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When you step over political boundaries you usually find yourself in the back yard of prejudice.

If gossip were based upon our virtues instead of our weaknesses it would be a blessing instead of a curse.

Some of us might do well to try to live up to what our dog thinks of us.

Yesterday the groundhog saw his shadow; today we had the first ice in six weeks.

The conceited fellow usually loves himself enough to make up for those friendships he loses through conceit.

Opportunity knocks but once. Well, he certainly hasn't ever been disguised as the magazine salesman then.

Personal Interest

"See that little piece of land," a Brunswick county farmer asked us the other day. "Well, I sold more than two hundred dollars worth of truck crops off that last year. I have it planted now with a special mixture of winter cover crop—the best I could buy. If that two acres would put out for me like that, I'm surely going to pay it back."

Now that is what we call good farming. This man has seen evidence of the value of good land, and he is keeping its fertility built up. He made his obligation to that strip of ground sound like a personal obligation to a friend.

Noble Response

We are mighty proud of the spontaneous, splendid response of Brunswick county citizens last week to the call for aid for flood victims. The willing co-operation of Red Cross workers under the leadership of Chairman J. Berg, made the task of collecting money and clothing comparatively easy.

Without the help from citizens throughout the United States it is hard to imagine just how bad the flood situation might have been, or the suffering which might have resulted. As it was, things were bad enough; but once more it was clearly demonstrated that American citizens can and will rise to meet an emergency.

Our civilization has made rapid strides, and occasionally we are want to wonder if there really are any new fields for us to conquer. Then along comes nature with a show of power that dwarfs the combined efforts of man. No, we still have not been able to devise a scheme for controlling natural calamities. That being true, we can be thankful for our nation-wide feeling of neighborliness which calls us to the aid of fellow citizens in time of trouble.

Road Hearing

Brunswick county citizens will welcome the news that three members of the North Carolina State Highway Commission will be in Southport Friday for the purpose of conducting a hearing in the Southport-Whiteville highway matter.

A disagreement over the proposed route of the highway through Shallotte has necessitated the hearing. A map posted several months ago in the Brunswick county courthouse showed the road making a new intersection with U. S. highway Number 17 at Clemmon's filling station, about a quarter of a mile on the Wilmington side of the main business district of Shallotte. Many citizens of that community felt that a junction at that point will leave Shallotte off the main thoroughfare, and asked that the intersection be made in the business district, or across the bridge near the school.

Citizens will be here Friday to argue their case. Members of the highway commission will give their reasons for the proposed change. We hope that there will be no drawn-out discussion, and that the path for an early beginning on the project may be cleared once and for all.

Celebration Plans

During the past three weeks there has been much talk of a proposed state-wide historical celebration. Governor Clyde R. Hoey has been one of the leading proponents of the cause.

There has been a suggestion that the scene of the celebration be split—that there be one-half in Western North Carolina and the other half in Eastern North Carolina. We should like to put in our bid right now to have the Eastern location in Brunswick county. There could be no more suitable place to commemorate the history of our state than the first seat of colonial government. That is in Brunswick county, on the banks of the Cape Fear River. In addition, this section has countless other places of historical interest.

Those in charge of selecting a suitable place for the celebration can ill afford to overlook the attraction of the lower Cape Fear area.

Good Stock

Sometime ago we were asking a county agent in one of the Western North Carolina counties about the prospect of buying registered cattle in his section.

"I don't know where there are any pure breeds for sale here," he said, "but there is a community where you can buy some of the best grades to be found anywhere in the state. There was a man down here about fifteen years ago that had one of the finest registered Jersey bulls I ever heard of. All of his heifers were fine cows, and there are still strong traces of his breeding in that community."

In a nearby county we know of a community where every family cow is far above the average. Tracing back to the cause, we found that one of the farmers in that section purchased a pure bred Jersey sire from the state test farm several years ago, and most of the cows in use around there now are from his stock. We need no stronger evidence to show us that it pays to keep pure bred live stock, and it is a firm conviction with us that Brunswick county farmers can improve their profits wonderfully by using better cattle and hogs.

Safety For The Child

Kinston Daily Free Press.

We approve the bill in the Legislature prescribing that only persons 25 years of age or older drive school buses in North Carolina. The argument has been advanced that older drivers cannot be obtained because salaries are so low. If that is the case, the salary scale should be raised. The safety of the child is the important thing.

Real News, If—

Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

A Virginia child is reported in the newspapers as boasting of four great-grandmothers. It would be real news, though, if it was a man bragging about one mother-in-law.

