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Don't knock until you are sure that you have done your part to improve the thing you are knocking.

Folks that talk about somebody else to you will talk about you to somebody else.

It's too bad that ambition usually gives out about the time that experience is able to help it along.

A successful man is one who runs his own business instead of trying to run everybody else's.

Anything that whiskey will help could be helped better by something else.

Our forefathers thought it was their duty to support the government. Their descendants apparently believe that the government should support them.

Agitation Spreads

Our agencies are becoming interested in the project started several weeks ago by W. B. Keziah, executive secretary of the Southport Civic Club, to obtain a yacht basin here "for the protection of waterway, river and coastal shipping."

In the current issue of the bulletin of the "Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association" stamp of approval is placed upon the project by that publication's editor, who adds that "one of the reasons for the inadequacy of some of our waterways and ports may be due in part to the fact that yachtsmen heretofore have given little support to public-spirited efforts to secure improvements."

This is one time that the yachtsmen are helping to secure an improvement, for Mr. Keziah has seen to it that each caller in the local harbor has heard about the yacht basin. Moreover, he has enlisted the support of various boating organizations whose members might be interested in this project.

For these reasons it seems not at all improbable that in the near future there may be some favorable action on the dredging of a yacht basin at Southport.

Cash Crops

Too many people in Brunswick county think of timber in terms of the past tense instead of protecting timber stands and planning for the future. When they ride by burned-over tracts of land that have had the marketable timber cut they are want to recall with envy the big money that former owners were paid for timber rights, but this does not suggest to them that the lumber business has a future as well as a past.

There are thousands of acres of land in Brunswick county which will grow fine long-leaf pines and is little good for anything else. It is a shame that our citizens do not have enough foresight to go into the timber growing business seriously.

Two weeks ago in The State Port Pilot we printed a table prepared by Extension Forester E. W. Graeber which revealed that it is reasonable to expect a net profit of \$2,136.00 from only 10 acres of pine trees. True, the period covered by the project was forty-five years, but the project is impressive in spite of the time factor.

The analysis showed how an original investment of \$300.00 for land, plus \$60 for planting cost \$3.00 per year for taxes, and \$6.00 per year for protection, or supervision, will total \$765.00 over a 45-year period. The gross assets will be \$2,901.00.

There is a fine business waiting in Brunswick county for men with vision which extends as far away as 45 years.

National Barbecue

During 1936, close to \$35,000,000 more property was destroyed by fire than in 1935. The year's loss is estimated by the National Board of Fire Underwriters at more than \$293,000,000, as compared with \$259,000,000 in the preceding twelve months.

The increase can be partly accounted for by a rise in property values. But the fact that ignorance and carelessness cause an annual waste approaching \$300,000,000 should make every citizen stop and think.

The majority of fires are unnecessary. They could have been prevented had someone exercised proper forethought and care. They resulted from human failure.

We take useless chances with fire—all kinds of chances and the inevitable always occurs—a deadly spark, and our lives or property join the endless roster of fire's toll.

Fire can be prevented. Is fire prevention—which means prevention of roasting thousands of men, women and children yearly and waste of property totaling hundreds of millions—worth the little time, effort and thought required to accomplish it?

George W. Kirby

News of the sudden death Monday morning of Mr. George W. Kirby came as a shock to citizens of this section, for in his death Brunswick county mourns the passing of one of her most prominent citizens.

A man of sound judgment and unquestioned integrity, Mr. Kirby built one of the best mercantile businesses in Brunswick county. For several years he served as a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and as a member of that body made a record to which his friends may well point with pride.

Death has removed this man, but the good influence that he had upon his fellow citizens is imperishable.

The City Streets

Something should be done about the condition of the streets of the residential section of Southport. The weather during the past few weeks has been bad on this kind of work, we know, but there are conditions that have been growing steadily worse for several months. It would require no major project to haul dirt or gravel and fill up holes in several of the town's principal thoroughfares.

The impression that present conditions give a visitor is anything but desirable. Nobody wants to live in a town where the streets are filled with mud and water several days after a rain. Only last week there was a stranger here looking for a permanent home. He frankly stated that he had no desire to live in a town with streets like those in Southport.

Something should be done as soon as possible to improve these conditions.

Drunken Drivers

Here is an excellent thought from the Port Umpqua, Oregon, Courier: "If the Courier man were a judge in courts dispensing sentence upon drunken auto drivers, there would only be first offenders. Regardless of race, color, creed or alleviating circumstances, the person who has so little consideration for the lives of innocent people as to drink intoxicants before or after placing himself behind the steering wheel of an automobile should never be allowed to repeat the performance. Revocation of licenses would be fatal and final. Driving a car is a privilege—not a right."

It is impossible to prove exactly what percentage of automobile accidents are caused by drunken driving, for the reason that in many cases where liquor plays a part, arresting officers and prosecutors are unable afterwards to produce sufficient evidence for a conviction. But all the best estimates say that alcohol is the definitive factor in a much higher proportion of mishaps than is generally realized. Furthermore, an accident in which a drunk is involved is more likely to be serious than one involving sober drivers.

