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This Changing World

You take one look at Southport and say, "Things haven't changed one bit in the past twenty years" - but you'll be wrong.

The other day we were looking in our file for a newspaper cut, and this placed us face to face, so to speak, with a good many of the men who have been the leaders in this town and county during the past generation. It came as a shock to us to realize just how many of them have passed away.

Included on the list are the leading physician and surgeon this county has ever known and his wife; and outstanding lawyer who become a Superior Court Judge; two distinguished colleagues of his of the Brunswick County Bar; the man who was in charge of the last railroad to serve the city, later head of the Selective Service Board; the two men who were proprietors and pharmacists at the town's two drug stores when we came here to live, and the young man who succeeded one of them; the man who was Chief of Police for Southport then; the man who headed the P. S. Public Health Service; one of the county's outstanding young men, whose brilliant career was cut short by the war; two merchants whose stores have passed into other hands; three of the best known members of the Pilot Association; two ministers who served congregations here.

This role is by no means complete. They are just a few of the faces that remind us that while things may remain pretty much as they were twenty years ago in Southport, people do change.

The Big Project

Ever so often we hear the question, "Just what does the Southport Lions Club do?"

We aren't going to try to give a complete answer to this query, but will point out one service that it has rendered to this community, which, if it never does another useful thing, more than justifies

In the spring of 1946 the USO Building at Southport was declared surplus by the government and was placed on the market. The building had come to be an important focal point for business and social functions, and club leaders immediately recognized the importance of doing something to retain these facilities as a permanent asset to the community.

Purchase was made in the name of the City of Southport, and initial payment to the government was made from a loan made possible when practically every member of the Lions Club endorsed a note. Subsequently this loan was repaid, largely through funds realized from sale of surplus property which had been purchased with the building.

What has all of this go to do with the Lions Club and the good that it does? Just this. If club members had failed to take this action and to take it when they did, the chances are that the USO building would have been sold to some individual, probably some outsider, for salvage; and today the only thing left of the building would be memory of where it stood.

We are happy to report that not only is this building a great asset to a community such as ours, but it is being used for the very purpose for which it was acquired: To provide a community building where the people of Southport and surrounding country side may gather in dignity and in comfort for their social gatherings too large for a private home; for business meetings for which a large assembly room is desirable; for a meeting place for the Teen-Age Club; and for a multitude of other purposes which help to make life in this community more enjoyable.

The acquisition of this building and

its operation and maintenance is the big project for the local Lions Club.

"Peculiar People"

(This editorial, released by Telepress Features Syndicate, is Xenophon Greene's conception of how it might have been written in English for a newspaper in Moscow.)

What a peculiar place, America! They are invaded each year by Santa Claus and build no fortifications against

They put countless lights on Christmas trees and do not worry about the

They buy all kinds of nice things in

stores and then give them away as gifts. The newspapers are full of suggestions on what people may buy instead

of telling them what they musn't. They load their homes with presents for their children and then tell the children somebody else brought them.

They go about the streets laughing and happy and do not contemplate the

miseries of their lives. They throw away their money into big pails which are conveniently placed at

street corners. They cheerfully tell one another of all the things they would like to get, and then they go to church to thank God for what they have.

They have no conception of truth and blithely wish each other a happy new year when they know we can have no such thing as happiness.

They smile at policemen.

Everybody is always thinking of everybody else. They would even like to help us if we would let them.

Thirty is a nice age for a woman, especially if she happens to be 40.

Money is the most important substitute for brains.

Raleigh Roundup (By Eula Nixon Greenwood)

LEGISLATIVE NOTES .- Just on the other side of the holiday season lies 1949 session of the Legislature. When-what day-does it

The North Carolina Legislature convenes on Wednesday after the first Monday in January each odd-numbered year-unless called to special session by the Governor, in which event it gathers when he says gather.

So, this year, with the first Monday coming on January 3, the General Assembly will convene on January 5. There will be a caucus held on Tuesday night for electing the Speaker of the House, etc.

Members of the Legislature receive \$600 per term. They must stay in session for 60 days.

There are 120 members of the House and 50 in the Senate. To be in the State Senate, a citizen must be not less than 25 years old. Age does not matter in the House.

Session of the Legislature · usually costs around \$275,000, with a special session running at least \$100,000, whether it stays one day or

Attorneys usually dominate the General Asasembly. From 40 to 50 per cent of the members are lawyers as a general rule, and they, being conversant with legal Lingo, are the members who put the final touches on the bills.

