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Tuesday, April 17, 1940 Nothing looks as sheepish as a runaway horse after he stops running.

Next time you give eager attention to some dirty gossip, ask yourself if you'd be as anxious to hear it if it were about some of your people.

Politicians never stoop to lying so long as they can plant enough half-truths in strategic places.

Other fields look greener—from the highway.

A lot of heroes were shoved into action by a situation of "nothing to lose."

Jury Service

We were impressed last week by the solemnity of the duties of a grand jury as Judge Walter J. Bone charged the Brunswick county body of grand inquest regarding the work expected of them during the next 12 months.

We are confident that herein lies one of the very foundation stones of our civil liberties. In the first place, the names of jurymen are drawn from a box which is filled with slips of paper bearing the names of citizens whose taxes are paid up-to-date.

It is for a body of men drawn from citizens such as these to declare if there is cause for trial before a person may be brought into Superior Court. Judge Bone was careful to impress the men who began their duty last week with their obligation to protect the innocent as well as to punish the guilty.

Use What We Have

We have an idea that when the boy in Mother Goose's famous volume found that he possessed a goose which laid golden eggs he pretty much neglected the ordinary products of other productive members of his flock and waited around rather impatiently for the next pay-off from his more talented pet.

That, it strikes us, is just what citizens of this section are doing about the development of Southport and Brunswick county. Our visions are of the sudden favor of some capitalist whose wealth shall miraculously and instantaneously change our beautiful, peaceful community into a thriving industrial center.

This is a progressive dream, and we'd lay no stone in the path of its fulfillment. But there is another and more beautiful picture we like to call up of the future. That encompasses a countryside made beautiful with the flowers that flourish with small attention; a quiet and peaceful community where passing visitors are made welcome and comfortable; and where fishermen, hunters and others who would seek restfulness away from too worldly hustle and bustle would delight to spend a few days.

This last dream is practical, too, because already we have the essential parts of all that is included. We need to realize that the tourist business is one of the biggest enterprises in which our state is engaged today; that this is a business requiring no great amount of capital; and that it is a community benefit in which the greatest possible number may share.

If we'd lend more of our energies toward developing the tourist attractions

of our section, we'd be able to save it for ourselves and at the same time to sell it to our friends — the American tourists.

Marriage And Home

The recent incorporation under the laws of North Carolina of the Marriage and Family Council, Inc., has called attention of the Stanly News & Press to the fact that there is at least one organization which is seeking to assist in making marriage and the home the institutions which they should be.

Thus continues the Stanly paper: "Dr. Ernest R. Groves, who is accredited with being the first person to introduce family courses in the college curriculum, is the founder of the council. The formation of his council is to enable him to give more time to the boys and girls in college. Other officials of the council will relieve him of the task of consulting with non-college cases, of which he has been handling an ever-increasing number.

"It has always seemed to us to be a shortsighted civilization which gives little or no attention to the important problem of guiding young folks in making the right sort of marriages and establishing a home which is a fit place in which to rear children. We teach the boys and girls something about every other phase of life, but when it comes to marriage and the home, we pass it over with a 'lick and a promise.'"

"In another editorial today, we refer to the deep-seated problem of unemployment and we want to say that the Marriage and Family Council, as well as classes on the subject of marriage and the home, are steps in the right direction in solving this problem.

Self Help At College

The shining example of Abraham Lincoln and other illustrious Americans who educated themselves through their own diligence and energetic effort, has been the guiding star for many a young hopeful in this country who without pulling himself up by his own bootstraps would never have the benefit of a college education.

It has often been said with more or less truthfulness, that any youth today may obtain a college education if the fire of ambition and hope burns brightly enough in his breast. The same remains true today.

Professor J. L. Memory, of the chair of Education at Wake Forest College, in an address before his home-folks in the Baptist church here recently, warned that the thing might be easily overdone, and that too many parents are prone to shirk the responsibility which is rightfully theirs in the belief that a boy can be self-sustaining once he gets into college.

That obviously defeats the original purpose of a college education. It isn't that we fear that the boys may overwork in many cases, but in order to be self-sustaining in college, a young man must work the greater part of the day or night, and what with attending classes, there is little time left for study.

Professor Memory advised against throwing youths upon the colleges of the land expecting them to make their own way without any aid from home, because that cannot be very successfully done.

The door must not be closed upon any ambitious boy or girl having a genuine thirst for higher learning, but at the same time parents must not try to shirk the responsibility for affording their offsprings the education to which they are entitled.

