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That odor you smell is the political pot beginning to simmer.

A whispering campaign is about the most insidious form of battle.

Don't pass final judgment upon a man until you have had a chance to see him in his home.

Some people seem to think that the world not only owes them a living, but luxuries as well.

A bore is one who talks at length about something that makes no difference when you should be doing something that does.

Only half credit for lying should be charged against a man when he's talking about a fishing trip, a bird dog or when he is selling a cow.

As for those who are ever-anxious to have us "burn up" somebody in an editorial may we again refer them to the Open Forum column, where they can do their own "burning" over their signature.

Showers

A news note from Waccamaw tells us that showers for basketball players have been installed at the Waccamaw high school gymnasium.

In our opinion there could be no more progressive step taken by authorities of the two schools in the interest of the health of the youthful athletes of Brunswick county.

Watch Your Fires

This is the season for preparing tobacco beds, and progressive farmers in this county are already busily engaged in making ready for their season's supply of plants.

One of the important steps in the proper preparation of the tobacco plant bed is burning it off, a process usually accomplished by piling brush and limbs high on the area where the bed is to be located, and then burning.

Practically all plant beds are located in a peice of new ground, as farmers seek soil that is free from any kind of plant disease. Frequently fire gets away from the burning brush on the bed and ignites the vegetation and undergrowth nearby. Serious woods fires result.

The proper care and protection of timber has come to mean too much to farmers of this county for them to take any unnecessary chances with fires. Every possible care should be exercised when zuring off this year's tobacco plant bed to see that the next ten year's timber burning off this year's tobacco plant bed crop is not ruined in the process.

Good Milk Supply

Recently a photostatic copy of the Federal milk rating for the City of Southport was mailed to the county doctor. The report is self-explanatory, but it indicates that the milk inspector should get busy and clean up sources of milk that is being produced outside the regulations prescribed by the State Board of Health.

Following is the letter from Warren H. Booker, Collaborating Sanitary Engineer: "The retail-raw milk rating for Southport was 96 percent, which is excellent indeed, and which places Southport on the list of honor roll towns, as regards milk sanitation. Congratulations on this achievement.

"Incidentally, it is noted that the enforcement methods receive a rating of only 80 percent. It is hoped that this may be improved, and that at least the same high grade protection be continued in connection with the retail-raw milk supply."

Wrong Way

No basketball game is good enough to justify marking all over the sidewalk with chalk in an undignified effort to invite the public to witness the contest.

We recognize the necessity of getting news of the games before the basketball fans. Crowds are desirable, both for their moral influence and their pecuniary aid. So it is the method, not the purpose, that we criticize.

No one, we believe, will deny that The Pilot has a friendly attitude toward sports in general, and basketball in particular. Nothing would give us greater pleasure than to be allowed to have a schedule of games each week.

Times Change

An ironic circumstance which commanded the attention of the reading public one day last week came by way of the Raleigh News and Observer, which in one section of the paper, carried an item which showed that back in 1882 a negro was sentenced to 10 to 12 years for stealing two bushels of wheat from a white farmer.

On another page of the same paper, there was an article of a negro being pardoned at the end of six years for killing a member of his own race in North Carolina.

Times have in reality changed. Little comment seems necessary on this score, for which a circumstance speaks eloquently enough for itself.

The Tax Flood

Time was when a young man starting out in life could turn to business with optimistic eyes as means for a livelihood. He could establish his little business, apply himself diligently and in a few years become a successful entrepreneur and leading citizen of his community.

This was the rule rather than the exception and thousands of prominent business men can tell you that they launched their career with virtually a shoe lace.

How changed the picture today. If a young man seeks to set up a little trade today he is confronted with a host of state and federal taxes which must be meted out before he can sell the first nickels worth of merchandise. Many of these taxes are extraordinarily high and ruthless and a merchant must do a good business in order to make a profit after the taxes are paid.

Even the old established merchants are having the struggle of their lives trying to exist under the increasing load of taxes. If you don't believe it, ask them? They are not just "griping"; they are patriotic and loyal to their state and country but when their government tries to tax them out of business the old instinct of self-survival comes to the front.

