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Gosh, these sit-down strikes aren't anything new. The street-corner loafer invented them many years ago.

And at the same time, a man does not have to be especially supple to go on a bender.

Plasters, the real kind, are often necessary for those who attempt to drive while plastered.

One thing's easier to acquire than to get rid of, and that's surplus avordupois.

Calendar: When the Christmas tie begins to show egg and coffee stains on it, it's about January 15th.

Keep Abreast

At no time in the past have events destined to change the entire history of the world been crowded together so rapidly.

Intelligent people, if they wish to remain intelligent, must keep up with what goes on in the world about them.

The quickest way to get the latest news is, of course, by reading the daily papers. But for families who depend upon their home county weekly newspaper to bring them all their news we include the weekly column, "Little Bits Of Big News."

State Gas Terminal

It appears to us that the various public and civic bodies of Southport are passing up a good bet when they fail to ask for a hearing in the matter of selection of a site for the proposed \$100,000 state-owned gasoline terminal.

For one thing, there appears to be a misunderstanding locally as to the extent of the project. It is not proposed that the terminal be built merely with the idea of bringing in gasoline for consumption by state machinery; rather it is a plan for bringing about competition that will force downward the prices of gasoline in North Carolina.

The recommendations of a committee appointed to investigate the possibilities of this development has been made to the state legislature. Hearings will be held for the purpose of permitting the various port cities to present their invitation to have the terminal built in their locality.

Southport should be represented at this hearing.

Very Comprehensive

Congressman Clark's comprehensive explanation of the workings of the Social Security legislation in the last issue of this paper offered to the people of Brunswick county the most lucid information on the subject which yet has been available.

Much information which has been dispensed through unofficial sources on the subject has been misleading, and hundreds of hoodlums have been capitalizing on this subject by charging dimes and quarters for what they termed the correct information as to how to participate in the benefits of the legislation.

The people should not be easily beguiled. Proper information regarding the workings of the Social Security acts can be obtained without charge from the proper sources, and anyone charging anything for it can be readily put in the gyp class.

Because there has been so much misinformation spread abroad over the country with regard to this subject, the people of Brunswick County at large will do well to read and read again the explanation which Congressman Clark made in the last issue of this paper.

The Submarine

It has been a happy visit when the guest is reluctant to depart and the host is sorry to see him go.

And these were the sentiments expressed Saturday morning when the U. S. S. PERCH left Southport after a two-day visit. "My men do not want to leave here, everyone has been so kind to them," Lieutenant G. C. Crawford told Mayor John Erickson just before the boat sailed.

"We are sorry you and your men could not be here longer," the mayor told the visiting commander, "and we have thoroughly enjoyed having you."

Receptions in other cities honoring officers and members of the crew may be more elaborate, but none will be prompted by a more cordial feeling of hospitality. Fortunately, the officers and members of the crew were made to feel that, and they apparently welcomed a change from pomp and ceremony.

There is nothing elegant about a bird hunt—unless you happen to be a bird hunter. Then it has no equal as a pastime.

Four of the five officers aboard were sportsmen who knew the pleasure of seeing fine bird dogs at work, and they were delighted with the opportunity offered them to spend most of their time here hunting. The dinner served Friday evening at the CCC camp to members of the hunting parties and to other officers served as a clearing house for hunting stories.

Meantime, members of the crew were invited to a doubleheader basketball program that provided thrills galore for followers of that sport.

Citizens apparently outdid themselves in making the men feel just as much at home here as were the officers. The round of activities was provided a fitting climax Friday evening with a dance in the Community Center Building.

So much for the entertainment of the officers and members of the crew. It would be grossly unfair to fail to mention the courtesies extended by the men to every visitor aboard the boat. Although the visiting hours had been established as from 1:15 to 4 o'clock each afternoon, notable exception was made Friday at noon when provision was made to allow the school children from Southport to go aboard before many of them were to leave on the school truck.

"We can't disappoint the kids," said the ranking officer aboard, "bring them on." And if any evidence is needed to show the speed and efficiency with which visitors were handled, may it be noted that within the space of two hours and one-half Friday afternoon a total of 2,154 visitors went aboard and were shown over the submarine.

Southport citizens and thousands of visitors enjoyed the visit of the PERCH, and wish for her the best of luck during the remainder of her "shake-down" cruise.

Killing Unpopular

When the final figures are tabulated and released, it will probably be found that 1936 was the worst year in our history so far as automobile accidents were concerned.

More than 35,000 men, women and children were killed. Hundreds of thousands were injured. Property damage ran into the billions.

At least 90 per cent of this ghastly destruction can be ascribed to but one thing: the human element.

