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There is one thing that most men can say for their wives. That's "yes."

Hunter's note: Kill a hawk and save a covey of birds.

The hickory stick is still effective, whether you're disciplining children or curing hams.

A boy who stood at the foot of his class at least knows what it is to start at the bottom.

How George Bernard Shaw must be delighted with the manner in which our newspapers during the Wallis Simpson controversy have lived up to the role he efforts.

The Wilmington Star-News appears much puzzled as to why Governor Ehringhaus should wait this long to call the special session of the legislature. Shucks, anyone should know that he had to wait until the football season was over.

A person caught hunting without license is like a man without insurance on a home that burns, except that nobody feels sorry for the hunter.

Don't be surprised if the main topic of conversation at the high schools of the county during the next two months is basketball.

About Detours

There may be some excuse for taking three weeks to repair the bridges between Southport and the Bell Swamp intersection (although that appears to be sufficient time to have started from scratch and build the bridges in question) but there can be no excuse for the condition of the detour between mid-way and Bolivia, in use during that period.

During the time when most of the Southport-Wilmington traffic was turned over that road, it gradually changed from a fair country road to one that was practically impassable.

Correct us if we are wrong, but not once during that time did we see any sign of any effort on the part of a maintenance crew to do anything to improve the condition of the dirt section of the detour.

News To Us

A prominent notice which appeared last week on the front page of one of the best weekly newspapers in this section stated that in the future that publication would be unable to print the honor rolls for the various schools in its home county. The fact that it took so much space to carry the list from each school was given as the reason.

We are mighty glad that we are not too crowded to print this news. In fact, we would be willing to leave out some pretty important news items if it came to choosing between them and a list of boys and girls who had studied hard enough to make the honor roll.

We may be wrong, but we figure that news from the schools of the county is just about the most valuable we have. Normal boys and girls like to read about themselves and their classmates, and parents always like to keep up with the activities of their children.

So the only quarrel we have with printing the honor roll from the various schools each month is that the lists are too short. We'd like to see more students on it.

Alarmists

"Southport, Dec. 3.—A school bus carrying 50 students was destroyed by fire near here this morning but all the young passengers escaped unharmed.

"The bus, in charge of Stacy Sellers, had been in use by the school board for about three years.

"Removal of the children from the bus after the fire was discovered was carried

out quickly and in an orderly manner."

The above article, which appeared Friday morning in several state papers, aroused the righteous indignation of Miss Annie May Woodside, County Superintendent of Schools, for the story was without foundation in fact.

Last Thursday the gas tank in one of the local school buses came loose and the tank dropped out on the highway. The truck stopped, and some of the kids got out. Several yards down the highway from where the truck came to a halt there was a little puddle of gasoline in the road. One of the school children, with greater concern for excitement than for safety, struck a match and tossed it on the puddle. The resultant flare was the nearest approach to a burned school bus that day.

Third-handed information was passed along to a reporter, whose only blame is that facts concerning news of this importance should be verified. Others who helped create this bit of misinformation cannot be criticized too severely. Every mother and father in a rural community who read that article must have uttered a fervent thanks that her child or his was not on the bus.

Our state system of consolidated schools depends directly upon the confidence which parents have in the transportation facilities. The record has been remarkably good, and should not be marred by undeserved black eyes.

Fort Caswell

We believe that it is no exaggeration when we say that the greatest single loss ever suffered by Brunswick county came with the decision of the U. S. Government to abandon Fort Caswell.

Nothing in recent years has held greater promise for this section than the proposal to begin at once to develop the fine resources of this property for the entertainment of vacationists next summer.

The first time we ever visited the fort property we were impressed by the neglected possibilities of developing it into North Carolina's most beautiful resort. To begin with, there was the natural setting. With the Atlantic ocean stretching away into the distance on one side of the peninsula, there was the broad expanse of the Cape Fear River on two other sides to insure a cool breeze at all times during the summer.

True, North Carolina has more than 200 miles of frontage on the Atlantic—some of them more accessible than the Caswell property—but nowhere along the coast is there to be found a site where beautiful maple trees line the walks and native North Carolina grasses cover the ground.

But this does not begin to represent the true possibilities of Fort Caswell. Unbelievable was the fact that twenty huge dwellings were standing there unoccupied, deteriorating as rapidly as buildings constructed of expensive materials possibly could. Every one was covered with a slate roof, each had a hardwood floor, all were wired for electric lights and modern plumbing, connected with a central pump and power house, was already installed.

Our opinion is that had the people of North Carolina known that such a place existed, and still was not at their disposal, public demand would have caused an earlier decision to make available this summer paradise for vacationists. The reaction of every person we have ever taken over the grounds has been similar to ours. Why don't they do something with all this?

