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Deadbeat is the black sheep of the Tightwad family.

Clothes lines offer a pretty sure method for taking a baby census.

Credit is like whiskey; when you begin to use it too much it soon gets the best of you.

Some people we know never find out there is more to office-holding than the honor and glory.

#### Campaign Time

This isn't election year, but during the been underway. And the strange thing lists of home accident victims. about it is that leading Democrats and Republicans have been working shoulder Important Courses to shoulder for a common cause.

Political elections are necessary in our form of government, but we have received great satisfaction from the fine manner in which citizens of the lower end of the county have pushed plans for bringing rural electric lines into their several com- the world, we think that it is entirely

forts will be fruitful and it now looks like a matter of a very short time before electric power will be made available to almost every home in the county.

friends forget their political differences thing. While we could never advocate as they wage a campaign for progress.

#### They Do Come Back

Last year a couple on its way to Florida February at Southport for a day. The man got in touch with Captain H. T. Bowmer and asked about a fishing trip.

Captain Bowmer was honest with him. "There's no need to go fishing", he said. "You won't catch a thing this time of

"We'll have the boatride and some fun, won't we", the man asked.

So off they went. Captain Bowmer found that the man and his wife were tical as well as a scientific basis. out to get some fun from life and he played his part. Fish don't bite here in February, but crabs do. So he helped them

Last week the same pair showed up again. Once more they were on their way to Florida, but this time with no thought of speeding by Southport until they had stopped over for another day with Captain Bowmer and his personally conducted crabbing expedition.

## They Are Impressed

One sure-fire way of entertaining guests on their first visit to Southport for a half-day is to take them over to Fort Caswell.

We still have to see our first visitor who is unimpressed with the magnitude of the fortifications, the beauty of the place, its ideal location and the unlimited possibilities for development.

# School Columns

solidated school of the county has been than cotton, we exported considerably represented at least once with a school more than four million bales. Even during column in The Pilot. Three of these the scourge of the boll weevil, when in schools may be depended upon for a 1921, we were able to produce only 7,column almost every week.

reaction of our readers to these columns, bales of cotton abroad. but we wish that instead of telling us how much they like to keep up with the schools through their county paper they out of bad company is never to be alone. highway being built. Astonishing would tell the principals and teachers.

These folks like to know your reactions ciate your interest. What's more import- him perhaps. ant, if you let them know that you like the columns and read them they will each week.

#### Home Safe Home

Believe it or not-the most dangerous place you can be is at home!

According to the National Safety Council, the principal causes of death from home accidents last year were divided as follows: falls, 17,500; burns and explosions, 5,600; poisonings, 1,700; firearms, 800; mechanical suffocation, 1,000; poi- that we have ever received. Real son gases, 1,100. The grand total was sportsmen will be drawn here 32,500 deaths-ninety out of a hundred of which were unnecessary, and could ing and hunting magazines. The have been easily prevented.

The Red Cross, in company with other safety organizations, has been carrying Southport folks that sponsors have on a drive to awaken the public to the been secured with connections danger of home accidents, and to show and a determination to put it how hazards may be easily removed and avoided. Take a look around your own home. Is there a loose rug at the top of a staircase? It may easily cause a fall that will result in long agony in the hospital, or death. Can unlocked medicine cabinets be reached by children? If so, they are in imminent danger of fatal poisoning by such a common first-aid accessory as iodine. Are guns kept unloaded and out of reach of amateur hands?

You can think of many more such vital safety questions. When you do, answer them at once-and not by guesswork, but after a rigorous investigation of every room in your home. And once you've eliminated hazards, keep them eliminated. Remember that a home that is safe today may be filled with dangers tomorrow.

Keep safety in mind at all times-if past two weeks a campaign as feverish as you want to keep your name and the and branches running into the English club last Friday was on any ever waged in Brunswick county has name of your loved ones off the future

Considering that 85 per cent of the there is nothing better during the boys and girls of the State have to depend upon the high schools to prepare jacks. them for their educational equipment in fitting that more vocational work is be-From all present indications their ef- ing added to the high school courses each

A majority of the jobless persons in the United States today, a recent survey Meanwhile, we are glad to see our showed, are trained to do no certain dropping such subjects as Latin and French, and higher math from the high school curriculum, since there will always be some pupils who should have the opfrom New Jersey stopped over here in portunity of such courses, we do think that it is wise to render the high schools all going into retirement for sevmore inclusive in their training courses.

One of the most important courses in with hooks and lines are being the high school today is Home Economics brought into play. There is always The walls have a different apthe high school today is Home Economics something for the outdoor man in the way of sport. Except for the the way of sport ters on health made by pupils of learn to become more efficient and better sudden coming on and off of the housewives. And for the boy, no subject hunting laws it would be hard for tary school. Nearly a hundred housewives. And for the boy, no subject some sportsmen to decide when is more important to Columbus county it is a time to hunt and when The drainage system of the lunch than the courses in vocational agricul- to fish. When your hunting license ture, where the farmers of the future ceases to be effective there is alstudy the business of farming on a prac- ways fishing to fall back on.

