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City Election

This is the year for a city election both in Southport and at Shallotte, and it is not too early for citizens of these two communities to consider the qualifications of prospective candidates for office. In Southport there has been some criticism of the convention system for nominating candidates. This plan reduces the election to a mere formality and it is true that a change may be desirable. If such a change is to be made, we are of the opinion that it must be arranged by special act of the Legislature; and if that is true, now is the time for interested citizens to seek special legislation which will change the system. Regardless of what method is employed to name candidates either here or at Shallotte, it is the duty of all good citizens to seek to place the affairs of their respective communities in the hands of capable, honest and reliable men. The best time to do some constructive thinking along these lines is now.

Symphony Concert

The Little Symphony of the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra has made its second annual appearance in Brunswick county, and we believe that the way has been made easier for continuing these concerts. More than one thousand Brunswick county school children heard the orchestra Friday afternoon at Shallotte, and were delighted with the performance. There is no way to measure the long-range cultural effect that experiences of

this kind can have upon the minds of growing-boys and girls, but it is safe to predict that their appetites for good music have been made keener because they have had an opportunity to hear in person an organization which is truly fine.

Much credit for the return of the orchestra to Brunswick county is due Mrs. E. H. Arrington for her tireless work to make it possible; and to the firms and individuals who made substantial contributions to help underwrite the expense of the two Friday concerts.

Inspection Law

A bill to abolish the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law has been reported favorably by the House Committee on Roads and a vote will come up Friday on this measure of which Representative Odell Williamson of Brunswick county is co-sponsor.

We hope that the bill will not pass, but that some compromise will grow out of it which will permit the retention of the best features of the present inspection law and at the same time eliminate some of the petty and annoying details which have made the present program so unpopular.

We think that it is well to remember that the primary purpose of the law was to make the highways safer for travel, and that the inspection law is just a part of an over-all program developed during the last session of the North Carolina Legislature to cut down the appalling death toll on our highways.

Admittedly, the timing of this inspection program was bad because during 1948 there were in operation upon the highways of North Carolina many thousands of vehicles which their owners wanted nothing more than an opportunity to replace. The crack-down worked hardships upon many citizens who were almost powerless to remedy their transportation situation. Even the most ardent advocates of the inspection program are free to admit that there were wrinkles which it was necessary to iron out and that there were some details which it may be as well to drop altogether.

We hear that a good many of the legislators who had an axe out for the Motor Vehicle Inspection Law were more interested in compromise than in doing away with the program altogether. We hope that prejudice against this work has not developed to a point where the good provisions of the program will be sacrificed along with the less desirable features.

Pirate Log

BY: THE THREE BUCCANEERS (Kat, Jan and Peg)

Are you one of the ones who's been asking what the Pirate News is? In case you haven't found out, it's a batch of happenings in and around the faded red brick of Shallotte high school. Each week with Mrs. Katie May McKeithan's help and prodding we hope to serve you what's been cooking before it gets too cold.

Let's begin with our club world where a lot has been happening. Our Beta Club, both junior and senior, seem to be making much progress. Joan Bennett was elected president of the junior club, sponsoring by Miss Tencie Frye. The vice-president and secretary, respectively, are Mary Gwen Chadwick and Carolyn Smith. To belong to the Beta Club a student must have an average of 90 percent and be very cooperative in school.

Next, and very important is our Glee Club, directed by Miss Joyce Gasque. Officers include Audrey Gore, president; Selene Register, vice-president; and Hilda Hewett, secretary.

The F. H. A., sponsored by Miss Alice Copeland, seems to be progressing nicely. The officers are Mary F. Clemmons, president; Joan Bennett, vice-president; Betty Lou Williams, secretary; and Mary Emma Mintz, music director.

Last Friday was an exciting day for the student body and its visitors from Southport high. The North Carolina Symphony Orchestra with its conductor, Dr. Benjamin Swalin, presented an hour of enjoyable music. The sun beamed brightly through the windows on the many instruments and the beautiful yellow flowers which decorated the stage. Dr. Salin in his dark suit seemed to stand out amid the musicians. The auditorium was crowded with

intent listeners. Superintendent J. T. Denning introduced Mrs. Swalin who in turn introduced Dr. Swalin. The first song played was Intermezzo II from the Opera "The Jewels of the Madonna". Among the other selections played were "On the Trail", "The Little Shepherd", "The American Cakewalk", "Hungarian Dance" and "Necture" which was composed by a girl from Greensboro. The audience applauded appreciatively after each selection.

