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One Way To Do The Job

Recently we have had many suggestions that something should be done to clean up and to beautify the Southport cemetery, and we have passed some of these ideas along in the hope that some good would come of them.

Thus far there is nothing to suggest that we are leading a successful crusade; still we find encouragement in some recent activity we have noticed at the cemetery.

One local family who own a lot near the Southern boundary of the grounds have gone to considerable trouble and expense to build up their section of the cemetery and now are preparing to plant winter grass.

It might take a long time to get the entire area beautified one lot at a time, but that is one way to do it; and it is encouraging to see one family group who have decided to let work take the place of talking.

Two Good Services

Southport may have no claim to the title of the world's most progressive community, but there are two services which we have that will hold their own in any competition. We always enjoy the surprise shown by our visitors when they learn about our bus service and our dial telephone system.

The good transportation facilities which are available to much of Brunswick county have been developed to a remarkable degree since 1935, when a mail bus station wagon provided the only passenger service of the W.B. & S. Railroad. These conditions steadily improved until the war years brought about travel restrictions which sent the bus business booming. The war is over and business is not quite so bustling, but with the Caswell Seaside Assembly in prospect and with the ever growing development of our Brunswick county beaches it looks like hauling people to and from our area will be big business for the W.B. & S. for a long time to come.

The telephone service is something good which we have enjoyed for many years. The Bell Telephone people have maintained their equipment to keep pace with the growing needs of the community, and now it is a source of pride to know that no town or city enjoys better communication facilities.

This is another of our blessings which we wish we could share with our fellow citizens of Brunswick county.

He Wasn't So Dumb

"To preserve our independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debts, we must be taxed in our meat and drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements. If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of caring for them, they must become happy."

Is this the American Medical Association speaking? Is this a quotation from the old American Liberty League? Is this the Fair Tax Association? Is this the Republican party taking a crack at President Truman's so-called "welfare state"?

None of these. We are indebted to our friend, Ralph Sholar, for passing along to us this excerpt from the words of a great man? Have you guessed yet? Well, Thomas Jefferson, the great liberal, gave this warning and the following additional admonition:

"The same prudence which in private life would forbid our paying our own money for unexplained projects, forbid

it in the disposition of our public moneys. We are endeavoring to reduce the government to the practice of rigorous economy, to avoid burdening the people, and arming the magistrate with a patronage of money which might be used to corrupt and undermine the principles of government."

There is yet time for public opinion to return to the thinking of Jefferson. Have we already reached the point when the government is "wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of caring for them"?

Not Just An Old Bell

It was an old bell which was formally presented to East Side Community Church by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, but it was not just another bell. To every railroader, those bells which rode the rails with them day after day and night after night through so many years were intimate companions. Each had a personality of its own. And it came to be loved and cherished by the train crew.

Most of the oldtimers are gone now. They are being donated to churches where they will make music in quiet retirement—no longer called upon for hourly service or to take the jolts incident to stops, starts and rail travel.

High in the belfreys of houses of worship, they will occupy an honored spot befitting a retired servant who has given the best years of his life to his family and is assigned to spend the balance of his days in more tranquil environment.

The world's number one disease is malaria, afflicting more than 300,000,000 people each year.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

BREAKING UP . . . Little is being said about it yet, but the Southeastern Chain Store Council will as of January 1 break up into State organizations. The N. C. unit will be known as the North Carolina Chain Store Council.

Dan Paul, Sen. Clyde R. Hoey's son-in-law, will be executive secretary for this State. Offices will be in Raleigh.

TUMMY TROUBLE . . . Wake Forest students were buzz-zing last week about Coach Peahead Walker's health. Reports have it that he has a serious stomach ailment and is on a strict diet.

Well, it is apparent that he isn't doing as much up-and-down bench striding as he did last year—and he seems to be off in weight.

But come to Raleigh any autumn day and you can hear any type rumor you are looking for any one of the Big Four coaches—most of the tales are concerned with Everett Case at State, Beattie Feathers, Wolfpack coach, and Peahead Walker.

OFF THE CUFF . . . One thing to keep in mind during the school bus row which is still in progress: The counties purchase the original buses; the State buys the replacements . . . Thus if a county has 50 buses in operation, the State can only buy new ones as these are worn out . . . Several counties do not have sufficient buses . . . The better buses now cost around \$3,000 each . . . Owners of television sets who live in the northern half of N. C. were able to get the North Carolina—N. D. game from Richmond . . . Robert R. Reynolds is doing a lot of congratulating, condoling, and thanking via letters, etc., these days . . . Wallace Wade recommended Peahead Walker for the Wake Forest job . . . In their first meeting Wade's big Blues took the Deacons 67-0 . . . The next year Wade dunned Walker 7-0 and went on to the Rose Bowl . . . Many of the larger counties are keeping an eye on the State's experiment (?) with the five-day work week . . . and plan to adopt it if the idea works in Raleigh . . .

