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Success is a goal, not a waiting station.

Laugh and the world laughs with you or at you.

A good cure for big head is hard knocks.

A man who values his reputation for veracity will not be too hasty about the promises he makes to political candidates.

Spring has made her most daring debut this year, but it appears that she will be able to get away with it.

A sucker is one who believes everything anyone tells him except when somebody tells him the truth.

No "Poorhouse"

In a Christian, humane charge to members of the Brunswick county grand jury at the opening session of Superior court here Monday Judge E. H. Cranmer concluded his remarks by instructing the jurors to visit certain offices and institutions.

I am thankful to say that we do not have a 'poorhouse' in Brunswick county," he said. "We have a county home, a place where the aged and infirm may receive sympathetic care and attention."

We were much impressed by the distinction which he drew between the two terms, for it shows more plainly than may be disclosed in any other manner the change in attitude toward the institution which fills that need in each county.

"A distinguishing characteristic of civilization," declared the judge, "is reflected in the care and consideration of aged and infirm people."

Information Bureau

If evidence of outside interest is a dependable indication, Southport will have more fishing and vacation visitors this season than ever before in her history.

Our friends upstate tell us that the only thing now standing in the path of this community's rapid development as a resort is lack of hotel facilities. "If you get people there what are you going to do with them," is their repeated inquiry?

As matters stand now, there isn't very much that we can do. However, it is well within our power to make comfortable, convenient provision for taking care of a large number of outside visitors this summer.

In many of the better homes of Southport are extra rooms—rooms that are well furnished and well kept while they grow musty between the time of departure of one group of company and the arrival of the next. These rooms never have been rented because the home owners always have felt that there was no use to go to the trouble for just one or two rooms.

In making a census of Southport in an effort to discover the number of available rooms of this kind we believe that the total would be surprisingly large. Now, with a complete list of available accommodations in hand, the Southport visitor might come here with the reasonable expectation of finding desirable lodging and meals.

That is where the need for a central information bureau comes up. One person in charge of all the scattered rooms of Southport could establish speedy contact with the home owners and could comfortably place a large number of visitors in a day.

The operation of the Information Bureau might easily develop into a profitable business for some enterprising individual, who could collect a small commission for furnishing tourists and vacationists.

If the plan were worked out on a more elaborate scale to include making reservations and contacts for boats for fishing parties, the possibilities would be enlarged even more.

The only way to relieve Southport from her growing pains is to utilize every one of her available facilities for the enter-

tainment of guests this summer.

Should Be Used

There is not a town in North Carolina the size of Southport that has a finer Community Center Building, but there are plenty of places where an institution of this kind fills a more frequent and more general need.

While the building is under the joint control of the city officials and members of the American Legion, it was constructed with the idea of providing a convenient, well appointed meeting place for various social and civic groups.

In one nearby city the ladies of the community sponsored a project for furnishing equipment for cooking and serving meals in the main auditorium of the Community Center Building. Now the rooms and equipment are available to members of any worthwhile group or organization for regular meetings or entertainments.

If the ladies of Southport would combine their efforts to furnish the upstairs cloak room as a kitchen and would purchase china and silverware, the local Community Center hall would come to be the focal point of social activity.

Danger Of Fire Increasing

According to all indications, a larger number of homes will burn this year. More factories and stores will be damaged or destroyed, and more men will be thrown out of work.

Four winter months of this year registered a steady upward march in fire losses. Although the actual increase over the corresponding months of a year ago was not great (total increase for the four months was \$4,350,000,) it represented a dangerous upward trend that must be halted unless additional lives and dollars are to be sacrificed to fire.

Not only were December losses heavier than any other month in 1937, but they also were the highest in three years, except February, 1936.

The lesson this points is that America's old enemy, fire, is again on the rampage. When we have a "breaking spell" from great catastrophes, people forget dangers. They become careless, permitting the enemy to regain a foothold. Experience teaches us that the best way to combat fire is through information and eternal vigilance. We must arm ourselves with information about fire hazards, then search out the dangers in our own homes and places of business and eliminate them. And we must be continually on guard.

