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Missed Connections

We looked at one of the daily newspapers Sunday hoping to see an announcement of the dates of the District Two Class B. Tournament at Magnolia and were very much surprised to see instead the results of the Saturday night finals when the Camp Lejeune team won the title.

All season we had looked forward with relish to having a Brunswick county team entered in the State Championship race for Class B teams, and on a number of occasions we had had something to say in the paper about this added incentive for the boys this year.

We asked County Superintendent of Schools, J. T. Denning what had happened, and he gave us these facts: Last fall there came an inquiry from the North Carolina Scholastic Athletic Association office desiring the names of teams in Brunswick county wishing to establish eligibility for the championship race. Mr. Denning furnished this information with the understanding that blanks would be sent to coaches or principals of the various schools.

When the State officials were contacted this week they reported that they never had received a completed entry form from any Brunswick county school, and that as a result no team in this area is eligible for further Class B play. Thus Southport, with a fine team and a good chance to move up in State championship elimination, has been denied this opportunity because of carelessness.

The State officials say that this occurred locally, but Principal H. T. San-

ders, who doubles in the role of coach, declares that he never has received any forms and thus has had no chance to qualify his team. Moreover, he says that he was not informed of the date of the Magnolia tournament. And we believe what he says. It is inconceivable that a man would work as hard as he did with an outfit that he has as much confidence in as he has in his local quint and then fail to attend to a clerical detail which would rob them of a chance to move the next step up the ladder toward the State Championship in their division.

We write this not because we expect to see the rules re-written and Southport given another chance; but because whatever the mistake this year, we hope that it will never happen again.

Something Helped

Down in Texas they have a saying that you can steal his money, you can shoot a man and you can run off with his wife and still get away with it; but if you steal his horse they'll hang you for it.

And that seems to be the way it is with North Carolinians and their automobiles. Back in the days of rationing, no other phase of that wartime program irked our citizens quite so much as did gasoline rationing; and people who never before had lied nor cheated nor stolen resorted to all of these practices to get extra petrol for their autos.

The inspection lane program griped car owners as has no other recent restriction placed upon their liberties, and when the bill to abolish this bill came up for a vote last week, the Legislators made short work of writing the law off the book.

But let us loo konce more at the record before we take too much satisfaction from this action. Last year the number of fatalities caused by highway accidents in North Carolina was reduced by 100 persons. We will not say that the inspection program was responsible, because we honestly do not think that it was the only contributing cause. But the inspection lanes were a part of an over-all safety program designed to save human lives, and figures show conclusively that progress was being made.

We cannot see how North Carolinians can be very proud of 'regaining' an unimportant freedom which must be paid for in lives lost in traffic accidents. We sincerely hope that a new and more practical program of inspection of motor vehicles will be worked out by the General Assembly before it adjourns.

MILD BUILDING BOOM

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plyea of New Orleans, where Mr. Rappleyea was one of the vice-presidents of the Higgins Industries during the war, have transformed an old Southport residence into a very attractive place. It is understood they plan later to make their permanent home here.

The old Willis house near the Garrison lot has also been the subject of considerable remodeling work.

Several Southport people are now constructing summer resi-

dences at Long Beach. S. B. Frink is to start another there this week. Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Ames of Onancock, Va., are to arrive here Saturday and they plan to build immediately at Long Beach. Robert Jones, Wiley Wells and a Greensboro man have new cottages already under construction.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

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Tenors: Pearce Cramer, Fred Stephens, Robert Thompson, Waters Thompson and Robert

LESPEDEZA HAY
\$30.00 & \$35.00 Per Ton

DUPONT DYNAMITE
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SEED - FEED - FERTILIZER
Farm Equipment

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NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SHALLOTTE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Shallotte, at a meeting held on the 18th of February, 1949, called and ordered a special election to be held on Tuesday, March 29th, 1949, for the purpose of extending the corporate limits of the Town of Shallotte, as authorized by an act of the 1949 General Assembly. (HB No. 27.) All persons lawfully registered upon the present election books for the Town of Shallotte and who have not changed their places of residence are eligible to vote in this special election without further registration. This act provides for a new Special Registration of voters in the territory proposed to be annexed.

Residence in the State of North Carolina for one (1) year and in the town or the territory proposed to be annexed for four (4) months is required to qualify a person for registration.

The official registration books will be open at 9:00 A. M. on Wednesday, February 23rd, 1949, and closed at 4:00 P. M., March 16th, 1949. The Registrar will be L. Bailey Russ. He will have the books open at HOLMES' SERVICE on Wednesday, February 23rd, 1949, Wednesday, March 2nd, 1949, Wednesday, March 9th, 1949, and Wednesday, March 16th, 1949, from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.

Wednesday, March 23rd, 1949, will be challenge day and the registrar will hear any challenge then made, from 9:00 A. M. to three O'Clock P. M.

