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Proper Reception

If Southport is to uphold its reputation for hospitality when the officers and members of the crew of the U. S. Submarine Perch come here next month, every citizen must be willing to cooperate.

No amount of formal entertainment can overshadow genuine friendliness. Southport people are famous for the latter quality, which probably is the foundation for the slogan "They all come back."

During her three-day stay here the submarine will be visited by thousands of residents of eastern North Carolina. Not since the Raleigh was here several years ago has there been another attraction at Southport to rival it.

Within the week announcements of definite plans for proper entertainment will be announced. We urge everyone to do his or her part.

Wakes Up Fire

In the early morning a father was struggling to get some heat from the kitchen stove. Exasperated by the balky fire, he said, "I'll wake it up!" and seized a can of kerosene.

Then the sleeping giant did awake. In the explosion and fire that followed, the entire family of six were killed.

Fire accidents are particularly prevalent at this cold season. People become impatient, try to quicken a fire with kerosene or still worse, gasoline. Needless to say, this is a practice that is never safe.

Fatal accidents from dry cleaning with gasoline, benzene and other inflammable liquids are also apt to occur. Housewives who have been attempting their own dry cleaning with these dangerous fluids in their backyards are forced to go inside by the cold weather. Here an explosive mixture of gasoline fumes and air is quickly formed in the confined space and only a tiny flame or spark is required to cause an explosion and fire.

Ten thousand persons lose their lives in fires annually, while an equal number are seriously injured. The property loss from fire averages about \$300,000,000 each year.

Take every care to avoid fire and its painful and disastrous consequences.

Uniform Laws

Twenty-four thousand lives would have been saved and nearly a million injuries prevented between 1926 and 1935 had the national trend in motor vehicle accidents kept pace with the reductions made in states having standard drivers' license laws.

This conclusion is reached in a new study of license regulations, entitled "Saving Lives Through a Drivers' License Law", prepared for free distribution.

Here is irrefutable evidence that the human element, not the mechanical, weather or any other agency, is the principal cause of highway slaughter. In states without adequate drivers' laws—and unless such laws are periodically overhauled to keep pace with changing conditions they are almost certainly inadequate—persons who are congenitally careless and incompetent have accident after accident, and they keep on driving. Furthermore, almost anyone can get a license to drive, irrespective of his qualifications.

The standard drivers' license law, which has been adopted by a number of states, does not demand too much. It simply requires that no one shall drive an automobile who is physically or mentally incapable of operating it safely—and that all drivers shall, through tests, show that they are reasonably competent to handle a car, and have a good knowledge of traffic laws and regulations. Also, a sound drivers' law must provide for the automatic revocation of licenses of motorists who refuse to abide by traffic rules, or who are continually involved in accidents.

The cold statistics prove that a modern license law will save lives and pro-

perty. Every state should have such a law.

Congress Convenes

The spokesmen of the people—that is, the Senators and Representatives who will make up the next Congress—are converging on Washington. They are settling themselves in hotel suites, apartments, houses. They are meeting unofficially and discussing the tasks that lie before them. And they are looking forward, cheerfully or otherwise, to a very heavy business calendar.

Leadership of the Senate will not be changed from last session. Robinson of Arkansas, who was re-elected by a staggering majority, will head the overwhelming Democratic majority. McNary of Oregon, one of the very few Republicans of high public position who survived the Roosevelt landslide, will be spokesman for the GOP minority. In the House, the Republican leadership will also probably be the same as it was last session, but there will be a new Speaker. There is considerable competition on foot for this very important post, but it seems almost certain that Administration-backed Representative Rayburn of Texas (who has been in the House for more than a generation, but is not widely known) will get the necessary votes. His chief opponent is Representative O'Connor of New York, 13 years a member of the House.

These leaders and their followers will have plenty to do between January and June, or whenever Congress ends. It would seem, in view of the great Democratic majorities, that there would be little trouble in approving or voiding legislation—but unless all the forecasters are wrong, there will be many a burning speech delivered from the floors of both branches, many a bitter wrangle in committee rooms.

For example, one of the biggest questions facing Congress is that of appropriations. The President is said to favor a reduction expenditures, is talking of a balanced budget. Most officeholders pay him lip service in this—but privately, many of them have very different ideas. Biggest spending bureau of the government is the WPA. It is obvious that government costs cannot be materially curtailed without more or less drastic WPA retrenchment. Word has already gone out from the White House that the WPA budget is to be gradually reduced, starting with a 7 per cent slice.

