a school helps in various ways to bolster the academic schedule, and it is our hope that this is what will happen as football is made a part of the sports competition.

Court Reform

Solicitor Clifton L. Moore of this solicitor district takes the view that the system of rotating judges must be abolished before there can be any great improvement in the judicial system in North Carolina.

Many lawyers and laymen oppose a change in the present rotation plan, but there is considerable wonderment that North and South Carolina are the only two states which have persisted in the plan. The other 46 states have resident

judges. Solicitor Moore found some good in rotation. It is the oldest tradition in North Carolina, but that is hardly sufficient reason for perpetuating it. It has to commend it the argument that it tends to make for an independent judiciary. For four and one-half years out of every five years, a judge is outside of his own district and it is argued logically that he is working where he has no political ties and is in debt to no lawyer or individual. That fact, and that alone, seems to argue in favor of rotation.

Along with Solicitor Moore, let's look at the other side of the picture, remembering all the while that the sister Carolinas remain by themselves in the rotation group.

The solicitor contends that rotation is undemocratic. It is much the same as if we elected a sheriff, kept him at home for six months and then sent him out to enforce the laws of other counties for the remainder of his term. Other counties would have had no say-so in his election but would have to put up with whatever we did.

In a word, if we elect a good, outstanding jurist we keep him only one-tenth of the time, and if we should elect a poor one, we impose our judgment upon other districts for nine-tenths of the time.

Take a look at the present picture under rotation. If the defendants or the lawyers don't happen to like the color of the hair on the head of a judge, they can find some excuse to postpone the case until a new and unfamiliar judge comes along. Consequently there is a series of delays. But if the same judge returns year after year, so long as he proves worthy of re-election, he is familiar with the case, with the defendants and their records, and with the excuses which can be offered for delaying the trial.

Habitual criminals find rough-going when they return time after time to face the same man on the bench. They aren't strangers and unless they are unusually lacking in sensitiveness, they possess a horror of standing before the bar of justice, knowing that His Honor will remember that same old defense and same old plea for mercy.

Of course, there are many other arguments on both sides. These, however, should be sufficient to cause the citizenry to think.

We like Solicitor Moore's penetrating statement that "the judicial system is the heart and citadel of American freedom." Let's protect that system. If it is necessary to abolish rotation to obtain the desired end, then let's demand that the next General Assembly submit the constitutional amendment to a vote of the people.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

INDEFINITELY? ... Sign in the Salisbury Street rotunda of the Insurance Building here: "Republican Headquarters, Eastern Division—8th floor".

REDWINE RECEPTION ... Drink not the red wine. In North Carolina, men of distinction prefer bourbon. Robert W. Redwine, advertising man, etc., had a little party on the opening of his new offices in the Capital Club Building here a few nights ago. He had some big names there, too. But Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine stole the show. Just as festivities were reaching the loud-talking point, in strolled Stag (who neither smokes nor drinks) burdened under a crate of milk warm from the udders of contented cows on his farm at Puquay ...

LOOKING AROUND ... Despite the things Kerr Scott says about not interfering in local politics, reports are persistent that his followers are determined to kill off some Scott opposition pretty soon now. With the Primary less than 10 months away, his disciples are looking around. One of them—this one from Edenton—was in Raleigh last week and said that Scott managers and assistant managers in Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Bertie are surveying the field for pro-Scott men for the Legislature. Indications are that there is somewhat similar activity in other sections.

If Governor Scott wants a rubber stamp, ditto Legislature, he is entitled to try for it—but it is not generally conducive to good government, and was not the rule in this State until the late O. Max Gardner took over with this 1929 Legislature. Twenty-three men from that session subsequently landed on the State payroll because they followed the Governor, whether to do so agreed with their consciences or the thinking of the people back home.

The rubber stamp's most ardent practitioner of recent years was probably the late J. M. Broughton, who kept Robert Grady Johnson and Oscar Pitts stationed in the two houses for the purpose of keeping legislators in line.

