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It Evens Up

When we received our light and water bill from the City of Southport this month there was no charge for electricity. This we should see in to; so forthwith we headed for the city hall.

If our bill is any more than it was in January, then maybe they are ashamed to tell us on a card. Maybe they just want to break the news to us gently this month.

"Your trouble," says the City Clerk, "is that you are over-paid. That's what I said—over paid." We made a mistake in your last month's bill. When you paid it you paid more than enough to take care of this month's account. We try not to make these mistakes. We take every possible precaution, and still once in a while we'll get mixed up. There's one thing about it, though: If we read a meter wrong this month it will show up next month, and in the long run it evens up."

Well, if that's how it is, then it's o.k. with us. You can forgive a man who makes a mistake if he's willing to correct it. And we especially like those months when it evens up.

Improvement Needed

For a good many years the normal development of one of Brunswick county's most desirable beach areas has been held back because of inadequate and out-moded means for crossing the inland waterway in order to get to Holden Beach.

The strand at this section of the Atlantic coast is among the most beautiful to be found along the Eastern Seaboard, and despite the difficulties of travel there has been steady progress in the development of this beach.

With residents of all sections of North Carolina now looking to the seashore for much of their summer recreation, a slow and undependable ferry-barge will not begin to serve the needs of visitors to Holden Beach during the coming summer months.

The time has come for State Highway officials to do something about rendering this resort site easily accessible to the public.

Added Value

We were talking the other day to Dawson Jones, progressive citizen of Northwest township, and he pointed out the desirability of asking the U. S. Engineering Department to use some of the dredged material from the Brunswick River Lay-Up Basin to build up usable land beside the causeway between Brunswick River and Alligator Creek.

As the matters now stand, most of this material is being piped out into the middle of the Eagle Island expanse, building up high ground that has no value comparable to that which would be accessible from the highway.

The county commissioners have indicated their interest in this matter, and it seems now only a matter of getting the various interested agencies working together before the project is completed and it is too late to do anything about making new and valuable land which would add to the tax valuation of Brunswick county.

Local Project

If you've ever had the doubtful privilege of soliciting funds for any project you've heard people say "What, another drive?"

It's true that the people of Southport are asked all through the year to contribute to some cause or another. Very often these causes, worthy though

they may be, produce little evidence of benefitting anyone except those in far off lands.

Now, we're in sympathy with any and all of these projects and know that relief of suffering all over the world is something that we must not only support in word but support with such contributions as we are able to make. But it is a distinct relief to us to find one cause which will benefit our own children here in Southport rather than some vague cause afar.

The Southport Parent-Teacher Association has been working this year to equip the school lunchroom so that the 150 children who eat there each day may be fed well and efficiently. Many of these are children who come in on the buses and who therefore are not able to otherwise have hot lunches in the middle of the day. Many are children from here in town who would not receive nourishing food even if they went home for lunch.

The P.-T.A. is now trying to pay for a refrigerator after already having raised enough money to pay for a large stove. Any money contributed to this cause will bear fruit in better health for the children right here in Southport.

The Spiritual Basis Of Peace

Every Straight-thinking man will readily admit that the success of today's efforts at peace-making are not so much a matter of ruling out use of the atomic bomb as an instrument of destruction, as it is a matter of applying the principles of the Golden Rule on a world basis.

It is a fact that victory over a foe on the field of battle is not nearly so difficult as is the task of building a new and better society upon the wreckage of the old. The rebuilding of Europe and Asia on a basis that will rule out the insidious forces which have wrecked every peace to date is a much more difficult undertaking than was the job of defeating the Axis powers on the battlefield.

In war it was a matter of production, regimentation, logistics, strategy and tactics. In peace, it is not so easy. For a just and lasting peace is built on spiritual qualities. It is rooted in understanding, in the absence of racial discrimination, in the sharing of wealth, in the mutual resolve to protect the rights of minority groups, in an unselfish approach to the problem of trade, in honest dealings between individuals and nations.

A Needed Law

We understand a bill is to be introduced in the general assembly—or perhaps it has been cast into the legislative hopper by now—requiring all motorists to carry auto liability insurance provided they cannot show they are financially able to pay for any damage to others which might occur for which they are liable.

Many states already have such a law upon the statute books, and we feel our state should hasten to fall into line in fairness to everyone concerned. As things now stand, the habitual reckless driver seldom if ever is the type who has liability insurance, and usually does not possess much more than the clothes on his back. When such a driver smashes into another person's car, causing death, extensive property damage or both, he does not pay for the result of his negligence because he has nothing to pay with.

You've seen it happen many times. A battered old relic or a new car with 11 more payments due, crashes into some innocent person causing damage. And the innocent person is left with a huge repair bill to pay because this driver has nothing.

If all drivers are required by law to carry liability insurance, then the victim of their carelessness or misjudgment is recompensed—although this is indeed small comfort in event of a fatal accident. But as far as the material damage to the smashed car, and the hospital bills of those who may be injured, is concerned, it is a great help.