So far so good—but when you cut WPA spending, you must discharge thousands and perhaps hundreds of thousands of people from WPA rolls. Each of these is a voter, and each voter may control two or three other votes. Congressmen—especially Representatives, whose terms are only two years, as against six years for Senators—are afraid of reprisals at the 1938 polls if WPA beneficiaries are given the gate.

Present WPA funds will run out along about January 21. More funds will be appropriated—but the President's ideas as to totals are likely to be very different than those of lesser officeholders. So he faces some internal warfare when that matter comes up. Probably his wishes will determine the final outcome—but there will be fireworks first.

As contrasted with the burning topic of spending, it seems only reasonable to presume that the President's desires will be followed without much argument in most other matters. He wants the Reciprocal Tariff renewed. It undoubtedly will be. He also wants the expiring RFC given a new lease on life—that too will be done, unless a miracle happens. So with the President's power to devalue our currency, the hot-oil measure, FHA insurance of defaulted mortgages, and other measures which are now in effect under expiring laws.

It is said that there will be no law rejuvenating, in different legal terms, the defunct NRA, and that the 30-hour week bill will die a legislative death.

As for the Administration's attitude toward the Supreme Court, there are many guesses being made, but the only person who can say definitely what will be done, the President, has said nothing. The recent Supreme Court decision on the New York unemployment insurance laws has led some to believe that the Court is "following the election returns" and becoming more "liberal". That remains to be seen. There is always the possibility that, should the Court void measures close to the Administration's heart, Mr. Roosevelt will ask the country to pass a new Constitutional Amendment restricting the Court's power.

Business is naturally looking forward to Congress convening with keen interest and some trepidation. Leaders hope the President will be able to keep all factions contented. They naturally approve his announced stand in favor of budget balancing and debt reduction.

Shallotte

School News

(By J. H. Holden)

Girls Win

The Shallotte girls came out victorious when they played Leland on Tuesday, December 15, at Waccamaw. The score was 24 to 8. The boys were not so fortunate. Many of the first team players were not eligible to play and one of the players was hurt during the game. Leland boys won 23 to 18.

Chapel Program

Miss Winstead's section of the second grade gave a chapel program on Wednesday, December 16. A play was given entitled, "Marion's Xmas Party." Those in the play were Zelda Milliken, Ruby Hewette, Virginia Pigott, Wallace Hickman, Hazel Hickman, Peggy Swain and Joy Russ. The devotional was led by Rev. Spence. There were also recitations and songs by others of the second grade.

Christmas Program

On Tuesday, December 22, Miss Ottis Holden's division of the second grade entertained with a Christmas chapel program. They presented a play, "Christmas Eve In The Land of Nod," on the program were Dykes Hewett, Dorothy Redwine, Elmer Jacobs, Darold Frink, Floyd Hickman, Elton Cheers, Beth Bennett, Neil Faye Robinson, Francis Lee Stanley, Fred Hickman, Alton Milliken, Audrey Cheers, Thurston Meares, Jimmy Kirby, W. H. Hewett, McKee Pigott, G. L. Milliken, Frankie Bennett, Beth Long, Helen White, Dudley Watta, Mildred Hardee, Glenda Jenrette, Connie Frink, Juanita Ruby Jean Bennett, Mary Milliken, Evelyn Gore, Polly Bennett and Horace Todd.

Songs by the class and string music by Sherman Register, Homer Phelps and Talmadge Phelps made up the rest of the program.

Exams

The last four days of school before the holidays, the high school and seventh grade were very busy taking their mid-term exams. Most of them are over their fright now and have enjoyed the holidays free from any worry of studying.

Christmas Party

After the chapel program on December 22, the students enjoyed a Christmas party in their home rooms which were gay with Christmas decorations. Much fun was derived from the exchange of gifts, practical and silly. School was adjourned for the Christmas holidays with the best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for everyone.

Shallotte News

Shallotte Dec. 30—Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Terry of Sumpter, S. C., visited Mrs. Terry's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruark, during the holidays. Reverend F. V. Spence is spending sometime at his home in Kinston.

Misses Letha and Lucy Swain of Evergreen and Don Gore of Tabor City visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swain Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Oliver and Miss Gladys Tyre left Thursday of last week for a visit with relatives in Durham.

The first quarterly conference of the Shallotte charge met at the local Methodist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Presiding Elder, W. A. Cade, of Wilmington, presided.

Bill Teachey, of Rose Hill, spent the holidays with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Long and family of Clarendon visited D. T. Long and family Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Rourk spent Friday at Mrs. Rourk's home in Mayesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Fields, of Southport, spent last week at Mrs. Field's home here.

G. T. Rourk and D. T. Long were Wilmington visitors Monday.

MILL BRANCH

Too Late Last Week

Mill Branch Dec. 31—There is lots of sickness in our community at present.