And that is your government lessen for to-

NO LETUP-Individuals and corporations looking for tax reductions should set their sights beyond 1949. The consensus in Raleigh is that there will be no tax cuts on the State front or on the national level next year. On the contrary, there may be some tax increases. Kerr Scott promised cafe operators, etc., that the sales tax would be removed from meals served in public eating places, and he is expected to recommend this to the Legislature. However, it will likely be necessary for the State to get this lost revenue from some source.

BILLION-DOLLAR GOVERNMENT-North Carolina, which only a few years ago could count its expenditure in the hundreds of thousands of dollars-with the term "million" spoken of only occasionally, and then only in wispers-is now moving swiftly toward the billiondollar figure.

In fact, if requests placed before the Advisory Budget Commission this fall could be granted, Kerr Scott's administration would cost the taxpayers over one billion dollars! It's getting so we talk rather blibly in billons. What is a billion?

This will give you some idea: If an inventor 1948 years ago had built a perpetual motion machine whose main wheel would make a conplete revolution each minute, the wheel would have turned only a little more than one billion times from the birth of Christ until the present hour.

MANY MOTORISTS

do is hunt up an examiner in a previous case where he had some other county before the not complied with judgment. first of the year.

\$25.00 and costs, amounting to about \$34.00 in this county. A fined \$15.00 and costs. magistrate or other trial judge can, if he sees fit, refund the for sale, two months on the roads, costs, but the \$25.00 fine is fixed suspended on payment of a fine by law and the driver without a of \$300.00 and good behavior for license will have to pay it.

NO BOND FOR

Continued From Page One his truck on Friday morning, December 10, and investigation revealed that his death was caused by a knife wound in his left breast. It was discovered that Hart was the last man seen with Wescott the night before, and he was placed in jail. On the following Monday Hart made a complete confession to his brother, Otto Hart, in which he stated that Wescott had been fatally injured during a fight before Friday morning.

METHODIST CHOIR (Continued from page One)

LEAVES SOUTHPORT

7:00 A. M.

9:30 A. M. *1:30 P. M.

4:00 P. M.

LEAVES SOUTHPORT

7:30 A. M.

4:00 P. M.

6:00 P. M.

10:50 A. M.

6:00 P. M.

*-These Trips on Saturday Only.

SCHEDULE

W.B.&B.BUS LINE

Southport, N. C.

EFFECTIVE TUES., JAN. 20, 1948

WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

** This Bus Leaves Winnabow at 6:10 Daily.

— SUNDAY ONLY —

LEAVES WILMINGTON

7:00 A. M.

*9:30 A. M. 1:35 P. M.

4:00 P. M.

10:20 P. M.

9:00 A. M.

1:35 P. M.

10:20 P. M.

6:10 P. M.

6:10 P. M.

ROUTINE SESSION

David Williamson and Edgar The fine after Dec. 31 will be Muncey, larceny, not guilty. Aurthur Blanchette, speeding,

John Thomas McCoy, possession

two years. Marvin L. Piver, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.

The Rovin' Reporter (Continued From Page One)

regarding better hogs and better livestock of all sorts in Brunswick county. It is a long step from the days of runts and razor backs to the fine breeds of hogs now in Brunswick county. Like wise the tick-ridden cows of other years have also disappeared. Each year sees less and less scrub stock in the county and each year sees the already good breeds of cows steadily improving in quality.

About ten years ago Mr. and standing stars, but the combined Mrs. Carl Gunnerson and their, efforts of a choir whose voices small daughter, "Mickey", were blended in near-perfect harmony. residents of Southport. Mr. Gun-The cantata was directed by nerson was distributor for the Mrs. Dallas Pigott and the organ- Standard Oil Company at the ist was Mrs. James M. Harper, time. Mickey, at the time, was a Jr. The members of the choir favorite of ours, and still is. But she is grown up now and is to

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(Continued from page on that point. Just to see old friends of the couple sometimes meeting in the way of a years subscribed Bern Saturday evening but had been saturday even sa return the same night. "Mickey" and her father came around for a visit with us and knowing that we circulated around they asked us to extend Christmas wishes to all of their friends here.

