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Long Range Planning

When a grape vine was planted and an arbor built to support it on the farm of the late H. D. Mintz near Shallotte, before the Civil War the planters and the builders probably had no idea how much their planting would produce or how long their work would last.

Approximately a hundred years have passed since the grape vine was planted. The arbor, constructed of heart pine, is almost as solid as on the day it was built. The vine. Well this year it produced grapes to the value of \$160.00, and there is no telling how much it has been worth during its approximate hundred years existence.

Scuppernon grape vines that are planted last for several generations of mankind. The county would be better off with more grape vines, more fruit trees, more strawberry and blue berry patches. The crops we grow now are all aimed at quick returns, and they involve a stupendous amount of labor and expense each year that they are produced.

Still another time-required crop to which attention might well be directed is livestock raising. It takes approximately two or three years to produce beef cattle and milk cows. With its natural grazing, adaptability of lands for permanent pasture and the growing of feeds, more milk cows and beef cattle should be raised in Brunswick.

School Attendance

There are at least three schools in Brunswick county whose high school department will be discontinued if on the basis of average daily attendance it is necessary to reduce the number of members in the faculty.

If the parents do not wish to see the day when their children must ride to some point near the center of the county to attend a consolidated high school, they will do well to encourage their children to maintain a good attendance record. It might be a good idea, too, to encourage the children you know who should be in school and who are not to enroll now and attend regularly.

Brunswick county can retain her present school set-up, and can make it stronger, by using these facilities as they were intended.

And One For All

For those who are already keenly interested in the advancement and development of Brunswick county, and for the many more who are becoming interested, it is getting to be a hard matter to decide on the section slated to enjoy the greatest advancement.

Under the circumstances it is not unreasonable to say that all areas of the county are sitting pretty, all in a position to go forward with a little more public spirited effort on the part of its citizens.

Broadly speaking, Brunswick county may be divided into three areas: The farming areas lie in Shallotte, Waccamaw, Lockwoods Folly, Town Creek and a portion of Northwest townships. The sport and commercial fishing and the recreation area is all along the coast from Calabash to Bald Head Island. The industrial area is in the upper end of Northwest, Town Creek and along the river to Southport.

While having their own advantages in a number of things, all three areas have a great deal in common, surely enough to feel a great deal of admiration for development in neighboring areas. A lot of Southport people, for instance, are proud of the fine farming sections of Brunswick county, served by the centers of Hickman's Cross Roads, Thomasboro, Longwood, King-

town, Ash, Grissetown, Shallotte, Exum, Freeland, Supply, Bolivia, and Winnabow. Likewise they are proud of the fine industrial resources of the county at Leland, Navassa and the Brunswick river bridge section, as well as the potential industrial resources that all of the west bank of the Cape Fear river has in prospect.

It is easy to believe that other coastal sections of Brunswick have many people who look in the same friendly way upon the farming and industrial sections of the county that Southport people do. And it is also easy to believe that the folks of the farming and industrial sections are watching with interest that the growing interest in the sport fishing and recreational areas.

Some sections of Brunswick, notably Shallotte and Southport, have been getting together strongly during the past few years. It will be a good thing when all of our communities get together the same way and work together for whatever will advance the other community, as well as their own.

World Living Standards

The extraordinary way in which the United States has outstripped most of the nations of the world in living standards was strikingly brought out last week at the International Labor Organization's 29th annual general conference at the University of Montreal.

The huge differential in wages around the world, for instance, was shown by the report of an Australian delegate who told the conference "with a touch of pride" that natives in the Australian dependent territory of New Guinea now have a minimum wage of \$3 per month and cannot be taken away from their homes for more than 12 months at a time. Fortunately, it seems, their pay was \$1 a month and they could be kept away from their homes for periods up to seven years.

That represents a condition at the opposite pole from American standards, yet International Labor Organization statistics show a general level of wages in the United States of \$49.30 a week in the year 1944, while in Great Britain it was \$18.89 a week. Cotton factory workers in Bulgaria—neither a primitive nor a highly developed nation—get 12 cents an hour.

It is true, of course, that purchasing power is probably a good deal greater in some of these ill-paid nations than it is in the United States, but, for the most part, the picture of toil, poverty and exploitation reflected by the reports is probably all too true.

Nor is it of concern of the United States that the rest of the world has so little purchasing power. Earning little, they can buy little. A tremendous market for consumer goods manufactured in the United States will develop, should millions of persons in other nations begin to attain something approaching the standard of living we have in this nation.

Almost as compelling as the commercial motive is the humanitarian conviction that the toil of any human being is worth more than \$3 a month, regardless of his ignorance or primitive condition of life. South African mine workers, "who have received no wage increase for decades . . . though living costs are much higher," have literally become our neighbors in the modern world. Because of this fact alone, we cannot be completely forgetful of the burden of their exploitation.

William Z. Foster, head of the Communist party in the United States, says Wallace's New York speech awakened the nation. We don't know about that, but it sure interrupted the President's nap.—The Sanford Herald.

Nearly all experts in Germany were Nazis. Our policy makes them jobless, so they turn to Communism. And all of us must pay because our big shots can't be smart.

