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Some people must think that the only
reason for ringing church bells is to wake
them up in time for Sunday dinner.

Knowing the time, place and the facts
surrounding any given accident, it takes
no great mind to reassemble these circum-
stances and show how it could have been
avoided.

You don't hear your dog growl when
he's hunting; and the same is usually true
of a man when he's working.

Tell Them Now

The Star-News Golden Gloves tourna-
ment will be held in Wilmington next
month, and a number of Brunswick county
boys plan to enter.

Some of these boys are now members
of high school basketball squads in this
county. The coaches ought to decide now
whether there is a conflict between the
two sports. If there is, in their judgment,
then they should tell their boys that
they'll have to choose their sport; that if
they want to play basketball they'll have
to put all they have into it and forget
boxing.

To tell them now brings no hardship
nor disappointment, for it affords a
choice.

Looking Ahead

We are already aboard the band wag-
on of optimism regarding the develop-
ment of Southport and Brunswick county,
and we think that during the next two
years changes will take place that will
change our quiet community into a teen-
ing city.

That is why we presume to offer the
following advice to our political leaders.

We believe that it would be a wise idea
to divide Brunswick county into districts
of two townships each, with one commis-
sioner to be elected in 1942 from each
district. In this manner the present citi-
zens and property owners in the county
will be assured a continued voice in the
county government, no matter what hap-
pens.

As things now stand, it will be pos-
sible for Southport, or some other com-
munity, to have such an influx of popula-
tion that a land-slide election entirely
favorable to one special locality might
result. By acting now, each district will
be assured an equal voice in the govern-
ment of Brunswick county for the next
four years.

Hospital Savings

Elsewhere today we have an article
which gives an account of the annual re-
port of the Hospital Savings Association
of North Carolina.

First off, the publication of this article
smacks of free advertising. A closer scru-
tiny, however, reveals that this is a mu-
tual association for North Carolinians
and one designed to make hospitalization
possible for persons who otherwise would
find it very difficult to receive proper
medical attention in time of illness.

Another reason for boosting this orga-
nization is that we think it has been of
inestimable value to our hospitals in
bringing about cash settlements for ac-
counts that formerly were allowed to
drag along endlessly, or were never paid.

Our Policy

The President has firmly fixed this
country's foreign policy. According to
him, that policy has three facets: First,
we are committed to an all-inclusive na-
tional defense. Second, we are committed
to support all nations which are resisting
aggression and, in the President's words,
"thereby keeping war from our hemis-
phere." Third, we will never acquiesce
in a peace "dictated by aggressors and
sponsored by appeasers." The President
stressed his opinion that this policy is
completely non-partisan, and represents
the will of the majority of the people,

whatever their political affiliations.
It is obviously the Administration be-
lief that it would be impossible for this
country to live in the same world with
Hitler, and at the same time maintain
democratic processes and principles. As
he has said on several occasions, there
would be no peace—there would be only
an armed truce, which would inevitably
result in a ruinous armament race and
the establishment of a permanent mili-
tary economy for us, no less than for the
Axis.

It is probably that the President's
speech to congress, coupled with his "fire
side chat" of a week before, was the
strongest talk ever given by the head of
a great nation to the heads of other great
nations. It could be easily construed as an
ipso facto declaration of war, even
though Mr. Roosevelt said that he did
not intend for it to be so taken. But Italy
and Germany were relatively calm in
their comments. It looks as if they are
willing to take a great deal before for-
mally going to war with us—which, in
view of Italy's stunning reverses in Africa
is easily understandable. The Axis has
not lost the war, but its plans are not go-
ing as scheduled, by any means.

The possibility remains of Congress de-
claring war on Germany and Italy, but
rolls of Congress indicate that only a
small majority would vote for war at
this time. The bulk of the lawmakers ap-
parently feel that we can get away with
helping England with every resource at
our command, yet not fighting, ourselves.

Magnitude of projected aid to England
will not be fully known for some time.
As the budget message shows, it will run
far into the billions. It will involve the
construction and delivery of many mer-
chant ships to embattled Britain. And it
may very likely involve the transfer of
more of our naval vessels.

Have A Care

We note an increase in accidents in
North Carolina involving high school boys
and girls en route to basketball games,
and Ronald Hocutt, director of the High-
way Safety Division, appealed this week
to parents and school authorities to take
steps to eliminate accidents of this type.

"It is alarming to note," he said, "that
four young people in our state have been
killed and upwards of a dozen others in-
jured while going to or from basketball
games in our state in the past six weeks.
Last fall, two other youths were killed
and several injured while en route to
high school football games. This slaught-
er of our young people must be halted."

Accidents of this kind are largely due
to overcrowding of cars, youthful exuber-
ance and impetuosity, distraction of the
driver's attention, and excessive speed.

