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The Miracle Worker

In our boyhood we lived in the country and we well remember how much we looked forward to our visits with our grandparents, who lived in a nearby city. To our child mind this was like stepping into another world, one that was gay and bright and full of fun; and while we always were glad to return to our home and immediate members of the family, the end of one visit to our grandparents marked the beginning of our anticipation of the next.

And as we look back on these memories of our childhood we are impressed that the one thing that made the big difference in conditions at home and our grandfather's house was electricity.

There were electric lights, of course. And there were street lights and flashing electric signs which were worth as many trips downtown after supper as could be promoted. There was a steam furnace, but it was fed by an iron fireman whose motivating impulse was electricity. And the movies, also electric. Later, of course, there came radio; and it came first to the city.

And then electricity began to be available in the smaller towns. Soon it spread to the areas immediately surrounding these towns. And finally this modern miracle was brought into the strictly rural homes.

Even when we used to visit at grandfather's house, there was considerable question in our mind regarding the relative merit of life in the city and life in the country, and out of loyalty we usually took up for the country even though we sometimes doubted our own argument. But with the coming of electricity, there no longer was the slightest doubt in our mind. It was life in the country, a mile ahead of the noisy, crowded conditions of the city. For electricity brought to the rural resident all of the conveniences that formerly had been associated with life in the city, and it did not take away one single attraction that had been associated with country life.

And the agency which brought electricity into most of the rural homes was REA.

Which Shall It Be

The next time you hear somebody bemoaning the trend toward centralization of government in Washington and the resulting high cost of taxes, don't stop listening. Let him talk on, and the chances are that pretty soon he will hit upon some phase of governmental service of which he does not approve, or he will mention some service which he himself figures the government owes the people.

And right there is where the trouble comes. One reason why we have so many government employees now is that we have developed a demand for so many services which we have come to expect from the government. The tremendous cost of the annual budget of the United States has resulted from the same thing.

We want our taxes to be reduced; but we want the government to do more of this and more of that. There will be no material reduction in taxes until the average citizen is ready to see the United States get back into the business of governing and abandon its growing status of the capital of a Welfare State.

If we really want economy and unquestionable integrity in our government then we must go back to the attitude of our forefathers, who thought the government was something for them to support, not something to support them.

We don't know anyone who's fast enough to keep up with his good intentions.

Cemetery Problem

We have heard much in recent months about the Southport cemetery and what should be done to improve its condition. To be honest about it, we're not such a serious problem we long since would have tempted to say we were tired of hearing about it and let the subject drop.

Our suggestion if followed will eliminate a lot of unnecessary discussion and should result in some positive action. There is a committee appointed by the Southport Lions Club to study the matter. We think that it would be a good plan to determine the number of families who own plots in the cemetery and who have loved ones buried there. When a complete list has been drawn up, figure the cost of perpetual care of the cemetery, pro-rate the amount among the responsible lot-owners who still live in the community, then call a meeting of these people and tell them what plans have been submitted and a permanent organization has been named to carry out these plans, we believe the citizens will give dependable financial support to the cemetery project.

Again And Again

Under a Clinton dateline appears the following item:

"Six persons, including a father and his four small children, died today as exploding kerosene turned a farmhouse into a flaming deathtrap.

"Sheriff Perry Lockerman said Ernest Autry, building a fire in a stove, apparently poured kerosene on hot coals. The fuel exploded in flames which licked through the five-room house."

Although it seems likely that people will continue to take chances, we feel obligated to remind our readers again and again that kerosene should not be poured on hot coals. Such obituaries aren't pleasant to record.

for the Christian Laymen's Mission, was quoted by listeners as saying: "Divorces should take place during courtships." It isn't particularly important whether those are her exact words, but it is readily apparent what she meant.

When you flatter a man, you're just telling him what he already thinks about himself.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

NOTES . . . Dr. H. O. Lineberger, prominent Raleigh dentist, suffered a serious heart attack recently. A native of Gaston County, he grew up with former Gov. Cherry as an orphan lived with Dr. Lineberger's parents, grew up with him, and earned his board and room by working on the Lineberger farm . . . Private insurance companies, which have looked on helplessly while 51 school administrative units joined the State Insurance Plan, are now planning to decrease their rates somehow to meet those of the State . . . Traveler Kerr Scott, who within the past few months has visited Colorado and roamed the Midwest sightseeing, has bought cows in Missouri, hunted pheasant in the Dakotas, was in Mississippi and California last week . . . will be in New York next . . . but is expected to spend the Christmas holidays at Haw River . . .