The description of the territory proposed to be annexed is as follows:

'Beginning at a stone located 3100 feet north-easterly from the present northeast corporate limits as measured along United States Highway No. 17, said stone being on the north side of said highway; running thence South 60 degrees 00' West 2800 feet to the old New Britain Road near R. D. Woodard's place; thence north-westerly with the said road to the present corporate limits; thence continuing with said corporate limits to Mulberry Branch; thence down Mulberry Branch to Shallotte River; thence up Shallotte River to Bobby's Pike; thence up the run of Bobby's Pike to United States Highway No. 17; thence East 2,000 feet to a stake; thence North 30 degrees East 6,000 feet to a point on Shallotte River opposite the mouth of Charles' Branch; thence down Shallotte River 1,000 feet; thence North 5,000 feet to the point of beginning.'

By order of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Shallotte.

H. L. HOLMES, Town Clerk. M. L. GALLOWAY, Mayor.

SCHEDULE
W. B. & B. BUS LINE
Southport, N. C.

EFFECTIVE TUES., JAN. 20, 1948

WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
**	7:00 A. M.
7:00 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
*1:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

*—These Trips on Saturday Only
**—This Bus Leaves Winnabow at 6:10 Daily.

— SUNDAY ONLY —

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
10:50 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

Not Exactly News

It didn't take long for us to learn that we had misspelled 'minie ball' in a front page head last week, but in attempting to defend our generous use of the letter 'n' we made an interesting discovery. Minie is not a colloquial contraction for miniature as we had imagined, but is the name of the French general who invented this type of ammunition. . . The District 2 Class B. basketball tournament for which Southport boys were eligible by virtue of their county championship was over before local officials ever learned when it was to be played.

Just when we were telling our youngster about seeing "Bobby Coon"—a well-known storybook character—down street Little Roy Daniel spoiled our tale by informing us that his tame coon's name is Josephine. Well, Bobby of Josephine as the case may be, Roy has a nice and unusual pet. . . Something new has been added at the Amuzu: POPCORN.

Henry Bryant has more regular jobs than anybody in town, and he never seems to let one of them suffer from neglect while he does another. . . Add February Freaks: Beautiful yellow roses blooming in front yard of the Leslie Garner home near Southport. . . Over 200 visitors saw the Dodge Coronet at its initial show-

ing at Williamson Motor Co. Friday.

Little Anne Denning has a new puppy, but she will have to get her playing with it over by next November. Reason? The pup is a pointer from real bird hunting stock and Anne's papa, Superintendent of Schools J. T. Denning, is planning to find out if it can live up to the illustrious reputation of the mother, Jesse Purvis' Susie-Q. . . The weekly square dances at the Community Center Building in Southport have provided a much-needed source of recreation for people in this area during the winter months. Lions Club officials say they will continue until beach season opens.

Best break the kids in town got during the past few months was when Dorothy (Mrs. Louis J.) had the old garage building on the corner by her house torn down and the cement floor turned into a skating rink. With that good beginning, the Hardee yard has been developed into one of the leading contenders for the Southport Home Demonstration Club's beautification contest. . . Peter Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Robinson, shows good promise as a cartoonist. . . And that does it for this week.

Willing. Bases: E. H. Arrington and C. R. Livingston.

Accompanists: Mrs. J. M. Harper, Jr., Mrs. Dallas Pigott and Mrs. J. W. Ruark.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. Pigott, chairman of the music committee for the club.

EARLY BLOOMING

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low country, extending from Brunswick county through Georgia.

The Elmore nurseries at Bolivia have both camellias and azaleas that are well worth seeing. At Eastbrook, one mile from Land on the hard surfaced road to Phoenix, Mr. and Mrs. John Verzeal have many beautiful flowers and shrubbery of various sorts. Of even greater interest to many people is the aquarium that Mr. Verzeal has been building up for more than 12 years. In his tanks and bowls he has several thousand beautiful little tropical fish. At this place the Sunday visitors have special welcome as Mr. and Mrs. Verzeal are not busy with the nursery on that day and have time to show their guests the aquarium.

COUNTY AGENT IS

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number have been grazed for a month. Others will be ready for grazing within a few weeks. The permanent pasture idea is taking hold strongly and may lead to

more extensive efforts at cattle raising. In this climate cows can be pastured for 12 months of the year, with little or no feeding or shelter during even the most severe parts of the winter.

The small grain crop of which there is a very large acreage, is also looking good. Better farmers are now top dressing this crop with 200 pounds of nitrate of soda or its equivalent per acre. The supply of nitrate is short but many far-sighted farmers were able to supply their needs by buying early. Along with the top dressing most of the grain growers are now also seeding in lespedeza. This is a won-

derful crop for soil restoration.

It also produces a very heavy hay crop that is easily cured and is relished by stock. The county agent thinks that more lespedeza seed should be produced in Brunswick. By allowing the lespedeza to mature the soil receives much additional humus and the harvested seed constitutes a worthwhile crop in itself.

YOUNG SON DIES

Steve Smith, 5-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Smith of the Ash community, died here in the Doshier Memorial Hospital Thursday. The remains were taken to Ash for burial.

FEED THE FAMILY

That's a problem, especially when there are no garden crops to fall back on. But you can always depend upon being able to buy a good line of groceries when you do your trading with.