Friends of Mrs. Fred Allen regret to know that she is very sick at her home.

Mrs. D. P. Mintz returned home Saturday night from the James Walker Hospital where she went for treatment. Her many friends are glad to know she is slowly improving at her home now.

Clyde Watts is spending a few days with friends in Duplin county.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carlisle announce the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn, to George White on November 29, in Conway, S. C.

Mrs. O. D. Smith is very sick at this time.

Mrs. Levering Rubl left last Saturday for her home in Baltimore after spending sometime here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Watts. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Katy Lee Watts, who will spend the winter in Baltimore.

Charlie H. Caison visited in this section Sunday afternoon.

Brevard Simpson, who is stationed at North Wilkesboro in the C. C. C., is spending a few

RACEY

SKETCHES

Hurrah for Christmas! The last time that we saw Glenn Glisson he was smoking a pipe so contentedly that we naturally assumed that he was contemplating an early marriage.

Bud Bordeaux was enjoying a comfortable fireside looking over a Pennsylvania Grit . . . Dave Wells had grown specifically tired of his porkers running around in his pasture and was building a pen to enclose them for a pickering party.

Everett Frink was making ready for a pleasure trip to Florida where he will probably greet Santa in sunny Miami . . . F. B. Richardson was in a jubilant mood of his new subscription to The News Reporter . . . And Aochy Lennon was complaining of a pain in his tummy.

Eugene Peterson was enjoying the sensational strains of sweet music as he drew from his favorite pipe the essence of sweet-smelling cut-plug . . . J. H. Gai-ney was definitely after a cat, trying to give the kitty to a little boy to whom the kitty already belonged.

Hardy Croom was in a tobacco barn sorting out some delicious sweet potatoes while Rufus Lennon and Andrew Woolard were playing havoc with a light-wood pile.

S. P. Haws was cutting down deliciously upon a fresh chew of tobacco while in the act of saying, "Did you hear that one about?" . . . W. R. Bordeaux was just as congenial as usual, and looking forward for old Santa to bring him something to go into his socks.

Juddy Moore was crawling in and out of a potato bank as sprightly as a cat squirrel runs in and out of a hole in a tree.

Cleron Marks was whetting his appetite for a dinner of quail on toast . . . And H. D. Stanley was passing over some news that a reporter was eagerly wanting to write.

And so we take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year . . . Wishing that we could hear from Verle Thacker.

Farm Questions

Q: What fertilizer should I use in my young orchard?

A: Applications of barnyard manure, poultry house sweepings, or a 5-7-5 commercial mixture will keep up the fertility on most soils, but where the trees show a weak growth, additional side applications of nitrate of soda or other ready available nitrate fertilizer should be made. For apple trees, the rate of applications should be one-half pound for the first year and an increase of one-half pound for each succeeding year. Peach, pear, plum, and cherry trees require a quarter pound of soda with an increase of the same amount each year. Two pounds of the 5-7-5 mixture should be applied to the apple and one pound to the other fruits the first year with increases each year of like amounts.

Q: Can chickens and turkeys be raised together?

A: Occasionally they may be raised for a short time without ill results, but eventually the turkeys will come down with blackhead. Most chickens have small, round worms in which the germ causing blackhead in turkeys live before affecting the turkeys and all chickens are therefore dangerous to turkeys. For this reason turkeys should be kept entirely separate from the chickens at all times and not even allowed to range on ground where chickens have been.

Q: Should ewes be fed a grain ration before lambing?

A: Under ordinary conditions it will not be necessary to feed ewes any grain except in bad weather as there is usually sufficient temporary and permanent pastures available in this State. When the weather is severe and no grazing is available each ewe should receive about two pounds of good legume hay each day. In addition to the hay the ewe should receive a small ration of grain for three to four weeks before lambing. A mixture of one-half pound of corn and oats, or corn alone for each ewe a day will be satisfactory provided legume hay is fed. Otherwise, the grain ration should contain from 30 to 35 percent of cottonseed meal or linseed oil meal.

The average cost of building broad base terraces by the Anson County soil conservation unit during the year ending November 30, 1936 was \$2.08 an acre.

Club members of Wilson county are setting black walnut seedlings and planting the nuts in fertile spots about over their home farms.

Miss Evelyn Mintz was the week-end guest of Misses Lina and Atlas Simmons, of Freeland.

