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Verbal barbs are more amusing when someone else is the victim.

Wives are handy to have around to help find the things they put away for you.

Comes now the season of the year when parents are able to use the Santa Claus threat effectively on their unruly offspring.

Some folks seem content to make their living from the sweat of someone else's brow.

Some people profit by their mistakes; others just make them a habit.

You'll never get a square peg to fit a round hole, but a square peg is mighty useful for stopping a square hole.

The word "if" is the standard preface to an alibi.

The only time the pessimists are wrong is when the optimists are wrong.

**Tobacco Crop**

Up to November 1, a total of 550,155,531 pounds of tobacco had been sold on warehouse floors of North Carolina for an average price of \$25.43.

The selling season on some of the up-state markets is far from over, and it is estimated that farmers of this state still have more than a hundred million pounds of the golden weed to sell.

These are big figures, and the price average for the season is also very favorable. With these same figures year in and year out, prosperity would long be with our North Carolina tobacco growers.

The trouble with this picture is that the farmers already are on their way to their own ruin. According to official reports this year's production exceeded the 1936 poundage by 26 percent. It was 23 percent greater than the production average during the five-year period from 1928-1932.

The appearance of new tobacco barns and other arrangements for raising more and more tobacco shows a definite trend toward increased acreage, and there is every indication that a surplus is in the making.

We look upon it as unfortunate that tobacco growers aren't content to let well enough alone and apparently are determined to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

**A Tragic Error**

Incurable illness that strikes an individual down in the prime of life, is one of the worst tragedies of mankind. But it pales to insignificance when compared to the case of an individual who, upon finding that he is suffering from an illness which public dogma has erroneously taught him to believe is incurable, hopelessly does nothing about it.

For example, there is the young man who dropped out of college in his third year because he was not feeling quite up to par. He drifted from one job to another, and finally became convinced that he had tuberculosis. Feeling that his days were numbered anyway, he shipped out as a deckhand to see as much of the world as possible. He struggled along for two years, but the inevitable finally laid him by the heels. Only then did he discover his horrible mistake. If he had sought competent medical aid two years earlier, his illness would have been considered little more serious than an appendicitis operation. Even now medical science may pull him through, but it will be a long tough battle.

The wise individual—if he is wise—protects his health through sane living and intelligent attitude toward medical aid and advice.

**Hogs For Cash**

Slowly but surely raising hogs for mar-

ket is becoming a principal cash crop for Brunswick county farmers. A short trip through the rural districts brings convincing evidence of that fact, for in practically every field are several well-conditioned porkers rapidly rounding into marketable condition.

Recently there has been a serious threat of hog cholera in several sections of the county, and County Agent J. E. Dodson had his hands full preventing an epidemic that might have resulted in serious loss for many farmers.

Commenting upon the magnitude of the hog industry in Brunswick, County Agent Dodson said that farmers of this county will probably realize more than \$100,000.00 from their hogs this year.

**Christmas Decorations**

The downtown district of Southport is ablaze with colorful Christmas decorations these nights as storekeepers and city officials collaborate to make this year's Yuletide dress the most elaborate in history.

Again this year the Southport Woman's Club is sponsoring a contest for Christmas trees and home decorations. Prizes will be awarded for the best living tree, for the best cut tree, and for porch decorations.

Announcement of this contest this year is a challenge to Southport citizens to match with their decorative efforts the interest that has been taken by merchants in the downtown district.

In our opinion, nothing inspires the Christmas spirit more than sight of a beautifully lighted tree. The happy part about this is that joy comes not only to those who have a part in planning and doing the work, but also to passersby whose hearts may be made glad by this symbol of the Yuletide.

**Honor Roll**

Of all the items turned in to us for the school columns none gives us more pleasure to run in The Pilot than the honor roll.

Rigid requirements are laid down for membership in this select group, and any boy or girl who has maintained his attendance, deportment and scholarship at the standard prescribed for the honor roll deserves every bit of recognition, and every boost that comes his way.

**New Industry**

Most recent addition to the business life of the community is an eel smokery that plans to prepare large quantities of these "country cousins" of the finny tribe for sale on northern markets.

Offhand, the taking of eels and their preparation for table use never would have occurred to us as a business. It is a fact, however, that there is a strong demand for eels in some sections, and the local plant expects to employ in the neighborhood of ten persons.