Around 2,000 people are expected in Raleigh for the State Baptist Convention on November 15 . . . Up for discussion: plans to borrow \$200,000 for special projects on the coast—Seaside Assembly and Fort Caswell . . .

Scott may soon be known as our traveling Governor . . . He has made three trips into the Midwest within the past six months . . . Spent the last week in October . . . or some of it . . . hunting pheasant in the Dakotas . . . Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor was with him on this last expedition . . .

There are no new developments on reports that Harry McMullan may resign as Attorney General to enter the practice of law with J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Jr. . . . But associates say he is going to stay right where he is . . . Attorneys who know him say that Ralph Moody, one of McMullan's assistants, has one of the best legal brains in the U. S. . . .

State Legion Commander R. C. (Colonel) Godwin is getting quite a reputation around Raleigh as a cook . . . Had some friends in the other Sunday morning. The menu: chicken livers cooked in country ham grease; venison; Squirrel. He keeps a freezer locker well stocked . . . but for breakfast?

FOR FREE . . . Rural or Star Route Box Holder—Local. "Dear Friend: This is the latest list, by names and numbers, of Farmers' Bulletins published by the United States Department of Agriculture. As Senator, I have a limited number of these for distribution. If you desire some of the available bulletins, please check . . . With best wishes, I am, Sincerely yours, Frank P. Graham." Good going, Dr. Frank. You are now in the groove, frank and all.

MEMBERSHIP WILL

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was secured for the purpose of constructing an additional 117 miles of line to serve 408 members. A third loan of \$108,000 was approved late in 1940 and 132 miles was added to bring service to 418 more members.

When all three contracts were completed, at the end of 1941 the cooperative was serving 1415 consumers through 477 miles of energized lines.

The original board of directors was composed of G. K. Lewis, Winnabow; C. P. Willetts, Bolivia; R. D. White, Sr., Shallotte; T. T. Ward, Longwood; R. B. Bennett, Ash; F. E. Lay, Olyphic; S. P. Fipps, Tabor City; Fronis Strickland, Tabor City; D. H. Lennon, Boardman; J. L. Robinson, Whiteville; and Lacy Stanley, Whiteville.

C. P. Willetts was the first president and T. T. Ward was the first secretary-treasurer.

The war interrupted further development of the corporation's system but E. D. Bishop, the manager, and the board of directors was not idle. During the war years, additional unserved areas were developed for post-war expansion by making contacts with prospective consumers, making short extensions, obtaining rights-of-way, signing up members and presenting applications to the REA for loans. As a result of this foresightedness, the corporation received allocations in the aggregate of \$988,000. The money, however, was not made available until materials were released at the end of the war.

Because the Brunswick REA foresaw the necessity of expanding the facilities to meet the future power needs of its members, plans were developed for the construction of three high voltage transmission lines, together with new substations and other devices, from Whiteville to Shallotte.

The new high-voltage lines were begun at the earliest date possible and were completed February 1, 1949. They carry 33,000 volts each.

The cost of this construction, together with contract construction of 420 miles of new distribution lines and additional distribution lines built by the cooperative's own line crews since the early part of 1948, represents an investment of over one million dollars to provide service to additional members and to modernize the systems of power source and distributions.

The contrast between the Brunswick's status on Sept. 30, 1941 and Sept. 30, 1949 is striking. Eight years ago, it had 477 miles of line and served 1415 consumers. The figures for this year show a total of 1084 miles of line and 5,005 consumers.

The distribution is as follows: Brunswick—460 miles and 2392 consumers.

Columbus—593 miles and 2499 consumers.

Robeson—10 miles and 38 consumers.

Bladen—21 miles and 76 consumers.

The program for the 10th anniversary meeting at Waccamaw High School will include regular business, reports of officers, election of directors, entertainment and addresses by Gwyn Price, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, and other REA representatives. The present directors are: A. P. Henry, Winnabow; D. L. Mercer, Bolivia; W. M. Hewett, Shallotte; J. B. Ward, Ash; W. A. Mintz, Freeland; F. E. Lay, Olyphic; Foy D. Fowler, Tabor City; Fronis Strickland, Tabor City; C. D. Branch, Boardman; J. L. Robinson, Whiteville; and N. C. White, Whiteville.

Robinson is president and W. M. Hewett is secretary-treasurer. E. D. Bishop, the coordinator at the beginning of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, became manager in September of 1949 and has continued in that capacity.

When the first line was energized on Dec. 18, 1939, the cooperative's staff consisted of Bis-

hop, a lineman and an office girl. Actually when the tests were made in preparation for "turning on the juice" for the first time, the linemen were climbing poles and connecting transformers, while Bishop was engaged in setting meters, tapping up services and writing service orders. A bookkeeper and two men was the entire personnel at that time. That contrasts with 24 full-time employees, using 10 motor vehicles, at this time.