LETTERS ... Charlie Parker says this column is correct in saying that expenses of the Governor's office are exactly double what they were when R. Gregg Cherry held forth. But, he says, in fairness to the present Governor it should be pointed out that the work has doubled. In what way particularly? Letters! Letters! Each one is answered, too, in some way. Scott wants the people to continue to write him.

COUNTY FARMERS

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counts, especially if the two pounds are produced at a cost of only 5 cents per pound as a result of having good pasture.

In addition to the Vann farm some 30 other farms were visited. Some were just starting out with improved pastures and had from 1 to 5 acres of improved permanent pasture. One of these farmers stated to Taylor Albright of Bolivia that where he had land worth \$100.00 for corn it was now worth \$300.00 for pasture.

Roy Swain, Winnabow farmer who is also an agent for the Smith-Douglas company, was especially interested in the sericia lepedeza on the Vann farm. This is said to be the best crop that can be produced on poor soils. It is a perennial and needs no plowing or other attention while producing around three toffs of high grade hay per acre. While producing this crop it hardly has a rival for adding legume to and restoring the soil on which it is growing.

J. H. Tinga, agricultural teacher at the Bolivia school was very much intrigued at the manner in which the Vann and other farms were completely mechanized and at the thorough manner in which the farmers visited are going into pasturage and other angles of farming. They are creating a really progressive community, and are going about it fast. It seems that one farmer went into the pasture program three years ago and the next year all of his neighbors followed his example.

WHITEVILLE MART

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with our remaining experienced two sets."

Citing that there were no block sales in Whiteville and that growers could sell the same day as they arrive, the supervisor urged all growers to take advantage of the local market during this week when full sales are expected. The Whiteville market is 3,782 pounds ahead of the total for the corresponding number of selling days in 1948.

'PARITY' MEMBERS

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quota and maximum quota, and for each 200 memberships in excess of the maximum membership quota.

"Only through strong farm organization," Mr. Ward said, "can farmers make headway against the forces which tend to a strange production, peg prices and hinder the free distribution of goods and services to the disadvantage of producers and consumers."

The following have been listed by President Ward as volunteer workers who are writing memberships during the current drive: J. E. Gilbert, Garfield Clemmons, Herbert Swain, Ralph Sellers, Sandy Stanley, F. M. Norris, Mrs. Lucille Frink, A. L. Atkinson, Morgan W. Grissett, C. O. Bennett, Elroy King, Joe Wilson, Cecil C. Hewett, Herbert Russ, J. E. Cooke, William W. Hewett, L. C. Babson, D. E. Sommons, Mrs. Raymond Smith, J. B. Sermons.

MERCY OF JUDGE

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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.	
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10:50 A. M.		1:35 P. M.	
4:00 P. M.		6:10 P. M.	
6:00 P. M.		10:20 P. M.	

and Mabel McKeithan pleaded guilty to charges of affray and prayer for judgment was continued for 2 years, the defendants to remain of good behavior and apy costs.

Dillard Spencer was acquitted on charges of drunk driving by a directed verdict of not guilty.

TWO MARINES KILLED

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the bridge, headed south. The Marines car was on the inside, headed north.

TARPON REFUSE TO

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hold of a tarpon as a subject for the camera. An east wind springing in the morning knocked out all hope of catching a tarpon. Only three boats actually joined in the effort.

Captain and Mrs. Bill Styron carried Mr. and Mrs. Hemmer and the photographic outfit in their rig. Postmaster J. B. Russ and Robert Marlow made up the crew of another boat and Captain and Mrs. Fred Willing carried W. B. Keziah with them. The final summing up of the fishing effort showed no tarpon strikes and Mrs. Willing standing tops in production with her catch of several black drum.

Hemmer stated after the return of the party to port that despite the lack of pictures everything was satisfactory. He has no doubt that Southport has a fine tarpon fishing ground that may some day attract wide-spread attention.

SCHOOL BUILDING

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amount equally—\$250,000 per county. The bond money was distributed on a school population basis.