During the program 16 students from Southport and Shallotte schools participated in a contest sponsored by the orchestra. Each pupil tried to guess the name of a song and the name of the instrument playing it. The contest ended in a draw between the two schools. At the end Dr. Swalin came back for an encore which was "Meadowlands". The orchestra was enjoyed thoroughly and everyone is looking forward to its return engagement next year.

Last Thursday night both teams lost in a game with the Leland Lions. The girls' score was 41 to 30 while the boys lost in a 27 to 20 victory for Leland. Everyone from Shallotte enjoyed both games and were not downhearted at all over Leland victory. We are now looking forward to the championship games.

Our school is proud of its light-heavy weight champion. As you already know his name is Waban Thomas. His next tournament is scheduled in Charlotte February 16-21. We'll be pulling for you, Waban, even if we can't be there.

This year the school is looking forward to its first annual. The name chosen for it is "The Jolly Roger". We can give our thanks to the following students and their publications. Students in charge of the annual are Susie Ann Wilson, editor-in-chief; Mary Gwen Chadwick, assistant editor; Marie Hewett, class editor; Billy Gray, sports-editor; Audry Milligan,

Not Exactly News

During the Christmas season the main attraction in the candy display at Russ Food Center in Shallotte was the giant stick of peppermint candy. With all of the smaller stick long since sold, Proprietor Charles Russ is somewhat puzzled as to what he should do with the 25-lb display. Do you have any suggestions? ... Coach J. F. Grahl of Shallotte calls a basketball game to suit us. We like to see an officials who acts like he knows what he is doing.

Carl Watkins and his aunt from Fayetteville were in Southport Monday on business. Carl says that since Gene Tomlinson has married, he will not be back at the Long Beach Pavilion this year, which leaves Watkins the sole proprietor. He wants to try a few pre-season dances during April and May with his "Aces Of Rhythm". Carl says that he only plays the bass fiddle when he works with a string band. With the present dance combo he's the man with the trumpet. ... "The Best Years Of Our Lives" is one of the best movies of our times, and local fans will have a chance to see it Monday and Tuesday at the Amuzu theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Leonard of Shallotte, received the highest rating of any student in her class on anatomy during the mid-winter examinations last week.

The lunchroom operated by Mrs. Ed Redwine seems to be doing fine. The meals are very tasty and appetizing.

Since your ears are probably still ringing with the yells of our cheerleaders we will tell you their names if you don't already know them. They are Olive White, Sammie Nell Tripp, Elna Mintz, Ann Tompkins and Miss Tencie Frye. No one can miss their pretty purple skirts either.

Most of us know the students of S. H. S. by their nicknames. Here are a few samples: Peggy Holden as "Peg", Janis LeHue as "Jan", Hilda Hewett as "Toots", Amelia Kirby as "Snooks", Gertrude Hewett as "Trudy", Robert Bellamy as "Bunky", Joseph Carter as "Joe", Jaunita Holden as "Goody", Mary Emma Tripp as "Hannah" and "Choo Choo", Mark Gray as "Choo Choo", Louise Hewett as "Pee Wee", Romona Frink as "Mona" and Kathleen Clemmons as "Kat".

Well, folks, that ends the news until next week so be good to yourself.

FINE SHOWING Miss Betty Leonard, a student in the N. C. Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, and a daughter of

Ellie Arrington is a cat fancier. He has a pair of seal-point Siamese cats that are about the most distinctive felines we ever have seen. Legend has it that this breed was developed by Chinese royalty, and that the strain was kept pure by destroying any cats which were not perfectly marked and perfectly developed. ... Visit of the Little Symphony to Brunswick county should serve to make local budding musicians put in more time practicing on their instruments.

Lindsay Robbins says that his luncheon at the Sawdust Trail is no gold mine, but that he has been able to show a small profit during the first three months of operation, a period which he thought would put him in the red. It has been a life-saver for a number of Southport people to have this place open during the past several weeks. They are working on an airstrip near the fish factory and should have it ready for use next summer.

We nominate as "Cook Of The Week" who ever it was that baked the ham we had a part of at the luncheon benefit supper Friday night. ... And so it goes until next week.

NEW BOAT

I. A. Hewett has his boat ready for sea. She is at Mr. Robbins' landing expecting to go out as soon as weather will permit. Name of the boat is the "Estelle".