We should be spurred to redouble our efforts when we realize that great as it is, property loss is the least of the toll taken by fire. Each year thousands of human beings perish and many more are seriously injured in fires!

Rhyme And Reason

The franchise imposes a tremendous responsibility upon the electorate of our state, and no single duty of an individual requires more thought and reasoning than the selection of candidates for public office.

Platforms of various candidates in great many instances are entirely without rhyme or reason. As to the rhyme, we have little attachment, but as to the reason, we are vitally interested.

When a voter goes to the polls to cast his ballot for the persons who are to represent him in his government, he performs that duty with the knowledge that thereby he speaks on matters of government—that's his own way of speaking in the affairs of government.

With that solemn sense of duty borne clearly in mind, the voter in Brunswick county and in the rest of the nation should give grave consideration and thoughtful contemplation as to how he will cast his vote.

By now, voters have become pretty well acquainted with the hollow promises which usually precede election. It's for the voter to decide between the sheep and the goats.

Generally speaking, many candidates do not give the voter credit for very much intelligence—a highly mistaken idea withal. When a candidate for instance promises to abolish many of the taxes which go for the functions of government today, and further promises to create more government jobs, to increase the teacher's salaries and all other government employees, that's all out of reason.

A voter without much arithmetical education could easily discern that two minus two does not leave four. Beware of political platforms which do not make sense, because there is sense in government. Governmental functions operate on the same basis as private business, and you can't run a government if all taxes are abolished.

Just Among The Fishermen

They Are Biting Fine, Boys The trout are out there. Yes, sir! They are swarming around the wrecks of the old ships on the Cape Fear shoals and the greenest of fishermen can easily pull them in until his arms ache, whenever the weather is fair. Captain H. T. Bowmer's boat was the first to make a scouting trip last week. The tide did not come in right for the best fishing until noon. At noon the boat was back in port with a catch of 77 trout. The largest one weighed four pounds-two-ounces and there was plenty of three and one-half pounders. Captain Bowmer had gotten a sick headache and the fisherman had been forced to quit just when the biting was getting good. Postmaster L. T. Yaskell was the one fisherman who made the catch with his trusty rod and reel. The writer expresses his belief that it was all pretty good for a country boy.

Walden Creekers The two and one-half pound drum up on Walden's Creek and down at Howell's Point are affording some mighty fine sport for the man with pole and cork. They bite best on a rising and at full tide. No boat is needed and a pretty good kick can be gotten when they dive away with your cork and you feel them struggling at the end of your pole and line. The best place on Walden's Creek is on the property of F. L. Lewis and his courtsey in permitting fishing is appreciated.

Looking For Crowd J. C. Baskerville, of the State Advertising Bureau, was here Saturday and the Civic Club told him that we would have more sportsmen to come to Southport this year than has been here in the past ten years. This was a statement that Mr. Baskerville heartily agreed with. Southport is now well established as having some of the best salt water fishing that can be found anywhere on the coast north of Florida. In fact, it rivals many of the outstanding fishing sectors of the Florida coast. The only difference is that Florida has been widely publicized and Southport is just coming in for that. There will be crowds at Southport this year.

Splendid Annual Our compliments to the Hanover Fishing Club and our friends up the river for the splendid annual issued last week. The organization has done great things for the development of sport in New Hanover county and we venture the belief that future issues of its publication will show an equally fine record in the development of Gulf Stream Fishing off Southport. Many Southport sportsmen are now proud to claim membership in the New Hanover organization.

Ready For Fishing Up-state sportsmen may now come to Southport in the full assurance of fine trout and blue fishing at any time when the weather is not too rough to go out. The fish are biting, plenty of good boats are available, with more to come and we venture the prediction that some record catches will be made during this month of April.