. . . Garland B. Porter, former W-S Journal reporter and kin of the Surry County Cockermans, ex-Southern Adv. Mgr. for Hearst and at one time director of the State News Bureau (1943), blew into Raleigh from New York Saturday for the Va-Car. game. He is now hitting it rich as general manager of "Southern Advertising and Publishing" in Atlanta . . . and has a young wife, the former Miss Ruth Vail of Edenton . . . He was reared by his aunt, the late "Miss Nancy" Cockerham of Jonesville in Yadkin County . . .

. . . The best, cheapest, and most beautiful cookbook now available in North Carolina is "Favorite Dairy Recipes of North Carolina" . . . Send 50 cents to the Publications Division, N. C. Agriculture Dept., Raleigh . . . and get one or a dozen fancy and economical Christmas presents . . .

. . . Carolina's Charlie Justice, who was instrumental in getting more Southerners in one body north of the Mason-Dixon Line than any man since Gen. Robert E. Lee, will, alas, romp one more time as a college player . . . Jan. 2 in Dallas . . . Carolina will play Notre Dame at Kenan Stadium in 1952 . . . Around 30,000 went to N. Y. for the N. D. game. Did Lee get North with that many?

. . . Now that the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum is ready at N. C. State, Raleigh is going to make an attempt next week to get the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament (now at Duke) back to the Capital City . . . The Coliseum can seat 17,000 . . . about 5,000 more than Duke . . . It has a portable basketball floor (\$12,000) . . . and is equipped to provide ice for the State's first hockey games . . . Everette Case, State basketball coach, told friends last week that all types of events will be staged at the Coliseum, including Barnum Bailey-Ringling Bros. circus next year . . . He refers to it as the "South's Madison Square Garden" . . . Total cost of building and equipment: a little over \$3,000,000 . . .

. . . All of North Carolina's more important Big Four basketball games will be carried over a 40-station network . . . Ray Reeve, the announcer . . .

The Rovin' Report

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One of the nicest things to come to our attention recently was the way that Brunswick people and many from New Hanover came to the aid of Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Hickman. Their home between Bolivia and Southport was destroyed by fire. The couple have 10 small children, the youngest was in the hospital at Wilmington and the parents went to bring it home. When they returned they found nothing left of the home and furniture but a pile of ashes. In this time of trouble to a large family the responses were quick and gratifying. We have not learned just how much aid was given, but it is said to have been generous.

Things are fast taking on a Christmas look throughout Brunswick. Decorations are rapidly getting into place and business houses are putting on a fine stock of seasonal goods. At Shallotte and Southport preparations are well underway for community Christmas programs at which time the deserving needy are always looked after as well as possible. Although other places throughout the county are well so well organized, it is the custom to follow the same practice in about every community in the county.

This is a time of the year when Jimmie Woltz at Long Beach and others in Southport and throughout the county are good for nothing except bird hunting. Jimmie, however, did take time off this week to come in and ask us when they are going to get telephone service at Long Beach, Caswell Beach, Fort Caswell and Holden Beach. We expect that Mrs. Harris Nelson of Leaksville-Spray and Caswell Beach will be getting into our hair about the same thing next time she sees us. All we know is that our good friend, O. G. Balne, manager of the Wilmington District of the Southern Bell, has told us that all of the facts relative to the need of extension of the service are now in the hands of the Bell people, awaiting action of some sort.

Frequently someone writes or sees us personally to ask who is the oldest man or woman in Brunswick county. This question stumps us for the very simple reason that we do not know the answer. We believe that Mr. and Mrs. R. Will Davis of Southport, married happily for 63 years, are the longest married couple, but that does not necessarily make either one of them the oldest person in the county. We are in the position where we want to ask our readers to write and tell us of anybody in Brunswick who is 90 years old or older. Please give their ages and where they live. If such old people do not belong

to your own family it should not cause you to hesitate about writing to tell us about them.

Except for the years when the boys were all in the service, it is doubtful to us if a season ever went by without at least two deer being added to the meat storage on the farm of our friend, R. L. Phelps, of the Juniper Creek section of the county. Mr. Phelps has always been a mighty hunter in his own right. So have been his five or six boys. They still are. Only three of the boys are still at home but they would allow for six deer in a season. These with the two that Mr. Phelps personally gets and the bear or two the boys kill each year add up to quite a bit of meat. Couple or so years ago these folks offered us a bea ham if we would go around to the cold storage at Shallotte and get it. We doubted our ability to chew the thing up.

A few weeks ago we had a story about an undertaker driving to the home of Johnny J. Arnold, late one night. He had been sent to get the body of Johnny and the expedition was somewhat premature. The story created some interest and went around considerably. For the information of the folks who may still be interested, we passed Johnny's home the other day and saw him out in the field, still digging potatoes.

