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The only time a person smells good is when you can't smell him.

No story is good enough to stand two tellings to the same person.

When a hen goes on a sit-down strike her troubles are soon multiplied.

When a man gets the idea that he is a wit he usually is about half right.

Some people seem unable to find anything to do unless the job is in the limelight.

Any man who has been built up by public opinion can be broken the same way.

Simile of the season: As frivolous as a kite without a tail.

Flower Show

Next month the annual Flower Show sponsored by members of the Southport Woman's Club will be held and early plans indicate that the event this year will be bigger and better than ever before.

We trust that we are not speaking out of turn when we urge prospective exhibitors to begin now planning their entries. Flower culture is not a last-minute proposition.

Folks Make Business

The past two Sundays have seen an unusual influx of visitors to our town, most of the extra guests being persons who have visited Orton and who have elected to travel the remaining 8 miles to Southport.

This better than any other method we know clearly shows the tremendous good that would accrue to this entire section were the river road hardsurfaced from the Brunswick river bridge to Southport.

There is no denying the fact that the public deserves a better thoroughfare whereby to reach one of North Carolina's most richly historic sections; there is no doubt about the value that diverted tourist traffic would do Southport; but possibly the most important result would be to open up an agricultural section the importance of which has never been fully developed.

See What You Buy

We doubt if there is another town in North Carolina where a greater percent of purchases are made by mail order than you find right here in Southport.

Now there was once a day when about the only way to get half the things needed by the average family was to get down the catalogue of some well-known mail order house and write for the desired merchandise. Untold millions of dollars have poured from our rural sections into the coffers of these giant business concerns, for not only did the catalogue purchases afford a convenience, but comparison of prices for similar articles handled by local merchants showed that substantial savings were made possible to the purchaser.

That was before the day of modern transportation and keen transportation among local merchants. Today there are few necessities or luxuries that cannot be purchased within easy trading radius of our town, and at prices that are just as reasonable as those offered by the big stores who continue to use attractive catalogues for the purpose of dragging business away from local merchants.

The next time you have an order ready to send off for a purchase, take your list and go to some reliable store in your home community and ask to see the articles you need. Compare the quality of the goods and don't forget to add the postage for the shipment. We believe that you will find that the place to save mon-

ey is with your home merchant. Remember, too, that these men help share your state and county tax load, that for the most part they are progressive, desirable citizens and that when you help their business you are helping conditions in your immediate vicinity.

Drunken Drivers

Newspapers can help mold public opinion faster than any other agency and they are enlisted in the campaign to end drunken driving.

It is reliably estimated that drunken driving has at least doubled since the repeal of prohibition. Today it is one of the principal causes of motor accidents. Surveys carried on in various states indicate that liquor is a factor in 10 to 20 per cent of all accidents involving a fatality or a major injury. In the words of the Chief of the California State Highway Control, the drunken driving evil "continues to grow unabated . . . Intoxicating liquor is playing too great a part in the present mounting death toll..."

The "alcohol - mixed - with - gasoline" problem must be attacked from a number of angles. In many communities police and prosecuting authorities are more or less indifferent to it, and are too prone to let the use of a little "pull" reduce a serious drunken driving charge. While proven scientific methods for establishing whether or not a person is legally intoxicated are known, they have not been widely adopted, with the result that many cases are taken to court without sufficient evidence to justify a conviction. Worst of all, perhaps, a large part of the public tacitly condones drunken driving by refusing to demand rigorous and impartial laws and methods to detect and punish it.

Newspapers are performing a great public service by emphasizing the evil, showing how all of us are potential victims of a drunken motorist, and by carrying on a campaign for betterment in local law enforcement. Alcohol at the wheel kills thousands of Americans each year—and injures tens of thousands. It must be stopped.

Envoy Of Good Will

When we see those of our fellow townsmen who meet every week in the Rotary club, some of us may not realize that the club to which they belong in our community is part of a world-wide movement with clubs in nearly every country on the face of the earth. The appeal which brings our local Rotarians together each week is universal. This is provided forcibly by the fact that Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark, now on his way to the United States, is one of many of the world's prominent men who are active members of their local Rotary clubs. Crown Prince Frederik is an active member of the Rotary Club of Copenhagen, Denmark, with the classification "Government Administration."