Tip To Sport Editors The New York Times saw enough of interest at Southport to send one of its staff photographers here last Saturday and he is coming back for more, and some fishing for himself, a little later. One leading North Carolina newspaper is planning to promote a fishing party from its city this or next month. This paper will bring its photographer along and someone who is able to handle a hot, diggity-dig typewriter. The object is to get pictures and news stories of the Southport fishing, and to have some real sport. There are other good North Carolina newspapers that should take a tip and follow the same lead. The Southport sport fishing became a statewide matter last year and this year it will draw sportsmen from half of the 48 states in the Union.

That Hoped For Hotel And, since it is never out of our mind, we are tempted to ask when are we all going to lay hold and get that much-talked-of modern hotel. We need it, it will mean everything towards the making of Southport. The tourists along the coastal route can easily be brought to Southport. The hundreds of yachts bound south in the fall and north in the spring will afford valuable patronage, and for eight or nine months of the year we will have a deluge of sportsmen for the fishing.

The diner was furious at the poor fare he had received. "Never," he shouted, "never shall I tell a friend of mine to come here!"

"Then, perhaps," suggested the head waiter, "you will tell your enemies?"

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HONOR ROLL

First grade: Jean Bennett, Tom Mintz, Hazel Smith, Josephine Russ, Lillian Piver, Vela Mae Milliken, Willa Mae Coleman, Cordell Rhodes, Wilbur Carlyle, Rudolph Formy Duval, Waddell Long, Clem Russ, R. C. Smith, Kenneth Ward, Louise Inman, Itis Smith, and Doris Smith.

Second grade: Glen Williamson, Chester Bradford, Lois Babson, Doris Bland, Norma Jean Jenrette, Helen King, Marie Leonard, A. V. Russ, Lucile Sellars, Ina Mae Simmons, Lina Mae Stanaland, Davie White, Joe Levy Evans, Raymond Ludlum, Sam Smith, George Ellis Long, Dan Carlisle, Guy Hughes, Madelene Evans, Lena Mae Gore, Janis Gore, Ruby Avis Formy Duval, Parcie Love Inman, Pauline Smith, Irene Simmons, Katie Ruth Stewart and Willie Mae Smith.

Third grade: Dillard Russ, Rachel Bennette, Welton Hughes, Leon Phelps, James Franklin King, Madie Hewette, Eva Mae Duncan, Richard Jenrette, Woodard Smith, Elmore King, Betty Lou Jenrette, Pauline Coleman, Ethel Mae Evans, Helen Evans, Helen Milligan, Eula Grey Stewart, Ethel Mae McArthur, Jack Stout, Francis Ross, Mary Louise Russ, David Edward, Maxine Milliken, Floyd Smith, Hoover Smith, Reba McKeithan, Faxion Bennette, Ralph Gore, L. H. Bradford, Cecil Jones, Earl Jones, L. D. Jones, William Albert Stanaland, Earle Smith, Jr., Jacqueline Bennette, Ruby Louise Gore, Annie Belle Hewette, Doreen Inman, Carol Dean Jenrette, Lorraine Jones, Hazel Mintz, Peah Phelps, and Ella Mae Smith.

Fourth grade: Leo Simmons, Marie Parker, Myrtle Coleman, Bobbie Russ, Girene Ludlum, Madison Gore, Joseph Piver, Thomas King, Mary Alice Hewette, Edna Mae Ludlum, Evelyn Smith, Donald Allen, Lovey Mae Rhodes, Bennie Brooks Ward, Annie Edwards, Hilda Mintz, Emma Lee Stout, and Mabre Ward.

Fifth grade: Bernice Evans, Hazel Formy Duval, Lucille Hewette, Lena Inman, Odray Mae Long, Willford Mintz, Ernestine McCumbee, Wilma Phelps, Mary Ellen Stanley, Jewell Tyson, Lila Mae Wilson, Pauline Wilson, Hyton Babson, Jack Brown, Lathan Formy Duval, Roger Piver, Eunice Allen, Verbe Andrews, Allison Bennette, Alberta Duncan, Olean Duncan, Elnora Jacobs, Victoria Jenrette, Lorraine Mintz, Betty Rhodes, Mary Lee Russ, and Margaret Smith.