Don't Be A Sucker

Now as never before, with boom times predicted "just around the corner," it is essential that the small investor and the public fully appreciate dangers of blind speculation. Lessons of the late twenties must not be forgotten. An orgy of speculation and artificial prosperity is inevitably followed by a period of deflation and severe depression. Everyone suffers, particularly the average individual with limited resources.

It is easy to blame Wall Street and big business for depressions, yet Wall Street and the stock exchanges simply serve as a market place for the people's securities. Without them the wheels of industry would soon be motionless for lack of trading places for securities.

Depressions cannot be legislated out of existence. The public as a whole and individually must heed the lessons of the past if severe future depressions are to be avoided. True, certain fact-finding and regulatory legislation has been of great benefit to the investing public. But as President Gay, of the New York Stock Exchange, recently pointed out, there are no laws to prevent buyers from speculating on a hit or miss basis, if they wish to, in the face of expert warnings against it.

During a period when nearly all thought has been turned toward attaining complete economic security through Washington, it must not be forgotten that in the last analysis it is the initiative and common sense of the individual upon which the welfare of the nation finally depends. This is as it should be in a true Democracy.

Shalotte School News

(By Nicholas Mintz) Help Flood Victims Due to the floods of the Ohio Valley, the school has contributed to the Red Cross for the flood sufferers. The contributions made were as follows: Primary grades, \$6.13; grammar grades, \$4.18; eighth grade \$4.70; ninth grade, \$5.30; tenth grade \$3.70, making a total of \$28.71 for the whole school.

With two of our buses out of order, the bad weather has come to us at an inconvenient time. The two loads get home late in the evenings and to school in the morning, which causes a great hardship on the part of the students. Many are falling the years work on account of not being able to attend 1st and 2nd period classes.

Postponed The basketball game which was scheduled for Thursday night, January 28, between Shallotte and Waccamaw high school was postponed until a later date on account of the bad roads, due to rainy weather, but it is hoped the game will be played sometime in the near future. The bad weather has also stopped the boys and girls from practicing basketball.

Hog Meeting The hog meeting which was held at the Shallotte school auditorium Thursday night by Bob Taylor, from Raleigh, was of much interest to the people. He told how to prevent hogs from getting worms and other diseases. He also told how to seed, house and take care of hogs in a sanitary and safe way. After his speech he showed a moving picture of how hogs were correctly and incorrectly kept and also six different kinds of worms and how the hogs got them.

Glee Club The high school glee club was organized Thursday by Mrs. Katie White, Miss Susie Kate Swain, Miss Esther Riddle and Marion H. Gatlin. There were thirty-five girls and sixteen boys who joined. They are beginning work on the commencement music.

Southport School News

For Showers The materials for the new showers have been ordered, at least the city has taken the order and has agreed to get it for the school.

Schoolmasters The schoolmasters were the guests of H. D. Epting of Bolivia, Monday evening at 6:30. They were entertained at the Robinson home in Southport.

Paint Lines Mr. Winget, Mr. Wonsavage, together with a band of ball boys met last Saturday morning and repainted the lines in the gym.

Play Here The game scheduled at Waccamaw, Bolivia vs. Shallotte, will be played in our gym, February 9th. We are always glad to welcome our neighbors to our town.

Replacement Miss Sarah Creech has been assigned to the NYA work in the principal's office, succeeding Miss Elsie Autrey, who has accepted work in Wilmington.

Teachers Meet Some of our teachers attended the meeting at Wilmington Saturday.

P. T. A. Meet The rain was so heavy last Thursday evening that the meeting of the P. T. A. was postponed until Thursday, February 4. Mr. Roland, superintendent of schools, Wilmington, agreed to come back and speak to us. The program is mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

Plan Visit We were glad to have Mr. Sentelle with us over the past weekend. Mr. Sentelle has invited us to visit him in Raleigh. The senior class is planning to accept the invitation at a later date.

Uninterrupted We are happy to know that so far we have not had any cause to close school as some other schools of the State.

Repeat Play The dramatics class has been asked to repeat their play for the benefit of the Methodist church. The circle ladies of the church will be responsible for all advertising and outside work. The class is glad to do this. Church people and school folks cannot help each other too much. So be sure to see "A Bird In A Cage" sometime soon.

He returned from the city and rather ashamedly confessed to his wife that he feared he was becoming absent-minded.

"Why do you think that?" she inquired sympathetically. "Well, my dear, I bought a delightful bunch of grapes for you. "And you left them in the train?" "No, my love; on the way I ate them."

