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We sometimes wonder if the later improvement justifies the way a woman looks right after she gets back from the hair dressers.

It isn't hypocrisy to try to live up to what someone thinks of you.

It is better to work a short time at full speed than to work half-heartedly for a longer period.

We hope that we never reach the place where we become unimpressed by the fresh beauty of spring.

The weather may make you feel young, but tomorrow will remind you of our age if you play very much baseball or tennis.

You don't have to be a pessimist to save for a rainy day.

Farmers have begun their tobacco bedside vigil for the appearance of blue mold.

The hard way is not always the best way.

Deserves A Boost

It isn't often that you see a commercial plug on the editorial page, but we follow the plan of giving a boost where one is deserved.

This has reference to the amusement bill of fare offered recently at the Amuzu theatre by the proprietor-manager, Price Furpless. Pictures shown at the local theatre during the past month will compare favorably with those at any other movie house in North Carolina, and Southport people have responded by attending the shows in large numbers.

Changes Hands

The sale of Bald Head island Saturday to Frank Sherrill, of Charlotte, was news of state-wide interest.

The sum of \$7,500.00 which Brunswick county received for North Carolina's only tropical island will be a big help to the county treasury, but more important is the fact that the property now goes back on the tax books in the name of an owner who is planning an extensive development.

Flower Show

If the 1938 Flower Show, sponsored by members of the Southport Woman's Club, is to keep pace with its predecessors then it is well to recall that it is just a month away.

Nature is wonderful in her compensation for our forgetfulness, but there is not much she can do for the last-minute gardener.

Start now!

Fire Truck Needed

The work of the Southport volunteer fire department during the past few years has caused much favorable comment, but a look at the antique equipment of this organization shows that if this reputation is to be maintained there must be an effort made to modernize the local fire-fighting unit.

The fire engine now in use here was purchased by the city in 1924 and is powered by a Ford motor of that vintage. The little truck has served well for long past its time, but it does not keep pace with the city's hope of expansion.

The loudest clamor from the group who best knows its need—the volunteer firemen—is significant that the firemen are not merely sitting back and howling their heads off, they have taken the lead in securing funds with which to purchase a new fire truck.

With money in the bank from a recent benefit dance, local pushers of the project say that nobody will be asked to donate until the firemen themselves have

raised one hundred dollars. Citizens and taxpayers then will be asked to contribute to a fund whose goal is \$500.00. With this and the old fire truck as a down payment, unofficial report has it that the city will keep up the remaining indebtedness in small monthly payments.

With a group of the young boys leading the way, it appears that the firemen really are serious in this venture. New activity has been apparent in the fire company during the past two weeks, and two fire drills have been held. Apparently the object is to have a modern company ready to take over the new equipment if they are successful in their efforts.

Orton

The most beautiful sight we have seen in years is Orton.

We confess with shame that we lived in Brunswick county for almost three years before we paid our first visit to Orton Plantation Saturday, but we promise you that we'll never miss another opportunity.

The fine, old colonial home, standing where she has stood looking out over the Cape Fear for two centuries, is centerpiece for a scene in which nature appears to outdo herself in riotous beauty.

Along the walkways are azaleas which bubble up from the ground like a pink foundation of flower petals trying to dazzle the gray-beard live oaks that canopy the place. Head-high japonicas with perfect blossoms grow hard by, flower prince consort for the beautiful azaleas.

On through the winding paths of the garden, to where lavender wisteria climbs skyward to mingle her subdued loveliness with the sombre grey moss. And then a gentle breeze gathers from some corner the soothing smell of sweetbuds, expressing to another sense the beauty of that garden.

But what's the use? The place beggars description; it is to be seen—not read about.

We think that its magnificence is best expressed by the visitor who looked up at beautiful Orton house and observed: 'I'd hate to live in that place; I don't ever want to become accustomed to this much beauty.'

Better Homes Week

Better Homes in America, as the name implies, is primarily interested in bringing "better homes" within the reach of all citizens, and to that end is conducting an educational campaign in cooperation with volunteer local committees to bring knowledge of better and more economical forms of house architecture and house furnishings to the attention of the people of America. The strength of this movement lies in this fact that it has the cooperation of a number of government agencies, national and local civic organizations, that it is working toward a highly educational end, and that it is wholly non-commercial.

The movement is trying to reach the wage-earners and low-salaried population by well-balanced demonstrations. The campaign stresses not only the best in new housing of moderate cost, but also the remodeling of old houses, the improvement of premises, the refinishing of furniture, the development of home recreation, reading, music, health, child care, and community beautification programs, as well.

The initiative and responsibility of formulating the Better Homes programs rest with the local Better Homes Committees, for these groups are best able to plan programs which are suited to the specific needs of the community. The programs they sponsor, together with the Home Information Service which the National Office maintains, are serving as an effective medium for the distribution of much needed and reliable information on housing subjects.