Rotary believes that world understanding begins with the individual. Men of influence locally, nationally, and internationally, after they accept the principles of understanding for which Rotary stands, can contribute to the solution of many of today's problems locally, nationally, and internationally. As our local Rotary clubs meets, 205,000 men in 5,000 similar clubs are meeting in 87 countries or geographic divisions of the world.

This is our community a link in a world-wide chain, and thus are the Rotarians of our community adding their bit to the furthering of a universal movement. Who can prophesy the harvest which future generations may reap from the good will being sowed by today's Rotarians?

After all, what's Sally Rand's nude ranch got that any popular bathing beach hasn't got?

The early bird gets the worm, but pity the wife who gets a book worm for a husband.

It always takes a certain amount of elbow grease to make a man shine in any line of work.

Advice is something which anybody is willing to give away, but few people are willing to take.

Dross and dregs in metal always rise to the top. It appears they also do in Germany as well.

Tall men are more jovial than fat ones, a scientist says. They're able to appreciate tall stories more, perhaps.

Most men have a side-kick, which after all is right much better than one in the pants.

Just Among The Fishermen

A BELIEVER

Mrs. Bill Wells believes very little of what her husband says, however, she does believe everything we write in The Pilot. Daily friend Bill sends fish home from his fish house for dinner. The missus always makes a point of asking if they are cleaned. The other day when Bill took home the usual addition to the bill of fare Mrs. Wells met him with the usual form of inquiry regarding the condition the fish were in. "Madam," said Bill, "those shrimp boats have not yet started bringing in fish that were already cleaned. When they do so, I will let you know about it. Meanwhile you may consider that when I bring or send fish to the house I will have had them cleaned." Mrs. Wells thought this over for a moment and then tartly remarked, "Well, I haven't read anything in The Pilot from Mr. Keziah about the boats not catching fish that were already cleaned."

SEASON NEARS

For sometime menhaden boats from the north have been passing through, enroute to Florida, where they work a couple of months or so before going north again to begin the season on the coast above us. The annual passing of these boats is always a reminder that the Southport season is ready to start, or near that. It won't be long now until crews are lined up.

ESTABLISHING RESIDENCE: Captain Barkley Timmons and his crew of half a dozen men on the Maude and Mable are riding out the period that will establish them as legal residents of the State of North Carolina and of Southport. Coming here last November, they did fairly well at blackfishing during the winter. Recently working three miles and more offshore they have done much to locate winter trawling grounds, the discovery of which will be of aid to the local industry. To become legal residents of the state they will have to live here a year and a day.

NO CLOSED SEASON

It is understood that the same rules that prevailed last year will govern shrimping this spring and summer. There will be no closed season for shrimping out in the ocean. But, the boatmen are expected to observe a measure that is for their own good. They are not to take the spawning shrimp in the river and sounds or to butcher the half-grown shrimp by operating against runs that are not of marketable size.

SEA TROUT FISHING

Some of the best hook-and-line catches of recent years have been made during the month of April. With the passing of this week the party season will be getting underway rapidly. The old wrecks lying on the shoals off Bald Head Island will be a popular place for boats with fishing parties.

SAILING DOWN HERE

A friend in Greensboro, that would be Charley Farrell, writes us that a lot of Greensboro folks are getting interested in Southport, Bald Head Island and the fishing here. Among the most enthusiastic of these is Dr. C. I. Carlson of the Vick Chemical Company crowd. Doc is going to sail down this way most any day now from the up-state point where he has been keeping his boat.

BASIN WILL HELP

Southport's yacht basin, which will be dredged in due time, will be of more help to the town than our average citizen realize. It will afford a safe haven for the small boat fishing fleet in time of storm; likewise dockage or anchoring ground for yachts during periods of congestion. Not the least helpful is that it will bring to Southport the sport and pleasure craft of many an up-state sportsman. Southport will become the home port of a lot of good boats in a little time after the basin is dredged and made available.