PERSONALS

Fred Small and wife of Jersey City, N. J., visited Capt. and Mrs. Fred Small, Sr., here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wharrie of Charleston, S. C., spent the week-end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Molloycheck. Mrs. Gene Stafford and family, of Dillon, S. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cromer at Long Beach. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cromer of Spartanburg, S. C., are spending this week at Long Beach, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cromer. Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Bird and daughter, Miss Frances Bird, spent last week at their cottage at Holden Beach. They had just returned from a trip to New York. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McHose and baby daughter, of Plainfield, N. J., are spending a two weeks

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Not Exactly News

We have one superstitious friend who is glad that Helen has moved her beauty shop from downtown street. This fellow cannot bear to see a pin—even a hair pin—and not pick it up, and every time he passed the front of the shop when it was on the corner he always found a new crop of bobby pins ... Lawyer Dewight McEwen shed some light in what has been appening t Mrs. Ed Taylr's chickens lately when he reported last week that he had seen a big hawk swoop down and make off with a large biddie. And all this right behind the postoffice.

When Dempsey Atkinson stopped in Southport Saturday morning with a young Brahma bull before taking the animal out to the Thompson McCracken pasture a crowd gathered around like it was a caged tiger—and the yearling oblliged by putting on just as good show ... "The Paleface" is a movie that Bob Hope fans have been waiting for impatiently. It plays Thursday and Friday at the Anuzu.

Regardless of what you may think of Governor W. Kerr Scott in other matters, there is no questioning his deep personal loyalty for his friends. On Thursday the State's chief executive stole away from a busy round of business engagements and courtesy calls up at Wilmington to come down to Southport to see Warren

Hood, his second visit since the local man been confined to his home because of illness. Many man-hours have gone into the cleaning and cleaning up of the Mark Fargusson which soon may be the site of another Southport home.

Bun Frink is all set for the mullet race a new net ... Judge Frank Armstrong winding up his summer vacationing at Beach this week. His home is in Troy street running down the eastern side of Garrison is known as "Ft. Johnson Place" Southport high school has a good natural athletes with which to make a football team ... Look for the Long Minstrel Show to come off this fall. Denning has another one of those Joe painter pups, a replacement for Boston was reported "lost, strayed or stolen" the summer months.

Mr. Willie Cooker and his son, Macie, first haul of spots we have heard of this son one night last week ... Work continue an effort to get the Shallotte football shape for the first home game. Patrolman M. Cummings is one of the most courteous co-operative law enforcement officers we

vacation at Long Beach. Pa., is spending the week-end here with his family.

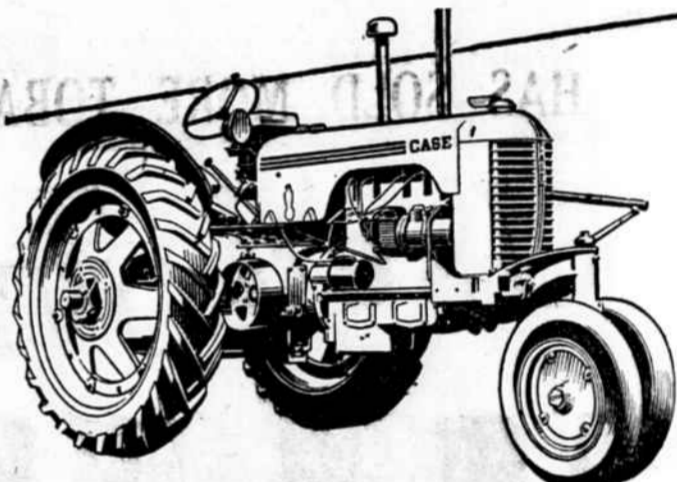
Miss Sara Kay Jordan of Wilmington spent the week-end at Holden Beach, the guest of Miss Marie Rose Holden. Miss Rose Marie Holden of Charlotte, N. C., spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kilpatrick.

Thursday by the Lumberton League.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Allen Kausser announce the birth of a son, Jauson Allen, on August 13th. Mrs. Kausser is the former Betty Lee Oliver of Southport.

CHARLIE RIPPLE
LUMBERTON—Charlie Ripple, ex-Pacific Coast League lefthander from Whiteville, was signed

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