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Charles E. Gause

The Commodore was a courtly gentleman whose personality and interests had managed a graceful transition from the old generation to our present age, for though he had been strongly influenced by the manners and morals of the nineties, his spirit had kept pace with the changing times.

It was good to talk to the Commodore and be reminded of the dignity and the courtesy which we sometimes neglect for what we erroneously deem to be more important matters. And it was pleasant to hear his tales of other days.

These memories of the late Chas. E. Gause are of his later years. Before then he had figured in the life of this community as a youth charged with the responsibility for providing for a widowed mother and a number of orphaned sisters; as a young man filled with courage and ambition who had refused to be discouraged over business failure; as a ruler of a modest business empire whose payroll played an important part in the economic welfare of the community which he loved so well; as a public official, first as a member of the board of education, later as Brunswick county tax collector; always as a good husband, a devoted father and grandfather and a valuable citizen.

Southport will miss the Commodore, and his passing will be mourned by citizens of both races, of high estate and low. He was a fine figure of a man in the town and county where he spent his life.

Air Selection

When we saw a Brunswick county map on which marks were made to designate the roads which will be improved in the first one-third of the Better Roads program our first impression was that somehow Commissioner Wilbur Clark had managed to select for improvement the roads that have resulted in 80-percent of the agitation by local groups during the past two years.

Then we recalled that on an earlier trip to Brunswick county the commissioner and the 3rd division engineer, L. E. Whitfield, had promised that all selections would be based upon actual need. There, we realized, lay the answer. These men have set out to use the first miles allotted to Brunswick county to do the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people.

That makes us feel good about the road program and the good which will come to our people because they helped to make it possible. Naturally, not every citizen is happy over the first announcement, because it has not been possible to promise improvement to every road. But there is a great encouragement to be found in the fact that every one of the allotted miles will fill a real need.

World Unfit For Kids?

"The ideal number of children, if you want to get along with your neighbors, is none. I've found that people don't like kids," states John Bedford in the Reader's Digest. Bedford is the father of two boys and is deeply angry at the modern world's attitude toward children, as he sees it. His article is condensed from Maclean's.

"My wife and I have been refused lodging because we have children," Bedford says. "People glare at them in movies because they've asked a couple of questions. They've been reported for running across lawns, for standing on running boards of parked cars, for making chalk marks on the sidewalk—until I'd like to slip them a few rocks and turn them loose."

With two "normal, decent boys"—

Pete, nine, who goes in for girls; John, seven, who goes in for frogs, worms, dead birds and jet propulsion—Bedford and his wife are convinced that "today our cities and towns, our streets and houses, our very way of life seem designed to discourage children." Normal expenditure of Pete's and John's energy invariably draws a complaint from some neighbor. "Every time one of them lets out a whoop half a dozen people look up from their petunias and scowl. Every time they get carried away with their games and forget that their feet are on someone's lawn people look at one another and shake their heads."

"Aren't people supposed to have children any more?" the author wonders. Deploping the fact that natural playgrounds, the open fields and woods, are not available to most children today, Bedford says the public playground is no substitute. It's a place "for getting rid of your children with municipal help . . . from 9 to 5, on Plot No. 13-A."

The general idea appears to be that the less you see of children the more progressive you are, Bedford observes. "Parents just go through the parental motions like an alderman laying the first brick of the city hall. After that some paid worker takes over."

The author "wouldn't be a kid again for a new 1950 maroon convertible with a ram-jet engine." He can see the day coming, he says, "when children will be conceived by artificial insemination, born in cellophane, raised in a pressure cooker, sent to a nursery school at two, then to a placement bureau for an aptitude test and brushed off for good."

False Economy

State Highway Patrol cars will henceforth go without seat covers if the recent decision is not reversed.

But what sort of reasoning led to this decision? Presumably the authorities are interested in saving money and that is a noble objective. Let's reason a little about how it will work out. Suppose an intoxicated man must be transported to a bastille. He, most likely, will not be particular about how the patrol car looks when he gets out.

Then let's look ahead to the day when the State disposes of a patrol car. A clean car inside will sell for at least \$100 more than a filthy vehicle. If that isn't a mis-statement, then isn't the no-seat-cover policy the rankest kind of false economy?

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATIONS . . . With each town and city in the State bothered by check-flashers, all types of advertising schemes and solicitation programs, merchants association are growing in popularity. Those recently organized include Valdese, Mooresville, Red Springs, Belmont, and China Grove. There are other good ones.

These merchants association are working not only to protect the merchant against all types of racketeers, but also have programs for trade expansion for their communities. There are now approximately 60 merchants associations in North Carolina. Most merchants who are members say the money they save from being pulled into sorry advertising schemes pays a year's dues to the association. Merchant organizations are needed.

If you do not have a wide-awake merchants association in your town, now is a good time to get one started.