"Coaches and school principals can
help reduce such accidents by seeing that
cars taking players to games are not
overcrowded, by seeing that the cars are
driven by responsible youths, and by
cautioning the drivers against speeding
and carelessness," the safety director stated.

Parents can be helpful in this connec-
tion by having serious talks with their
sons and daughters before letting them
have the family car for the purpose of
taking a load of players or spectators to
a basketball game away from home.

Certainly, if parents and school au-
thorities will take these steps, the chances
of such accidents occurring should be
greatly reduced.

Shears And Paste

THE UNCOMFORMABLE CLAM

(From The Christian Science Monitor.)
It is a curious phenomenon of the kitchen
that there is no standard type of that luxuri-
ous dish which is called New England clam
chowder. Automobiles, bakery bread, razor
blades, and so many another article has been
standardized that people sometimes like to
brag of this as the "age of standardization."
Yet one celebrated seashore inn will dispense
a clam chowder which is pale as the moon,
another will produce a brew brown as autumn,
and in its rare mixture a third will submerge
crackers. Some have used bits of raw onion,
some crisply fried. One chowder will be all
milk and another obviously watered.

While savants have not yet reported on the
matter, it is suspected that this incorrigible
variety is derived in some contrary fashion
from the changeless character of the clam,
which—while silent and unprotesting—refuses
to be regimented into a single pattern even
as chowder.

For nearly 600 years of history, the clam
of the western world has withstood civiliza-
tion. It has never been taught like the dog
to sit up and beg for food, or like the trained
canary, to sing over the radio. Nor has it
adopted any household habits, like the cat
which likes to sit by the fire.

WASHINGTON
LETTER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Our
place in the war-torn world is
still uncertain. Congressional
committees are wrangling over
policy matters while tempers are
rubbed raw by acrimonious de-
bate in legislative and other forums.
The situation is such that veteran
Capitol Hill leaders are unable to forecast what form of
a lend-lease bill will emerge from
the legislative machine. With
public hearings drawing to an
end, the House will soon have its
say before the Senate takes over.
The subject is a lively issue which
rates first place in private con-
versations so that now the stock
inquiry is "Do you think we will
get into the war, and, if so,
when?" It is almost as common
as the bromide about the weather
in opening remarks.

Judging from the noise, a visi-
tor would assume that Congress
is completely occupied with the
proposal to implement the Presi-
dential powers. The fact is that
other activities of the national
legislature are operating on even
keel but without the fanfare of
publicity trumpets. The House
Committee on Appropriations is
diligently attempting to work out
the problems of allocating funds
necessary for running the Fed-
eral government during the next
fiscal year. The House Committee
on Ways and Means, which initi-
ates revenue measures, is patient-
ly waiting for plans from the
Treasury and other fiscal experts.
These recommendations will not
be forthcoming until the taxpay-
ers make their final returns for
the past year on March 15. The
procedure is necessary so that
the government may know what
income it may expect from this
source before proposing new and
additional levies. The tremendous
expenditures for defense running
into billions indicates that either
tax rates on individuals and cor-
porations will be hiked or un-
tapped sources explored in the
search for money needed to keep
things moving.

Sometime before the deadline
for filing income tax returns, it
is expected that millions will sud-
denly become conscious of defen-
se costs. The defense tax rate of
ten per cent must be paid this
year and chances favor a higher
assessment to meet the ever-
increasing costs for preparedness.
In the majority of states local
tax collectors must be paid at
the same time. The Council of
State Governments meeting here
last week approved a plan of the
Treasury for a national commis-
sion to devise an integrated tax
program for State, Federal and
local governments. Details of this
scheme and for better coordina-
tion in relief matters will be sub-
mitted to state legislatures now
in session.

If additional evidence were
needed as to the headaches in-
volved in solving the housing
problem the report of the National
Resources Planning Board,
submitted a day or two ago,
brought this puzzle into sharp
relief. It is estimated that more
than 2,500,000 non-farm homes
are needed to make good the
housing shortage and this does
not include requirements for de-
fense housing. The official re-
port admits that the Federal gov-
ernment has no concrete answer
ready. Despite the fact that ap-
proximately 1,100,000 homes have
been built since 1937 the shortage
persists in all localities. The
Federal report finds that high
land values, high building and
maintenance costs, high financing
charges, and high taxes all make
the cost of new housing high and
discourage its construction. It is
recommended that government
aid should be extended to provide
good housing for people in the
lower income groups.

Conceding that "immediate or
quick solutions are not possible,"
the National Resources Planning
Board expresses the hope that a
"a continued attack in many sec-
tors, often on a trial and error
basis, will work toward a better
situation." While this official sug-
gestion eliminates mention of the
defense housing projects, this
phase of government building is
an important part of the general
picture. This week the Price Di-
vision of the Advisory Defense
Commission has publicly attack-
ed the lumber manufacturers for
boosting prices on building ma-
terials used for government struc-
tures.