R. GALLOWAY
General Merchandise
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FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS



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Shallotte Trading Co.

Hobson Kirby, Prop.
SHALLOTTE, N. C.

Brunswick Timberland

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The only problem seemed to be the getting of a breed of cattle that could stand and thrive in the Green Swamp climate. Local stock could get along, but they would hardly thrive in that location to the point of being profitable.

In the Florida Everglades were a number of herds of Brahma cattle, descendants of the sacred cows of India. These animals are good foragers, good beef producers, are able to stand any sort of the hot climate and insects do not worry them. They are tough.

The Reigel Paper Company's woods boss went to the Everglades to see and learn something of these cattle. They seemed to fill the bill and he bought and brought back 60 head of purebred and mixed-breed cows and three purebred bulls. These animals were introduced to the "Reigel Ranch" at Makotoka three years ago and they have been a fine success.

The herd now numbers about 150 heifers, cows, bulls and a few steers. The first year's crop of steers has already gone the way of beef animals. The second year is coming on for the same purpose. All of the heifers are kept for breeding and increasing the size of the herd. These young animals are comparatively gentle from constant association with riders on cow ponies and in cars.

The old cows are wild and it is difficult to approach them on foot, if one is so inclined. Few people who know them care to do this as they roam the woods. They will charge a person on foot without the slightest provocation. Unless there is a tree or fence handy it is best to leave them alone. This is especially true when they are being followed by young calves. At such times they fiercely resent the approach of anything, man, beast or machine, that they may possibly mean danger to their young.

Breeding of the cows is done with the view of having all calves to come in the early spring. This permits branding of calves to be done at a given time each year. It also permits there being several herds of calves and cows with each bunch of about the same age on different parts of the big range.

A few weeks ago the writer was on the ranch and saw one herd of beautiful young heifers, all fairly gentle. They were all two

years old. About 10 or 12 miles away we came across a large herd of unapproachable old cows, all are due to drop calves this spring. These animals all stamped into the woods at our approach and it was impossible to get near enough to any of them to make a picture.

The three huge bulls are confined in a coral near the feed barn. If they happen to be near the fence a good picture can be made, the bulls staying on their side and you staying on yours. To cross the fence is inviting something unpleasant. With their great flapping ears and huge throat wattles the bulls appear to be very gentle creatures, incapable of molesting anyone. This appearance last only for so long as they know they cannot reach you.

Handling the young bulls each year with the object of getting beef steers is a very delicate process. The young steers have to be separated from their mothers, an operation to which both they and their mothers object. The cow ponies are useless for this separation project, as the cows would charge and kill both ponies and riders.

The safest and best way arrived at so far has been to use cattpillar tractors. In the seat of such machines the driver is safe. The cows do not attempt to mount the machines. They just charge them with their heads down. No matter how hardheaded they may be, their butting has little effect on such mounts.

The last winter was a fairly severe one, even in the Green Swamp. During the month of February it was considered advisable to feed the cows and they were brought up from their different ranges and confined in great cypress wood corals.

These pens are built of 2x8 cypress planking, to a height of nine feet. Railed walkways are built on top of the pens, allowing attendants to place feed and open gates when it is desirable to move a herd from one pen to another. The gates are all operated from above. Under no circumstances does anyone get down into any of the pens while the cattle are there. The cattpillar tractor has to go in when anything except a cow has to go, and it has to go in to make them move from one pen to another.

This winter the cows are grazing on the miles and miles of grain-sown fire lanes. A truck equipped with a power pump goes out and sees that the big concrete watering troughs are kept full of water from wells that are sunk at the trough. The truck also carries out rock salt that is left in the salt sheds to which the animals have ready access.

There is little or no need of shelter or supplementary feed. The matter of whether or not the cattle will go into the corals this winter is entirely dependent on whether extremely cold weather comes along.

As a final word, it may be said that the idea of importing the Brahma cattle to this county has apparently proven to be a great one. With a big herd of breed stock being built up, returns are already coming in from the cheaply raised steers. The cattle have undoubtedly contributed to the forest fire protection and they have given many Brunswick farmers ideas as to raising cattle, for which this county is admirably suited.

CONTEST PLANNED

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The first prize will be a \$50.00 Government Saving Bond; second prize—\$25.00 Government Saving Bond.

The State contest will be held at Raleigh on March 25th, the first prize—\$400.00 Government Saving Bond; second prize—\$100.00 Government Saving Bond; third prize—\$50.00 Government Saving Bond.

NEW LEGION HUT WILL

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finish the building.

The building has a large kitchen, office, recreation room and a 60 by 30 foot hall that is amply large enough to accommodate large gatherings. The members of the Shallotte Post will take pride in showing the building to fellow Legionnaires and friends at the open house session Friday night.

OUTSTANDING FILM

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shown in a commercial theatre, "Seeds of Destiny" holds an all-time record for receipts, exceeding even the fabulous production "Gone With the Wind" in that respect.

Ann unement of the date of appearance in each community will be made through the schools, and everyone is urged to see this outstanding moving picture.