Aptitude tests are merciful things. They keep a little mechanic from suffering because ma wants him to be a violinist.

"Men yearned for the music of their native land."—Mag. Especially the snare-drum clickety-click of feminine heels on pavement.

The government is a liar. Analyze its report and you find that the two items which did most to increase the cost of living" last month were shellac and raw silk.

Well, the deserted Mikhailovich when he fought the Reds; we supported and armed Tito, knowing he was a trained tool of Stalin; so whatever we get now we asked for it.

Just Among The Fishermen

Mike Felis, of the Crystal Restaurant in Wilmington, got his fish for the week when he took a party out on the Idle-On Monday. They got 70 trout, described as "big." The fishing ranged from two to five pounds in weight and most of them ran to the last-quoted figure. While fishing for the trout they also got two huge flounders. Twenty-one fine, large blue fish topped off the day's catch.

Sidney Ramsauer and other Durham sportsmen made a fine catch out on Frying Pan one day this week. They brought in 21 cero, or king mackerel, all about as near the same weight as it was possible for that many fish to be. To be exact about it the 21 fish all weighed between 20 and 21 and a half pounds each. Four amber jack, weighing from 19 and a half pounds to 32 and a half, were also taken. The party got a number of bonita, which as Skipper Watts put it, "were not worth counting."

Loafing down at Shallotte Point on a recent afternoon it became obvious that a great many many up-state sportsmen had learned of the fishing possibilities of that fine little center. John W. Garner, proprietor of the hotel, keeps both bait and tackle handy and he was receiving constant calls for both. Occupants of a dozen cars from different parts of the state were down there, fishing from the docks, from row boats or outboard motor boats and some were using the larger party boats for trips out to sea. All were making nice catches.

It is doubtful if there is any natural stream in Brunswick county that offers more fine fishing than Town Creek. At this season of the year the rock, or stripped bass, are the greatest attraction to sportsmen. These fish bite all through the winter, even on the coldest days. In addition to the rockfish, Town Creek is also justly celebrated for the fine bass that abound in its waters. Miles and miles of the stream are open waters to boats. Of great depth and in some places more than half a mile wide, it is an inexhaustible sport fishing spot. In the spring it is no less attractive or famous for its runs of herring, which are taken in nets. Hundreds of parties go to Town Creek in the spring when the herring runs are on.

With its fine fishing sometimes seriously effected by heavy rains on the long watershed, the Waccamaw river, which forms the dividing line between Brunswick and Columbus county, has not been heard from so much as a fishing point since late June. However, it is a place dear to the heart of the fishermen in normal times. No waters in Brunswick have the same glorious red breasts that the Waccamaw waters have. In addition to these beautiful fish there is an abundance of bass and of about every other fish that inhabit the fresh waters of southeastern North Carolina.

From information relayed by Captain Victor Lance of the Moja, the fishing along the New Jersey coast and other points east have been terrible this summer. Same thing here, same reason. Too much rain and generally bad weather. Fishing, like everything else, has its ups and

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.

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Editor State Port Pilot Southport, N. C.

Dear Editor: May I commend you on your editorial of last week that had to do with the problem in our town of the children who run around the streets at night, often very late at night, and making noises that disturb others living near the street.

Problems such as this are growing in intensity all over the United States and our town will be no exception unless the parents of these boys and girls wake up to their duties as such. It is beginnings like this that develop into real juvenile delinquent problems.

Isn't there something that we as a community can do for these boys and girls to give them something that will interest them, and won't the parents open their eyes to their opportunities as well as their responsibilities to these young people?

Very truly yours,
One Who Is Interested

Bolivia Students At State Fair

The free admission of North Carolina school children to the State Fair at Raleigh last week drew the greatest crowd on record to attend such an event. The youth of North Carolina literally overflowed Raleigh and the State Fair grounds.

No information is available as to how many other schools in Brunswick, sent a delegation of students, but Bolivia high school, was right there, chartering a big bus for the day and sending a large group. The boys were in charge of J. M. King, Bolivia agricultural teacher. Reports are that they had a great time.

ATTENDED STATE FAIR Linden Clemmons, Lee Clemmons and J. M. Parker, all of Supply, attended the State Fair in Raleigh Thursday.

downs. This year it has been mostly down.

It must have been a fishing family. The Moja had five brothers to compose a fishing party Sunday. They were the Penegar brothers from Gastonia. Information was not complete enough to give us all of their first names. They got 112 bluefish and one bonita. Information is that the ocean is full of bonita between here and the lightship. The ocean is likewise full of sediment kicked up by many and various spells of bad weather. The bonita and the still bigger fish have not been disposed to bite much lately. They are waiting until the ocean settles down.

Captain H. T. Watts with his Idle-On was also out with a party Sunday. Information does not say who the party was, but reports are that they got a lot of blues, several bonita's and some big king mackerel and amberjack. The sailfish were keeping much to the depth of their ocean, in the manner they have been doing all summer. When things get settled down there will yet be many reports of fine catches made between Southport and Frying Pan between now and Christmas.

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