And now they are. There really is no fooling about the decision to renovate a number of the houses and to have them ready for occupation by summer. Ultimate plans call for making the place into a year-round resort, but owners are leading with their ace—refuge from sweltering summer heat. There may be more later about the balmy breezes from the nearby Gulf stream to invite refugees from winter weather.

The future of Southport depends upon the development of the tourist industry, one of the five leading businesses in North Carolina. The section is blessed with natural attractions, and our forefathers left us material for reams of history when they chose this section as the first seat of colonial government and scattered forts and other interesting landmarks around.

And while the development of the Fort Caswell property will be done by agents of the Caswell-Carolina Corporation, and profits shared by the individual stockholders of that organization, Southport citizens will be the greatest gainers.

With the new development as a focal point of attraction, tourist dollars will roll into this section rapidly enough to make it one of the most progressive in North Carolina.

Shalotte School News

(By Lina Gray) Chapel Program

Miss Susie Kate Swain's room, the third grade, entertained the student body with a chapel program Wednesday, which was enjoyed by every one. Those taking part were:

Bible Reading, Melva Lehue; morning prayer, by the class; poem: "What I'd like to be," by Maxine Hobbs; Song: "It isn't any trouble just to Smile," by school; song, "When We Grow up," by the class; song, by Albert and Madie Leonard.

Play: "Old Mother Hubbard and her Dog." Old Mother Hubbard, Virginia Pigott; Dame Tucker, Hazel Hickman; Mother Hubbard's dog, Elroy Leonard; Joiner, Etheridge Leonard; butcher, L. T. White; cobbler, Kendall Bellamy; Tailor, E. J. Bellamy; Fairy, Alberta Leonard; Goat, Johnny Browning.

Special music by Fred Brown and Earl Milliken (from the seventh grade).

The following high school students made B-plus and above on their subjects, which enable them to be on the honor roll for the 3rd month: Senior: Virginia Bishop; sophomore: Vertilee Stanland and Roney Cheers; freshman: Clarice Russ.

Moves

Bob Schultz, one of our sophomore students, has moved to Wilmington, where he is attending New Hanover high school.

Attend Meet

The Shallotte school faculty attended the county teachers meeting held at Bolivia, December 2. Mrs. H. C. Stone, fifth grade teacher, is the secretary for this year.

Tough Break

Both basketball teams are missing a lot of needed practice because of the rainy weather this week. The teams consider this a streak of bad luck since the official games are to begin December 8th.

Photographs

Combs and compact were much in demand by the students, Wednesday, December 2. Guess why? A photographer was here to take the pictures of all who were willing to pay a dime.

Notes

You can always determine the number of years a student has been a member of the high school: A freshman or sophomore will be busy with his arithmetic or Algebra while you will find the juniors and seniors pouring over his French.

If you stand by a radiator and close your eyes you will think July is here. A certain shoe company will not get the patronage by the high school teachers because it has given tin crickets to the students. The teachers find them annoying, but we think they would like to play with them, too.

Our library suffered a loss of a number of good books when we shipped the State Library books back to Raleigh this week.

Waccamaw School News

(By Gertrude Simmons) Visit Community

Misses Margaret Clark and Evelyn Wilson, former teachers of Waccamaw, visited the teachers during Thanksgiving.

Receive Class Play

The senior class is working on their class play entitled, "Here Comes Charlie." It is a very good play and they plan to put on an excellent performance under the leadership of their sponsor, G. M. Lecka.

Resume Work

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morgan have this week returned to resume their teaching after several days absence due to the illness and death of her father, Mr. Baggett, of Red Springs. The faculty and student body extend to them and the other members of the family their greatest sympathy.

Professor and Rev. Z. G. Ray preached the funeral of Daniel McKeithan, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crawford spent the Thanksgiving holidays at her home in Montgomery county. Mr. Crawford brought back a very bad cold.

The basketball game which was scheduled with the Wampee teams for November 21, was called off because of the absence of the boys' coach, W. S. Morgan.

Although it was very unfavorable weather the teachers all attended the county teachers meeting at Bolivia, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Bates, and little daughter, Ella Dean, of Asheville, Mrs. Wm. Tinsdale and daughter, Mary Sue, and Mrs. Chas. T. Stepp, of Old Fort, visited Miss Nelle Allison, Thanksgiving.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney H. Veazey, of Wilmington, returned during the week-end from their honeymoon trip to places of interest in the South.

RACEY SKETCHES

Have you ever noticed that Ralph Kennedy enjoys smoking his pipe . . . D. C. Jolly is always wearing a jolly smile . . . That Grover Skipper is an excellent wood sawyer . . . Velt Lewis has purchased nother mule . . . Eugene Dew is fond of hunting birds?

