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A Day In The Life Of A Lazy Community

Ask anybody who knows and he will tell you that nothing ever happens in Southport.

Take Thursday, for instance. Of course, it was a busy day for the women of the Southport Baptist church, because they had company coming. In fact, they were serving as hostess for the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Brunswick Association; so it may be that there was some slight acceleration in the normal pace of activity.

And in the middle of the afternoon there appeared to be more than the normal amount of scurrying hither and yon as preparations were made for serving a benefit barbecue supper to more than two hundred twenty-five persons.

It may be that some of the late-comers had to hurry a little, because at 3 o'clock there was another benefit over at the school house. This one was an entertainment for the benefit of the Volunteer Fire Department, and it didn't require too much preparation, since two out-of-town fellows put on the show.

Nothing ever happens around here, but you take Friday—But that was another day.

Telephone Survey

This week Southern Bell Telephone Co. officials are conducting a survey to determine the degree of need and the approximate cost of extending telephone service into the rural areas of this county. In doing this they are following earlier recommendations made by the Brunswick County Farm Bureau, an organization which has been unceasing in its efforts to expand existing communication facilities.

Naturally it is too early to hazard a guess as to what will result from this survey; but it is obvious that there must be some point of beginning if Brunswick is to be served by a telephone network. This may be that point.

Need Of Service

Hundreds of yachts are now using the intracoastal waterway through Brunswick county each day bound homeward after wintering in Florida. They seldom stop this northward trek except for gas, oil, water and galley supplies. They are going home and in more or less of a hurry.

In the fall things are different with these same boats. Some of them are being taken south for the owners who winter at various points. Others go for no reason at all except to be taken out of the ice-locked, wintery northern waters.

But all of them, regardless of the purpose of going, start out before the northern freeze-ups come, and once they get as far down as Baltimore they take it easy. It is not unusual for a yacht to spend a week or two at some point in Brunswick waters. They are out of the freezing zone and there is no need for them to hurry on.

If an effort was made to interest boat owners and provide fresh water facilities for caring for them, it is believed that it would not be a hard job to build up a regular wintering point for northern yachts in Brunswick county. Town Creek has some beautiful sheltered areas of ample width and depth. The same can be said of Lockwoods Folly river and of the Shallotte river, with the exception that a channel would have to be dredged to reach a basin area near Shallotte.

In any event the three areas have fresh water that never freezes. The boats that go south just to get out of the ice

would really prefer stopping at half-way points of the long trip they now must make to get accommodations in Florida. Gas and oil companies with an already big boating business in this area would do well to provide really first-class service of which there is none now available, to boats in Brunswick county waters.

Outstanding Achievement

The Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, a cooperative composed of rural people long neglected in the matter of electricity, has reached 5,700 consumers through 1,200 miles of lines. That is an achievement of the first magnitude.

Manager E. D. Bishop has just announced expansion plans to increase the miles of rural lines to 1,700 and the number of consumers to 7,500. And that is a continuation of the REA plan to provide electric service to all who cannot otherwise obtain service.

With this objective there can be no quarrel. How many of these consumers would still be in darkness if there had been no REA? The obvious answer, of course, is that most of them would still be without electricity.

The REA appears to be doing a good job of meeting its obligations and is, therefore, entitled to some wholesome

What About This?

The Cancer Crusade, which incidentally should receive universal support even if the contribution is limited to a few dimes or a dollar, serves to remind us of a rather frequent complaint heard in recent years. The preaching heard so often in the cancer fund promotion is that people should visit their doctors and be examined, and thus detect the disease in its early stages. In simpler words, we are advised to have frequent checkups and in this way aid our physicians in getting at the case, if there be one, early.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

WAR TALK . . . Visitors from North Carolina in the Nation's capital last week were astounded at the amount of war talk heard in Washington. While we get good doses of this type of conversation via the press and radio here in the Old North State, it certainly isn't the main topic of conversation. We still have the weather, Kerr Scott, the Senate race, and what the preacher said last Sunday. In Washington, Desease, nothing else seems to matter. You hear it from drivers of taxicabs and right on up the line to U. S. Senators and various members of the Cabinet.

If the war atmosphere hangs as heavily over Moscow as over Washington, then some kind of shooting war seems to be just around the corner. It is to be hoped that this is the same corner around which prosperity sat in 1930-31.