National Defense

We heard a lot of talk, a few years back about disarmament. We hear little such talk today. European nations are now engaged in the swiftest armament race in the history of the world, and every little nation is an armed camp within itself.

America has joined the race. It had to. While we realize our best line of defense lies in the kindly Atlantic and Pacific which lie between us and such belligerent nations as Japan, Germany and Italy, America must look to her own protection.

In such abnormal conditions as the world is in today, the United States can do little but look to the protection of the 130,000,000 people within her borders.

Just Among The Fishermen

WENT HIS LIMIT

For once in his life Postmaster L. T. Yaskell, who has all of the qualities of a first-rate fisherman, cannot overrate his accomplishment with rod and reel. One day last week he went out and, coached by the Civic Club man, his first five casts brought in five big mouth bass, averaging about two and a quarter pounds each. Then he had a strike from a big fellow who tore one of the gangs of hooks from the minnow plug and escaped. The next strike also escaped and so did several more. But fifteen minutes after the first cast was made, the postmaster had the full legal days limit of big mouth bass, all strung up.

SPORTSMANSHIP

One afternoon the past week a trio of local sportsmen were casting for bass in a pond where the water is extremely clear. They were having good luck and of intriguing interest was a number of large bass, plainly visible, hovering over nests near the shore. These fish were evidently depositing their eggs and they manifested no concern at the presence of the anglers just a few feet away. As an experiment, artificial minnow plugs were drawn all around and over one of these nesting fish, an especially large one. She took absolutely no notice, although the process was repeated 25 or 30 times. One of the sportsmen, arguing that artificial minnows were not in it with real live ones, captured a minnow and rigged it up on a hook. It was thrown several feet beyond the nesting fish. It had hardly sunk beneath the surface before there was a flash and a swirl of water. By good fortune the hook caught in such a way as to inflict no injury and it was quickly taken out and the fish, a two and a half pounder, returned unharmed to the water. Shortly afterwards she was observed again, hovering over her nest as if nothing had happened.

TRADING

Postmaster Yaskell is developing surprising ability as a trader. He and the Civic Club secretary located a superlative fish pond one day the past week and they were immediately besieged from all sides with offers in return for information as to the location. Recognizing the value of the claim the postmaster finally entered into a trade with Dr. LeRoy Ferguson, Dr. Ferguson agreeing to perform one appendectomy and one tonsil operation free in exchange for the information. The Doctor, at first, insisted that the patients provide their own ether but Yaskell stood out for both operations to be complete and he claims he won his point. The only present trouble is to settle whether the postmaster or the civic club will take the operation.

INTERESTED

Talking to Frank Sherrill, who bought Bald Head island Saturday, this department found him highly interested in the sport fishing prospects off Southport and his newly acquired property. There is more than a possibility that Bald Head island will some day play a big part in the development of sport fishing out from Southport. Mr. Sherrill is a friendly, congenial fellow and the future visitors to Bald Head may be assured of cordiality.

GOT A BIG ONE

Casting for big mouth bass one day the past week Captain I. B. Bussell hooked and landed a 4-pound specimen. That is about the largest that we have seen this season.

SEASON CLOSES

Tomorrow the season on fresh water fishing closes for 40 days. By the time the closed season is over flies and mosquitoes will be so thick on the fresh water streams that most of the sportsmen will gladly defer operations until fall. This fact is not disturbing local sportsmen very much. In fact, they are all ready to turn their attention to salt water trout. In a week or so somebody will bring in a boat load of these salt water fellows.

GETTING PREPARED

Our compliments to a lot of boatmen for the extensive preparations they have been making for the sport fishing season. S. I. Burris is especially to be commended. He has bought a couple of new boats, rebuilt a couple more and is now engaged in building a couple of large craft, each of which will carry about 50 persons. These two big boats will be very useful in carrying out conventions and other large gatherings.

Chile ranks as the first copper exporting country in the world and in production of this mineral is second only to the United States.

Waccamaw Scholo News

VICTORS

Miss Myrtha Phelps, Addison Jenrette, Ray and Rupert Walton, returned Tuesday evening victorious over Southport and Shallotte debaters. This win made them twice victors. Before this contest they had gone to Bolivia and Leland, and engaged in a debate with these schools; winning both sides of the following question: Resolved, "That the several states should adopt the unicameral system of legislation." By virtue of four victories, they won the debaters' loving cup for the year 1937-38.

SUBSTITUTE

Miss Madge Myers, of Mooresville, assumed her duties last Thursday as substitute teacher of English and French during the absence of Mrs. S. T. Russ, who is convalescing at her home from an operation for appendicitis. Last reports from the bedside of Mrs. Russ were that she was expected to be back in the school room in a few days.