> Ever since we can remember J. J. McKoy of Bolivia has been driving one of the first Model A. cars that ever came off the assembly line. We have often wondered how old it was and how it could ever get about as spry as it does. The other day Mr. McKoy hauled us around in that thing for about an hour. It went lickty split about as good as any car does. When we asked how old it was we were advised that the still proud owner had been buying tags for it for 21 years, without a miss, and in that time mighty few days have been missed without the car being in use. It was bought from the R. D. White company in Shallotte. Mr. White is the pioneer Ford dealer

> Mrs. Mann Truitt of Sanford, now spending the winter in Panama, but planning on a permanent home at Long Beach some time in the future, writes us that she has written Governor-tobe Kerr Scott, calling attention to Fort Caswell and the way that the State has been neglecting to take over what she describes as a "God given heritage to the people of North Carolina.' Mrs. Truitt says she is also writing other members of the official North Carolina family relative to the Fort. She spent one winter at Long Beach and knows the place well.

in Brunswick.

By making liberal allowance for the fact that time changes all things, Ted Robinson of Time magazine has been able to recognize in the bare skeleton of the Little Jenny at Southport the same trim Little Jenny on which he played as a boy in Massachu-

More travels about Brunswick this past, travels that led us to various places that we had not visited recently, caused us to draw some conclusions. According to those conclusions the hog crop in Brunswick county is larger than has been estimated. It may be that the late summer and fall prospects of an abundance of feed and grazing resulted in farmers keeping small hogs to grow into big ones. Anyhow, there are a lot of pigs, hogs and cows grazing on green pastures in Brunswick.

During the war Lieutenant John Hubby of South Bend, Ind., was stationed at Fort Caswell for over two years. Mrs. Hubby resided in Southport at the Camellia Inn.

graduate from high school in The couple now reside in Shreve- of Southport and how talk graduate from high school in The couple how the Mr. Hubby is in nothing but reminscences of purpose. The folks now live in New port, La., where Mr. Hubby is in nothing but reminscences of purposes. A letter from Mrs. Hub-Bern and Mr. Gunnerson is the business. A letter week told sent them a Christmas by to Mrs. Bragaw this week told sent them a Christmas by

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"Heavy Russ", Proprietor Shallotte, N. C.

STATEMENT ROCHESTER AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY New York 5, N. Y.

Condition December 31, 1947, As Shown By Statement Filed Amount of Capital paid in cash
Amount Ledger Assets, Dec. 31st previous year, \$5,649.822.12;
Increase paid up Capital \$
Income—From Policyholders, \$2,377,519.59; Miscellaneous, \$274,413.62; nts—To Policyholders, \$1,081,395.92; Miscellane

\$1,112,984.82; Premiums—Written or renewed during year, Other Premiums—Written or renewed during year, \$2,818,763.75 ASSETS

Value of Bonds and Stocks
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest
Agents' balance, representing business written subsequent to
October 1, 1947
Agents' balances, representing business written prior to
October 1, 1947
Interest and Rents due and accrued

All other Assets, as detailed in statement Total Less Assets not admitted Total admitted Assets ...

LIABILITIES Net amount of unpaid losses and claims Unearned premiums
Salaries, rents, expenses, bills, accounts, fees, due or accrued
Estimated amount payable for Federal, State, county and
municipal taxes due or accrued
Contingent commissions, or other charges due or accrued
All other liabilities, as detailed in statement

Total amount of all liabilities except Capital

Surplus as regards Policyholders Total Liabilities BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1947

President, John C. Evans Secretary, Llewellyn Freeman Home Office Lilliertry Sr. New York & X. Attorney for service: Wm. P. Hodges, Commissioner of Insurance, Raleigh, N. C. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, June 1st, 1948.

\$1,000,000.00

I, WM. P. HODGES, Commissioner of Insurance, do certify that the a is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Rochester Anstrance Company of New York 5, N. Y. filed with this Department ing the condition of said Company, on the 31st day of December, 191.

Witness my hand and official seal, the day and year above written WM. P. HODGES Commissioner of Insurance.

1949 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 return to the List Ta ers for Taxation for the year 1949, all the Real Estate, Personal Property, Etc., whi they own on the first day of January.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years must list for Poll Tax d ing 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 Person Property, and/or Poll Tax will be guilty of a Misdemeanor and subject to a fine or prisonment upon conviction.

LOCAL LIST TAKERS WILL POST NOTICE OF APPOIN MENTS IN PUBLIC PLACES—WATCH FOR SAME!!

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet at the Tax 0 fice at Southport on March 14, 1949. Any complaint about valu tion should be taken before the Board at that time.

PLEASE LIST YOUR PROPERTY WITH The LIST TAKE IN YOUR HOME PRECINCT

W. P. Jorgensen

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