Bishop recalls that it really took a selling job to sign members in the early days. Many of them were skeptical, wondering at first whether the service would ever be provided and then whether it would continue.

That situation no longer exists and the contribution of the Brunswick REA to the area is now fully recognized and appreciated.

Manager Bishop sums up the development in this way:

"The biggest thing this has done is that it has brought electric service to farm families which has made it possible for farm folks to have the same conveniences as those who live in the city, with the added advantages of living in the country. Another thing we see—the younger generations of the farm families, now that they enjoy the same conveniences as their city cousins, without a doubt their outlook as sons and daughters of the rural areas is much more promising."

"The use of electric power on the farm is making a very definite contribution to the economic of the rural family."

"The REA program is dedicated to extending electric service to every unserved rural home in our operating area. Our construction program will continue until the last farm home in the area, which desires service, will be served."

Rovin' Reporter

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The parents, and this uneasiness is justified. The use of high powered guns in woods where there is a likelihood of being groups of children is a dangerous practice. At the very least it will alarm parents and retard camp development. It is to be hoped that Brunswick hunters will stay away from the camp area and at the same time do all they can to discourage visiting hunters from going there.

Along with actual development facts in and around Southport there are some apparently well-founded rumors relative to Bald Head Island and development there. Charlotte people have stated during the past week that a movement is on foot to form a 200-man club with Frank O. Sherrill as its head, and the purpose being to develop the island. The 17,000-acre property is owned by Mr. Sherrill. With facilities for taking care of visitors and a small ferry for transportation, the island would easily become one of the most visited spots on our coast. Some fine hunting can be found there and the ocean side is credited with affording the best surf casting area on the North Carolina coast. The numerous are full of all sorts of fish, including tarpon in the summer.

This year unsealed Christmas greeting cards must bear a two cent stamp if the address is at some other post office than that where they are mailed. Sealed cards must bear the regular first class postage. The increase in postage on the unsealed matter will probably result in millions of Christmas cards being held up for postage, or forwarded with the recipient having to pay the deficiency.

The Southport Baptist church has acquired two new and valued members, Dr. R. K. Redwine, moving to Fort Caswell from Winston-Salem to take charge of the new North Carolina Baptist Seaside Assembly homes, has transferred his membership from the Winston-Salem, where he formerly lived. W. A. Maxwell, caretaker of the property, has also transferred his membership from

Not Exactly News

Art Newton came back from Raleigh this week with a new press camera that will do a lot to increase the number of local features which are given circulation in the upstate dailies . . . Attorney D. C. Herring left Tuesday on a business trip to New York City. He was moaning because it couldn't happen last week in time to give him an opportunity to make the mass migration of Tar Heels to the Big Town for the Carolina-Notre Dame game.

Ed Weeks has sent his prize pointer, Dan off to college for a refresher course before bird season opens next week . . . "Laff It Off" promises to be a sure-fire home talent comedy hit . . . The turn-out for the first in the new series of Lions square dances was a little less than sensational Saturday night, but a good time was had by all and they'll be back for more of the same this week-end . . . We saw four wild geese fly over Southport Friday.

"June Bride" which plays Thursday and Friday at the Amuzu, has been called the best Bette Davis picture in years . . . "Casablanca", starring Ingrid Bergman, is the feature for the late show Saturday and Sunday at Shallotte theatre . . . The E-L-M Gift Shop, Southport's newest business enterprise, gets its name from the first initial of each of three sisters who are in partnership. They are Miss Edna Dozier, Mrs. Lillian Faulk and Miss Margaret Dozier. As a member of the important committee on

committees at the Baptist State Convention this week the Rev. H. M. Baker was in a position to have a hand in selecting the man who will decide the Caswell Seaside Assembly question . . . Robert McCracken, who has many projects on his River Road farm, is to go in for raising turkeys in a big way this year . . . With a scrappy little band of playing this fall Shallotte is sure to have bumper crop of prospects from which to select their 1950 football team.

Up at Leland the Lions Club is working on a new Community Building and much of material and most of the work has been completed. They say that Lion President Hodges is a sight to behold as he wields his handed hammer . . . One thing that helps fall our favorite time of year is the cooking oyster roast season . . . Mr. Willie Collins furnishing his regular seafood customers some choice mullet roe last week.

They say that rockfish have started to but no local angler has reported a catch far . . . Rocky, the Tommie Garmers' many colored Boykin retriever, is one of the best canine companions for a child we have seen . . . There appears to be a bumper crop of pecans in Brunswick this fall . . . If there is any doubt in your mind as to whether tempus really does fugit, just let us know you that next Thursday is Thanksgiving.