WHAT HARM DOES A FOREST FIRE DO?

- (The Progressive Farmer) 1. Fire kills seed and seedlings and prevents reforestation. 2. It destroys plant food and in so doing starves trees and retards their growth. 3. It scars and weakens trees, thus favoring attacks of rot fungi and insects. 4. It reduces the ability of the soil of most forest land to absorb and hold enough rainfall for trees to make rapid growth. 5. It promotes the quick runoff of rainfall, thereby increasing floods that annually take heavy toll of life and property. 6. It causes erosion and loss of soil fertility. 7. It destroys the best pasture grasses. 8. It destroys game.

Just Among The Fishermen By W. B. KEZIAH

STILL they come, daily requests for information regarding the fishing at Southport and out on Frying Pan. Had an inquiry from Oregon this past week.

RALEIGH Times wants regular reports on fishing; Bob Thompson a little peeved at no reports that he can send to out-of-state press; Aycock Brown wants weekly fishing matter; radio station wants stuff for broadcasting.

ROBERT Strange of Wilmington very much pleased with outing he and others of the elite had here, praises Chamber of Commerce, Southport, Bald Head Island, Fort Caswell.

RICHMOND Hill, N. Y., folks want to come to Southport on a fishing trip soon. WOMANS CLUB has its flower show and the freshwater fishing season reopens on the same day.

COLONEL George Gillette tells us he will do some of his fishing off Southport this season. The colonel is civic minded, and is a great sportsman, in addition to being a good Army Engineer.

FRANK Sherrill tells us he never before saw anything like so much interest shown in local fishing and in the lower North Carolina coastal country, in general. Same thing here. This section has had a good build up.

ARGUING for the River Road improvement, our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sprunt and the priceless advertising they and Orton have given the lower North Carolina coast and the State in general, R. L. Meares of Wilmington sends us a most interesting copy of a letter he wrote the State Highway Commission.

IT IS expected that the invitation to President Roosevelt to fish in North Carolina waters will be extended shortly.

THE North Carolina Navy, with an up-keep running into thousands of dollars each year, seems to never get much credit from the press of the State for accomplishments. The only times we personally hear of the boats is when they carry visitors along our eastern shore line.

BELIEVING that it will be interesting to sportsmen and the public in general, the Chamber of Commerce has asked the University of North Carolina for information regarding the center of North Carolina population and industry, and the relative distance from these centers to the upper and lower North Carolina coast.

ALL CANDIDATES for governor loosened their first political oratory in either the east or the western part of the state. Maybe they were only following precedent which does not give much recognition to either the central part of the state or the lower coast. Thanks to the fishermen who have asked whom we would vote for. We are waiting to see.

SASSA FODALE, a standby on the Southport shrimp market for many years and who maintained residence here although he was also interested in shrimping in Florida and at other points, is now manager of a large seafood industry in Louisiana.

THE SHAD season will close on April 20th instead of April 15th, a 5-day extension of the time in which these fish may be taken was decided upon by the North Carolina Fisheries Commission last week.

SPORTSMEN are later than usual in getting started for the spring saltwater fishing. This is due to both the weather and fishing being a bit uncertain thus far. No effort has been made to bring parties, pending reasonable assurance of good weather and fishing.

INTERESTING to note that the water level in the numerous fishing lakes and ink pots in Brunswick county is still far below normal. In fact it is nearly a full year since the water level has been anywhere near normal. For the most part these ponds are fed by springs in their bottoms.

WACCAMAW SCHOOL NEWS

All the rooms in our building are being dressed up in spring attire. In the spring the pupils' fancies are characterized by the gay and airy work they do in art, and the ideas they are anxious to put into practice. The rooms are very attractive, which increases the children's delight in staying in school.

ENTER CONTESTS Many of our students are participating in the Forestry Essay contest and judging from the time they are using and the interest they are manifesting, we feel that they will hand in some very good ones.

We also have a number of participants entering the declamation-recitation contest. These students are also striving to do their best and afford pleasure for the people who hear them.

VISIT RALEIGH A number of our high school students went to Raleigh Friday to remain through Saturday. These students visited the state

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

Friday, April 19, Boons Neck Club meets at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. Sermons Roach.

Monday, April 22, Shallotte Club meets at 3:30 P. M.

Tuesday, April 23, Lockwoods Folly Club meets at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. Clarence Varnum.

Wednesday, April 24, Longwood Club meets at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. R. A. Bennett.