Drunken drivers are often released after paying relatively small fines. Some injuries are notoriously derelict in their duty in bringing in convictions.

The drunken driver should never be allowed to pay a fine and he should be denied the right to use the public streets and highways. If such a program were carried out throughout the country, one of the gravest menaces to life would be greatly minimized.

Then there's the Scotchman who deliberately caught the pneumonia because somebody gave him some medicine.

Disaster makes brothers of us all. But as for that, so will a good stiff drink of hooch.

Bridge is a game enjoyed by a few, played by some, and murdered by many people.

When you begin cussing the teacher, stop to consider how successful you are with your one child.

The Legislature is like the brook. Men may come, and men may go, but it goes on until June or July.

Shalotte School News

(By Madelyne Pigott)
Holiday

All the students met at school Monday morning as usual, but due to the heating system needing some repair, there was no school. We all returned Tuesday, cheerful, and glad to get back to our school work again.

Gift
The librarian, faculty and students wish to thank Dr. Henderson Rourke for his liberal donation to the high school library. We all appreciate the gift and feel it has been the means of continuing the service of the library to the students. We would appreciate any other donation to the library also.

Basketball Uniforms
The basketball boys too, wish to express their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Rourke for the suits he gave them. The suits are made of purple and silver wool flannel. The trunks are purple with a gold stripe down the sides, and the shirts are silver. Across the front of the shirts, Shalotte is written with purple letters.

Win And Lose
The Shalotte boys and girls met the Leland teams on the Southport court Wednesday night. The Shalotte girls defeated the Leland girls by the score of 23 to 19. The Shalotte boys put up a good fight but were overcome by the score of 25 to 11 in the last half of the game.

Honored
The main attraction on the bulletin board here is the picture of the graduates of 1936, who are remembered for donating to the school the two brick columns at the left entrance of the grounds.

Beside this picture is a certificate of beautification which was awarded the school for making the most improvement in the beautification of the school grounds in 1936.

Corn Is Leading Crop In Carolina

Although Most Folks Think Of Cotton Or Tobacco As Leading Crop, Corn Is Produced In Large Quantities Over State

North Carolinians are inclined to think of cotton and tobacco as the most important crops in this state. Instead, corn is king. It is also the leading crop for the United States.

While it is true that cotton and tobacco have a greater cash value than corn, from a statewide and economic standpoint corn stands out high. For instance, over 37 per cent of the state's total crop land is turned over to corn, although in total value it occupies only 15 per cent. For the United States as a whole, corn occupies practically 30 per cent of the total acreage and 25 per cent of the total value of all crops in the nation.

Among all the states of the Union, North Carolina ranks sixteenth in corn acreage and fourteenth in corn value for the 1936 crop. Those familiar with statewide conditions realize that corn has grown to an important extent in every county of the state. Tobacco is grown to an appreciable extent in only about half the counties and cotton in less than two-thirds. Corn, on the other hand, is depended upon by the farmers for both seed, food and other roughage purposes. It is often used somewhat as a mother crop for legumes like cowpeas and soy beans. While less than 5 per cent of the crop is sold, each farmer grows enough for his own home needs, including his livestock requirements.

The Agricultural Statistician for the State, together with the head of the Vocational Educational work of North Carolina, checked the famed Charlie Parker yield of two hundred and twenty-five bushels of corn in Hertford county in 1911. He was officially credited with one hundred and ninety-two bushels of shelled dry corn. Mr. L. I. Harrell, present head of the Club work of North Carolina, reports that a club boy grew more than one hundred and thirty bushels to an acre in Clay County last year, 1936. From these instances, it is quite clear that North Carolina can produce heavy yields of corn. The soils on which these high yields were made are not materially different from others in their neighborhood where very low yields are made, say about twenty bushels per acre.

Tourist: "This seems to be a very dangerous precipice. It's a wonder they don't put up a warning sign."

Native: "Yes, it is dangerous, but they kept a warning sign up for two years and no one fell over, so it was taken down."

Mr. Scribber: "How much board will you charge me for a few weeks while I gather material for my new country novel?"

Hi Cornsilk: "Five dollars a week unless we have to talk dialect—that will be \$3.00 extra."

Waccamaw School News

(Edna Mintz)
Winter Comes

It seems as though we are about to have winter at last. With plenty of muddy roads to travel over to school, it has been rather a difficult matter for the buses to arrive on time recently. However, they made their trips.

Quiz Time
Since this is the end of the fifth month, the teachers and pupils are very busy with quizzes.

Attends Meeting
Principal E. M. Crawford attended the principals meeting at Southport Monday night.

Funerals
Rev. Z. G. Ray was called away Monday afternoon to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. Fannie Coleman. The following day he had another call to conduct the funeral services of Mrs. J. W. Dutton.

Photos
The pictures have arrived and the students are well pleased with them.

Postponed
Southport was scheduled to play Waccamaw last night but due to bad roads they did not come.