Let's scan a few figures. The New York Sun tells us that the average man's taxes has jumped from \$1.27 in 1925 to \$1.51 in 1937. About 1933 his taxes, state and federal, jumped from \$8.80 to \$70.00 per year. Five taxes are collected on shoes before they are ever sold to the consumer and this is fairly typical of other merchandise.

It is estimated that a man spends one-fourth of his income in taxes—direct and indirect. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the bed we sleep in, the amusements we see—all bear taxes.

When taxes threaten the very foundation of business and industry, merchants think not of political faith but of self-survival.

What's everybody's business may be nobody's business, but it makes mighty choice gossip sometimes.

We learn whiskey is a poor cure for snake-bite. Which means that there's been a lot of hooch wasted.

With income tax worries in the offing, there's the added aggravation of trying to pronounce those Chinese words in the papers.

The fellow who shoots straight from the shoulder might be an excellent gunman or an ardent lover.

Politicians should make good horsemen. They've certainly had enough experience straddling the fence.

The average hunter is a man who walks all day looking for birds he couldn't kill if he found them.

Time is about the easiest thing wasted in the world unless it's the public's money.

It seems now like the anti-lynching bill will be doomed to die by gas.

Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAN)

NEW ORGANIZATION The Sport Fisherman's Bureau, an auxiliary of the Southport Civic Club, has been created within the past week. The members are boatmen who will be engaged in carrying fishing parties here in the spring, summer and fall. The objective is to give the sportsmen service and to publicize and advertise the wonderful Gulf Stream fishing off Southport, as well as the trout, mackerel and blue out on the Cape Fear shoals. The Bureau will be in charge of the Civic Club secretary, he will meet all parties before they go out and register all news and the boat on which they make their trip. Meeting them again on their return to port, he will get a report of their catch and write a local news story to their home papers and will also make and send photographs along with the story. Reports of all exceptionally good catches and photographs of the same will also be sent the state press and the publicity department of the Department of Conservation, at Raleigh.

In addition to the various sources of publicity the bureau manager will keep all known sportsmen acquainted with the fishing conditions by direct mail and will endeavor to overcome a serious handicap that existed last year by trying to get parties to make their trip all through the week, instead of just on Saturdays and Sundays. It may not be generally known, the best catches last year were about all made on week days.

WILL ASK COOPERATION The Sports Fisherman's Bureau will ask the cooperation of Fort Caswell and all places in Southport that will be in a position to furnish accommodations to visiting fishermen. These places will be asked to recommend to their guests that they use Fisherman's Bureau boats for their trips, this because of the fact that the Bureau will be doing everything in its power to advertise the Southport fishing, bring parties here and render them service. We cannot bring parties here without organized effort, at least, not in numbers sufficient to give all boats employment. It stands to reason that business, generally, will profit by the bringing in of large numbers of fishing parties and a thorough advertising of Southport as a great sport fishing center. Cooperation will be both deserved and expected. And what is given will be repaid in kind.

NEW BOATS HERE Last summer there was less than half a dozen boats available for carrying out parties. It often happened on Sunday that fifteen or more parties came in, only to find all boats already engaged. This naturally had a bad effect. To start this season, seven boats are already here from up-state to add to the local boats that handled the business last year. All seven of these up-state are going in for the organization and will pay their share towards the advertising fund that is expected to bring in several times the number of parties that were here last year. Four of the up-state boats that are now here plan to go in for the new Gulf Stream fishing. All of them are almost new craft and in every way suitable for sea-then are 50 footers, the Empress and the Cosair of Captain Day, of Morehead City. Another seagoing big game fisherman from Mantoo has been here since September and will remain all summer for the sport fishing, taking up shrimping in the fall.

The Fannie Quidley, handsome turtle back boat, is shortly to be fixed up at Morehead City for the sport fishing and brought here. Roy Brown, of Beaufort, will also bring down his blue fish boat, equipped for sport until the netting season. There will probably be many others from various points. It is safe to say that with the advent of the sport fishing season there will be a strong fleet here to render service. The boatmen will, of course, do all in their individual power to encourage the coming of fishing parties. With the individual efforts and the work of the Bureau 15 to 25 boats should be as constantly employed as were the less than half a dozen of last year. The town itself will, naturally, benefit greatly by the presence of the hundreds of

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

HONOR ROLL

Following is the honor roll for the fourth school month. In order to be eligible for the first honor roll a student must have an average above 93 in his studies. Membership on the second honor roll is for an average between 90 and 93.

