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Any public undertaking will profit more from co-operation than it will from criticism.

When you go to tell someone about your operation, take our advice and tell him the short way.

There is as much difference between hope and ambition as there is between dreaming and hard work.

A know-it-all usually is so busy talking that he doesn't have a chance to find out the true facts in the case.

About the most Neighborly that some people ever get is when they help their friends tend to their business.

Don't be envious of the tobacco farmer on the eve of his annual financial emancipation. He earned every cent he will get.

Better Prospects

Prospects get better and better for the hardsurfacing of the Southport-Whiteville highway.

Work, of course, is already underway on the Shallotte end of the unpaved stretch, a 3.45-mile link. But the completion of that letting will leave more than twenty miles of dirt road between there and the end of the hardsurface in Columbus county.

Two events of importance in connection with this project occurred last week.

The Columbus County Board of Commissioners in session in Whiteville, at the request of the district commissioner, listed their preferred roads for improvements. At the head of the list was placed the Whiteville-Southport highway.

Later in the week announcement came from Raleigh of the appointment of A. F. Powell, Jr., to succeed Robert Grady Johnson as member of the State Highway Commission from this district. Mr. Powell is familiar with the need of this highway, and when the time comes to consider projects for Columbus or for Brunswick county his natural inclination will be to favor the completion of this hardsurfacing.

Correspondents

Names make news.

That is a newspaper axiom that has been repeated a thousand times, but not once too often. The events need not necessarily be ones destined to alter the tide of civilization, just so they are tied in with local people and place of interest.

That is why regular news letters from country correspondents comprise one of the most valuable features of any weekly newspaper. The person who most insistently declares that he doesn't care about having his name in the paper is the first one to look to see if it is there.

From time to time during the past two years we have had news representatives in various parts of the country who could be depended upon to send in fresh, crisp news letters each week. But, for one reason or another, we never have been able to line up the full force at the same time.

The Pilot is now on the threshold of a season that should be its best in history. With two typesetting machines at the plant there is greater capacity for news copy. With the co-operation of local correspondents throughout the county we can bring the popularity of this newspaper up to a new high level.

Splendid Work

We are proud to learn recently that 4-H Club work in Columbus county is not confined to boys, but considerable work is being done among the girls of the county. Miss Lucy Tipton, of China Grove, has a band of some 20 girls whom she is giving beneficial training in canning, sewing and many other projects.

This work among the boys will mean much to the future of Columbus county.

Assistant County Agent W. H. Shearin is doing a splendid work with the boys in having corn projects, hog and poultry projects, and engaging in many other phases of farm activity.

We only wish that this work might be expanded to the place where every farm boy and girl in the county might be able actively to participate in this splendid program.

Worthy Cause

Frequently we receive news stories and letters urging our co-operation in advertising some program or campaign, and usually we are forced to throw them away.

This week we received from Louisburg College an appeal that was impressive in its sincerity. Unless that institution receives donations of funds immediately there is no chance for it to survive the coming school year.

Louisburg has been in existence for over one hundred-sixty years, and the average number of students each year is over three hundred. It is easy to see that the educational influence of this institution has left its mark upon the citizens of this state.

Brunswick county has shared in the service rendered by the college, for many of her boys and girls have been educated there. It doesn't seem unreasonable to expect this county to give aid in the same proportion during this time of financial distress.

The Market Opens

The most important day of the year for tobacco farmers of this section is almost at hand, for on next Tuesday the markets of the Border Belt will open.

This region has been richly blessed by nature again this season, and one of the finest tobacco crops in history has been produced. Despite the fact that there has been a large increase in acreage, early reports from the Georgia market, which opened last week, indicate that prices will be about in line with those paid last year. A large acreage of good quality tobacco that is selling for high prices—what more could a farmer hope for?

Many months of the hardest kind of labor have gone into the production of this 1937 crop, and the farmer deserves every cent his weed offerings bring in. Other members of the farm family have had their part in making the crop, for the cultivation, curing and marketing of tobacco is no one-man job.

With a degree of financial independence assured, it is interesting to watch the use the farmers will make of their hard-earned dollars. Much of the money will, of course, be used to pay guano bills and other obligations incurred for fall payment. But this will take only a small part of the cash that is paid out by warehousemen during the next few weeks.

Today, in the special tobacco issue, there appear the advertisements of many merchants in this trading area who have been in business year after year, rendering service and satisfaction to their customers. These are the men with whom to spend your money. These men were here last year, are ready for your trade this season, and twelve months from now will be in business at their same location.