NOTES . . . Reports reaching Raleigh are to the effect that Senatorial Candidates Willis Smith and Frank Graham are running neck-and-neck in most of the counties, with Graham having good strength in the upper Piedmont area of counties and Smith exceedingly strong in the mountain counties (with the exception of Burke) and in the Lumberton-Gastonia group of counties along the S. C.-N. C. line . . . Graham also seems stronger in the Northwestern North Carolina counties, with Smith holding his own in the northeastern and central eastern counties . . . It now begins to look as if the race may be largely decided by the sheer physical endurance and strength of the two men . . . As the days become warmer and the battle becomes more vigorous, Dr. Graham will think longingly of the relatively quiet academic life at the University and Willis Smith will regard law practice as a safe and sane existence . . . The Senatorial race of two years ago killed J. M. Broughton . . . J. C. B. Ehringhaus was never a strong man after the 1932 race with Dick Fountain; and Fountain was never the same after that . . . Dr. Ralph McDonald was an invalid for several months after his 1936 campaign with Clyde R. Hoey . . . We have only three ex-Governors now living . . . Morrison, Hoey, and Cherry . . .

There is some disappointment that Robert R. Reynolds is not waging a more aggressive campaign . . . but he says he's doing a lot of speaking before civic clubs . . . and plans to strait on a tour of courthouse speeches very soon now, beginning in Raleigh . . . Rumor persists in Washington that President Harry Truman will fit Dr. Frank Graham into an important, and comfortable, position in Washington if he loses out in his bid for another four years in the Senate . . . State Board of Elections Chairman Charles M. Britt is still in search of ways to remove some members from the local boards of election . . . Evidently, Gov. Kerr Scott is sticking right with his appointee in this regard . . . and a meeting of the State Board is being held here on April 13 . . . While the mountain counties have been most in the news with the anticipated changes, you may see trouble in some other counties . . . and this is all regarded as injurious to Frank Graham's chances of being elected to the U. S. Senate . . . but the ball is rolling on these election board matters and apparently cannot be halted . . . Graham may have the strength to weather them . . . Did you see about Sen. Clyde R. Hoey's blasting the Interior Department and praising North Carolinian Frank Hampton's decision that Virginia Electric & Power, and not the Federal Government, should build the \$27,000,000 dam at Roanoke Rapids, N. C. . . . and did

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(Continued From Page One) stand. In the first place there must be a sharp, clear photograph of the matter to be reproduced. Before the photograph can be used a metal engraving or plate must be made. Engraving plants are far and away too costly for the small newspapers and even for some dailies. The picture has to be sent somewhere to an engraving plant. Per inch the cost of the finished plate is three or four times as much as this paper gets per inch for advertising. For this reason, pictures are not generally used in this or other small newspapers that cannot afford engraving plant or pay the cost of the making of engravings.

We said it here last week, and it is worth saying again: "Some other beaches may blow away and some may wash away, but those down here in Brunswick were put right here to stay." This claim is founded on the fact that the weather maps of the United States Department of Agriculture show that no hurricane has struck the Brunswick coast in 125 years. Such storms strike at Hatteras above us, or at Charleston below. Strong winds never sweep in over the waters of our southward facing beaches. Underdents are unknown in the gentle surfs. Drowning has never claimed the life of a young or old bather at any of the Brunswick county beach resorts.

Hundreds of people living outside of North Carolina and hundreds more in distant parts in the State take this paper. We take it for granted that they subscribe because they are interested in some part of Brunswick county. Where we are correct, we would certainly appreciate it if those interested folks would do some press agenting for us. When you find something in the paper about some place or something in which you are interested, why not pass your copy on to some friend you know, who may also be interested in Brunswick county? A word from interested people to other people who may become interested will be generally helpful and will not hurt the friends who speak such words.

The first of May and the opening of the Brunswick county beaches will be followed by a lot of surprises on the part of people who were visitors last year and who come again this year. This surprise will be over the great amount of new building that has been accomplished in the year's time, and which is still going on faster than ever. But folks have not been just building homes at the beaches. They have been building them all over Brunswick. It is a good indication of the present economic stability of the county to note the great number of new buildings of all sorts.

Jerry Ball and Archie Thornhill, public relations men for the Standard Oil Company in Charlotte, put on a fine show here Thursday night under the sponsorship of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department. A nice sum was raised and the audience had a great deal of fun. As usual when these fellows come to Southport they take no money out of town with them. They pay their own expenses while here and have everything put up as prizes, from automobile tires down to washing and greasing jobs and engine oil. Every cent that was taken in went to the Fire Department. Jerry and Archie are coming back this year, they tell us, and on that trip another show will be staged either at Southport or Shallotte, depending on there being a public cause in need of help.