Have you an interesting or unusual person in your neighborhood, man or woman, white or colored, boy or girl. Anybody that is unusual or is doing the unusual. Folks or things that should have a writeup or some sort of mention? It will be appreciated if readers of this column will write us or tell us about such people or things. Please give what details you can to help make interesting mention.

It is a time of the year when we should be having reports from Mr. Warren at Shallotte Point and Mrs. Bill Grady at the Holden Beach Ferry relative to their catches of rockfish. So far this year Mrs. Molycheck at Southport has been standing out alone in making catches of these fish. Town Creek folks, too, should be sending in some reports of rockfish catches, since they are at one of the favored spots for rockfish.

Each year since the war Richmond Galloway of Supply has built a home at Long Beach. It is a sort of winter's work for him and he always sells them in the summer. When we met up with him this past week Mr. Galloway told us that he was planning to build a substantial home at Long Beach soon after Christmas. We have an idea that the turn of the year will find Mr. Galloway having plenty of tom-

Not Exactly News

The green shoulders of the newly paved portion of the River Road help make this an attractive approach to town . . . Paul Mason has the prize canine exhibit of the community in the form of seven fuzzy brown pups which are a straight cross between Boykin and Chesapeake retriever. There is little telling whether the pups will be small like their father or large like their mother, but regardless of their size every one of them should know what you mean when you say "fetch".

Toughest luck in the dog line happened to Ed Weeks over the week-end. He got his prize pointer, Dan, back from a Duplin county trainer Friday, had a good bird hunt with him Saturday, then found him dying from a dose of poison Sunday . . . The annual meeting of the Gridiron Club, which throws the rule book away for one meeting each year with the President of the United States, is a love feast compared to the grilling the Rev. L. D. Hayman, Tail-twister of the Southport Lions Club, was subjected to at the Thursday meeting by four-visiting Methodist ministers.

The H-L-M Gift Shop probably has already some sort of record for expansion, having doubled the size of its quarters in less than the one month it has been in operation . . . The Christmas card series "Southport Scenes" done by Art Newton and on sale this week by members of Southport Woman's Club, have been quick to catch the public fancy, and even those who

had already purchased most of their greeting cards have added a few of the mail to folks away from here.

Manager B. L. Furlless is gloating over the fact that he was showing "The Sand" before one of the leading Wilmington theatres. He also thinks he has a winner Thursday and Friday in "Untamed" starring Sonny Tufts . . . "The Beautiful From Bashful Bend" is the feature that White, Jr., is expecting to pack 'em in on and Tuesday down at Shallotte theatre. Several local duck hunters have preyed on it.

We never heard it recommended as a builder in the sense of restoring nitrogeneous St. Augustine grass will build up any given area more rapidly than any growth we ever have seen . . . With some equipment moving in all along the farm at least two men who formerly sold mules and horses to Brunswick county are now are featuring a tractor line to do with their business. They are Sam Whiteville and J. P. Newton of Whiteville. They boast that they will sell you either or they'll trade you a tractor for a mule for your tractor.

False fire alarms may be annoying but never fuss too much when we go running to one. When there is no fire nobody home, his business nor his life.

pany in his Long Beach building activities.

Robert Sullivan's "Winn-A-Be Grill" at Winnabow is a credit to Brunswick county. As the name indicates, it is at Winnabow on Route 17. It is admirably located to be seen by the motorists, both coming and going, and is just as attractive outside as it is inside.

In addition to the store and grill which are already thriving, it is the plans to ultimately build tourist cabins.

To find one of the most polite and obliging colored men in Brunswick county one only needs to go to the store of Lonnie McCoy near Northwest station in North west township. Lonnie is a combination farmer and country merchant and has been carrying on business and farming about all of his life. When the tax collector is making his rounds Lonnie's store is a regular place of call and Lonnie would be the first person to pay up there if his politeness did not cause him to stand aside and wait until the usual crowd is finished.

Has anybody stopped to recognize the fact that Brunswick county has seven women postmasters, as against only three men holding these positions? The womenfolks are Mrs. Chadwick at Navassa; Mrs. U. L. Rourke at Leland; Mrs. A. P. Henry at Winnabow; Mrs. L. L. Edwards at Bolivia; Mrs. J. J. Hawes at Supply; Mrs. Ernest Parker at Shallotte and Mrs. L. C. Brown at Longwood. Menfolks holding postmaster jobs in the county are Mr. Inman at Freeland; Roland Simmons at Ash and Bernice Russ at Southport.

Contractors building the detour at the Town Creek bridge have completed the temporary structure that is to be used for traffic while the new bridge is being built. It is understood that the work of tearing down the old structure will begin this week. In addition to the new bridge being water it will have a slightly different approach. Work of widening the bridge's concrete bridge is already underway and it is said that work on the old concrete structure will get underway soon. All three of these bridges are on Route 17.