There also is rumor of a bullfrog ranch-to-be, and there's another strange entry for the local business directory. We have noticed, though, that many people make their fortune from specializing in unusual things. It matters little whether we have ever heard of an eel smokery, or if we ever visited a bullfrog ranch. If these are industries that will provide jobs for our people and bring new revenue into our community we are for them, one hundred percent.

Germany has upwards of 350 persons to the square mile of territory. Italy likewise is over-populated.

**War And Annexation**

Without adequate resources, expansion seems inevitable. When one country begins to look with longing eyes at the green pastures of another, war usually is in the offing.

Yet we raise the question: Why should it be so? It seems highly lamentable that the only apparent recognized method of territorial acquisition should lie in armed aggression.

Arbitration or outright bargaining seems one solution. America purchased the territory of Alaska—numbers of the states were purchased for a given price.

Right now Germany, considered the most militaristic of the European nations, and surely one of the most serious threats to the peace of that continent, looks with watering mouth at the colonies which were lost during recent conflict.

Herr Hitler says within five or six years there will be no program of expansion, and then—

England seems ready and willing to accede to some of Hitler's demands for return of colonies. Surely, friendly, peaceful negotiations in this regard would perhaps save a lot of needless bloodshed, because it seems hardly likely that sixty million people can forever survive on territory three-fourths the size of the state of Texas.

**Just Among**  
**The Fishermen**  
(BY W. B. FEZIAH)

**POPULAR PLACE**

Former Sheriff E. L. Lewis owns the land on which is located probably the best spot for drum fishing, without a boat being necessary, in Brunswick county. The location is on Waldens Creek, three miles from Southport, but you have to drive around about five miles to reach it. Many years ago two brick yards were operated on Waldens Creek and the product shipped by water. One of these yards, perhaps the oldest one, was south of the river road. The other was some three hundred yards east of the road and directly on the creek. Millions of broken brick were dumped into the creek at the landing. Oysters formed on these bricks and on the east side, about three or four hundred yards of the stream now has either an oyster shell or broken brick bottom. At this point drum, 2 and 3 pounders, congregate by the thousands and when the tide is running in or is full they are not slow to take all offerings in the way of shrimp. Individuals are said to have caught as many as 50 of the big fellows on a single afternoon or forenoon. Sheriff Lewis, himself an enthusiastic fisherman, never raises any objections to the public fishing at this point and is frequently found there, fishing with his wife and family. Among the many Southporters who are frequently out there are Postmaster L. T. Yaskell, Dr. L. C. Fergus, Rufus Doshier, R. M. Wolfe, Sergeant Leiner, R. Will Davis, Mr. Myers, George Galloway, W. E. Doshier Leiner Furpless and dozens of others. As many as 50 persons have been observed there at one time.

**POOR LUCK SHRIMPING**

The past week has brought the poorest returns that the shrimp fleet has had since the season opened. Many of the boatmen are holding to the view that the season is over. A few are taking the opposite outlook and persist in thinking that there may be a lot of the product taken before they definitely go into winter quarters. It is remembered that one winter, three or four years ago, shrimp were found fairly numerous, all through the winter. The present scarcity here and further south has resulted in the price jumping from \$1.50 to \$4.50 per bushel to the boatmen.

**LOOKING TO 1938**

Most of the up-state fishermen have apparently gone into winter quarters, but a good sign of the interest that will be taken in fishing at Southport next year is found in the fact that a group of 9 sportsmen from Chapel Hill is already negotiating for the charter of boat for a ten day period beginning the last of March. During the past week Congressman Clark has also taken the trouble to write from Washington and make the request that some of the fish be saved for him next year.

**VISITING HERE**

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Worth, Mr. Worth New York State Manager for the United Motors Services, Inc., a branch of the General Motors Co., are spending this week with relatives who recently moved here from New York. The visitors plan to put in most of the week fishing. Mr. Worth is the youngest in a family of 16 children. One of his older brothers, T. O. Worth, moved here last week from Long Island to establish the Southport Eel Smokery.

**FISHING FOR VOTES**

It is a very short time now until the dawning of a new year, incidently it is believed that the new year will produce much political fishing. This early, nobody knows much about the sort of bait that will be used by either party, but the present general indications are that there will be plenty of vigorous angling for votes in 1938. For once in his life the writer of this column is counting on being an absolutely neutral spectator in the county angling for jobs.

**SMALL SHRIMP STRIKE**

Boats from Southport, prospecting at Little River Saturday, made some fairly sizable catches of shrimp. Reports of the strike started a pretty general movement of trawlers from here to the South Carolina waters Sunday and Monday. The most of these boats began to come back in Monday night and Tuesday with generally unsatisfactory catches. The shrimp taken in South Carolina are said to have been small in size.