Carolina Beach to the local church. In addition to those officially connected with Fort Caswell the prospects are bright for many retired Baptist preachers and laymen acquiring property and building permanent homes at Fort Caswell.

There would seem to be a splendid opening at Southport for an up-to-date builders supply firm, carrying everything pertaining to home construction and repairing. It is a rather well-known fact that for the past year an out-of-the-county builders supply company has been delivering a truck of material in Southport daily. Some days there have been several such truck loads. The outlook is for the need of such supplies to increase several times over during the next year or two. In addition to the purely local Southport demand there should be big business for such a firm providing for Long Beach, Caswell Beach and Fort Caswell.

Southport with its developing sport and commercial fishing and its rapidly developing nearby resorts is now facing its brightest outlook of any period of its history. The beaches and fishing will afford the business background, the same as good farming sections for business elsewhere. Here the sport and commercial fishing and the beach developing will be mere tacking to all of it. You cannot build filling stations and country stores on the ocean. With the building of roads everywhere throughout the state and the erection of stores and filling stations at every point, we are entering an area that will have very little small town development, except in isolated cases. Instead it will be community development, buying at neighborhood stores for the most part and going to the bigger towns over the good roads in others. Southport, we believe, is an exception. Southport people have been going to other places to trade for years. With the change order of things, trading facilities will be provided both for the folks who come here to fish and use our beaches and for the regular Southport people.

Along with a great many Southport home owners painting their homes, Paul Fodale has joined in the beautification movement and has given both the buildings used in his fishing business a coat of paint. The improvement is noticeable.

Uncle Joe Reaves, aged, well known and very active until a few months ago, died at his home recently. Uncle Joe was among the most highly esteemed colored citizens of the town. Born on the Reaves Plantation just across Walden Creek and now by Thompson McCracken, Uncle Joe played with the children of Colonel Lamb during the war between the States. Colonel Lamb was the commander of Fort Fisher and while he was at that historic point two sons lived on the Reaves Plantation.

Game Protector H. T. Bowmer says that he and other game pro-

tectors are now keeping a close watch on the Pretty Pond camp area and also the State Wildlife Refuge which adjoins the camp area. Hunters disregarding the posted area signs will be called into court, according to the game protectors. Bob Wheeler, Wildlife Commission man in charge of the refuge, says that applies equally as strong to the adjoining refuge lands. The state will take a hand in assisting in the prosecution of hunters found on the east and south of Pretty Pond.

A movement is now underway for the formation of a private corporation with the object of building a 700-foot fishing pier at Long Beach. This corporation, although acquiring land from the Carolina Lands corporation, will have no connections with the various developments that the Carolina Lands is now pushing. In a sense it will be a private business undertaking. The present plans are for the pier to extend 700 feet into the ocean and to have a T-deck at the sea end. A contractor has already made an estimate of \$30,000.00 for the project.

The show ends with a finale, "A World United", by girls of all nations joining with Uncle Sam to help the world united.

The above is a partial selected thus far. Many will have a part in the filled show.

Mrs. Ruth Lanham of Oklahoma, is directing the production.

ATTEND GAME
Mr. and Mrs. Tommie spent the past week in New City to attend the Notre Carolina football game.

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CATHOLIC INFORMATION

Shake Well Before Using!

" . . . but listen, Jim, doesn't the Bible say, 'Whoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life'? Then why all these other things you Catholics must believe and do?"

"Because, Ben, the Bible tells us about these other things, too. How about the commandments, baptism, penance, fasting, eating the flesh of the Son of Man, and all else? About believing only—well, St. James puts it rather aptly when he says, ' . . . the devils also believe and tremble,' and again, 'Faith without works is dead.' (James 2:19-20).

"But St. James—wasn't his declared an epistle of straw?"

"Yes, by Martin Luther. But if one man can change religion, why not another and another; and so it has been until today we have 400 Christian sects and each of these a house divided against itself. So-called Modernism has eaten into many denominations, teaching and preaching against the Incarnation, the Resurrection, heaven, hell, and the immortality of the soul, and invalidating the

entire Bible or any part that contradict its teachings. Cause of this chaos of sects and is not truth, I cannot say the devout Protestant who day is almost forced to believe himself to the simple creed, 'I accept Christ as my Saviour' and go it at that.

"But we Catholics, Ben, sure we have the divine revelation for salvation in the guided traditions of the Church, verified by the true interpretation of the God-inspired Scriptures. Surely we accept Him who pounded the medicine, but we not satisfied merely to take the remedy up there on the shelf and grant its efficacy. We take down the bottle, we shake well to get all the ingredients active, and then our medicine exactly as directed on the label."

If it's anything Catholic, Catholic!

For further information, P. O. Box 351, Whiteville, N. C.

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.
1:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	6:10 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.

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