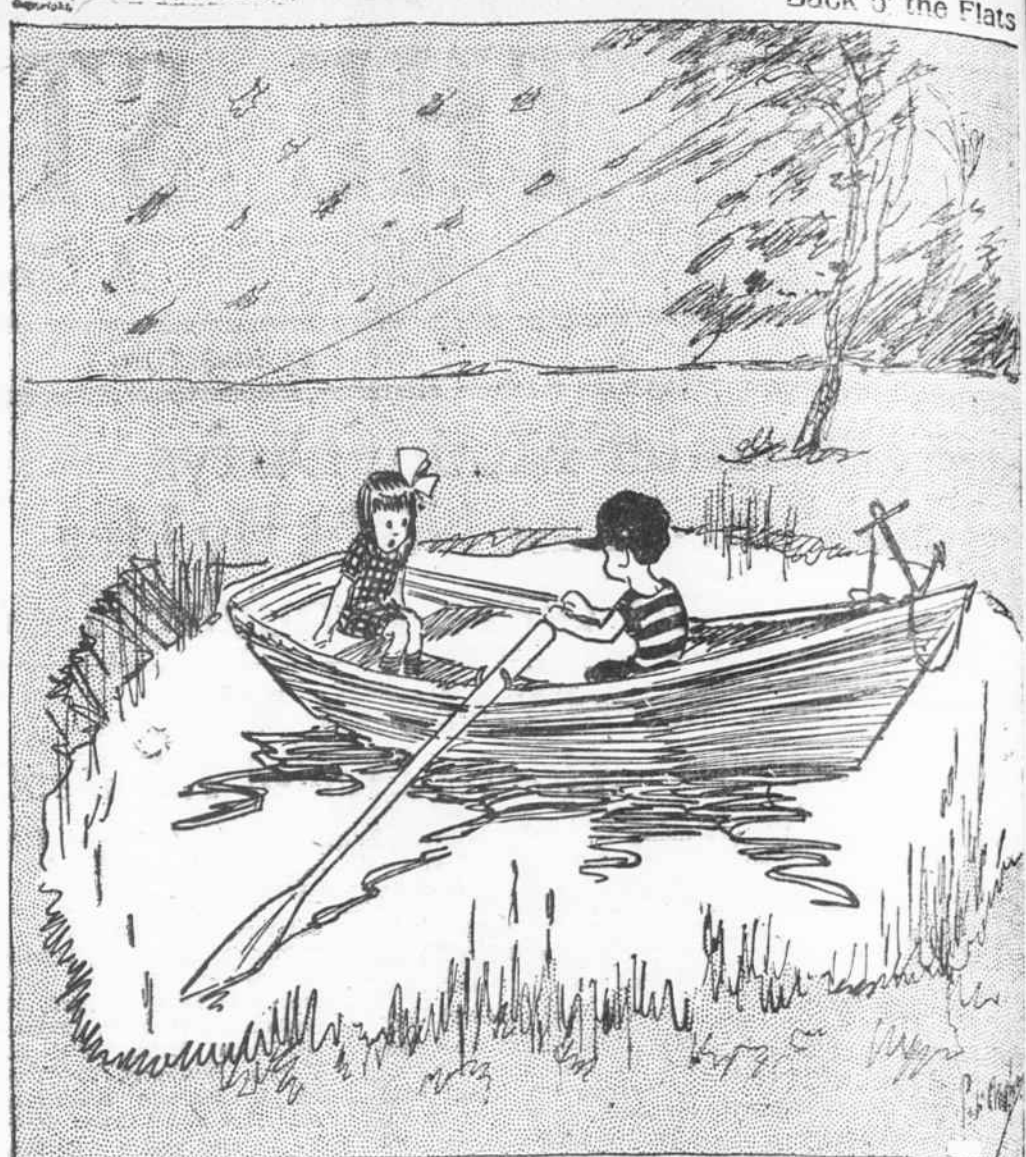
Mrs. Kate Mintz was in Wilmington Monday on business.

Miss Lena Mintz called on Mrs. Ernest Milligan Sunday.

Reverend Tompkins of Whiteville was visiting in this section during the week-end.

BY PERCY CROSSBY

Back o' the Flats



"Oh! Ya better keep near the shore, Joe. It's dangerous to be way out in the middle if a Squall comes up."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to our many friends for their kindness through the illness and death of our mother.

Leavy M. Babson 12-30-36

Corn club members of Pamlico County are reporting weighed

yields of from 19 to 53 bushels of corn an acre on their projects. The average yield is lower than usual due to the drought of late spring and summer.

Mrs. T. L. Renfro of Green Mountain, Yancey County, makes five trips a day to a spring located 100 yards from the house.

She figures that the gravity water system now being installed will save her 207.4 miles of travel a year.

Orders for 4,000 short leaf pines and 500 walnut seedlings have been placed by Cherokee county farmers for spring planting.



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