WILL NOT REMAIN . . . The opinion here in Raleigh is that State News Bureau Chief Charlie Parker will not remain in his present position for more than a few months. Within the past five years he has had several jobs in Raleigh and elsewhere, but has preferred to move on to more exciting fields. There is some talk that he is planning to write a book. Others believe he will go into newspaper business in Florida.

Blessed by an inherited income, Parker does not have to worry too much about earning a living while in the process of making new connections.

NEW SYSTEM . . . You probably recall reading here two-three weeks ago that Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw is laying plans to bring in more money to the State through greater efficiency in tax collection.

You will hear more about this around the middle of October when the State Revenue Department will announce formally in the press of the State the installation of a modern mechanized system for processing income tax returns and for the discovery of delinquent individual income taxpayers.

Contract for the necessary equipment will be let some time after October 1. C. K. Cooke, Jr., director of the Income Tax Division of the Revenue Department, said last week that delinquent taxpayers will be given until December 31 to file voluntarily their delinquent returns.

"We feel that many persons liable for individual income taxes have through oversight, inadvertence, excusable neglect or ignorance, failed to comply with the requirements of our Revenue Act", said Cooke.

Between the lines: a hint to the wise is sufficient.

Rovin' Reporter

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Rice Gwynn of Longwood, and John B. Ward of Ash are sort of rivals as extensive tobacco growers and farmers. Both of them laugh very heartily when they see us soon after we have written something about the farming operations of the other. On our last meeting John took time out to ask about the quail that Rice is growing extensively on his big land area about Longwood. He was much distressed that the boll weevil has eaten up all but 20 per cent of Rice's 80 acres in cotton. In a round-about way, considering that he never gets his shirt soiled, John seems to have done powerfully well with his big acreage in tobacco this year.

A. Earl Milliken of Shallotte tells us that he and his wife are the youngest cafe operators in Brunswick county. To us they seem located in a nice place for their business. Folks attending the Shallotte theatre can walk right out of the show and into a hot dog at Earl's Place.

Outside of the news element, we have no personal interest in the matters appearing in the weekly reports of the Recorder's court proceedings. The reports are something that the readers pay to get. But all of the news value would be lost if items about some defendants were published and items about others were left out. If we found our own name on the minutes the record would have to appear. We regret it when we see the name of some of our personal friends on the minutes, but we cannot do anything about it.

Most of the stuff is written five or six days before the paper is published. Not being spot news, it is mostly suitable for use at any time and comes under the scope of being stuff that must be put into type early to allow for the "last minute rush" of spot news that must go. Among our high school reporters, Miss Katherine Clemmons, who is a sort of executive officer for the Shallotte reporters, seems to realize conditions better than others. When a school week, Monday through Friday, is finished Miss Clemmons seems to it that a report to cover that week is at the office next day, Saturday. Her news is sensible and interesting and the fact that she gets it in soon makes it possible to handle it better.

"Old East Wind Jim" Thompson so-called by himself because of the fact that an east wind usually accompanies him about every Saturday that he comes down from Raleigh, is here about every other Saturday when there is supposed to be a fish waiting to bite a hook and he seems to prefer to come down on a tail wind that will shift further to the east by the time he arrives. A marked improvement in his visits is that he has been bringing his wife, daughter and little son on all the trips. Starting out this early in life the youngsters will probably learn from their father that fishing while the east wind is blowing is not so good. On their last trip the Thompsons had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Dick Raymond of Raleigh. They all went fishing aboard the Thompson's "Blossom T."

We have found out that our picture at the head of this column serves at least one useful purpose. Little Danny Walker, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Walker of Wilmington, is a special friend of ours. His father is an auditor with Larrimore and he tells us that when The State Port Pilot reaches him Danny always has to see the picture of his Southport friend for the very first time.

Forming a part of the Associated Press full page pictorial service, a picture of Capt. Bill Sty-

ron of Southport and his 122-pound tarpon is now going the rounds. If one excludes sharks and stringerees, this is believed to have been the heaviest fish ever caught at Southport with rod and reel.

Last week the last of the tobacco markets in this area closed. This week fertilizer dealers are advertising materials that will kill the weeds in next year's plant beds. This business of growing tobacco is one that runs all around the calendar. The tobacco grower may be rolling in money during August and September, but there is no disputing that he has had to put in a full year of hard work to earn it.

If the word of John Hemmer, photographer for the State News Bureau, can be taken to mean anything Southport has been the locale for some as pretty fishing scenes as a photographer could find anywhere. John cased around the basin at Southport a couple of weeks ago, at a time when most of the shrimping fleet was in port. He said at the time that he got some of the best pictures ever made of a fleet of shrimping boats. He proved his claim this week by sending a number of prints, advising at the same time of the release of the pictures to the press services.

