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One thing that most politicians have right on the tip of their tongue is dirt.

The driver's seat of a west-bound automobile is a poor place from which to admire the beauties of a sunset.

Being loud mouth and profane aren't the only evidences of a bad disposition. A cat doesn't bark.

It is well enough to be prepared for the worst, but there is a lot of comfort in the fact that it seldom happens.

Active Parent-Teachers Associations in this county are laying the foundation for better school work this year.

Public opinion can not be entirely ignored, but it is a poor idea to waste too much time worrying about what others are saying.

It is well enough to be a jack-of-all-trades until you find something you like better than all others; then it is a good idea to steady down to a singleness of purpose.

### Red Cross Drive

This is the season for beginning the annual Red Cross membership drive and during the next few days citizens of Brunswick county will be given the opportunity to join this organization whose nation-wide scope is ever apparent in time of need.

When major disaster occurs we all sympathize with the victims. Were we in position to do so, each of us would gladly render assistance. Although this is impossible, our membership dollars can help send doctors, nurses and supplies into stricken areas.

When disaster is mentioned to us, we give the word a momentary, dispassionate thought. Disasters, we are inclined to believe, are events that affect persons who live in other sections. Unfortunately, though, no section nor any group is immune, and misfortune may pick us for its victims. It is up to us who have been dealt generously by fortune to help with our membership dollars to provide against the emergencies of the future.

### Five Hazard

Almost every smoker is guilty of throwing burning cigarettes and cigars from his automobile as he speeds along the highway.

The majority of these discarded smokes burn out harmlessly on the road, or on the nearby shoulder. It is the occasional exception, however, that helps make the life of forest fire protection officers miserable.

Most of the new cars are equipped with built-in ash trays. It is easier to dispose of cigarette and cigar butts in them than it is to roll down a window and throw them out. For motorists whose automobiles aren't equipped with ash trays it is only a matter of moments to see that there is no fire hazard involved when the remains of cigarettes and cigars are tossed away.

### Basketball Schedule

There appears today in this newspaper a composite schedule of basketball games to be played by Brunswick county high school teams in their elimination series this year.

This list of games should be of interest to every sports lover in the county, for it is a program that will afford healthful entertainment during many a winter evening.

We are strongly in favor of encouraging athletic competition between girls and boys of high school age. Nothing provides a more wholesome outlet for youthful energy, and if the principles of good sportsmanship are learned along with proficiency in playing, no other type of development can be more valuable.

If basketball competition is to be at its best, it must have the endorsement and support of parents. We are firmly convinced that the grownups of the county can do nothing more likely, to

boys and girls than to give enthusiastic support to their school basketball team. Through the cooperation of players, teachers and parents this five-school basketball league can go a long way toward making this winter a season long to be remembered in Brunswick county.

### Fishing Rodeo

An article outlining preliminary plans for a fishing rodeo to be held at Southport sometime next spring or summer appears in today's State Port Pilot and should be of unusual interest to fishermen throughout this state.

So far as we know, this event will be the only event of its kind in North Carolina, and it will serve the purpose of providing a sort of tournament competition for fishermen. If early plans for the event are followed the rodeo will be thoroughly democratic, and will give the kid with a cane pole just as good chance to win as the businessman who decides to try his luck with the big game fish of the Gulf Stream.

With practically all of the details yet to be worked out, we recognize in this latest project of the Southport Civic Club material for bringing boundless delight to a large group of fishermen, and priceless advertising to this section of the North Carolina coast.

### Influence

No other person who comes into contact with an adolescent boy or girl has a greater opportunity to leave a lasting influence for good than does an understanding school teacher.

The best teachers aren't always the college graduates with the best records. This quality tied in with a good personality forms an unbeatable combination, but personality is the more essential quality.

We know of two boys who had progressed more or less aimlessly through the first five grades in school to a rather tardy entrance to the sixth grade. Each was looking forward with longing to the near goal of being old enough to quit school.