The burning of the Wells fish house last week had the effect of showing Southport people that there is a good fireboat on the river. The fire had made astonishing headway before it was discovered and reported. The Volunteer Fire Department may be

pardoned for not getting there in time to do anything. The same can be said of the Coast Guard Cutter. Both got there a little late, owing to the late report of the fire. The loss from the fire was not great and the point of this paragraph is simply that the Coast Guard Cutter and Skipper Austin and his boys are standing by to help in moments of fire on or near the river.

Hugh Morton, Wilmington's best foot forward, was a visitor in this office the past week. He is a wheelhorse in putting over the Azalea Festivals and in other things like that. Backing his push and energy he is deservedly credited with being about the best amateur photographer in North Carolina.

Jimmie Woltz, now a year-round resident of Long Beach and engaged in building homes except for the three months when he will be on the Fairmont tobacco market as one of its leading auctioneers, tells us that he is now building two houses at the beach. He has more to start just as soon as he can finish the present structures. Building operations at Caswell Beach, Long Beach and Holden Beach are now the highest peak have ever reached.

Myrtle Beach, about the best known beach on the coast in hundreds of miles in either direction, has identical strands and a background like those of Holden Beach, Long Beach and Caswell Beach in Brunswick county. The only difference is that Myrtle Beach got its development started long ago. The Brunswick beaches are only beginning with their's, and they have much more to start and continue with than Myrtle Beach ever had. There is the great game fishing on Fryin' Pan Shoals off Southport and within easy reach of the Brunswick beaches. Added to that is the mighty Cape Fear River inlet with its passageway for boats of all sizes at all times, into the intracoastal waterway and the Cape Fear river. The river is an asset to the development of the Brunswick beaches.

Running up and clattering down the 100-foot stairway of the Bald Head Lighthouse Sunday, may not have been in keeping with our age. In fact, we sort of anticipated having a charley horse the next morning. The anticipations were not realized. The morning after our photographing friends left we awoke up feeling as chipper as a chicken that has found a fishing worm.

Squire J. C. Tucker of Leland was here Monday and was kind of concerned about his subscription to this paper having run out and somebody in the office having lopped him off the list. It is a good time to say here that a great many subscriptions expire each week. There is absolutely nothing personal in anybody's name being taken from the list. The list is checked over regularly for expiration dates. When the office finds a subscription that has expired it is taken off in the belief that the subscriber would have renewed it he wanted to keep getting the paper. The labels show all subscribers when their time is out.

William Crowe, Jr., Wilmington, is following some ideas that are in line with our own. Recently Mr. Crowe purchased the old Rev. C. N. Phillips home in Southport. Still more recently he has converted it into two nice apartments for rent. He tells us that he advertised in the Saturday Review of Literature offering two apartments at Southport for rent. His advertisement had hardly appeared, he says, before he received ten inquiries from northern and eastern people who want to move here. Mr. Crowe states that he wishes he had three or four nice apartment houses like the one he has, and that he could quickly fill them with very desirable people.

Not Exactly News

Billie McDowell is a pretty fair left-hand pitcher, so it was something of a surprise when a visiting Shallotte team led by "Black Jack" Robinson jumped on him like a merry-go-round in a game here last week. But now the secret is out. Coach Carmichael of Shallotte also is a lefty, and has been pitching to his boys a lot in batting practice. McDowell was just throwing them some more of the fare they were fattened on . . . Biggest sport fishing news of the season thus far has been the nice catches of speckled trout made at Holden Beach in the inland waterway.

When he climaxed the Volunteer Fireman Benefit show Thursday night presiding over an auction sale of donated commodities, Jimmie Woltz of Long Beach gave many of his friends their first opportunity to hear him practice his profession. In the fall he is a tobacco auctioneer on the Fairmont market . . . Seems like Principal Harry T. Sanders can't stand a season when he has no more than one coaching chore. Right now in addition to his work with the Southport baseball team he is coaching the annual senior play.

Walter Sellers, young Supply man, is earning himself quite a reputation as a builder. Currently he is constructing a nice cottage at Long Beach for Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Galloway . . . FOUND DEPT.: Rocky, the sassy little Boykin retriever belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Garner. A Southport friend spotted him gamboling about the lawn of his new

owner in Wilmington and reported his whereabouts . . . Dogwood is now at the height of its beauty in Brunswick.

