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It takes a smart shad to lay her eggs.

Teachers and students are beginning to make plans for commencement.

We hope it will be a long time before the new cemetery will be very thickly populated, but citizens can help along the project of beautification by purchasing lots right away.

Write a couple of cards this week to out-of-town friends and invite them to come to see the flowers in bloom in Franklin Square. It is the show place of Southport.

Another Step

Just another step toward permanent discontinuation of the U. S. Quarantine station at Southport is the announced "experiment" to have officials board foreign ships in Wilmington, after they are in port.

Maybe we have had the wrong slant on this quarantine question all the time, but we had the idea that the service was being maintained by the government for the purpose of keeping out all disease and infestation. Maybe it is all right to wait until a boat is in the Wilmington harbor to learn whether or not there is disease aboard.

Good Farming

There are a few noteworthy exceptions to the general belief that no farming of any importance is conducted in this section of Brunswick county.

Thursday morning we rode with Mayor John Ericksen and Alderman H. W. Hood out the river road to the old Lehigh farm, which is now owned by ex-Sheriff and Mrs. London Lewis. Battery Lamb, protector during the Civil War of the salt works opposite New Inlet, is located on this property.

The sheriff is erecting a feed and stock barn that is almost as large as an airplane hanger, so the topic of conversation was immediately switched over to matters of farming. It didn't take long to discover that this was the thing the former county official is most interested in.

"We own around a thousand acres in this place," he told us, "and around a hundred and fifty acres of that is under cultivation. All my land is broke, and most of it is planted."

Included in this planting was a twenty-acre field of snap beans, several acres of early corn and other truck crops.

"Come on over here," he said, leading the way behind his barn, "I want to show you some pigs I have in a pen." He had them, all right. One hundred and eight. Most of them were round fat and ready for market. "That's the way to sell your corn," he said, "through hogs."

The ex-sheriff has a good farm, and has planned a good farming program. And the secret of his success lies in the fact that he loves the work he is doing.

Old-Timers

Recently while on a trip to the central part of the state we stopped for a few minutes in Smithfield. In a group nearby were some men talking about the shad season, and we asked if shad are caught up there.

"A few," one of them told us; "but not like they do down on the coast.

"We are from Southport," we told the man. "The shad season is just about over down there."

"Southport, did you say? Do you ever go over to Fort Caswell?"

"Every few days," we told him. "Why?"

"When I came to North Carolina twenty-three years ago I landed at Fort Caswell," he said. "I had been enlisted in the

army and was transferred there from the Samoa Islands. I was there for about six months before my time was up. My home was in Nebraska, but when I got out of the army I moved to Smithfield and have been here ever since."

"No," he said in answer to our question if he ever visited Southport or Fort Caswell. "I never did get back; but I'm going. Will they let a fellow go over to the Fort and look around?"

We told him of the development that is going on, and assured him that he would be given permission to visit the property.

"I'll see you this summer," he said.

He was not the first stranger we have encountered who has fond memories of life at the Fort. In fact, when the buildings and grounds are in shape to entertain visitors, one of the most promising sources of tourist traffic will be old soldiers and their families who come back to Caswell.

The Right Way

An interesting side light on the state of public opinion in its relation to the judicial reorganization proposal, is provided by John T. Flynn, the well-known economist, writing in the March 10 issue of the New Republic.

By coincidence, Mr. Flynn was on a lecture tour at the time the proposal was made. As a result, he was literally bombarded with questions and comments at every forum he addressed. Most of his listeners, he says, were liberals; almost all of them had voted for Mr. Roosevelt. Yet he is convinced:

"1. That the very great majority I encountered were against the court proposal.

"2. That while they are against it, their attitude is one of tolerance for the objective of the plan. They feel something must be done, but shy away from this proposal.

"3. That each week since the plan was proposed sentiment against it has grown very perceptibly."

Perhaps millions of people honestly feel, for logical reasons, that the powers of the Federal government in certain provinces must be enlarged. But the constitution itself provides orderly, truly democratic means for doing this, by the amendment process. The argument that amendments take years to pass is groundless—any amendment that has had genuine public sentiment behind it has passed in reasonable time. Some amendments, such as the Federal income tax and prohibition repeal, have gone through in a few months.

To "pack" a court, without consulting the wishes of the people, is a technique not for democracy but of dictatorship. Admitting that the objective is good, the method establishes a dangerous precedent, as so many real liberals are pointing out now.

A Fire A Minute

Don't leave small children alone at home!