Sixth grade: Virginia Williamson, Mary Rose Harrelson, Dora Mae Smith, Clyde Mae Cox, Annie Coley Ray, Emma Edwards, Glendola Bennette, Bob Milligan, J. B. Grey, Jr., Billie Mintz, Danton Phelps, Byard Sellars, Harold Smith, Foirine Evans, Esther Formy Duval, Beatress Hill, and Etta Mae Jones.

Seventh grade: Curtis Formy Duval, Maddy Hughes, Hettie Mae Norris, Louise Edwards, and Mattie Jane Long.

Eighth grade: Mary Francis Dodson, and Mary Opal Norris.

Ninth grade: Leslie Inman, Mavis Brady, Teva Formy Duval, and Muriel Ross.

Tenth grade: Thurston Little.

Eleventh grade: Leo Formy Duval, Addison Jenrette, Lloyd McKeithan, Veamon Duncan, Mabel Edwards, Dorothy Mintz, Myrtha Phelps, Cleo Stanaland, and Dorothy Simmons.

WINNER Odell Williamson, speaking the piece, "The Sacrifice That Failed," won the declamation contest at Southport on April 2nd.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS The primary and grammar grades will present a pageant entitled, "The Golden Quest," on Friday afternoon, April 15th, at one-thirty.

Reverend C. R. Hinton, Pastor Green Sea Baptist Church, Green Sea, South Carolina, will preach our commencement sermon on Sunday afternoon, April 17th, at three o'clock.

The recitation-declamation contest between the girls and boys will be held on Wednesday afternoon, April 20th.

Class day exercises of the seniors class will be given on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The final numbers on the program of the commencement exercises will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The Reverend L. R. Evans, pastor of the Knightdale Baptist church, Wake county, will deliver the literary address, after which the diplomas, medals, and other awards will be given to the winners.

May I take this means of inviting every patron and friend of the school to attend as many of these exercises as possible. Mark the calendar and the time, and do not disappoint the children, for they are looking for you to come to see them perform. . .

INTERIOR DECORATION

The inside walls of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company are being repainted this week after being repaired recently.

NEWS BRIEFS

MEDICAL PATIENT George Arnold, of Southport, is a medical patient at the Brunswick County Hospital.

SURGICAL PATIENT Jack Oliver, of Southport, is a surgical patient at the Brunswick County Hospital.

PURCHASE HOME Dr. L. C. Fergus has purchased the Dr. W. S. Doshier home, one of the more attractive residences in Southport.

TO MOVE Mrs. W. S. Doshier will move this week into the home formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Newton.

CONVALESCING Mrs. Jessie Brown, of Shallotte, is convalescing at the Brunswick County Hospital from an appendectomy performed last Wednesday.

IN HOSPITAL Robert Holden, of Southport, was admitted as a medical patient to the Brunswick County Hospital Friday.

HOSPITAL PATIENT Mrs. Green Lewis, of Bolivia, is a medical patient at the Brunswick County Hospital.

OPERATION Madeline Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Robinson, of Supply, underwent an operation Monday at the Brunswick County Hospital for the removal of her appendix.

FOR TREATMENT Mrs. J. A. Russ was admitted to the Brunswick County Hospital Tuesday for treatment.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Easter services at the Presbyterian Church will be Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. J. R. Potts will preach. The sermon subject: "Easter—The Queen of Festivals." The public is cordially invited to attend.

SENIOR TRIP Members of the senior class of Southport high school left early Tuesday morning for a trip to Greenville, where they were guests of East Carolina Teachers College for high school day.

Shallotte News Shallotte, April 5.—Mrs. Neil Holden, of Georgetown, visited her mother, Mrs. W. L. Russ, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Russ were the guests of Mrs. M. A. Shelley last Sunday at Loris, S. C.