The South's Opportunity

A generation ago farms were still largely thought of as mines from which farmers extracted the soil fertility and then moved on to new areas. Now they are rightly regarded as factories in which plant food is manufactured into plant and animal products. There is great hope for the South in this new conception, as The Progressive Farmer points out in the following editorial:—

"We have much labor not yet fully utilized. We have the climate for a quick turn-over of crops. We have soils that can be easily cultivated. We can grow legumes easily and so stuff our land with cheaply produced nitrogen and humus.

"Furthermore, fertilizers have not advanced in price nearly so much as prices of farm products generally.

"For all these reasons it will pay us to continue spending as much for fertilizers, as now but double our acreages of soil-improving crops. Our warm climate is an asset but this warm climate makes moisture disappear rapidly. Hence we need more legumes (1) to get cheap nitrogen and (2) to fill our soils with spongy humus that will hold moisture in the soil and so enable us to keep right on converting plant food into plants just as fast as we can find profitable markets for them. And we need to market them both directly in the form of cotton, tobacco, truck crops, etc., and indirectly in the form of milk, butter, eggs, pork, beef, etc.

"The farm is not a mine but a factory. Let's treat it as such."

Just Among

The Fishermen (By W. B. KEZIAH)

Doctor Summers Back Dr. F. P. Summers of Charlotte, who is just as regular in his fishing trips to Southport as the full moon is in making its appearance each month, was here Saturday with three friends, A. Henry Eade, of Philadelphia, Pa., T. E. Stewart, of Belmont, and T. H. McKoy, of Gastonia. As usual, Dr. Summers took his party out on the E. M. Lewis of Captain Hulan Watts.

The whole month of July has been rather bad for the fishing parties. Their coming to Southport and being able to get outside has been just a matter of luck. Half the time the weather prevented the trip being made, and this was disheartening to parties who had traveled many miles just to enjoy Southport's fine fishing. But on the first day of August several of the weather-wise Southport fishermen, and these boys know their weather, told us that things were promising from now on through the summer and fall. They think it will be very rarely that a party will come in and be prevented by weather from going out.

Big Game Fishing

For a long time the Southport Civic Club has been contending that the area out near the Gulf Stream offered big game fishing that was just as good as is to be found in Florida. The difficulty is that no one here knows how to fish for the big fellows that are certainly out there. Now here comes our good friend the Reverend A. H. Marshall with the information that thirty or forty people in various parts of the state are very much interested in the possibility for big game fishing off Southport and that an expedition will go out in a short time and see what can be done about it. The Reverend Mr. Marshall sounds still another encouraging note with the information that members of the New Hanover Fishing Club are deeply interested and say that if the big fish are found and taken they will advertise things and make Southport the headquarters for big game fishing in North Carolina. This looks like another mighty good opportunity for Wilmington and Southport people to more strongly cement their mutually advantageous relations.

Liked Their Fishing

They did not make any whale of a catch but they did pretty well and are anxious to try it again, so declared a Robeson and Bladen county fishing party here Sunday. They went out on the boat of Captain H. T. Bowmer. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Love, and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Love and son of Red Springs; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Love and G. W. Love, of Garland, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Love of Clarkton.

Sea Duke Returns

The Sea Duke, big shrimp trawler of Lewis J. Hardee, is back from Florida to begin its summer and fall fishing on the Southport shrimping grounds. Many other boats belonging to various parties will soon be coming in. In addition to the Sea Duke, Mr. Hardee has a sort of royal family of big trawlers. Three other boats belonging to him are named Sea King, Sea Queen and Sea Prince. All are of the same size and they are the largest locally owned trawlers.

SILER CITY FOLKS

Captain Hulan Watts had pretty good luck Monday when out with a party of young fellows from Siler City. They went for blues and mackerel and made a nice catch. Those in the party were Jack Banks, Bill Vestal, Ed Dark and Bill Wall.

Fresh Water Fishing

M. S. Clifton, Jr., and E. E. Ward, both of Raleigh, spent part of the past week here trying their luck at freshwater fishing. Having missed them at the end of their trip, this columnist is not prepared to say what their luck was.

PATROLMAN HURT IN ROAD MISHAP

(Continued From Page 1) parked his motorcycle, he stepped out into the road to flag down an oil truck, coming out of Wilmington in the opposite direction, in order to check its headlights.

As the highway patrolman started across the road, Gross' motorcycle approached from the same direction, knocked him into the road. The rider was also thrown by the impact, it was said.