Tragedy after tragedy has been recorded where an untended child has been either killed or disfigured for life by fire. A recent case is cited by the Industrial Commission of Wisconsin. A boy of four and his brother of six months were left in the house when the parents went visiting. The boy pushed the baby buggy containing his brother too close to the heating stove. A blanket caught fire, and the infant was fatally burned.

Other accounts tell of fires started by children playing with matches. In still other incidents a stove door is opened or lids lifted off by the child and fires are started. Fatal results have often followed the pouring of kerosene on a fire by a child. All small children love to play with fire, and no precaution should be overlooked in restraining them.

Parents should immediately take two steps. First, never leave your children alone at home. Second, do the simple and inexpensive things necessary to the elimination of common fire hazards. All fire-places should be screened. Clothes should be hung at a safe distance from pipes and stoves. All heating equipment and adjuncts should be periodically inspected and overhauled. Continuous care should be taken in handling and storing inflammable liquids. Waste of all kinds, such as papers and rags, should be disposed of or stored in metal containers. The wiring of electric appliances should be checked occasionally—a frayed or twisted cord can cause short circuits followed by fire.

Every minute a fire breaks out in America. Two-thirds of all those fires occur in homes. Will your home be on that list this year—and will you and your family be subjected to a menace that may take life, due primarily to your own carelessness?

Waccamaw School News

JUNIOR-SENIOR

The Junior-Senior reception of Waccamaw school, directed by Miss Louise Kimzey, was held in the gymnasium here Thursday evening, March 25th. The gym was very beautifully decorated. Two drills were given by the waitresses and some of the Junior girls, after which the two classes, school faculty and visitors took part in the Virginia reel, led by Miss Kimzey and Addison Jenrette. Music was furnished by Miss Biggers at the piano. After the Virginia reel, refreshments were served.

BASEBALL

The boys' basketball coach, Mr. Morgan, and the girls' coach, Miss Lennon, have organized a baseball team for the boys and girls of this school.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

Z. G. Ray gave a radio program in chapel Wednesday morning which included songs, string music and recitations. A number of the juniors, seniors and freshmen took part in the program. Mrs. Emily Smith, the music teacher from Whiteville, filled her regular appointment here Thursday.

DEBATE

A debate was given in Society Friday. The query for discussion was, resolved: "That the closed shops are more beneficial to the United States as a whole." Mr. Ray and Muriel Ward were on the negative side of this debate and Miss Lennon and Ray Walton were on the affirmative side. The negative won.

ATTEND MEET

School was dismissed at 12:30 o'clock Thursday in order for the school faculty to attend a Health conference in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Crawford and little son, Gilbert, spent the week-end in Gates county with relatives.

JOKES

Since Thursday was April Fools' Day, the pupils of this school had much fun and excitement pulling April fools on each other and the teachers.

Many of the teachers of this school spent the Easter holidays at their homes.

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.

AGAINST LIQUOR STORES

Editor of State Port Pilot, Dear Mr. Editor:

Please allow us space in your paper. We, the Mill Creek Sunday School, do declare ourselves against legalized liquor in Brunswick county.

We have a host of young people in our community that we are proud of, and we value them above revenue or lands.

We glory in the fact that our commissioners are apparently dry.

Should the election be called, before we go to the ballot box, may we read these words in our Bible, "Cursed is he that turneth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth."

Supt of Sunday School, R. H. SELLERS.

INTERESTED IN TREES

Chapel Road School Route 1, Leland, N. C., Mar. 30, 1937. The State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C.

Dear Sirs: We read the news article and the editorial concerning our efforts in fighting fire. We appreciate this fine comment. We shall always try to be useful in such cases.

We have noticed that the government spends a lot of money to protect the forest. Some of the things being done are building fire towers, roads and bridges through the woods, cutting ditches and planting trees. All of this is done to protect the forest. We believe that all good citizens should help to protect the forest.

We have learned that trees are useful in many ways. They furnish food and shelter for birds and many animals. They furnish lumber to make our homes and furniture and for many other uses. We also depend upon the trees for much of our food, medicine and other products. Trees help to control floods by absorbing the water through their roots and by allowing the water to run slowly from the forest into the streams. Besides, the trees give the earth fragrance and are very beautiful to look at in the spring and autumn. We have learned several poems about trees.

We have taken several trips through the nearby forests. Once we sent some pitcher plants and venus fly traps to a high school in Atlanta, Ga. We have also planted some wild flowers and trees on the schoolyard.