Using a cast net and trying for bait last week, Crawford Rourke caught a small silver tarpon. With small specimens still here, it is entirely reasonable to suppose that there are also some large ones in the waters around Bald Head Island. One thing is sure, with Bill Bryson, Fred Wilyling and others having established the fact that there are plenty of tarpon in the waters during the summer months and other big fish that abound in the waters.

Mrs. R. H. Holden tells us Saturday that she could guess the name of the girl home from college for Thanksgiving and who kissed and hugged us. It surprises us very much that she could guess that. The picture of the REA office girl, elsewhere in this issue, is only typical of the nice

looking gals at Shallotte. All but two of the bunch are married. On the other hand, the Coastal Drug company, the Shallotte Soda Shop, Shallotte Trading company, Coast Road Service Station, and other places all have some fair to middling nice looking girls that wear neither diamonds or wedding rings.

About all of the Southport commercial fishing interests are sort of up in the air over the Coast Guard boat being called to Norfolk for ten days of overhauling. Stationed here in the middle of things, that little boat could and did look after things from above Wrightsville to the South Carolina line. When it is here it is a safeguard to life and property along a big area of coast. We believe the local fishing interests were right in their claim that the best should not have been sent away for ten days without another boat of equal effectiveness coming in to stand watch during her absence.

It is a very likely bet that the cold weather has already enabled duck hunters to get their day's limit at least one time, and there have been plenty of hunters. Bald Head Island has had more hunters and more guns than at any time since the war.

Now building a packing house on their blueberry farm near southport, B. M. Graham and T. P. Keys, Jr., say that they are very much pleased at the growth made by their blueberry bushes during the past year. With a good acreage in producing plants, expectations are for a pretty big crop of blueberries next spring. Thousands of additional plants will be started early in the year. The plans are to ultimately have 200 acres growing in the blueberries.

The Willis Super Market in Shallotte, with its formal opening yesterday, found itself in entirely new quarters, without having moved. A new cement-block building, two stories in height and with the outside finish of stucco, was built around and over their old store building, in which business went on as usual. When all of the outside of the new building was completed the old store inside was torn out. With the old building already having a good cement floor, fixtures and goods remained where they were until a two foot border was added to the cement floor to extend it the width and length of the new building. Mr. Willis has bought all of the Shallotte Trading Company stock of groceries, added them to what he had and is now adding much in the way of new stock.

The East Arcadia boys and girls, a rangy outfit, are to meet the Brunswick Training School boys and girls here Thursday night. Both schools have good outfits and the teams have about shared honors in past years. Tomorrow night's meeting at the color-ed school should pack the gymnasium and folks who go and who have never before attended a Negro basket game should take

along some cotton with which to stuff their ears. The squad usually makes a racket in the wooden gymnasium.

Game Protector H. T. B. has come forward this week with some exact information regarding the Federal Wild Fowl laws. He says that four or two geese are allowed a ter in a single day. Shooting begin half an hour before rise, but it must end an hour before sunset. All hunters must have a federal wild fowl stamp. It must be in their possession not left at home or in a

The Shallotte Trading company at Shallotte has undergone a change during the past year. Its whole big grocery department was sold out to A. B. Williams space formerly used for goods is now providing additional space for a large stock of Christmas goods and seasonal dry goods for the Christmas trade. Mr. Kirby, owner of the Shallotte Trading company, said that the change to specializing dry goods had already brought about a gratifying increase in volume of sales.

Some current happenings mentioned to us in Shallotte yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are moving into their home at Longwood this week. Mrs. Boyd, as we have talked to her old man, told us the place was very pretty. Mr. and Mrs. Delmar have moved into an apartment while their home is being completely remodeled . . . Mrs. Eli Kravitz are planning to build a new home early in the new year . . . J. W. Solomon Supply told us that he was tired of going into the store in Shallotte and finding there ahead of him taking some of the girls.

Captain J. B. Church told us that the menhaden fish are smarter than they used to be, especially the older ones, come down the coast in the fall or early winter. The most things to be regarded the most to be that swim. Now the or roe menhaden, seem to have habit of swimming deep as come down the North Carolina coast. With boats and planes to spot them only with effort it follows that less and less the roe menhaden are taken the upper North Carolina each year. The fish get to Southport and few of them are caught here. But on the other hand, the lions of them lay their eggs Southport and when the summer and summer comes the here is almost unlimited. It be one of nature's ways of survival. With less of the fish caught in the fall and there is more of them in spring and summer.

A renewed effort was made this week to wash up from pipe. Lewis Hardee presented with a full box of Christmas cigars. We will be smoking of them now and then. The pipe will remain in the picture.

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