These boys were in schools widely separated by their geographical location. Their cases, though, are identical in that the patience and understanding of a school teacher straightened out the snarled maze of their intellectual development and headed them on the right road to higher learning.

One of the boys is a senior in high school—captain of his high school football team and all-round student leader. The other is making good progress in the seventh grade, and is working now with a high school diploma as his goal.

### What Is Drunk Driver

How much whisky makes an unsafe driver? Two jiggers! Dr. Rollo N. Harger, professor of biochemistry and toxicology at Indiana University, gave that estimate to highway traffic experts at the National Safety Congress.

Based on studies made with a new type "chemical breath smeller" with which he seeks to replace the "policeman's nose test," Dr. Harger said that three ounces of whisky was sufficient to fog the brain and render an automobile driver unsafe. This moderate amount of liquor increases an individual's reaction time—the time required before muscles obey the orders of the brain. Thus it appears that we need a new definition of intoxication in its relation to the operation of an automobile. To a person accustomed to alcohol, two or three drinks may produce no visible effect. The driver may seem sober in speech, actions and appearance. That same driver, turned loose on the highway with a car, is a menace to life and property.

Police reports from various representative states indicate that liquor is a definitely proven factor in ten to twenty per cent of automobile accidents involving fatalities and serious injuries. It is certain that liquor is an unseen factor in a much higher proportion of cases—cases where it is impossible to obtain legal proof of drinking.

One basic rule of safe driving must be, "Never operate your car after you have taken any liquor whatever, even though it be but a glass or two of beer." Alcohol and gasoline must be kept far apart. The citizen who drives his car after a few cocktails, in the belief that he is perfectly sober, is basically as serious a public menace as the roaring drunk who goes careening down the streets and highways.

Dr. Harger describes successful experiments that have been made in developing chemical tests for intoxication. Every police department should keep up with the march of the times and take advantage of the new tests and machines that eliminate the human elements and make the determination of intoxication a scientific fact. Eliminate the drinking driver as we will have taken a long step toward highway safety.

## Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

**LADY GRACE**  
Lady Grace stopped at Southport last week. A very brief stop, but her owner always contrives for at least a few minutes here during the many passages up and down the coast. He seems to have an idea that we have big game fish off Southport and he has been promising that sometime or another he was going to make a longer stop and see just what the prospects are. Last week when the Lady Grace was here the prospects of an expert doing some prospecting took much more definite shape. When she passes through in the spring the Lady Grace will make Southport her base of operations for a day, and Captain Tom Gifford, outstanding big game fishing guide on the Atlantic Coast, will make a try for Southport's big game fish, to see if they are out there on the Cape Fear shoals near the Gulf Stream.

**IF THEY COULD HOWL**  
If puppy drum could howl there would have been and would be much wailing at Southport. This year, as never before, sportsmen have been getting onto these shiny two and three pounders and have been hauling them out by the dozens at the end of a cane fishing pole. "Nigger fishing", Congressman J. Bayard Clark calls it, and he is one of its strongest devotees. Your rod and reel fishermen may be all in style, but he will never get the kick that comes to the man with pole and line, struggling with a two or three pound puppy drum.

**BIG BOY INTERESTED**  
Big game fishing boats by the dozen went through last week bound for Florida waters, many of them Florida boats that have been fishing in the north. One 65 footer, the most luxuriantly appointed craft of its kind that we have seen, made tentative inquiries regarding basing itself here all summer and catering to big game fishing parties out from Southport. With her outboard trolling poles and four deck swivel chairs, she seats six men at fishing and has sleeping accommodations for seven passengers. \$40.00 per day and three trips per week is all that the owner and operator will ask to insure his staying here next summer. It may be remarked here that the unquipped boats that went out on these big game fishing trips last summer were paid the same sum per day. The prospective addition to the fleet is a seagoing craft that can spend the night out on the deep if the parties wish to make two days of it.

**A REMINDER**  
There are several highly esteemed sportsmen in Rowan county, more of the same in Iredell, Gaston, Mecklenburg and about 76 other North Carolina counties whom this department would like to remind that the fish are biting exceptionally well every time a good spell of weather comes along. Likewise, the weather appears more dependable than it has been at any time since the 4th of July. It is not time to put the tackle into winter quarters yet.