The suppliers of lumber coun-
ter-attacked with the statement
that the Army's demand for
speedy deliveries forced contrac-
tors to raid local lumber dealers'
yards in the vicinity of camps. It
is pointed out that the govern-
ment's failure to give due notice
of its lumber requirements has
brought about this unusual situa-
tion and a shortage in many lo-
calities. The scarcity of lumber
raised prices to private consum-
ers, while the government obtain-
ed preferred quotations. Other
branches of the building trades
likewise insist that the Federal
government is a competitor for
skilled workers and make it im-
possible for contractors to utilize
labor on private projects. Some
government officials are threat-
ening to take over the lumber in-
dustry in order to scare the trade
into filling orders ahead of pri-
vate home builders. The United
States Army though in the World

LELAND
SCHOOL NEWS

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

The former president of the
eighth grade, Mildred Lewis, re-
signed. Thelma Skipper has been
elected to fill her position. Joe
Verzaal still remains vice-presi-
dent, Oneil Long their secretary,
and Delous Raper the treasurer.
A program committee has been
selected, from the eighth grade
home room members, which con-
sists of the following: Lynda
Lewis, chairman. Her followers,
Joyce Benton, Basil Wilson, Gola
Williams, and Homer Chadwick.
8th grade reporter, Orvin Per-
ry, Jr.

SENIORS

The seniors have recently re-
ceived their class pins they or-
dered about a week ago. They
are all very pleased to get them.
They carry L. H. S. and numerals
'41 as a guard.

RECITATIONS
DECLAMATIONS

The final dates have been made
for the schools in the county
reciting and declaiming contest.
There are ten girls that have
entered the contest this year.
They will appear in chapel next
Thursday morning at 9 o'clock,
where the best five will be cho-
sen. These five will recite, and
the two boys declaim, at the
P.-T. A.'s regular meeting, the
following Tuesday night. The
best boy and girl will be select-
ed to represent our school at
Bolivia in the county contest.

There has been some real work
on preparing the selections this
year, and we know there is go-
ing to be a close race for the
winner. We invite all of you, to
come hear our girls and boys
recite and declaim.

SHOW

We saw an interesting picture
on "Louis Pasture" last week. It
showed how science has done
much to help the world. How the
famous people, have discovered
germs—their causes—and have
discovered a way to kill the small
microbes. We can all see how
science has helped to reduce the
amount of misery that develops
from sickness.

The school is proud of the pic-
ture machine project, and every
one, I believe, looks forward to
seeing these educational pictures,
that we are so fortunate to have.

FIRST GRADE

We are sure the first grade is
thankful for the picture machine
the school has, because they have
written letters of thanks to Mr.
Garrett. Mr. Garrett was great-
ly pleased to know the small
children have taken such keen
interest in the pictures they have
seen.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Juniors are busily prepar-
ing for the Junior-Senior Ban-
quet which they hope to give in
the latter part of February. They
are planning to send out the in-
vitations in the near future.
Here's hoping everything goes off
smoothly.

NEW STUDENT

We are happy to have enrolled
in our school Monday morning,
Robert Chennis, from New Han-
over. We sincerely hope Robert
will learn to like the school. He
is in the eighth grade.

BASKETBALL

Both boys and girls basketball
teams have gotten off to a grand
start this season. The boys have
won over all their opponents—
eight in a row. The girls have
won over all opponents except
one, having won seven games.

BOLIVIA
SCHOOL NEWS

FLU

There has been a great deal of
flu in our school, but as yet it
has not been necessary to stop.
We are glad to have back with
us Mr. Tucker and Miss Gibbs,
who have been sick. We hope
that Miss Hammond will soon be
well again.

CONTEST

Tuesday evening at our regular
P.-T. A. meeting a recitation and
a declamation contest was held.
First and second prizes were
awarded to both girls and boys.
Billy Robbins was awarded first
prize and Roy Rabon the second.
The winners of the girls were
Ruth Rabon, first prize and
Juanita Lewis, second. There were
several other contestants and all
did fine.

FIRST AID

The Red Cross First Aid Course
which is being taught here, is
enjoyed by the pupils. They seem
to be interested and are also
learning some very practical
things.

CHAPEL

The ninth grade had charge of
the assembly exercises Friday.
They gave a very fine program
of music, humor, and a short pep
talk.

BUSINESS TRIP

J. A. Loughlin, of Wilmington,
was in town last week attending
to business matters.

War only a short period requir-
ed the equivalent of six billion
feet of lumber. How to build
homes and cantonments without
the government outbidding the
citizen is something which must
be solved shortly. Yet, it is only
one phase of the questions ahead.