Thursday, April 25, Bethal Club meets at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Herbert Swain.

Southport Club meets at 8:00 P. M. with Mrs. Harry Weeks.

4-H DRESS REVUE Any 4-H club girl may enter the county dress revue and the highest scoring 15% of all county entries will be eligible to enter the State Revue next fall. It has been arranged to have girls model their outfits as a feature of the spring federation meeting at Shallotte on May 20th.

Girls, if you haven't started yet, it is time to get busy on your dress. You select your pattern, material, and accessories and make the dress which you will model. Be sure to select a becoming style, and color; an inexpensive but good fabric; and in addition to good workmanship, fit, even hems, etc., be sure that your posture is good and that you walk gracefully. Practice marching to music.

You may make a club uniform, a cotton sport dress, a cotton party dress; a linen or silk best dress; or a wool suit, dress or dress and coat. However, I am suggesting that most of the girls keep to cotton materials that are inexpensive and practical for summer use. This will be a good opportunity for many to get a uniform made for later use at district meeting, short course or camp. If this is your selection be sure to follow instructions carefully, so that each uniform will be alike, in pattern and color. Why not all enter this contest?

INVITATION All Home Demonstration Club members are invited to participate in the Southport Woman's Club flower show which has been postponed until Friday, May 10th. It is anticipated that by then roses and many flowers will be blooming. The show is featuring in addition to flower exhibits, shadow boxes, a large art exhibit, relics and curios of general interest, handicraft, and school exhibits from the primary, grammar, and high school departments. Select the things that interest you most and participate.

For the afternoon program at 2:30 o'clock, H. C. Bragaw, of Orton Plantation, will be guest speaker. Certainly all citizens will want to hear his fine suggestions for home and community improvements. Following will be the children's program and an informal tea.

How splendid it would be to make this a truly county-wide show, with entries from every community and a large attendance of men as well as women. Won't you accept this invitation of the Woman's Club?

BETTER HOMES WEEK April 28th-May 4th, is fast approaching and "Procrastination is the thief of time." If you haven't made those improvements yet or done that general clean-upwork you planned, be sure to get at it this month.

building and became more familiar with the capital. They were accompanied by Mr. Ray.

CLASS ENTERTAINED The senior class was given a luncheon on Monday by their sponsor, Miss Huff. This was given as an April Fool gesture in the beginning, later came the real luncheon.

The senior class entertained in chapel on Monday with a French program. They sang several songs in French and in English. Miss Myers acted as interpreter to the audience. This was greatly enjoyed.

LEAVES SCHOOL Frank Stanley, a high school student, has recently enrolled in the C. C. C. We feel that Frank will be of great service.

VISITORS Layton Stanley, a student of Wake Forest College, spent the past week end with his parents. Muriel Ward, student of N. C. C. W., also spent the past week end with her parents.

We regret that Mrs. Louise Formy Duval, a member of our faculty, was absent for several days because of illness. We are glad she is able to be back with us.

WIRING COMPLETED The wiring of the school building is nearing completion. We hope to have our lights by next week. These will be a valuable asset to the school as our lights have never been adequate.

BOY SCOUTS Plans are under way for organizing a boy scout patrol in our school. We believe that our boys will receive this organization with great enthusiasm and realize its value.

SENIOR PLAY The senior class cordially invites the public to attend their play "Baby Steps Out" on April 19, at eight o'clock. This play promises to be good entertainment, so come see Baby help her hen-pecked father get along, and the father aid baby in getting her besires.

NOT EXATLY NEWS

When we spoke of golf last week it was with the idea of some sort of tournament in mind. A group of the younger kids were gathered together this past week-end and had an elimination series of sets.

Deanna Durbin makes her initial appearance in town with, "First Love." Of great interest to all is her first screen kiss. Robert Stack is the lad who handles this all important event. Mr. Price has ordered a billboard over five feet high for the front of the theatre and now has a contract to show pre-vues to all ptx.

Hitler's lightning war caroomed and struck him like a bolt when he made the mistake of invading Norway and questioning England's sea power. The neutrals can be counted on your fingers at the time being and the black war cloud will undoubtedly sweep over the few remaining, changing the peaceful into piecemeals. "The destroyer Roe was a strong reminder of the menace Yurrop bears us. . . . The canine population is ever increasing and the latest corner in the sport class is a distinctive Irish Setter, "Mike." Still in the puppy stages he bids fair to turn hunter 'ere fall.