**Rockfish Biting**  
Rockfish are beginning to bite good. Colonel L. T. Yaskell, Sergeant Leiner and Private Myers are aiming to make a killing with these beauties out on Walden's Creek, or some other strategic point, in the near future. They go prospecting about every-other-day and have already taken some beautiful samples. In anticipation of the big catch they intend making, they always take this department along with them. This is done in order that there may be at least one truthful man on hand when the catch is made. The Colonel's reputation got badly damaged this past summer in matters pertaining to fishing, and he now feels it necessary to have reputable witnesses along when any epochal event takes place. Our private opinion of fishing for rock is that if you get one of these big 20 pounders on the end of a heavy cane fishing pole you are apt to get excited and fall in the river. Sergeant Leiner is credited with the distinguished achievement of having brought 7 of the big boys to land in one morning. This should afford the average man a lifetime of satisfaction, but the Sergeant still thinks he can do better and insists on having us present as a witness when it happens.

**Fisherman Catches Goose**  
A Canadian goose, which probably raised a numerous bunch of off-spring this summer, came down on the shrimp trawling grounds at Southport Thursday, and it was obvious she was in no physical condition to contin-

## Southport School News

**BULLETIN BOARD**  
With the help of the School Board and others, the school has succeeded in acquiring bulletin boards. These bulletin boards are a help in visual education because newspaper clippings are tacked on it so all can see. In this way they help enlighten those who do not have access to the different news papers. Also in actual class work the bulletin board is used in the study of the different courses through pictures.

**CHAPEL PROGRAM**  
The chapel program on Wednesday dedicated to our flag. The exercises opened with the student body singing the "Star Spangled Banner". Following the scripture reading, the Southport band played several selections. A flag was presented to the school on behalf of the Junior Order by R. W. Davis. Toasts were given to the flag by the presidents of the four high school classes. Edward Taylor, Sr., class president led the student body in the pledge to the flag. Anna K. Garratt gave a history of "Old Glory". Mrs. J. Marshall acted as the faculty sponsor for this program.

**FACULTY PLAY**  
The Absent Minded Bridegroom will be presented by the faculty of Southport school Tuesday, November 23. It provides plenty of fun and laughter and is the funniest play of the year. Don't miss a chance to straighten out the frowns. The bridegroom, Tim, is very sorry that he has proposed to the widow bride, Pat Rooney helps Tim out by giving him aphasia. The bride received a message telling of the death of her uncle who leaves her a millionaire. Tim forgets that he has aphasia—hence matters end peacefully.

**OUR SCHOOL BUS PROBLEM**  
Do you ride a school bus? Do you know how to take care of one? The majority of our boys and girls do appreciate the school bus, and help the driver. A few do not show the proper conduct. All of us should take better care of the buses we use. So let's all work together and make our school one of the best in the state.

**SAS PAN NEWS**  
Miss Esther Mae Milligan spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Jewel Hewett. Miss Ila Gore, of Wilmington, spent the past week here with relatives and friends. Mrs. H. G. Williamson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gore. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gore were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Williamson Sunday afternoon. Warren Hewett was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pigott Sunday afternoon.

**PAGEANT**  
The dramatic club sponsored an educational pageant on Tuesday in assembly. The pageant depicted the "Spirit of Education of North Carolina", and was well acted by the Students. Scripture reading and songs completed this special program. Miss Peify, dramatic club sponsor, directed the pageant.

**PLAN DEBATES**  
Mr. Lingle and Mrs. Josephine Marshall of the Southport high school faculty attended the meeting of all principals and English teachers of Brunswick county held in Supply several days ago. This county-wide meeting was arranged for the purpose of organizing debating teams and declamation contests in the schools. For debate, the nation-wide topic, "Unicameral Legislatures", was accepted. This subject has been approved by thirty-eight states to date, including North Carolina.