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

Evelyn Loughlin's grandmother and grandfather
Loughlin observed their 52nd wedding anniversary
on last Wednesday. Two days before her grand-
mother and grandfather Brinkman observed the
48th anniversary of their marriage. The singular
thing about it is that all four grandparents are
alive and are living right here in Southport . . .
We'll nominate Marion Frederere as the best young
horsewoman in this county.

The Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce
Folders are nice, all right, but they do not repre-
sent the most elaborate job of color printing ever
undertaken to boost this section. The honor goes
to a map showing a real estate development un-
dertaken by J. J. Loughlin, Sr., about 25 years
ago. Included on layout were several scenes in
color showing interesting places in Southport—
The Stuart House, the old school house (city hall),
garrison, etc. The only copy known to still be in
Southport is hanging on the wall at the city
hall and is well worth a trip to see . . . The
cobblers' children went without shoes again last
week when Dr. Roy Daniel, whose hobby just now
is poultry and poultry products, had to go to

the store to buy a dozen eggs after selling the
last one of his own to a regular customer.
Up until this year Ed Wells was one of the best
bird shots in town. Following a spell of sickness
in the spring Ed has refused to slip anything
stronger than tea, and this year he can't hit the
side of a barn . . . At the Amunz tonight and to-
morrow is "Private Affair," with a galaxy of
stars.

In traveling about the county during the past
two or three months it seems to us that we have
never seen the secondary roads in better shape
. . . Charlie Mathews has a Jersey bull from
the fine herd at N. C. State College to use for
breeding purposes on Bald Head Island . . . County
Agent J. E. Dodson, who raised hogspears at
his farm last summer, says that this crop will
be one of the most popular hay producers in the
county within two years . . . After having R. H.
Wolfe, Bill Courtney and Carl Gunnerson in
in succession, local patrons are wondering how
their company manages to keep such an un-
usually large number of courteous, efficient employees.

Winnabow News

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jones and
daughter, Miss Ophelia, of Chase
City, Va., visited Earl Earp and
family last week.
Rev. and Mrs. McLamb and Mr.
and Mrs. Wilkie of Lumberton
were visitors here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Colborn of Pitts-
burgh, Pa. are visiting Mr. and
Mrs. Ralph Crum at Dunrovin
Farms.
Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Withrow
and little son of Leland spent
Wednesday with the Reids.
Mrs. Alice Craven and little
daughter, Nell, and Mrs. Carl Gal-
loway were visitors in Southport
Thursday.
Charles Harian of Altoona, Pa.,

visited Misses Pope and Satter-
field at Wayside Gospel Mission
Friday on his way to Florida to
visit his parents there.
Mrs. Ralph Sellers spent Friday
at the Wayside Gospel Mission.
M. Garnett Saunders of Wil-
mington was a visitor here Wed-
nesday.

Miss Margaret Measamer of
Raleigh visited Mrs. J. L. Henry
Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of
Ivanhoe were visitors here Fri-
day.

Miss Clarice Swain spent the
week end in Greensboro with
friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Lubie Kelly and
children of Wilmington spent
Sunday with Miss Kelly's par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cam-
augh.

Miss Katherine Johnson return-
ed Saturday from Waycross, Ga.,
A. C. L. hospital where she has
been undergoing treatment for
some time.

Miss Rebecca Johnson of
staff, James Walker Hospital,
spent Tuesday at her home here.
Miss Bertha Gore, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gore, and
Douglas Padgett, son of Mr. and
Mrs. J. P. Padgett, were mar-
ried in Conway, S. C., Saturday
afternoon. They will make their
home in Wilmington.

Government distribution of ne-
cessities is being urged in Bolivia.

1941
TAX LISTING
NOTICE

LIST YOUR REAL and PERSONAL PROPERTY
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

All property owners and tax payers are required by law to re-
turn to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1941, all the Real
Estate, Personal Property, Etc., which they own on the first day of
January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years must list
for Poll Tax during the same time, except those exempt by law for
physical disability.

All persons to whom the foregoing applies who fail to list their
Real and Personal property, and/or Poll Tax will be guilty of a
Misdemeanor and subject to fine or imprisonment upon conviction.

Local list takers will post notices of appointments in public
places—WACTH FOR SAME.

LIST TAKERS FOR COUNTY

- North West—M. B. CHINNIS Leland, N. C.
- Town Creek—L. J. McKEITHAN Bolivia, N. C.
- Smithville—MRS. W. S. DAVIS Southport, N. C.
- Lockwood's Folly—LUCIAN FULFORD Supply, N. C.
- Shalotte—MRS. S. J. FRINK Shalotte, N. C.
- Waccamaw—J. W. STANLEY Ash, N. C.

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet at the Tax
Office at Southport on March 17, 1941. Any complaint about valu-
ation should be taken before the Board at that time.

W. P. Jorgensen
TAX SUPERVISOR

Come Prepared To Give Farm Census Information.