First grade: Mary Love Brown, Dot Watts, Mary Frances Floyd, Richard Brendle, Joseph Cox, Jimmie Cox, Mary Sue Wallace, Lois Coleman, Barbara Price; none for second.

Second grade: Elsie Henry, Betsy Jane Galloway; second honor roll, R. E. Sellers, Jr. and Herbert Swain, Jr.

Third grade: Dorothy Lee Ward, Dorothy Mae Price, Bess Miller Plaxco, Billy Bowling, Margaret McGee, Evelyn Muncy, Louis Newton, Billy Wells, Kenneth Stillier, Ann McRackan; none for second.

Fourth grade: Sally Ann McNeil; none for second.

Fifth grade: Edward Newton, Dorothy Cox, Eloise Lancaster; none for second.

Sixth grade: Annis Jean Weeks, Lulu Marie Swain, Mae Swain, Rudolph Sellers, Inez Phelps, Muriel Lee Jones; second honor roll, Eloise St. George.

Seventh grade—none.

Eighth grade: First honor roll: Roderick Bellamy.

Second honor roll: None.

Ninth grade: Marion Frink, Doris Lewis; None for second.

Tenth grade: Earl Bellamy, W. T. Fullwood, John Hall; None for second.

Eleventh grade: Edward Taylor, Katie Cox, Louise Niernise; None for second.

The Scarlet Masque Dramatics Club of Southport high school is working daily on a three act comedy drama, "Tea Toper Tavern", which will be presented January 28. The play is under the direction of Miss Myla Peilly.

"Tea Toper Tavern", by Lindsey Barbee, is full of unexpected happenings. It is highlighted by a costume ball which will be very colorful.

The cast was carefully selected from the members of the club. The fourteen characters are: Frances Bellamy, a chaperon. Wilma Barnett, Marion Frink, Louise Niernise, college girls. Buster Northrop, a younger brother.

Doris Corlette, a younger sister. Josephine Moore, ill fated maid. Edmond Newton, Irish policeman. James McKeithan, lawyer. Victor Bartels, pastor. Edward Taylor, owner of Tavern.

John Hall, publisher. Mary Hood, fascinating widow. Leatha Arnold, personal maid. The other members of the dramatic club are in charge of the scenery, lighting, make-up and costumes.

Egan Hubbard, assisted by William Sellers is in charge of the producing staff. Annie Margaret Watts is to work with the make-up, Josephine Moore with the costumes, and Annie Laurie Willis with the properties. The programs are designed by Katie Cox and Jane Shannon.

The Southport high school teams will be host to the Shalotte basketball team Friday night at 7:30. This is the first meeting of these teams this year.

Saturday of this week Southport will travel to Whiteville where they will be the guest of Whiteville High School basketball teams. Upon Southport's first meeting of Whiteville the outcome was Whiteville winning the girls game and Southport boys defeating Whiteville boys.

The Gym is being repaired for student betterment. It is up to them, the people of the high school, to keep it in the best possible condition. Let them show appreciation by good conduct and behavior.

Volley ball had to be discontinued while the gym is under repairs. When the work is completed volleyball will be continued along with the playing of the girls intermural games which were postponed.

One hundred pigs that have cleaned soybean and peanut fields in Chowan County have been put on feed for the spring market. Further efforts to improve the swine industry of the county resulted in 375 hogs being inoculated against cholera by the farm agent during the past two weeks.

How Times Do Change



WACCAMAW SCHOOL NEWS

WACCAMAW WINS

Waccamaw High School boys' basketball team defeated Bolivia high school boys 30-13 last Friday night. Individual scoring for Bolivia: Leonard 2, Leah 5, Watkins 4, Taylor 2, Waccamaw—Jenrette 10, Evans 12 and Smith 8.

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Northwest Club Women Me

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A Farmer Knows Mules..

Yes sir, it takes a farmer to really know mules... He's got to work with them the year round, and it's only natural that he should know how to choose a good mule—That is the reason so many farmers buy their mules from SETH SMITH'S STABLES!



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