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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 past two weeks a campaign as feverish as any ever waged in Brunswick county has been underway.

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 communities.

From all present indications their efforts 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.

Meanwhile, we are glad to see our friends forget their political differences as they wage a campaign for progress.

They Do Come Back

Last year a couple on its way to Florida from New Jersey stopped over here in February at Southport for a day.

Captain Bowmer was honest with him. "There's no need to go fishing", he said.

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

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

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

During the past two weeks each consolidated school of the county has been represented at least once with a school column in The Pilot.

We have been well pleased with the reaction of our readers to these columns, but we wish that instead of telling us how much they like to keep up with the schools through their county paper they would tell the principals and teachers.

These folks like to know your reactions to what they are doing, and they appreciate your interest. What's more important, if you let them know that you like the columns and read them they will make a greater effort to have them in 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; poison gases, 1,100.

The Red Cross, in company with other safety organizations, has been carrying on a drive to awaken the public to the danger of home accidents, and to show how hazards may be easily removed and avoided.

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.

Remember that a home that is safe today may be filled with dangers tomorrow.

Keep safety in mind at all times—if you want to keep your name and the name of your loved ones off the future lists of home accident victims.

Important Courses

Considering that 85 per cent of the boys and girls of the State have to depend upon the high schools to prepare them for their educational equipment in the world, we think that it is entirely fitting that more vocational work is being added to the high school courses each year.

A majority of the jobless persons in the United States today, a recent survey showed, are trained to do no certain thing. While we could never advocate 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 opportunity of such courses, we do think that it is wise to render the high schools more inclusive in their training courses.

One of the most important courses in the high school today is Home Economics—where the housewives of tomorrow learn to become more efficient and better housewives.

All this practical training will bear fruit in the future life of Columbus county, 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 for less bulky and more precious cargo than cotton, we exported considerably more than four million bales.

The best way for some people to stay out of bad company is never to be alone.

A man who talks to himself just to get somebody who'll be in agreement with him perhaps.

Give some people an inch and they'll 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 that we have ever received.

FRESHWATER FISHING

Big mouth bass, goggle eye perch and others of the freshwater tribe are biting exceptionally well.

SALTWATER MINNOWS

Local fishermen long ago found out that about the best and most easily secured bait for freshwater fishing were the saltwater drum minnows.

SHAD FISHING GOOD

Shad fishing is continuing good. A lot of fishermen are now employed all along the river between here and Wilmington.

CHANGE OF WEAPONS

Hounds, bird dogs and guns are all going into retirement for several months. In their place, rods, reels, and even cane fishing poles with hooks and lines are being brought into play.

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.

TO STAY AN ISLAND

A canvass of recent expressions of sentiment regarding Bald Head Island shows that Brunswick people are solidly for the place remaining an island.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

Good Record The second grade had the lowest percentage of absences for last week, the percentage being only 2.5.

7th Grade The seventh grade is interested in making a bird book and a safety poster.

New Students Florence, Margaret and Hilda Reynolds are new students in the second, third and fifth grades, respectively.

Safety Unit Mrs. Fant's section of the 4th grade is working on a safety unit. Many interesting posters and booklets have been made.

New Building As rays go on work is progressing on the new agriculture building. It is very gratifying to see it take on such a nice appearance.

Good Program The 9th grade English club, "The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Audiences," had a most inspiring and enjoyable program Friday on popular American songs.

English Club The program of the Senior English club last Friday was on current events. Some interesting reports were made.

French Club The 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 named.

Visit Fort Members of the two basketball squads and some of the faculty enjoyed a visit last Thursday afternoon to Fort Caswell.

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 double-header on the Bolivia court on Friday night, March 3.

WACCAMAW SCHOOL NEWS

Lunch Room New linoleum has been put on the tables in our lunch room. The walls have a different appearance because of several posters on health made by pupils of different grades in the elementary school.

In The Shop Tables, bookcases, woodboxes and self-feeders are some of the things which the agriculture instructor and his boys are making in the vocational department.

Library Our librarian is busy cataloging our high school books. She recently purchased a large picture of 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.

Valentine Party 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 suggestions.

INFANT ILL The two-weeks-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ganey of Leland is a patient at the Brunswick County Hospital.