It is a telling commentary on our driving habits that the worst accidents commonly occur on good roads under favorable conditions of light and weather, and involve cars in excellent condition. The reason for this is simple enough. Drivers exaggerate the "safety factors" of roads and weather and cars. They take chances. They succumb to the lure of speed beyond any reasonable need.

They pass other cars on hills and curves, weave in and out of traffic and zoom around corners at a horrible cost in life, health and property.

Efforts to educate these drivers, to appeal to their senses of reason and fairness and courtesy, have failed practically 100 per cent. That being true, the next step is a massed public opinion that will strengthen traffic laws and traffic patrols, and strictly punish those guilty of driving errors that cause accidents.

If the reckless driver refuses to mend his ways, he must be forced to. And if, after a period of time, he has shown that fines and other punishments won't do the work, he must be deprived of the right to operate a car on public streets and highways.

It is estimated that 10 per cent of drivers are reckless, while 90 per cent are reasonably capable and cautious. Will that dangerous 10 per cent continue to be allowed to imperil all the rest of us and to make slaughter houses of our public roads?

Southport School News

It is Monday and all the school buses are in on time for a change.

Basketball A double-header basketball game between Southport and Leland was played in the gym on Thursday of last week. Leland won both games.

On Friday night the Bolivia girls played the Bladenboro girls in our gym, and the CCC boys played the local town team. The Bolivia girls won by a good score, and the CCC won by a large score over the town team. There was very good sportsmanship throughout the games.

Recess Friday morning at 11:10 school was dismissed upon request from Mayor John Erickson to give the rural children a chance to visit the submarine Perch.

Debate Monday afternoon a debate was given by the junior class in the auditorium. The query for debate was resolved that "The United States Should Increase its Defense Policy Including Compulsory Service in The Army and Navy." The negative side won.

Benefit Dance The junior class is sponsoring a dance Wednesday night at the Honky Tonk to raise money for the Junior-Senior banquet.

Present Play The Dramatics class is going to present a play called, "A Bird in a Cage," Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The story is about a girl from Tahiti, in the South Sea Islands, who married an American and came to live in America. Her husband dies and leaves her with his family. She is causing the family to lose all their friends. The family is about to turn her out with no place to go. Come see the play and see how she manages and how the play turns out.

Basketball Schedule On Wednesday evening at 8:00 Waccamaw will meet Southport at Southport in a double-header basketball contest.

Thursday evening at 7:30 Shallotte will also play Southport a double-header at Southport.

We have lost many good pupils at the close of the year, yet we are gaining many in return.

Miss Eleese Autrey, who has been a junior stenographer to the principal in his office, has accepted work in Wilmington.

Miss Louise Marks made a call on NYA business on Tuesday of this week.

Students were entertained by a group of young pianists Monday morning in chapel.

The measurements have been made and order for materials for the showers is being prepared, thanks to our boosters.

Waccamaw School News

(BY EDNA MINTZ) P.-T. A. Meets

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Waccamaw High School will meet again on Thursday night, January 21, at the Waccamaw school building. At each meeting the class who has the largest number of parents present, is presented a story book by the P.-T. A.

The Waccamaw Parent-Teachers Association holds its meetings every third Thursday in each month.

A mimeograph machine and a portable microscope has been purchased for the school by the P.-T. A.

Married Miss Gertrude Simmons, a student of the Junior class here, and Wily Willoughby, of Hallsboro, ventured out on the sea of matrimony during the Christmas holidays. We wish for them a long and happy sailing.

Visit Boat The faculty and a number of pupils of this school visited the U. S. S. Perch, new submarine, on its shake-down cruise at Southport.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morgan spent the week-end in Red Springs with relatives.

The photographer came to our school Thursday, January 13, and made pictures of many of the teachers and pupils.

Commissioners In Special Session

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners will meet Friday afternoon in a special session.

"Could you pay for an operation if I thought one was necessary?"

"Doctor, would you find one necessary, if I could pay for it?"

London drivers and chauffeurs enliven many occasions by their wit and sarcasm. One London driver drew up when he saw a pedestrian directly in his way, leaned over and very politely inquired:

"I say, sir, may I ask you what are your plans?"