All this practical training will bear fruit in the future life of Columbus countv. and will have a definite bearing upon the county's future destiny.

#### Here's One Answer

(The Charlotte Observer)

There may be several answers to the present and unsolved problem of cotton, none of which can be relied upon to effectuate a complete solution, but one of the clearest, it seems to us, lies in the fact that this year this nation is exporting less than four million bales of cotton to foreign customers.

This lucidly reveals that American cotton has seen one of its most profitable customers fold up and quit the field.

According to The Texas Weekly, the last time the United States exported less than 4,000,000 bales of cotton in a year was in 1884, or 55 years ago.

Even during the height of the German submarine warfare, in 1917, it says, when every inch of shipping space was needed During the past two weeks each con- for less bulky and more precious cargo 954,000 bales, and in 1922 only 9,760,000 Island shows that Brunswick peo-We have been well pleased with the bales we shipped more than five million

The best way for some people to stay of coastal property through a Leland is a patient at the Bruns-

A man who talks to himself just to get of Brunswick county for Bald to what they are doing, and they appre- somebody who'll be in agreement with Head Island to remain an island.

Give some people an inch and they'll and saddle paths; hotels and gather and seek make a greater effort to have them in take a mile-but not if it means they'll have to work to take it.

## **Just Among** The Fishermen

SURF CASTING CONTEST

To our mind, the surf casting contest, now being sponsored for Southport this year will result in the greatest pictorial publicity from distant parts. So will sports writers for newspapers and fish-ed in making a bird book and a cameramen will not let themselves be left out. It is a matter for congratulations on the part of Reynolds are new students in the

FRESHWATER FISHING Big mouth bass, goggle eye perch and others of the freshwater tribe are biting exceptionally well. One sportsman is credited with already having taken his days limit of both bass and goggle eyes, all in the same day. Incidently, the biggest bass in the days catch went to five pounds. Dawson Jones, county forest warden, is credited with this performance. He

SALTWATER MINNOWS

only happened to be passing

a pond and stopped to try

out his luck for an hour or

Local fishermen long ago found out that about the best and most Several numbers were then sung easily secured bait for freshwater fishing were the saltwater drum minnows. At low water ditches river are swarming with these tough little fellows. A person acquainted with their habits can quickly capture a days supply for a large party of sportsmen. These drum are tough and active on the hook. So far as we know. spring and summer months for bass, goggle eyed perch and They can easily be used

SHAD FISHING GOOD Shad fishing is continuing good. A lot of fishermen are now employed all along the river between here and Wilmington. Southporter's are chiefly interested in the commercial offshore phase of the work. Catches of over a hundred of these fish have been brought in as the result of one days operations by a trio of local fishermen. Not having been in muddy waters, the offshore shad are shiny and sparkling.

CHANGE OF WEAPONS Hounds, bird dogs and guns are eral months. In their place, rods, reels, and even cane fishing poles

CHANCE FOR THE LADIES The record drum, caught by any member of the New Hanover Fishing Club, weighed 54 pounds. Still, there have been plenty drum caught off Southport almost every summer that would top the above. The fishing club is this year offering a prize of \$100.00 in cash to any member who breaks the 54-pound record. provided the particular catch is also the biggest one for this year. This looks to us to be a good chance for either Mrs. R. L. Munn or Mrs. J. E. Pinner at Bald Head Island to make some easy money. These ladies know the art of snaring drum and pulling the mout and the big fellows are right at hand, almost at their front door. We suggest that Mrs. Munn and Mrs. Pinner join the fishing club and go out for the hundred dollars and the glory of the Bald Head Island fishing. Should Mrs. Munn and Mrs. Pinner fail to take up, here's a gentle reminder to other prize winning aspirants that Bald Head Island and its most southern tip of North Carolina land is the beach off of which the big fellows run.

TO STAY AN ISLAND A canvass of recent expressions of sentiment regarding Bald Head ple are solidly for the place remaining an island. They neither want it made into a national as it may seem, there is also an overwhelming sentiment outside We think it will so remain. It dred Kirby and Hobson Davis will be a second Bermuda: Few automobiles and plenty of horses

# **BOLIVIA** SCHOOL NEWS

Good Record

The second grade had the lowest percentage of absences for last week, the percentage being only 2.5 The first grade girls and 11th grade boys, however, each had perfect attendance.

7th Grade

The seventh grade is interestsafety poster. New Students

Florence, Margaret and Hilda

second, third and fifth grades, re-Safety Unit Mrs. Fant's section of the 4th

grade is working on a safety unit. Many interesting posters and booklets have been New Building

As rays go on work is progessing on the new agriculture building. It is very gratifying to see it take on such a nice appear-

Good Program The 9th grade English club The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Audiences," had most inspiring and enjoyable program Friday on popular American songs. The history of sev eral songs was given by various members of the club, after which Mr. Tucker spoke on why we should today try to make our selves more conscious of the

with much enthusiasm. English Club program of the Senior current events. Some interesting

meaning of our patriotic songs.

reports were made. French Club

program of the Senior French club, "Jeanne D' Arc" last week was on the life of Joan of Arc, in whose honor the club was

Visit Fort

Members of the two basketball squads and some of the faculty enjoyed a visit last Thursday afternoon to Fort Caswell. That night they met the Southport teams on their court for the final series game of the season. Extra Seats

Plans are being made for the addition of three or four hundred seats in the gymnasium for the coming tournament.