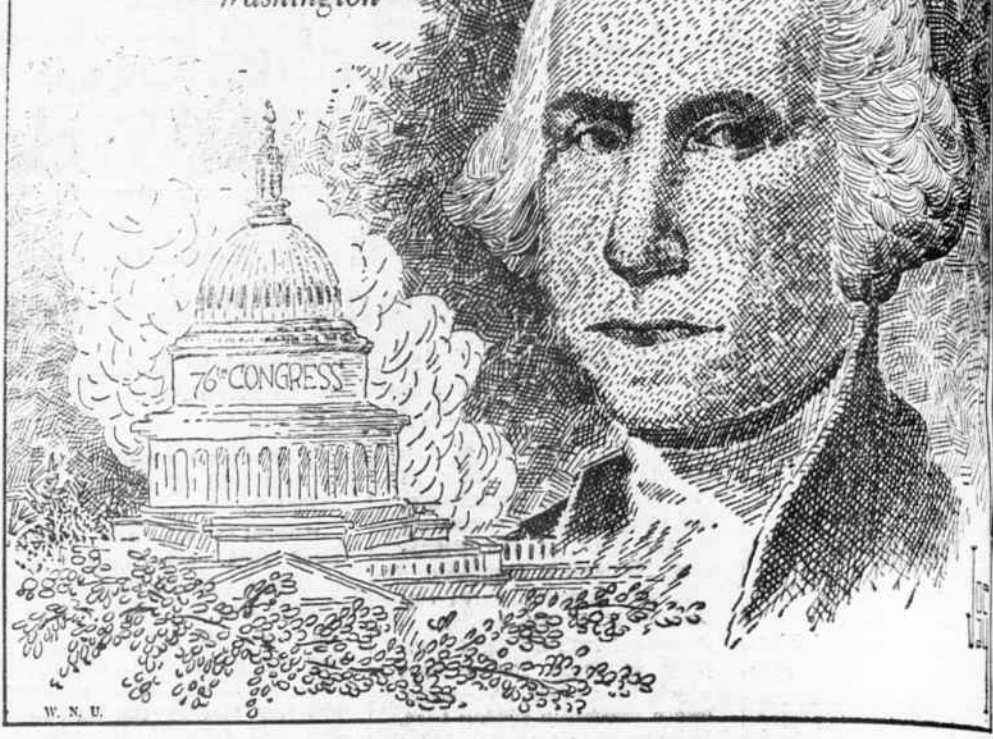
MARRIAGE LICENSES A marriage license was issued during the past week to Miss Mildred Kirby and Hobson Davis, both of Supply.

gather and seek relaxation in fishing, boating, bathing, golfing and kindred attractions. Bald Head Island will remain an island.

Sound Advice to Our Congressmen

"It Is Incumbent Upon Every Person of Every Description to Contribute to His Country's Welfare."

—Washington



NOT EXACTLY NEWS

The Prince has abdicated! Long live the column! There's mourning going on around the theatre . . . Podner, the black-and-white shepard, died Sunday morning. There have been store-bought coffins no more elaborate than the crepe-paper lined box that his master, B. L. Farness, prepared for his burial . . . We miss the intensified gardening that Mrs. Willis formerly did in front of her home near the garrison . . . Southport would be a beautiful place if everyone tried as hard as she did to grow flowers and shrubs . . . Did you know that most of the rocks used for walls, walks and rock gardens in Southport were dumped overboard here from ships that had used them as ballast? . . . The Berg home formerly stood on the garrison and was used during the Civil War as a troop hospital . . . Southport negroes are in demand up and down the coast as members of fishing crews . . . They have a reputation for skill, dependability and strength unrivaled by any other group . . . Fat Marr is employed by a marine transportation line in Charleston, S. C. . . . Keeping notes on some speeches is like trying to follow a wild hog through an underbrush.



Girls Are Like Newspapers

- ★—They are Healthier and Stronger than they used to be
★—They have many type faces
★—They are worth looking over
★—Back Numbers Aren't in Demand
★—They Aren't Afraid To Speak Their Minds
★—They Can Make Or Break A Man
★—They Have Much Influence
★—They Carry News Wherever They Go
★—If they know anything they tell it

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