Winning a ball game seldom brings as much satisfaction as Southport people felt Friday, when the high school boys lost a football game to Chadbourn, 19 to 0. It was the first game the local lads had ever played. They were coming up against a much heavier and more experienced team. It was not on the cards that Southport should win that time. Many expected the results would be at least 50 to 0. Holding down Chadbourn to 19 points in their first game was a splendid performance for the Southport boys and a tribute to their coach, H. T. Sanders.

I. G. Harris of Durham has been coming to Southport for his fishing for the past ten years. Usually he brings a party of men folks with him. Unlike most parties, they never fish on Sundays. They come in to fish "Saturday and remain over for Sunday. This week Mr. Harris had a party that was much better looking than usual, or some of them were. They were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Sebert Spawley, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Slater, Mrs. M. W. Chappell and Miss Betty Chappell. Fishing with Capt. Basil Watts, they made a nice catch of bluefish and trout.

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7:00 A. M.	7:00 A. M.
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.
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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.

Not Exactly News

Southport sports fans had their first look at a home-grown football team Friday afternoon and they liked what they saw. Everyone agreed that Coach H. T. Sanders had brought his hard-working little squad a long way in a short time. In years to come we look for grid games to take their place as favorite on the sports menu for fans in Brunswick county.

Speaking of sports, Brunswick county again furnished a good contingent for the Saturday afternoon game at Chapel Hill. Not only were there many fans from this area, but right in the thick of things directing the football traffic were the three Brunswick county patrolmen, Cummings, Pearce and Taylor. The former was pulling duty at the Carolina bell tower for the second Saturday in a row.

"Johnny Belinda," starring Lew Ayers and Jane Wyman, is the top attraction Thursday and Friday at the Amuzu . . . Chief of Police Jack Hickman and Margaret were in Nashville, Tenn., for the pre-game celebration for the Vanderbilt-Alabama football game, but had to leave for home before time for this bruising battle to get underway . . . Cleveland fans in this area can get a first hand account this week of what happened to the 1949 Indians when David Watson gets home for a visit. He lives in the shadow of the stadium.

Seems like this column this week should go

on the sports page, but we cannot chance to hope that the Yankees will win the World Series, nor to say that we fear they will be the Dodgers . . . World Series baseball the local baseball faithful Sunday afternoon of them clustered about their radios to hear who the champions would be in the major leagues . . . Also on the sports side, the nice of Kip Farrington of the Field and Staff to take time out from his work to acknowledge a letter from a Southport fisherman who wanted him to know about fishing that goes on in this section.

There are few scenes about Southport pack more thrill than a busy fall night waterfront with trawlers coming in with their lights gleaming, ice trucks unloading refrigerated vans moving into position to up their cargo and the noise coming from crunching ice machines and the winches down on the dock . . . Sam was testing his new air-cooled motor on the other afternoon preparatory to taking it in his boat when a bystander caught his hand on the exhaust. A quick smell of frying flesh and Sam's assumption an aircooled motor couldn't burn you. Cooled, hell," yelled the victim. "Look at my hand!"

but at breakfast next morning I. G. said that all five of the ladies got seasick.

Recognition was instantaneous and mutual Friday when Charley Carter, feed and grain dealer of Chadbourn, came over with the football team. We had not seen each other since he came here with the Chadbourn baseball team to play the Bill St. George boys in 1928. After that Charley worked with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem for 20 years, before returning to Chadbourn to join his father in the feed and grain business. His son playing with Chadbourn at guard was No. 73 in the Friday game. Despite his personal interest in Chadbourn winning, Charley told us that Southport had a jam-up good team for beginners.

CHAS. E. GAUSE
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ed Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Trinity Methodist church with the Rev. L. D. Hayman officiating. Burial followed in the Gause lot at the Southport cemetery. Pythagoras Lodge A. F. & A. M., had charge of the burial services. A large attendance of both white and colored at the funeral testified to the high and general esteem in which the deceased was held.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Gertrude Gause; one daughter, Mrs. J. A. McNeill; three grandchildren, Misses Sally Ann and Trudy McNeill and J. A. McNeill, Jr., all of Southport.

WILDLIFE CLUB
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laws, set down for hunting and fishing, there would be no need for such huge expenditures for game law enforcement. "Hunting", he said, "is like golf, basketball or football." It is a game that must be played by the rules.

J. M. King, agricultural teacher at Bolivia, assisted greatly in the meeting by showing two very interesting short movie reels which Mr. Amundson had brought from Raleigh at the request of the club officials. Both films dealt with wildlife, its problems and how such problems can best be dealt with. More of these movies will be shown at future club meetings. These movies can also be obtained for school use free of charge by applying to

OPENING SERVICE
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church grounds. The new service consists of wings adjacent to main building and is complete with one of the latest projects of Baptist circles of the county. The public is cordially invited to attend this service as the new members of the denomination.

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