**Southport School News**

W. R. Lingle announces the honor roll for the third month of school—First honor roll between 93-100; second honor roll is 90-93.

First Grade: Mary Lou Brown, Dot Watts, Mary Frances Floyd, Marie Lancaster, Mary Sue Wallace, Barbara Prince, Jane Furgerson, Johnie Hazelton, Richard Brendle; Second honor roll: Joseph Cox, Jimmie Cox, Jack Swan, Jimmie Fullwood.

Second Grade: Betsy Jane Galloway, Joyce Lancaster; Second honor roll: R. E. Sellers.

Third Grade: Billy Bowling, Kenneth Stiller, Louis Newton Dorothy Mae Price, Bess Miller Plaxco, Margaret McGee; Second honor roll: William Wells, Dorothy Lee Ward, Evelyn Muncy.

Fourth Grade: Sally Ann McNeil.

Fifth Grade: Dorothy Cox, Eloise Lancaster, Edward Newton; Second honor roll: Norma Swain.

Sixth Grade: Annie Jean Weeks, Mae Swain, Inez Phelps, Claude Ford; Second honor roll: Lulu Marie Swan, Mary Florence Moore, Muriel Lee Jones.

Eighth Grade: Second honor roll: Roderick Bellamy, Henry Smith.

Ninth Grade: William Selers; Second honor roll: Marion Frink, Doris Lewis, Josephine Moore.

Tenth Grade: John Hall, W. T. Fullwood, Earl Bellamy.

Eleventh Grade: Edward Taylor, Louise Niernsee; Second honor roll: Katie Cox.

**SENIOR CLASS PLAY**

Next Tuesday evening, December 14, the seniors of the Southport high school will present, "The Haunted Castle", a mystery comedy in three acts.

Although the seniors and the coach of the play, Mrs. J. Marshall, are very secretive about the plot of this mystery story, it is understood that the play abounds in thrills, chills and laughs.

The cast has been working hard to make this presentation a success. It is believed that all who attend the performance will shudder and chuckle in turn, as the Haunted Castle reveals its "spooks", neurotic aunt Martha with her smelling salts, a giggling princess, two confused American college boys, and the pompous Duchess and Baron.

Tickets will be placed on sale Thursday. The public is urged to attend this play.

**SIXTH GRADE PARTY**

Two days before school was out for Thanksgiving holidays, the sixth grade had a nice party. Some of the girls brought candy from home which they made. Some of them brought peanuts. The party was a great success.

**CHEER LEADER**

Election of cheer leader was held during activity period Monday. Mary Hood is cheer leader; Egan Hubbard, is assistant. Through the leadership of the cheer leader Southport high school hopes to inspire their teams to victory during this year's basketball season.

**A SPORTSMAN**

At the beginning of this basketball season, we give the code of a sportsman. Every player should play the game not for himself but for his team. A good sport always plays the game for the sake of the game. The best player is not the best winner, the loser must take his defeat as well as his victory.



...brought up-to-date shopping facilities to residents of Southport. The building is located on the same lot where it stood before was destroyed by fire two years ago. In remodeling the store, attractive colored-glass front replaced the usual bold-face brick. Spacious display windows give the final touch of smart appearance.

**SPECIALTY SHOP**

IN NEW BUILDING

**Specialty Shop**

**In New Building**

**New Store On Moore Street**

Brings Modern Shopping Facilities To Residents Of This Community

The Specialty Shop has moved into the attractive new building on Moore street, and the new stock of merchandise that has been stocked for this store has

son.

Seventh Grade: "A" honor—Gwendolyn Krahnke.

"B" honor—Mildred Clark, Retha Mae Peterson, Marjorie Lee Potter.

Eighth Grade: Lillie Williams, Emma Lee Williams, Rachel Bissett.

Ninth Grade: "A" honor—Mary Beck Allen, Gertrude Mills, Odesa Mintz.

Sixth Grade: "A" honor—James Earle Clemmons.

"B" honor—Mary Burns Peter-

son.

L. H. Ray, Yancey County grower, has secured good results from planting sericea lespedeza on steep land which was subject to severe erosion.

Ten farmers of the Bad Creek section of Yancey County have ordered 150 tons of ground limestone for soil improvement purposes.

A hippopotamus' hide is 1 inches thick.

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