Such a law may well aid in cutting down our state's appalling accident rate. If a law required liability insurance before a person became eligible to drive a car, those chronic offenders who habitually drive recklessly would find themselves in the position of being unable to obtain such insurance, and would automatically be barred from lawfully taking their place at a steering wheel. No insurance company will issue a policy to a person whom they think to be a bad risk, and they cannot be blamed for refusing to do so.—The Elkin Tribune.

Americanism: Trying to remove Nazis from places of trust in Germany; bringing Nazi scientists over here to share in our research work.

NATIVE OF CITY
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Southport, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Drew. She was married first to J. Bailey Robeson of Raleigh and some years later after his death she was married to the Rev. C. P. Jerome, who survives. Mrs. Jerome was active in the women's auxiliary work at Edenton Street Methodist church during her residence in Raleigh.

Surviving are her husband, who makes his home with a son in Erwin; and two sons, B. Palmer Robeson and Stuart Robeson, both of Washington, D. C.

PARENT-TEACHER
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of a Westinghouse 30-ft. refrigerator. This is to cost \$380.00, plus freight, of which cost the State Lunchroom Project has agreed to pay \$192.00. This leaves approximately \$200.00 to be raised.

With the procuring of this heavy equipment the major problems of the lunchroom will be solved. There are still a number

of small items which should be secured, but if these are not secured this year the P.-T.A. can do this in the coming year. It is considered necessary to acquire the basic equipment for preparing meals first, and then the other equipment may be gradually added to the lunchroom until efficient equipment is provided.

The lunchroom committee of the Parent Teachers Association is composed of Mrs. Hulan Watts, Mrs. L. C. Fergus, Mrs. Clayton Hickman and Mrs. A. B. Weeks.

WACCAMAW FIVE
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in the boys' division, preceded by the consolation contest for the girls. Teams competing in this game will be the two losers in Thursday's semi-finals.

On Saturday night the girls' championship fray will be reeled off, with the boys' consolation game furnishing the other half of the program.

A. C. Dawson, of Southern Pines, has been secured to referee all tournament games.

THE LINE-UPS

Southport	2	1	4
Hickman f	1	2	5
C. McRacken f	1	2	5
K. McRacken f	3	0	3
Watts g			
Huse			
Bryant			
Frederic			
Price			
Ward			
Total	6	3	12
WACCAMAW			
Gore f	4	2	8
Coleman f	0	0	0
Evans f	1	1	3
Simmons f	0	0	0
Smith f	1	2	5
Purvis g			
Babson g			
Evans g			
Bennett g			
Leonard g			
Stanaland g			
Total	6	5	16
WACCAMAW			
Bennett C	4		
Russ F	5		
King F	2		
Smith G	2		
Stanaland G	2		
Prince G	4		
BOLIVIA			
Henry F	2		
Stone F	2		
Caison F			
Hilburn F			
Burriss C	2		
Lewis C	1		
Substitutes, Bolivia: Earp	0		

Skipper 1, G. Caison 0, Danford 4.

FOREST WARDEN
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cigarette or cigar by the side of the road. Fanned by a breeze they may start a fire that will cause untold trouble and loss. Help to prevent fires from spreading and go further and help to prevent them from getting started," says Forest Warden Mercer.

REPUBLICAN CLUB
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other from Wilmington headed by Edmund Rogers. They and others made speeches commemorating Lincoln's birthday. The Republican Club added quite a few new members to its recently completed brick rolls. Scheduled meetings are held at various points in the county every few weeks. Events being advertised in advance in the county paper.

OPENS OYSTER ROAST
Charlie Williams has opened and is now operating an oyster roast in connection with his and soft drink stand adjacent to the McNeil Esso Station, Southport.

CLUB TO MEET
The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the Grimes House.

IN NEW HOME
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Perry, Leland, have moved into their recently completed brick home near the Woodburn Presbyterian church.

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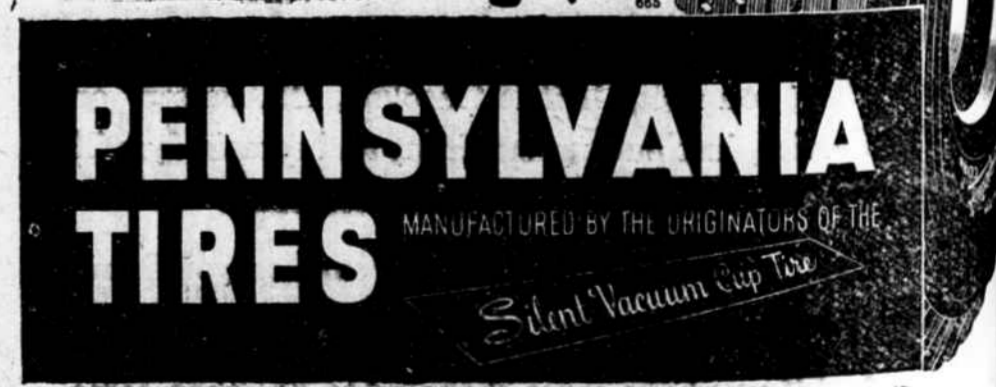
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