Preliminary debates among Brunswick county schools will take place the latter part of February, and the finals are scheduled for the first week in April. Great interest is being shown in this activity. It is hoped that Southport will make a creditable showing in these very worthy contests.

Halfax farmers in the vicinity of Scotland Neck are showing a revival of interest in beef cattle production and several are buying pure bred beef sires. Hardwood ashes promote the growth of lespedeza finds Roy Tritt, of East LaPorte, Jackson County, who scattered the ashes on four acres and left them off of one. A 50 per cent better growth was secured where the ashes were applied, he said.

ue the southward treck with the rest of the flock. Her dilemma was noticed by Richmond Fulwood, who is credited with a penchant for getting hold of unusual things. Finding Mrs. Goose unable to make extensive flight, Richmond maneuvered his craft until he finally got near enough to throw a landing net over her. She is still a captive, and has been partaking of food with gusto. Richmond aims to have fat roast goose for Thanksgiving.

## But It's True

A RAT KILLED A WHALE! ...IN THE WATERS OFF NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS, AUG. 8, 1916.



LA PAT BOLIVIA

THE REPUBLIC OF BOLIVIA HAD SEVEN PRESIDENTS AT ONE TIME, EACH RECOGNIZED BY A DIFFERENT FACTION ...IN 1902...



VITO FERDINANDO OF ROME, ITALY, FOUNDED THE "WORLD PEACE SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION" IN 1902, SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED IN THE ARMIES OF SIX DIFFERENT NATIONS, KEPT HIS ORGANIZATION GOING AT THE SAME TIME ...

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AT LEAST 400 CHILDREN IN NEW YORK'S CHARITABLES HAVE BEEN NAMED AFTER DR. SHIRLEY W. WYNNE FORMER HEALTH COMMISSIONER!

While he was health commissioner, Dr. Wynne became personally interested in welfare work in the near quarter of New York city, and made thousands of friends. Revolutionary bodies caused the curious situation in Bolivia. The whale was stranded on the beach of the village of Siasconset. As it was trying to free itself, it was caught by a receding wave, was washed into its mouth. It became lodged in its throat, choked the great animal to death. Ferdinand served in the six armies for the purpose of getting recruits for his organization. The were those of Italy, Rumania, France, Germany, England and Brazil. Last-named country jailed him for activities, and he died in prison.

### BOLIVIA NEWS

Mrs. O. L. Gray and family of Shallotte visited Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Stone Sunday. Mrs. Stone also had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cumbee and family also of Shallotte. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lewis visited their sons, O. T., E. M. and J. R. Lewis, of Wilmington, Sunday. Mrs. J. I. Stone, is spending the week here with her son, J. I. and family. The Reverend Mr. Sellers, of Wilmington preached at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon and night in the absence of the pastor, the Reverend Jordan, of Wilmington. The children, O. T. Lewis, Mrs. J. I. Stone, Edgar Lewis, Jessie Lewis and their families; eighteen

in all, gave their father, R. F. Lewis, a surprise birthday dinner October 31st. In expression of love to him they decorated the house throughout with roses. Many valuable gifts from each to their father, who was retiring from twenty-two years of rural free delivery service. After the bountiful dinner, the family gathered around the fireside and engaged in singing spiritual songs, which all enjoyed. Those who attended chapel last week were inspired as well as entertained. The Reverend J. R. Potts, of the Presbyterian church, spoke Wednesday morning on the "Measure of Life". We were made to see that in no trivial way, such as wealth, fame, prominence etc. can life be measured. He stated that some of the poorest are multi millionaires when it comes to real life. Friday morning the fifth gave an interesting cooking program. Three years ago, W. R. E. goner, of Clemmons, used home-made equipment to build some terraces on his long fields. Since that time has followed contour cutting and during the recent rains in Forsyth County, damage was done to fields terraced. Jones County 4-H club planning to grow corn 2000 bushels. 30 acres of winter legumes cover crops for the acres seeded to corn. Although often called a egg the American penny is a bronze.

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