AWARDS

No doubt our boys' basketball team was tired at the close of the final game last Saturday evening in Wilmington, but they made the best showing of any team which has represented our county in any of the Wilmington-Star-Y. M. C. A. tournaments. The medals which they won will be treasured for a long time by the coach and players.

CELEBRATION

On Thursday evening, March 17th, Founder's Day was fittingly observed at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association.

A pageant, "The Candle Lighting Ceremony," depicting the work, aims, and ideals of the Parent-Teachers Association, was given by eight high school girls.

Mrs. W. J. Purvis, one of the oldest members of our Parent-Teachers Association, was given the honor seat during the performance of the pageant.

A gold candle was lighted in memory of Mrs. Poebe Hearst and Mrs. Alice Birney, and seven other candles were lighted as symbols of the cardinal principles of education.

After a short business session in the auditorium, the group retired to the library where lemonade was served.

SCHOOL PLAY

The senior class of the Waccamaw high school will present on Saturday night, April 2nd, a play entitled "The Red-Headed Step Child." This promises to be a good play, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

The senior class met and chose the following superlatives: Best looking girl, Mabel Edwards, best boy athlete, Addison Jenrette, best girl athlete, Cleo Stanaland, most original, Dorothy Simmons, biggest flirt, Nell Walton, the most handsome boy, Addison Jenrette, the witest, Lucille King, best-all-round, Lloyd McKeithan, most bashful, Leo Forny Duval, most brilliant student, Addison Jenrette, best sport, Lucille King, most ambitious, Loyd McKeithan, cutest girl, Veamon Duncan, cutest boy, Odell Williamson, best dressed student, Elsie Avent, quietest, Martha M. Harrelson, most indifferent, Lina Simmons, most studious, Dorothy Mintz and biggest mouth, Myrtha Phelps.

Political Cards

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the people of Brunswick County: I will enter the Democratic primary of June 4 for the nomination as judge of the Recorder's court. If the people feel that I am qualified for this responsible position I will appreciate their vote and support. I have served in this capacity once before, and I tried to serve so as to be a credit to the office and to myself. I can say with pride that I was judge during the time I served, and if I am elected again I pledge myself to boss my job and to administer justice to one and to all. I can truthfully say that I never have taken politics nor personal differences into any public duty. I hope the people will elect officers to serve them this time who have a mind of their own and who will exercise it; not be just a proxy to some centralized power, in my judgment the Hitler Dictations of one or two people for selfish ambitions. This rule will not apply to all officers now in power, but I will say that there are almost none it does not hit.

Yours truly, Walter M. Stanaland

Supplying London with gas calls for more than 6,400 miles of gas mains.

In eight years the Tulsa, Okla., municipal airport has accommodated 613,000 persons—coming and going—in 140,000 planes without a casualty or minor injury.

Can't Something Be Done About This?



Expert Answers Farm Questions

Culling Cockerels From Chicks; Using Nitrate Of Soda On Vegetables; Feeding Calf

Q: When should I cull the cockerels from my early hatched chicks?

Benefit Show At Local Theatre

Through the cooperation of Price Furpless, owner and manager of the Amuzu theatre, a generous percent of the receipts from Friday night's show will be given to the Southport Woman's Club.

The feature for the evening is "Fight for Your Lady," starring John Bowles and Jake Oakie, two of fildom's favorites.

A: Where cockerels are to be saved for breeders, the first culling should be made from eight to twelve weeks old. For best results the flock should be culled continuously and all through the growing period the birds should be watched carefully and any cockerels showing poor development or lacking in vitality should be discarded. The first culling of pullets may be made at the same time and the same procedure followed through the growing period.

Q: At what age should a calf be given grain and hay?

A: Small amounts of both grain and hay should be offered the calf at about two weeks of age or when the substitution of skim-milk for whole milk is begun. Only a handful or two of grain should be given the first day and this amount can be gradually increased until the animal is receiving about three pounds a day at six months of age. No more grain than the calf will clean up should be given at one feeding. Hay should be fed sparingly at first and gradually increased until the animal is getting all it will consume. On account of the laxative nature of alfalfa, it is best to use a clean, bright mixed hay for first three or four weeks. After that good, leafy alfalfa hay is best.

Q: Is it necessary to side dress vegetables with nitrate of soda?

A: The quality of succulent vegetables is dependent upon rapid growth and it is often necessary to make side applications of quickly available nitrogen to maintain vigorous growth. The time of application will, of course, depend upon the vigor and maturity of the crop and upon seasonal conditions and the grower must use his best judgment as to the time. Care must be taken not to let the fertilizer come into direct

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