Have you ever noticed that Jake Reeves is fond of deer meat . . . Jesse Ward enjoys riding . . . Dan High likes to sleep in the day time . . . Ely Hobbs can kill a deer with a lightwood knot . . . Ruf Bullard can climb a light pole like a yellowhammer . . . R. C. Osbourn is fond of watermelon on Thanksgiving and that Willys Mooney can fly?

Did you know that E. P. Harrelson is a songwriter who can really sing . . . That Pat Koons drove a team of mules from Nebraska to Columbus county . . . That Bill Andrews is an interesting conversationalist? And have you noticed that A. W. Lewis can play almost any kind of a musical instrument?

Have you noticed that O. M. Fowler is building himself a new home on the Peacock road, near Chadbourne? . . . That D. W. Hughes is an enthusiastic peacan grower? . . . That R. A. Lineberry enjoys raising strawberries? . . . That M. F. Lowe enjoys meeting new friends?

Have you ever noticed that Thomas Williams has a winning personality? . . . That Harvey Long is becoming a successful business man? . . . That Major Reeves is always looking on the brighter side of life? . . . That Walter Lee Bordeaux was never known to frown? . . . That Rocky Smith and Dr. J. N. Dawson are excellent marksmen on the wing?

Have you ever noticed that Prof. J. R. Marks has ever been popular with his school pupils? . . . That John Ammons enjoys chewing strong tobacco? . . . That R. C. Applegate keeps himself well read up on national affairs? . . . And that we have missed two more shots at a deer? . . . If not, au revoir.

Freeland News

(By Gertrude Simmons)

Woodrow Simmons, who is employed by the Carolina Sales Corporation, Greenville, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simmons, Saturday night and Sunday.

Move

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Babson and small son, Ogden Sentelle, have moved to her former home in Virginia. Mrs. Babson was a former teacher in Waccamaw high school. All her pupils regret to see her go. Their neighbors also regret to see them leave.

Undergoes Operation

Mrs. Luther Inman is a patient in the Brunswick County Hospital where she underwent an appendix operation. She is progressing nicely and her many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

In Hospital

Junior, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Long, is a patient in Duke hospital, Durham, where he is receiving treatment for infantile paralysis which he contracted last winter. He is getting along fine and everyone wishes for him a speedy recovery.

Enjoy Party

Miss Clara King entertained a number of her friends at a party at her home Saturday night. All those present enjoyed the party very much.

Mrs. Hyman Edwards visited Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Simmons and her mother, Mrs. Jane Simmons, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Bessie Inman is suffering with tonsillitis, her friends will regret to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Long visited relatives at Old Dock, on Sunday.

Shalotte News

Shalotte, Dec. 8.—Dr. William Rourk, of Myrtle Beach, S. C., spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Rourk.

Mrs. Lillian Oliver and Miss Gladys Frye were Southport visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Leitch, of Delgado, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russ during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward, of Nakina, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swain.

Miss Lee McKeithan, of Longwood, visited D. T. Long and family Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Stanley was a Wilmington visitor Saturday. Reverend F. V. Spencer and D. T. Long spent Saturday in Wilmington on business.

Miss Lillie Rabon has returned to her home here after spending sometime in Whiteville.

Mrs. Annie Mae Hinson spent last week in Wilmington with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stone and family of Lumberton, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Danford during the week-end.

"Be kind to insects," says a writer.

We never lose an opportunity of patting a mosquito on the back.

Many of the political speakers who make addresses over the radio should be taken off the ether and put under it.

When There's a Boy in the Family.

By PERCY CROSBY



THE CLERK TOLD THE LADY THAT HE HAD JUST GIVEN OUT THE LAST STRAW

Farm Questions

Q. How long should I wait after vaccinating hogs for cholera before killing them for the home meat supply?

A. Where the animals have shown no reaction such as fever and other disorders from the treatment, they may be killed two weeks after vaccination is completed. The meat will then cure out well with no after effects from the vaccination. However, if the animals have had any fever or have shown signs of nervous disorders, it will be best to wait until the trouble has disappeared before killing them.

Q. What is a good winter grain ration for my Jersey cows?

A. This, of course, depends upon the amount of milk produced and the quality of the hay fed. Under ordinary conditions each cow should receive six tenths of one pound of grain for each pound of milk produced in excess of ten pounds. This means that a cow giving 20 pounds of milk would receive six pounds of grain a day. This feeding is based on the supposition that the cow is getting about three pounds of silage for each 100 pounds of weight and all the legume hay she will eat. Where the hay is of poor quality, more grain will be required.

the males are placed in flock before hatching eggs to be selected?

A. Research work has indicated that an egg is fertile 20 hours after the male is introduced in the flock, but in the extreme case and impact from the breeders standpoint, general farm conditions it is to wait until the fifth day after mating before selecting eggs for hatching. This is especially true where the male has been more than one year.

MORNING SERVICE

The monthly 8:00 o'clock morning service was held Sunday at the St. Phillips Episcopal church here.

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