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Southport Presbyterian church Dr. J. M. Waggette, pastor; Sabbath School at 10 o'clock; Youth Fellowship at 6:45 o'clock; preaching services at 7:30 o'clock; the sermon topic "Illegal Procedure In A Law Court".

ATTEND CONCERT

Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. R. B. Thompson, Mrs. H. T. St. George, Mrs. Fred Willing, Mrs. J. E. Carr and Mrs. L. J. Hardee attended the concert given in Greensboro Monday evening by the First Piano Quartet.

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Notice Of Sale The undersigned administrator and trustee will offer for sale at public auction, for cash, at 10 o'clock A. M. on February 19, 1949, on the premises, the following real and personal property belonging to the late R. T. Caison: 40 acres of land, 18 acres cleared, and known as the R. T. Caison home place, with a 3.1 acres tobacco allotment, and including the home of the late R. T. Caison and all outbuilding surrounding same including tobacco barn, pack house and three small outbuildings, and all farming tools and equipment. The undersigned administrator and trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and any successful bidder must deposit one-third of the purchase price in cash to show good faith. A. J. Robbins, Trustee And Administrator Of The Estate Of The Late R. T. Caison

The Rovin' Reporter (Continued from page one) who know how to raise cattle and who wish to get away from their present locations.

At this stage of the Brunswick county high school basketball tournament one guess is as good as another regarding where the championship trophies will go. Both the boys and girls trophies may go to the same school, but we sort of doubt that.

Last week we had an inquiry from a company in Chicago asking for an estimate on the present population of Brunswick county. They wished to know for business reasons. At the last federal census, eight years ago, the population ran close to eighteen thousand. Our estimate was that at the present time we have a population of not less than 20,000. This estimate is based on the known fact that all sections of the county have gained large numbers of farmers and other residents during the past years. Recently we had a visitor from New York. He was here five years ago and saw much of the county then. On his recent visit he was amazed at how things had filled up everywhere with new homes.

Some construction has been going on all winter at Caswell Beach, Long Beach and Holden Beach. According to reports the tempo is now beginning to step up with spring not so far off.

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drainage tile that will work in connection with the 20 or more miles of drainage canal Mr. Gwyn has opened with a drag line during the past year or so.

This past winter, if we have had any winter, Brunswick county has seen two killing frosts and one or two lighter ones. The first to come within range of the possibility of being described as a killing frost was on the morning of the 11th of December. There has been no snow at any point in the county and it is doubtful if any ice has been seen, except in a fish house or on a truck. This record is in a very marked contrast with the stories coming out of the west about this having been the most severe winter ever known there.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rappleyea of New Orleans, La., have been spending the winter here. Mr. Rappleyea was one of the vice-presidents of the great Higgings Shipbuilding empire during the war. One of his favorite subjects is that Southport and Brunswick county is the climatic midway point between New York and Miami. Since he has been a resident of both places and has been all over the country we are not rising up to dispute his claims as to our climatic advantages or that Southport and Brunswick county will some day become a mecca for tourists.

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State College and two married daughters were called home Monday. The son stated to visitors yesterday that if his father could be kept in bed for the next six weeks he would be alright.

OPPOSITION TO (Continued From Page One) AN ACT TO CANCEL AND TERMINATE CERTAIN LEASES OF OYSTER BEDS IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: "Section 1. All leases, heretofore made or entered into with various persons by the Commissioner of Commercial Fisheries, of oyster rocks, oyster beds or oyster gardens in or along the shore of Brunswick County are hereby cancelled and terminated, and no person shall hereafter have any rights pursuant to any such leases heretofore made.

"Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification."

Basketball Tournament Gets (Continued From Page One) of the tournament. If they do run into trouble, Southport bids fair to be the team that causes it.

Unless the dope bucket gets tipped over somewhere along the way, finals in the boys' division should find Southport and Leland tangled in their fourth thrilling contest of the season. During pre-season play these squads divided their first two games, with Southport taking the third by a one-point margin. Leland will be out to turn the tables while playing on their home court for tournament stakes.

Winner of the championship for boys will represent Brunswick county in a district tournament in search of State high school Class B honors. BENEFIT SUPPER With plans to raise some needed funds for the Shallotte Village Point Methodist church, the ladies of the Shallotte Point Home Demonstration Club is sponsoring a benefit oyster roast at the Register Fish House Wednesday night of next week. Boyd Robinson is president of the club and the entire personnel of 20 members is backing the fund raising project. Oysters will be on sale from 6 o'clock until everybody has had enough.