LINKED WITH US

The future of Bald Head Island is now all linked up with Southport and Brunswick county to what we fully believe will be to the great profit of all three concerned. Frank Sherrill, the guiding spirit of the proposed development, is a fine fellow. In other words, he is a gentleman, courteous and congenial with all whom he meets. Mr. Sherrill will cooperate with Southport and Southport will cooperate with Mr. Sherrill. The things that are held together in common will be developed to the common advantage.

BALD HEAD PARTY

We had a large Bald Head party here Sunday, and they are becoming very frequent. If they

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

CRITICIZES OFFICERS

Dear Mr. Editor: I am asking space in your paper to say some things about what we call white slavery. We don't know why senator Frink don't appoint all the county officers for life time, and save the county so much expenses of elections. If anyone in Brunswick or New Hanover counties wants to become popular just take a vacation to Atlanta, Georgia. Our County Commissioners have appointed county officers that are a disgrace to bootleggers. I believe that if we could get back in freedom again that people would pay more to than they are now paying to take care of the court house suckers. If it was possible the grave yard would have been disturbed in getting absentee votes. Yours truly, LOCKWOOD CLEMMONS

DEPUTY RESIGNS

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I want to thank the people in this community for the respect they have shown me while being an officer. I do think there are too many officers. Our Sheriff has done just what he promised, and that is to give the people in every community a deputy if they petitioned them. I am ready at any time to assist the Democratic party in any way that I can. I hope that some of the other officers can see as I have and resign at the present time in order to made our party one hundred per cent strong in the next two years to come. John R. Beck Calabash section

LELAND SCHOOL NEWS

TEACHERS TO MEET

A county wide teachers meeting will be held at Leland high school, April 8, at 10:15 A. M. A short program will be presented by the Glee Club. A large crowd is expected to attend.

STATE DEBATE

The debating teams from Bolivia, Leland and Shallotte will meet in the triangular state wide debate Friday, March 31, at 10:15 A. M. The negative team from Leland will debate Bolivia's affirmative team at Bolivia, while Leland's affirmative team will debate Shallotte negative team at Leland. We are hoping to win so that we may go to Chapel Hill. The public is invited to attend.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

The third grade with Mrs. McDougall as teacher had charge of the chapel program Tuesday. The program carried out was a health entertainment. Everyone enjoyed this program very much.

STATE EXAMINATIONS

The seniors from Leland high school have received their grades from their state examinations. Our school rated very high and we are proud of the Seniors. Martha Anderson was high scorer for the school.

SENIOR PLAY

The Seniors of Leland School are working diligently on their play entitled "Sunbonnet Jane from Sycamore Lane". They expect to present the play April 6.

CLASS GAMES

Inter-Scholastic activities in Leland School have reached a new high recently. All grades from the fourth through the eleventh have both a boys and a girls basketball team. A regular contest is being carried out between them at noon recess. The entire student body is enjoying these games very much, a student must be passing his or her work in order to take part in these contests.

WINS PRIZE

Paul Robbins a junior won the prize of the month for operating his school bus at the lowest transportation cost. Paul's bus cost for the sixth month was 3.2c per mile. All of the buses were operated at a lower cost than for the previous month.

GROUNDS IMPROVED

The appearance of the high school has been greatly improved by the addition of white posts in front and on sides of front grounds. The shrubbery has been recently worked and makes a very creditable showing for our school.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The grade children are enjoying very much the swing and seesaws which have recently been keep on at the present rate of booking our boatmen will soon be able to inaugurate a regular water jitney service between Southport and the island.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS . . . By Gene O'Brien