Waccamaw School News

(By Edna Mintz) Shrubbery Mrs. J. E. Dodson, Mrs. Travis Browning, Evelyn Bennette, Mrs. Walter Jenrette and Mrs. A. J. Walton met here Monday for the purpose of trimming and setting out shrubbery. Some of the high school students assisted them.

Red Cross Call This being the first call from the Red Cross, the teachers and grades have contributed the following:

Mr. Ray, 10th and 11th grade teacher, \$4.30. Mr. Leeks, 8th and 9th grade teacher, \$1.15. Mr. Morgan, 7th grade teacher, \$2.60. Miss Allison, 6th grade teacher, 44c and 7 quarts. Miss Lennon, 6th grade teacher, 95c and 1 quart. Miss Jackson, 5th grade teacher, \$6.20. Miss Kinsey, 5th grade teacher, 80c. Miss Fields, 4th grade teacher, \$1.25 and 1 quart.

Miss Biggers, 4th grade teacher, \$1.20. Miss Rawls, 3rd grade teacher, \$1.45. Miss Taylor, 3rd grade teacher, \$1.20. Mrs. Wagstaff, 2nd grade teacher, \$1.00. Mrs. Morgan, 2nd grade teacher, \$1.45 and 3 pints. Miss Norment, 1st grade teacher, \$3.28 and 1 quart. Mrs. Ray, 1st grade teacher, \$3.60 and 5 quarts. Mrs. Forny Duval, 1st grade teacher, \$1.15.

The total was \$32.02 and 16 quarts and 1 pint of canned food. Makes Talk Mr. Taylor, a swine specialist from State College, known by several club members as "Pap," made a very interesting talk here yesterday to the 4-H club members. His topic was "The Swine Sanitation System."

Postponed Due to bad weather, the scheduled game between Shallotte and Waccamaw wasn't played Thursday night. The game will be played next week.

The high school students having finished the first semesters work in English, have begun work in literature and life. Z. G. Ray reported a very interesting trip to Shelby.

Bald Head News

Questions Since the information we asked about the name of Bald Head Island was given so promptly and in such an interesting way in the Pilot, we make bold to ask that someone tell us about the remains of an old fort here. It was located at the mouth of the Cape Fear on the bank opposite Fort Caswell. Cedars eighteen to twenty inches in diameter are found growing on the old breastworks. Many blocks of granite and old bricks may be seen. These and other indications of a fort arouse our interest and curiosity.

Homekeepers You were promised something about the kind of housekeeping men do. Let us visit the Cape Fear Coast Guard Station. The house is cleaned thoroughly twice every week. It is swept, dusted, and polished every day. The brass clock and locks are always shining. Everything is spotless at all times. They have "a place for everything and everything in its place." Believe it or not, all this is done solely by men. We can but wonder if they would be, or are, such good housekeepers in their own homes, ask friend wife.

Returns Mrs. Wesley Varnum has returned from the Brunswick County Hospital and is recovering nicely. Mrs. Dan Sadler and Patsy have gone to be with Mrs. Sadler's parents at Harkers Island, while Mr. Sadler is absent in the flood area.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore and little son returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Pink Hill. Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Munn and Morton left Friday for a visit to relatives at Charleston, S. C. Mr. Munn expects to spend a few days undergoing treatment at Brunswick County Hospital before returning to the island.

Move Here Mrs. J. Quidley and little son arrived last Monday to make their home on the island. They seem to like their new home and we are delighted to have them for neighbors. Mr. Quidley was transferred to this station from a New Jersey station some weeks ago.

Back On Job Capt. Dan Willis returned last Monday from a leave of sixty days. He spent the past week-end with his family in Southport.

Shalotte News

Mrs. Mabel Andrews and small daughter, Janet, of Pennsylvania, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rourk.

Mrs. Lillian Oliver and Miss Gladys Frye were Wilmington visitors Saturday. Cecil Tripp, of Savannah, Ga., spent the week-end at his home here. G. T. Rourk and D. T. Long



made a business trip to Bolivia Friday. Mrs. H. L. Stanley was a Wilmington visitor Friday. Lumber has been purchased for the purpose of constructing a bellfry for the Methodist church here. The work will begin as soon as the weather permits. Members of the Sunday School have also raised money to buy shrubbery for the church ground. The many friends of Mrs. Alvin Milliken, who has been confined to her bed for the past week, are wishing for her a speedy recovery. Subscribe to The State Port Pilot \$1.50 a year. Schoolmaster: "Now, Willie, if the earth's axis is an imaginary line, can you hang your clothes on it?" Willie: "Yes, sir." Schoolmaster: "Ho, ha—That's good. And what sort of clothes, Willie?" Willie: "Imaginary clothes, sir."

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