Shalotte School News

(BY ANNIE INMAN) Chapel Program

The students were entertained Wednesday by a chapel program from Mrs. Katie White's first grade. The following contributed to the program:

Bible reading: Ramona Huggins; Morning prayer: The Class; recitation: "Wishes," Byrnia Hewett; recitation: "At Our School," Betty Lou Leonard; song: "Gay Little Eskimo," class; recitation: "Mother's Man," Clyde Bellamy; recitations: "My Friends," Ramona Huggins, Byrnia Hewett, Emie Mae Chadwick, Evelyn Stanley and Davis Gore. Song: "Good Morning Merry Sunshine," class; a play: "Jennie's Call," Betty Lou Leonard and Ethel Green; recitation: "My Pony," Kenneth White; recitation: "Little Tiny Tot," Billy Kate Leonard; song: "The Shoemaker," class; string music: Earl Milligan, Fred Brown and Jessie Mae Russ, from the 7th grade.

Dog Show Mr. and Mrs. James Murray delightfully entertained the pupils with a dog show Thursday afternoon. They had eight pomeranian dogs. "Dusty," a little black dog and "Cookie," an orange one, did the Joe Lewis and Max Baer fight. Two of the dogs dressed up imitated a little school girl and boy going to school. The manager also told how to train dogs.

Shock It was a shock to the many class mates to learn of the death of Newman Hewett, which happened last Sunday night in a car wreck on the Shallotte-Waccamaw road. There were two other boys in the car but Newman was the only one to get fatal injuries.

Newman was a member of the Junior class and was liked by all those who knew him, and he will be missed by all.

Shower Mrs. H. C. Stone and Miss Annie Russ gave Miss Edna Wilson a shower Wednesday night. All the school faculty was invited.

Miss Edna Wilson, math teacher, and Bailey Russ were married Thursday. Mrs. Ernest Parker is substituting in her place while she is away.

New Course A new course is being offered in our school this term. It is a Senior elective subject, dramatics, taught by Miss Elizabeth Taylor. Those who are in the class are as follows: Virginia Bishop, Wilbur Brown, Madeline Floyd, Carnelia Holden, John Herbert Holden, Jr., Annie Inman, Hubert Leonard, Sheila Lewis, Madeline Piggott, Sherman Register, Deila Gae Robinson, Dewey Sellers and Erma Williams.

Visit Submarine Many of the high school pupils visited the United States Submarine Perch, Friday.

Bald Head Island

How Named Where did the island get this name? Many would like to know. Since it is Smith's Island on all maps, people know "Bald Head" is local and would like for some one who knows to enlighten them through The Pilot.

Life On Island When Bald Head is mentioned among people who are not familiar with life on the island, they seem quite interested. Perhaps there are readers of The Pilot who might enjoy knowing more of this little community.

The Cape Fear Light is located on the east end of the island. Nearby on the beach facing south are three government-owned residences, where the light keepers live. These are so near the point of Cape Fear that the wind sweeps across with force.

Two miles down the beach is Cape Fear Coast Guard Station, consisting of the following buildings: The boat house, near the ocean edge, station, kitchen, and barn about 400 yards back from the ocean. These are all government buildings. In the station on the first floor are the recreation room, the office, and officers quarters, on the second floor the crews sleeping quarters and on the third four spare beds for emergencies. Men from stranded vessels are cared for at no cost to them. On top of the building is the look-out tower. Clustered around the station buildings are fine, small, privately owned cottages occupied by the men who have their families with them.

Transfer B. B. Odin expects to be transferred to Oak Island in the near future. His family left Monday to locate in Southport. Friends will miss them, especially the little son, Billie, from school. The first grade male quartet, of which he was a member, will now be only a trio.

Transfer Friends are sorry, too, that Harvey Salter left Monday. He was transferred to Portsmouth, where he will be nearer his family. Mr. Quidley was sent here to take his place and expects his wife and little son to join him here to make their home in about a week.

Returns Mrs. L. R. Munn expects to return to her home at Cape Fear Light this week, after spending

Back O the Flats

By PERCY CROSBY



"Joseph, please, in a nice way I ask you — lay off'n that drum! Doyawant to WAKE him up?"

some days in Southport under a physician's care.

Operation Mrs. Wesley Varnum is recovering from an appendix operation at the Brunswick County Hospital and expects to return home next week.

Mrs. Dan Sadler and daughter, Patsy, returned Monday from a visit to her parents at Harkers Island.

It is necessary to report one case of whooping cough on the

island. Next time probably we will tell you what kind of house keepers men are. It may be a surprise. We are saving some items about the light, also.

Marriage Licenses Granted 2 Couples

Two couples obtained their marriage licenses during the past

week from the office of Register of Deeds R. I. Mintz. The contracting couples were Miss Edna Wilson, of Little River, S. C., to L. B. Russ, Shallotte; Miss Lum Price, Freeland, to Clarence Smith, Ash.

A grocer advertised apples and nuts for sale. He put up the sign: "Shop Early! The Early Bird Gets the Worm."

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