If you asked him the nature of his business C. G. Ruark, Southport merchant who keeps store next door to the Amuzu theatre, probably would answer without hesitation that he is a hardware dealer; but at show time his big business is in ice cream and hot peanuts . . . And speaking of the movies, "Dancing In The Dark" starring William Powell, is the feature attraction Thursday and Friday at the Amuzu . . . An old favorite of ours and one of the best wartime movies, "Guadalcanal Diary", plays on the same days at Shallotte theatre.

More houses are under construction at Long Beach at the present time than at any other period in the history of this development. Dr. R. H. Holden says that the same condition prevails with respect to Holden Beach. We are planning to go down there to have a look for ourself sometime soon . . . The Roving Reporter lead a photographic expedition to Bald Head island Sunday morning and experienced some difficulty in explaining just how the place earned the reputation for being sub-tropical.

Owner Carl Watkins was over at Long Beach during the week-end getting the pavilion in shape for an opening early in May. He hopes to have the dining room open full time and full scale this summer; and bingo (the legal kind) may be added as an amusement feature.

The Ford was the property of Arnold. William Kincaide of the Oak Island Coast Guard Station. He stated that Frink had borrowed the machine.

SENIORS PRESENT Continued From Page One Claire Potter; Beatrice Barry, Lena Ward; Mabel Warren, Joan James; Mrs. Granville, Rebecca McCracken; George Jones, Robin Hood; Tommy Granville, Tommy Bowmer; Sally Davidson, Catherine McCracken; Mr. Merritt, Bobby Spencer; Miss Dalrymple, Peggy

It is hoped that results of the present survey will either make it possible for Southern Bell to expand its facilities into this new area or will cause to leave the way open for the organization of a co-op.

In television a channel is the invisible path over which a station sends its signal.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION

Is Our Lord Still On Earth?

When Saul was knocked off his horse, before he became St. Paul, he heard a voice saying to him: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" And he said, "Who art thou, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest" (Acts 9:4-5). Now, as far as he knew, Saul had never persecuted Christ. Our Lord had been put to death several months before, as everyone knew, and from the Bible we know that He had gone up to join His Father in Heaven. And yet Saul was accused of persecuting Jesus, when all he had done was to throw Christians into jail.

Saul later found out that Our Lord had once said, "As long as you did it to these, my least brethren, you did it to Me" (Matt. 25:40). So, after careful thought, and directed by the Spirit of God Himself, he finally wrote: "Now you are the body of Christ" (I Cor. 12:27). "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up those things that are wanting of flesh, for His body, which is the church" (Col. 1:24). That's pretty plain. It means that the Church is the body of Jesus. What else can we take out of those words?

But if the Church is His body, it must act as He acted. It must forgive sins. It must make its home with the poor, rather than with the rich; it must cry out against oppression, wherever it be; it must speak as one having authority; it must refuse to be overawed by the people it would save; it must have a kind of ancient youth, an unlimited supply of energy, which must grow with maturity; it must have life in abundance to give away; it must have a permanence which resists persecution; it must be cordially hated by the powerful ones of this world; it must do and say throughout the ages, everything that Jesus did and said.

We Catholics believe devoutly that our Church is the mystical body of Jesus. We believe that our Catholic Church is the abiding presence of the Savior in our midst. Each of us thrills at the knowledge that we are a part of that body, a cell, sharing our faith with the hundreds of millions of our brothers, living and dead, and enjoying the interplay of other-worldly energy between the Head and members of that body.

For further information on Catholic beliefs, write to: P. O. Box 351 Whiteville, N. C.

BAPTIST WOMEN Continued From Page One leader; Mrs. L. M. Clemmons, Bolivia, assistant young peoples leader; Mrs. L. J. McKeithan, Bolivia, Royal Ambassador counselor; Mrs. Rifton Sellers, Supply, G. A. Counselor; Mrs. A. S. Knowles, Supply, Sunbeam counselor; Mrs. Ruth Gay, Southport, and Mrs. W. H. Mintz, Leland, Y. W. A. counselors.

MALCOLM FRINK Continued From Page One nothing of any car being behind him until his machine was struck.

Life is swell - WHEN YOU FEEL WELL! 2-1 HADACOL LEGGETT'S Southport, 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. *—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.

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER I wish to announce that I am a candidate for nomination as a member of the Board of County Commissioners on the Republican ticket subject to the will of the voters in the Primary Election on May 27. If nominated and elected I pledge myself to fulfill the duties of this important office to the best of my ability. C. W. KNOX