Mrs. D. C. Andrews, Mrs. Chandler Rourk, Miss Agnes Andrews and Pearl Russ visited at Little River last Sunday evening.

Sheriff and Mrs. J. A. Russ were in Southport on business last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Milliken were in Wilmington last Tuesday.

Mrs. Tom Swain and Miss Dulith Robinson were Wilmington visitors last Tuesday.

Mrs. S. T. Russ and Pearl Russ made a business trip to Whiteville last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. A. Russ, and Misses Agnes Andrews, Agnes Russ and Virginia Bishop were visitors in Wilmington last Tuesday.

The attendance contest of the Intermediate class of the local Methodist church terminated Sunday, April 3rd. The losing side entertained the winners at a marsh-mallow roast last Tuesday evening at 4:30 o'clock. All except one of the members of the class were present.

Mrs. John White and Mrs. French Bowen were visitors in Wilmington last Tuesday.

Mrs. Lonnie Humphries, of South's tent shop located at Bolivia, was the Wednesday evening guest of Mrs. J. A. Russ.

Mrs. W. R. Holmes returned to her home here last Tuesday evening from the Brunswick County Hospital where she was a medical patient for several days.

Calvin Mishoe and Milton Gore, of Loris, S. C., visited Sheriff Russ last Wednesday.

George Russ, of Tallahassee, Fla., returned to his home last Wednesday after an extended visit here with relatives.

Members of the Shallotte high school faculty attended the District Teacher's Meeting held at Burrow last Thursday evening.

Misses Rexie Trippie, Willie Marie, Bowen and Louise Trippie were visitors in Wilmington Saturday.

Ted Bennett and Pershing Trippie attended a show in Wilmington Saturday evening.

Miss Britie Holden, Mrs. Woodrow Russ and Pearl Russ were Wilmington visitors Saturday.

Chaperones were Mrs. Joel Moore, Mrs. Josephine Marshall and Mrs. E. H. Cranmer.

Mesdames Beaman Sellars, A. M. Woodard were busy visitors in Southport Friday.

D. T. Long and family are planning on moving in the near future. Rourk home in the near future.

Miss Vivian Williams was week-end guest of Miss Getra Robinson in Wilmington.

SENIOR TRIP The Seniors left Friday morning on their trip to the mountains. Twenty-three students were they were accompanied by Principal Henry C. Stone, Miss Agnes Mae Woodside, Mrs. Edna Williams, Marion R. Gatin, F. Mintz and Llewellyn Hewett. They stopped at Lumberton, Ch. llotte and Gastonia. They spent the night at Lenoir-Rhyne College. Hickory. According to the seniors they were graciously welcomed and royally treated at the College. Saturday they visited Blount Rock and got into some snow. Several of the students became ill and four of them were forced to visit a doctor at Gaston. They then proceeded through Marion to Florence, S. C., to Myrtle Beach and back home. The trip was very much enjoyed because of the interesting places visited and the many amusing experiences that occurred.

JUNIOR-SENIOR The Junior class of Shallotte high school entertained the Seniors Wednesday evening, April 6th in the lunchroom of the school, a banquet in their honor. East decorations with green and yellow as the colors note were attractively arranged.

A short 15-minute play presented by the waitresses at some freshmen in the school building before the guests were received by their hosts at the luncheon. The following toast were given during the banquet: Welcome, by Junior president Bonnie Phelps; response by Sherman Register, senior president; toast to faculty, Fred McLean; response, Henry C. Stone, principal.

The waitresses, attractively dressed in green and yellow, with matching head bands, were: Clarice Russ, Vernie H. mott, Emma Neil Lewis, (sopranos) Amerta Bennett, Ina M. Bellamy, Dorothy Bennett, and Violet Hewett (freshman).

PLAN PLAY The Juniors announce that they will present their play, "7 Days to Marry", a three-act comedy with two black faces Saturday night, April 16, in the school auditorium.

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