Sincerely yours, 5th, 6th and 7th Grades, Chapel Road School, E. A. GANBY, Principal.

Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

Postmaster Yaskell, the Civic Club secretary, and various others are looking forward to May 10th when the law will again be open for fresh water fishing. Forest fire warden Dawson Jones has promised to bring the Yaskell minnow bucket home before the 10th.

The law will permit the taking of oysters until the 15th of this month. Then the oyster diggers will have to wait over 4 months until September rolls around with an "r" in it.

Captain Church with the John L. Morehead inaugurated the 1937 menhaden fishing season by going out one day last week and returning in an hour with D. G. Robinson, his boat keeper, suffering from a severe stomach ache. They did not bring any fish.

That 53-pound drum which Ralph Sellers brought to land on the beach at Bald Head Island last week was just about as difficult to control as it is for a ten-year-old boy to handle a bull calf by the tail.

According to Captain Hulan Watts and his crew, consisting of Homer and Leon McKeithan, the ocean is plumb full of drum, swimming in great schools in the vicinity of Bald Head Island. They can be plainly seen down in the clear water as the fishermen cruise about in search of blue fish. These worthies aver that some of the fish look as if they will weigh a full 200 pounds.

The Sea King, Captain Merritt Moore; and the Sea Prince, Captain W. F. Scott, are both back from Florida and are trawling for shrimp. The craft are members of the Lewis J. Hardee royal family. The Sea Duke and the Sea Queen are still in Florida but will be coming up shortly. Skipper G. K. Messick is also back from Florida, trawling for Hardee.

Arnold Brothers will shortly be moving south to Myrtle Beach and Murrells Inlet where they carry out fishing parties during the summer and tell their patrons that there are plenty of fish at Southport. They say they will keep a log of their fishing parties this summer and that next year they are going to stay here and invite their patrons to come and go out where they can catch plenty of fish.

A passing yachtsman reports that he understands that Tom Gifford, fishing guide extraordinary of Miami, Fla., and Bayonne, N. J., will shortly be returning north through Southport on his Lady Grace. It is hoped to sort of persuade him to make a stop over and go out 30 or 35 miles to find out if Southport hasn't got some big game fish.

One great danger in naming a fish boat after a girl is that another fellow may be running her next year.

Baxter Durham, erstwhile North Carolina state auditor, was down over the week-end prospecting around and cleaning up his fishing tackle. He aims to catch some drum this year and thinks there is no place like Southport for doing the catching.

Julian Price of Greensboro, boss man of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company, has been invited to come down and try some surf fishing for drum over on Bald Head Island. The idea is that he will be coming along right soon.

It is wondered if anyone has served notice of the fact that the drum are biting upon Bill Beery, of Armour and Company, at Wilmington. Bill and his tackle box have not yet been seen here, an unusual occurrence for as late as the middle of April.

Just before the fresh water trout season closed the writer walked two miles looking for the most suitable spot to put out a minnow trap. Twenty minutes after the trap had been placed a couple of barefooted small skimpions fetched it home saying they had found it and were afraid somebody would steal it. If that 'aint aggravating, what is?

Farm Questions

Question: How much whole milk should be fed a young calf?