NOT EXACTLY NEWS Recently a large daily newspaper carried a picture of a Captain's wife on the 'Captain's Walk.' Incidentally the 'wife' is not a wife at all. Walk is Evelyn Loughlin . . . On the much discussed Gene Austin visit, Waters Thompson rowed Candy and Cocoa up the river to the quarantine station for a little fishing. They caught fifteen Freshwater catfish! . . . Man is the only animal that voluntarily burdens himself with labor. Are we really so advanced after all? . . . Probably every boy and girl in Southport has read some of the books written by Harold M. Sherman. Millions of copies of his sport, fun-loving, mystery, and other type books have been sold in America. Recently he experimented in thought transference or mental telepathy with very successful results. Now Col. Lindbergh and a number of scientists are delving into this . . . Lovers of music here's good news (of 1939)—the "Shaggin' Season" is on. In Charlotte on April 4th, the ole Dipsy Doodler, Larry Clinton, will play at the Armory. The city of Lumberton will revel to the strains of the dream music of Jan Garber on the 13th. Back to Charlotte on the 14th is Lauritz Melchior of the 'Met.' . . . I see Wilma polish-

ing up her 'Swinging Slippers,' so it won't be long 'fore she's 'cutting rugs' . . . After seeing Nankey Kelly pictures in a row, I can only mark—"Whatta gal." . . . Artie Shaw's recording of "Begin the Beguine" is really 'outta this world.' . . . Looking over the school's newspaper reminds me of my last year efforts at journalism . . . The Cities Service Oil broadcast had a fine array of singers . . . Taint So: Mr. Crapon definitely isn't third cousin to Hitler. 'S an uncle to his French ancestry . . . Hitch-hiking is mostly hiking—that's where the 'hitch' comes in . . . It's interesting to note that Sam Wainwright, boyhood chum, S. R. Clary, runs a regular fundraising home for destitute dogs and cats. None are too low or bedraggled to gain entrance. Also Fairmonter, he raises a line of thoroughbred Spitzes . . . Although 'Whittier's Park' is becoming famous, little is said of the small whittling bench on Crapon's corner. This is the third bench to be built there and it's specialty joining the chips . . . SMILE: As busy as a kitchen can opener. If nothing else, the WPA certainly does hamper the . . . That's all 'till nex' week, when I'll be back in a flash with more hash.

added to the play grounds. Even some of the grown-ups have been seen using them.

GRISSET TOWN

Friends in this community are glad to know that Mrs. J. S. Parker is improving nicely. They wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Huggins of Myrtle Beach, S. C., are spending a while with M. W. Grissett. Little Miss Connie Hussey of Myrtle Beach, S. C., spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Somersett.

Miss Mildred Vereen of Myrtle Beach, S. C., visited Miss Gladys Mintz, Sunday. Harry Garrell, of Whiteville, spent Sunday with Cecl Hewett.

Mrs. L. L. Hewett, Coy Hewett, and J. W. Somersett made a business trip to Myrtle Beach, S. C., Friday. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Russ spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Gore.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Mintz spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mintz. Frank Hayes of Elon College spent Friday in this section.

Mrs. Oscar Sasser, of Old Dock, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Grissett, of Whiteville, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hewett.

Miss Lucille Somersett spent Sunday with Miss Agnes Mintz.

APPENDECTOMY

Mrs. Roland Lewis of Winna-bow underwent an operation for the removal of her appendix at the Brunswick County Hospital last Tuesday.

SURGICAL PATIENT

Mrs. James St. George of Southport is a surgical patient at the Brunswick County Hospital.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank our friends for their kindness and sympathy following the recent sudden death of our husband and father. Mrs. J. M. Johnson and Family.

NO CIVITAN MEETING This being the fifth week of this month there will be no Civitan Club meeting Friday night. The club meets on the first and third Friday nights of each month.

THE BEST LOT OF MULES YOU EVER SAW . . . RIGHT WHEN YOU NEED THEM! We have a barn full of mules broke and ready to work. HACKNEY WAGONS AND FARM CARTS. FOR THE BEST WORK STOCK MONEY CAN BUY, COME TO Seth L. Smith & Co. WHITEVILLE, N. C.

CLEAN-UP WEEK Beginning Monday, April 2, and continuing through Saturday, April 8, citizens of Southport are asked to co-operate in a CLEAN-UP WEEK CAMPAIGN. When trash and unsightly rubbish is collected and placed near the street truck, which will make special trips every day next week, will haul it away. Do your part to make our city beautiful for Easter John D. Erikson, Mayor CITY OF SOUTHPORT