Patrolman Sloan rode his motorcycle back to Wilmington and went to a hospital there for treatment of bruises and abrasions. Gross also suffered bruises and abrasions.

Fair Sailing (By W. B. KEZIAH)

It is good a dpossible that some Virginia or Maryland boat may show up before the regatta, coming down for the express purpose of trying to lick the so-called F. W. Scheper's "Syndicate" from Beaufort, S. C. The Syndicate has won nine races this season and advices are that she will be going strong in Class A here next week.

Folks are also looking around to see what boat is the best hope to go against the High-Tide of Beaufort. Like the Syndicate in Class A the High Tide, a Class B boat, has been taking in about everything that it entered this year. She may face some stiff opposition in Tar Heel waters.

Every rag in Wilmington seems to be set to sail in the regatta at Southport next week. Skippers and crews comprise some mighty well known citizens. Skipper William Emerson of the Mischief has no less a distinguished personage than Peter Brown Ruffin, chairman of the Wilmington Port Commission, listed as a member of his crew.

The Charleston Yacht Club exhibited Class A sportsmanship when it deferred a regatta scheduled for next week, this action being taken purely because our good Charleston friends did not wish to conflict with anything here. The Charleston Yacht Club pennant will probably wave over many fine little boats here next week.

Commodore W. W. Storm of the Carolina Yacht Club is feeling very good about the regatta which his club is sponsoring. To witness which, he has a very nice letter that is being published in the Pilot this week. He does not say so but we tars down here know that it was really the Carolina Yacht Club that made this year regatta possible at Southport.

There are signs of interest further up in the more eastern part of North Carolina. Still, we are wondering if eastern North Carolina will be represented as strongly as it should be when the starting gun is fired here Thursday of next week.

Here's our compliments to our co workers, especially Chairman H. M. Shannon and his associates on the finance committee. They

have been doing fine, but it must not be forgotten that Southport people are very much sold on the matter for which the finance committee and others are working.

And more compliments to the Coast Guard headquarters at Norfolk. For them to arrange to send two cutters here and have their small boats to patrol the race course is more than we had counted on. The Coast Guard will contribute much to the interest that attends next week's event.

The wind has been blowing steadily for four months, the finest possible yachting weather. If a change comes along about next Thursday and there is not enough air to fill a sail, yours truly aims to go as far away from Southport as possible on a fishing trip.

It begins to look more and more as if the prizes that are to be awarded at the first annual regatta next week will be very valuable. Their awarding will mark the start of a great annual event on the Cape Fear River and here's our advance congratulations to the winners, whoever they may be.

It may not be amiss to remind

Amuzu THEATRE Southport Friday-Saturday, August 6-7 "UNDER THE RED ROBE" (Drama) Conrad Vedit, Annabella Romney Brent Short—"SCHOOL BIRDS" Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 9-10 THAT MAN'S HERE AGAIN (Romantic Comedy) Mary Maguire, Tom Brown and Hugh Herbert Short—"REEL VAUDEVILLE" Wednesday-Thurs., Aug. 11-12 "DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND" (Drama) Richard Dix, Dolores Del Rio and Chester Morris Short—"Scrappy's Band Concert"

all hesitating yachtsmen that it is not too late for them to enter and participate in this big Cape Fear River sporting event. Send in your entries as soon as possible. But don't forget that if neither your entry blank or your boat can get here before Thursday morning of next week you can still get in. But be on the safe side and send your entry blank now to W. B. Keziah, chairman invitation committee.

OPERATIONS Patients at the Brunswick County Hospital who have undergone operations for removal of their appendixes: Miss Edna Mae Long, Shiloh; Miss Corneil Cannon, Lake Wilton; Miss Jessie Clemons, Shiloh; Gladys Rounson, Supply; Ed Watson, Camp Sapona. Subscribe to the State Port

Clean-Up Campaign

All property owners are urged to clean up their yards and lots and remove unsightly rubbish and buildings prior to August 12th, the date of Yacht Races.

J. D. Eriksen Mayor, City of Southport

WELCOME FARMER FRIENDS SELL YOUR TOBACCO ON THE Whiteville Market AND HAVE YOUR Cleaning - Pressing - Repairing DONE BY KRAHNKE'S A. J. KRAHNKE, Prop. OLDEST CLEANERS IN WHITEVILLE We Can Make Your Old Suits Look Like New And Make New Ones Too... A TRIAL IS ALL WE ASK!



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