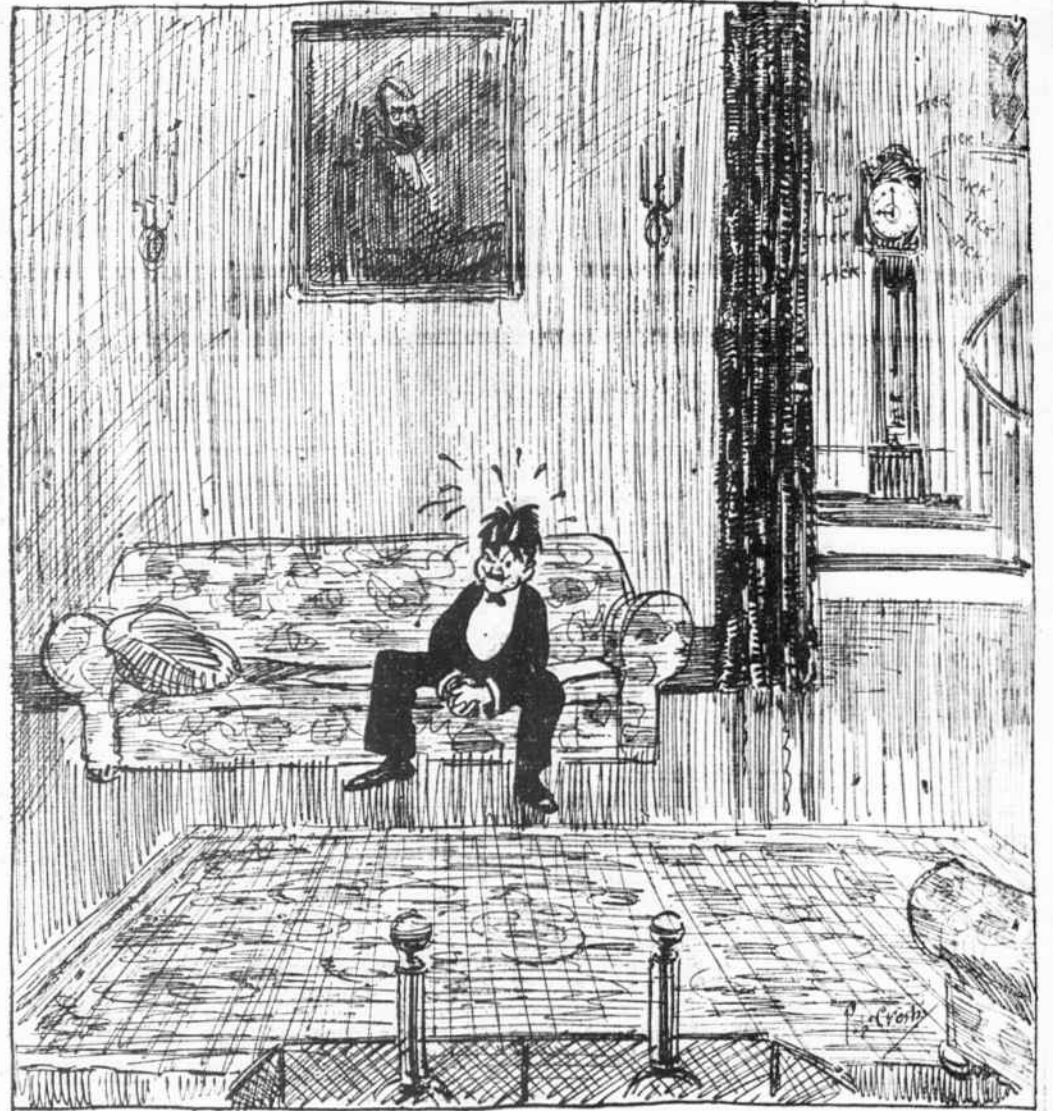
Answer: The amount to feed for the first week will vary from six to ten pounds daily, depending upon the size and vigor of the calf. A safe rule to follow is to feed one pound of whole milk for each ten pounds of live weight of the calf. During the second week, the daily allowance can be increased from one to two pounds if the calf's appetite is good and if the animal shows no sign of indigestion. After this the whole milk should be gradually changed to skim milk at the rate of about one pound a day until all the whole milk has been substituted with skim milk.

Question: Is it safe to put fertilizer in rows when planting garden crops?

Answer: Recent experiments with fertilizer placement for row crops indicate that it is best to put the fertilizer in narrow bands on each side of the seed. This

True Love Tests.

By PERCY GRUBBY



Although you had the date for the evening, she is still out with the other fellow who took her out for the afternoon.

helps to avoid too great a concentration of fertilizer salts near the roots of the plants, especially during the seedling stage. The same results, however, may be obtained by placing the fertilizer in the rows, if the application is made a week or ten days before planting and the fertilizer is mixed thoroughly with the soil. Broadcast applications are desirable when the rows are spaced close enough to require hand cultivation.

Question: Is there any sure way of preventing mite infestation of the hen house?

Answer: There is no method of poultry management that will guarantee against the appearance of mites in the house. The best method is to observe strict sanitation and check at least once a week for the mites. If they are found, remove litter and nesting material from the house. Detach the perch poles and scrape away all dried droppings. The interior of the house and the perch poles should then be sprayed with some exterminating remedy such as a combination of equal parts

of sept motor oil and kerosene; commercial carbolineum, or coal tar dip. The spray should be driven into all cracks and crevices in the house. The treatment should be repeated if the mites reappear.

Friend: "Did you get any replies to your advertisement that a lonely maiden sought light and warmth in her life?"

Spinster: "Yes, two from an electric company and one from the gas light people."



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