Double-Header

The Leland basketball teams will meet the Bolivia teams in a fouble-header on the Bolivia court on Friday night, March 3.

# WACCAMAW

Lunch Room

New linoleum has been put on the tables in our lunch room, different grades in the elemen room has been repaired, and it i giving better service. In The Shop

Tables, bookcases, woodboxes and self-feeders are some of the things which the agriculture instructor and his boys are making ing in the vocational department Mr. Mintz has rendered service here and there in the community.

Library Our librarian is busy cataloging our high school books. She recently purchased a large spicof George Washington, which she expects to hang on the wall as an inspiration for our students.

Wedding Percy L. Weeks, our science teacher and Miss Catherine Hayes teacher of one section of our second grade, were married Tuesday evening, February 14, at Georgetown, S. C. The groom is a graduate of Wake Forest college and his home is at Wade. The bride graduated from Meredith college and her home is at Mullins, S. C. The faculty and students wish for them a long and useful married life in their chosen profession.

On Valentine evening at the home of Mrs. .Z G. Ray, the junior class was entertained by the hostess, their sponsor, at a lovely party. The house was decorated with valentine suggest-

Valentine Party

ions. The evening was spent in playing games of different kinds. Heart-shaped cream cheese sandwiches and fruit salad with punch carrying out valentine colors in the refrshements were served at the close of the party.

INFANT ILL

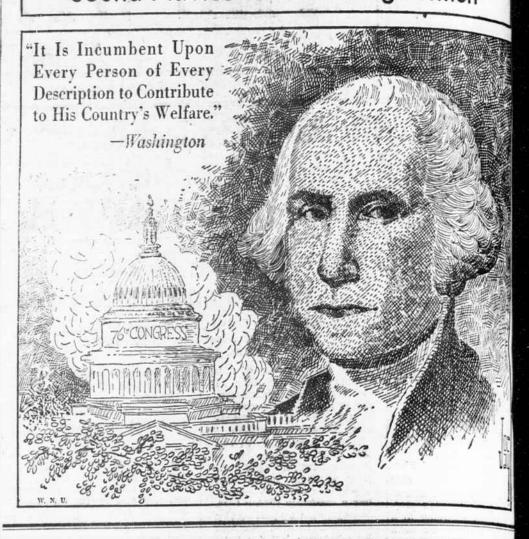
The two-weeks-old infant of park nor into just another bit Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ganey of wick County Hospital.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

A marriage license was issued during the past week to Miss Milboth of Supply.

homes, a wonder spot in North fishing, boating, bathing, golfing Carolina and Brunswick, where and kindred attractions. Bald sportsmen and sportwomen may Heal Island will remain an island.

# Sound Advice to Our Congressmen



The Prince has abdicted! Long live the column! There's mourning going on around the an

We'll be willing to wager that not one of the theatre . . . . Podner, the black-and-white with many courting couples who pass under it know shepard, died Sunday morning. There have been that there is mistletoe growing on one of our store-bought coffins no more elaborate than the trees right down town . . . . We wouldn't want crepe-paper lined box that his master, E. L. Fur to spoil anybody's fun, though, by suggesting that pless, prepared for his burial . . . . We miss the it's not even fifty feet from the "stop" signal . . . intensified gardening that Mrs. Willis formation It's interesting to note that Mrs. Corlette won the did in front of her home near the garrison . prize the other day at the Woman's club meeting Southport would be a beautiful place if everyon for recognizing the most nursery rhymes and she tried as hard as she did to grow flowers at was the only lady there who used to make up shrubs . . . . Did you know that most of her own tunes to sing her children . . . . So far rocks used for walls, walks and rock gardens in as we know, Mark Fargerson is the only man in Southport were dumped overboard here from sail Southport who takes his own paraphanalia with boots that had used them as ballast? . . . The I him when he gets a haircut. It seems he prefers Berg home formerly stood on the garrison and his own clippers to those his barber provides . . . . was used during the Civil War as a troop hospital Mrs. D. M. Davis has the only "Crown of Thorns" . . . . Southport negroes are in demand up in town that we know of. She's trained this un-down the coast as members of fishing crews. usual plant in the shape of a cross . . . . Please, They have a reputation for skill, dependent does the name of Franklin Square have anything and strength unrivaled by any other group. to do with "Poor Richard? We'd like to know Fat Marr is employed by a marine transportation about it . . . . Mrs. L. J. Williamson wants to line in Charleston, S. C. . . . . know what has become of the correspondent at Shallotte Village. "Just a little news from each Keeping notes on some speeches is like community makes our county paper a lot more trying to follow a wild hog through an interesting," she says . . . . And she's right . . . . underbrush.



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