There has been a noticeable and commendable improvement in the appearance of Northwood cemetery at Southport during the past few months. And can somebody tell us the proper name for the old Southport cemetery? . . . "The Grapes of Wrath" is supposed to be a shocking revelation of the misery of some of our fellow human beings, but there was no need for South-

port citizens to go as far as Wilmington last week-end to be shocked. Within a mile of town are living conditions just as deplorable as the worst depicted in that movie.

Pete Larsen is pigeon fancier, and he has made some right good pocket change on his lot of White Kings. There's no tastier dish than broiled squab. . . . There's a woman postmaster (Mrs. Janie Henry) and a woman R.F.D. carrier (Mrs. Susie Zibelin) at Winnabow. Leland also has a woman postmaster, Mrs. U. L. Rourke.

Murray Robbins' service station at the junction of U. S. No. 17 and the Bell Swamp road impresses us as a fine location for a roadside dining room and 24-hour station. . . . One of the candidates for governor, Tom Cooper is a taxpayer and property owner in Brunswick. He cultivates his farm at Town Creek.

There is a real estate deal pending that will open up another four-mile stretch of the Brunswick county coast before the summer is past. . . . The shadow the groundhog saw this year must have given him an awful fright. Looks like winter just won't lay off.

The Brunswick county WPA must not be afraid of anything. Their forces are pouring cement to a highway widening project on U. S. No. 74 and officials in charge began work at the Columbus county line—right next to where a paid contractor or left off. The funny thing is that the WPA job looks just as good as the work of the professionals.

LELAND SCHOOL NEWS

The first grade with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Knox, won the attendance prize for the past month. We understand that they are to celebrate this honor with a party.

CLEAN UP WEEK The pupils of Leland High school are having a clean-up week. (April 22-26) They are all very busy striving to have the best looking school in the county. This clean-up includes the inside and outside of the building.

FISH FRY The faculty, Seniors and boys and girls basketball teams were entertained Monday afternoon, 5:30 at a fish fry given by the local school board. A large crowd enjoyed the party.

Although basketball season is over and the weather is much warmer, the Leland Tigers still insist on playing basketball. They are planning on having a tournament among the grades.

The essay contest on Forest Fires is expected to be a success. The ones entering, which was very many, worked very hard. The papers have been handed in and the judges are judging them.

JR. SR. BANQUET

Winnabow News

The Juniors and Seniors are planning for a great event, the banquet, which will take place Friday night, April 19, 1940.

3rd GRADE PROGRAM The Third grade gave a very interesting program in Chapel Tuesday morning. Hansel and Gretel was the title of their play. The small boys and girls did some very good acting and the program was enjoyed by all.

ART EXHIBIT The Grammar Grades seemed to enjoy the art exhibit which was displayed at Bolivia Thursday night. Many worth while articles were made and much good was accomplished.

Mrs. Geo. McIvaine of Jacksonville, Fla. is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Lanier, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco and daughter, Miss Bess Miller and Capt. J. B. Church of Southport were visitors here Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mary Elkins of Wilmington spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. George Richman.

Rev. G. A. Wilson, of Wilmington was a visitor here Thursday morning.

W. T. Lirely and Laurens Beatley of Ivanhoe were visitors here there for two days.

Saturday morning. Sergeant Lee Kye is visiting relatives in Winston-Salem.

Miss Kate Johnson spent Saturday with Mrs. W. A. Kopp and family at Bolivia.

John Bridgeman of Wilmington was a visitor here Monday.

Geo. Cannon and family of Bolivia spent Sunday afternoon with the Taylors.

Miss Mary Elkins of Wilmington was supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Richman Monday evening.

Mrs. Leora Garner Robbins who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Games, left Monday morning for Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell of Alamagordo, New Mexico, Mr. Robert Legwin and little daughter, Celeste, and Mrs. Annabelle Pieper of Wilmington visited the Reids and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henry Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Crouse of Florida are visiting Mrs. Crouse's sister, Mrs. E. F. Bergman and family.

Miss Margaret Mills returned Saturday from visiting friends in Rocky Mount.

LEAVES HOSPITAL Alex Williams of Southport left Doshier Memorial Hospital Saturday after being a patient for two days.

Advertisement for Chevrolet '40 featuring 'NOWHERE ELSE Features Like These!', 'CHEVROLET'S First Again!', and '\$659 MASTER 85 BUSINESS COUPE'. Includes images of the car and descriptive text about its features and price.

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