To Give Play
The juniors are planning to give their play Friday night, February 12, at 7:30. Title of this play is "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost." The cast:

Aunt Samantha Simpkins, Lucille King.
Serena Simpkins, Dorothy Simmons; Sophie Simpkins, Nell Walton; Polly Paine, Myrtha Phelps; Annie Ambrose, Cleo Stanland; Blanche Bowers, Veau-nun Duncan; Lucien Littlefield, Loyd McKeithan; Blair Boswell, L. C. Stewart; Frank Fairfield, Addison Jenrette; Lawrence Lovewell, Lora Smith; Buddy Baskins, Odell Williamson.

This is to be a very funny play. Aunt Samantha, a man-hating old maid owns a chicken farm. She frightens all the young men away from her charming niece, Serena and Sophie, who live with her. Serena is gradually becoming like her aunt, but Sophie rebels and starts something. She writes love messages on some of the eggs and signs them "Miss Simpkins." Polly, the hired girl, buys some love powders from a fortune teller, to whom she has confided that Buddy, the grocer boy, does not return her affections. She puts the powders in lemonade which she intends to offer to Buddy, but Samantha and Lucien partake of the lemonade first. Then the hilarity starts, for the powders really work. Serena, too, imbibes and is a changed person. The climax of the fun is reached when Samantha's too man-hating spinster friends drink some of the lemonade. They try to take Lucien away from Samantha. In the midst of this hilarity, Lawrence Lovewell, who has received one of the message bearing eggs, arrives to claim Samantha as his soul mate. This play will furnish plenty of wholesome laughter. So we hope many of you will come.

The play is for the purpose of raising money for the Junior-Senior banquet.

Game Preserve To Be In Bladen

Thirty Thousand Acre Tract Set Aside For Wildlife Improvement And Plans For Project Approved

Plans for wild life improvement on the 30,000-acre Jones-Salters Lake Land Utilization Project, being developed near Elizabethtown by the Resettlement Administration, were outlined this week by Lewis Dorsett, the Project Manager whose office is located here.

Plans have been approved in Raleigh and Washington and money set up, Mr. Dorsett said, to establish two game sanctuaries, one of 5,000 acres and another of 10,000 acres, located in different sections of the project area.

These areas are being set apart as refuges where game may breed unmolested. Fences are under construction surrounding the sanctuaries and no hunting will be allowed on these lands over a period of time. In order to provide food for the game, the natural foods will be supplemented with small patches distributed throughout the areas which will be planted to food-bearing plants and shrubs. Steps will be taken to control predatory animal life and the refuge areas will be patrolled systematically.

"This program of Game Protection will be of great benefit to this section which is already widely recognized for its excellent hunting facilities," Mr. Dorsett said. The game will multiply, spread out and stock adjoining lands, thereby giving new life to the areas constantly hunted over.

Game protection is only one feature of the land use program being carried out by the Resettlement Administration on the Jones-Salters Project, and on other similar projects, to show how land unsuited to successful

Pictures the Weekly Movies Never Got.

By PERCY CROSBY



farming may be devoted to more suitable uses for public benefit. Forest improvement and recreational development also play a big part in the program.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

January 23, 1937.

Editor, State Port Pilot:—
For some time we have been getting a great deal of complaint concerning the alleged condition of school buses in Brunswick county.

A State Highway Patrolman stated that as a general rule the machines were in a very unsafe condition and we understand that in several instances the Patrolmen have warned drivers to keep their machines off the roads or they would be arrested.

An instance has been cited wherein a bus loaded with children and allegedly without brakes was brought up by the driver just on the edge of a creek.

Other drivers have, allegedly, been unable to bring in their loads of children on time or to get them to their homes on account of the condition their machines were in.

After talking with several members of our advisory board last Saturday, I wrote Mr. Lloyd Griffin of the Transportation Department of the State Department of Education, advising him

of the conditions that existed in Brunswick county and urging that these conditions be corrected at once.

Believing that it is a crime to risk the lives, bodies or limbs of innocent children in such conveyances as are known to be used in many cases in Brunswick county, we appeal for outspoken public sentiment on the part of friends and parents of the Brunswick county school children. Mr. Griffin and the State Department of Education should be advised of how things are and correction of these things should be demanded.

Yours very truly,
SOUTHPORT CIVIC CLUB,
By W. B. Keziah, Executive Sec.
Howard Sellers of Winter Park, Wilmington, was a visitor in town Sunday.

NAMES in the NEWS

One of the first things a cub reporter learns is that names make news. There are two kinds of names which make news. Names of people. And names of things—products and services—things which touch you more closely than the thunderings of a Senator or the escapades of a Prince.

Look through the advertisements in this newspaper and you'll see names you've known most of your life. Dependable names—names that stand for value—announcing improvements in quality, improvements in service, new and better ways to perform old household tasks, ways to save money and raise your standard of living.

Follow the news those names are making, day after day. Read the advertisements regularly, and use them as millions of other people are doing to keep up-to-date in the world of goods and services; to save time, effort and trouble in shopping; to help budget your expenditures and get the most for your money.

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