

# EDITORIALS: MOVIES ARE BETTER THAN . . .

We won't complete this slogan by saying that "Movies Are Better Than Ever," used for several years now by the industry in an effort to get people back into the habit of going to the show. Frankly, we have always thought that movies were pretty good, and we still do. As a matter-of-fact, we are ready to stamp them as the most important cultural influence of our generation.

Now we realize that this last statement is an open invitation to criticism of our good taste and sound judgment, and for the moment we will not defend our position. Rather are we concerned with the law of diminishing box office, which threatens the very existence of the moving picture industry as it has existed, and more particularly of the movie theatres as we have known them.

Just what are movies better than? They are better places for kids and young couples than in night-riding cars or playing in streets and alleys; they are better as a "somewhere to go and something to do" objective than most of the devices of the imaginative youthful minds; and, if we may be pardoned for saying so, most of the material is at least up to the standard of television programs to which most of the kids are subjected when they can be caught at home—which is a long-winded way of saying that, for the most part, movies are better than television.

Two things brought on this defense of our old standby in the world of entertainment. The first was a recent conversation with a friend who is in the theatre business, and he was talking about the economic threat that has hovered over the small town movie house for the past several years. "Some nights we don't take in enough money to pay our operating expenses," he said. "I hate to think of our town being without a theatre, but that is something that could happen."

The other stemmed from a talk we had with the local Chief of Police about the night time activities of the boys and girls of this community. We agreed that kids and cars pose a more serious problem than movie misdemeanors ever did. We gathered that he would be pleased to know that most of the boys and girls in town were collected in the comparative peace and quiet of a movie theatre for two hours most of the nights in the week.

Movies are better than—a lot of things.

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## Time and Tide

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Guard, and had hopes of acquiring some of these vessels for their fishing and shrimping operations. A front page story reported that it had been a quiet Christmas in Southport and Brunswick county.

Among the returning veterans was Bill Styron, who had resumed his duties with the Pilots Association after completing his duties as a Navy lieutenant. Judge R. Hunt Parker was headed here for another of his January terms of court, only this time the late Judge John J. Burney arranged a swap of assignments with him in order to be able to stay within his own judicial district.

Time Marches On (Remember?) and the date was December 27, 1950. Announcement was made of the construction of a new menhaden plant near Southport, Southport Fisheries. There was a complaint from the judges who had made the rounds during the Christmas season to determine the best decorations—there were too many that were too good. The Florida contingent of Southport shrimpers were heading back to work after spending Christmas at home.

A group of Southport citizens had conferred with the Chairman of the State Highway Commission regarding ferry service across the Capt Fear River; Lockwoods Folly fishermen had managed to keep the Shallotte area well stocked with oysters and fish during the holiday period; and Orton had been the scene of another Old Fashioned Christmas party.

Five years ago this week the editor had a lead editorial in which he praised the county commissioners for providing a vault for the safe storage of the valuable tax records of this county. The tax lists were ready to begin their task of adding to these records, come the first Tuesday in the New Year.

Delmas Fulcher was back from a trip to Korea; application had been made for permission to build a fishing pier at Long Beach; and December had gone into the record books as a month of changeable weather.

down. It would be so much better all the way round if they would stop before they get into serious trouble."

### LELAND MAN IS

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successful bedding manufacturing enterprise at Leland. He started out on a small scale several years ago and has developed a major operation in the renovation of old mattresses as well as in the manufacture of new ones.

### SOME VETERANS

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being hospitalized by VA or is receiving Veterans Administration domiciliary care.

For assistance in applying for this pension, contact the County Service Officer who is located in City Hall, Southport, or T. Formy-Duval, District Officer, North Carolina Veterans Commission, Murchison Building, Wilmington.

### LEGION POST IS

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proud to congratulate the officers and members of Post No. 194 upon this notable achievement. All of the programs and services of the Legion are made possible through dues paid for membership and we appreciate the great part played by Post No. 194 of Southport. Sincere thanks to every member of the Post who had a part in the membership work."

"We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we have reached our Incentive Goal," Post Commander Rourke said. "There are many more eligible veterans who have not yet joined our Post and we invite them all to become members."

### SOUTHPORT BOY

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getting checks cashed. He also admitting taking a Saving & Loan deposit book from a Wilmington car and later using it to obtain more than \$400.

Local persons who lost checks during the post office box robberies were Claude Moore, Worth Ward, Chancey Stanaland, John W. Newton and Mrs. Gloria Faye Mercer. Hilburn told officers that other checks had been taken and burned.

### OVERSEAS EXCHANGE

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completed the tape with a few lively and well chosen words, and was photographed with the committee and members while recording the message.

"Incidentally, Mrs. Bamber told members that the B. B. C. is extremely interested in this "recording correspondence" and were mentioning it on the Overseas News Service."

The recording was obviously unrehearsed and was a pleasant and informal spoken account of a meeting of the Gardening Society. Now plans are being made to return the favor, and early in the New Year a recording will be made under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie Livingston and will be sent to the president of the English organization to be played at a meeting of its members.

### FACES CHARGE OF

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who made the arrest, says that at least one other person probably is involved and his investigation will be continued.

"I wish you would do what you can to impress upon some of these young people around Southport that we are not going to put up with acts of vandalism. If it means we have to get tough, then we'll just have to crack

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# Not Exactly News

Some of the prettiest decorations in Southport this Christmas have been the living trees. This makes us think what a good idea it would be if every home had its living Christmas tree. Cedars do well in this soil and this climate, and it would be no great problem to provide the foundation for this type of decoration. We wish one of our local garden clubs would sponsor a movement of this kind . . . Speaking of outside decorations, one man near Bolivia sold 300 split, heart pine rails this week to the owner of a new home in a nearby city. Yep. He's going to enclose his yard with a rail fence.

Today we saw one of these fancy new pickup trucks loaded down with pine straw, headed for town. Some more rustic material for a landscape project . . . Joe Cochran made another trip into town last week with a deer strapped across the front fender of his car. This time it was an 8-point buck which he and his party killed in the hunting preserve at Boiling Spring Lakes.

Talk about hunting reminds us that local duck hunters have been having better luck than usual. Could be that the cold weather has helped . . . This morning we saw a pile of oyster shells racked up in a pen of pine cordwood. This probably will be set on fire and the shells reduced to powder.

der, for use as lime on the land. This is the way all limestone for local use was made many years ago, but it is the first time we have seen it employed lately.

One thing that discouraged this practice was the discovery that it is the better part of conservation to place the empty shells back in the water so more oysters can attach themselves and grow . . . And that reminds us of another strange practice in connection with oyster industry. We have heard of gathering oysters and "penning" them up in salt water so that meal could be fed them to fatten them for better eating . . . In recent years the oyster business had been made better here in Brunswick through the fact that more and more of them are being served at public oyster roast places. The more man hours that can be connected with the oyster before he is consumed, the more money it means for Brunswick.

Elvis Presley plays in "Flaming Star" this weekend at Holiday Drive-In . . . Here in Southport "It Starred In Naples," starring Clark Gable and Sophia Loren, will be the weekend show . . . It looks like Southport and Brunswick county will be well represented at the Dixie Classic, starting tomorrow . . . And a Happy New Year!

### 4-H Club News

By James E. Goff, Assistant County Agricultural Agent

A new year is about to begin and everyone should make the New Year's resolution "To Make the Best Better." If everyone whether you are a 4-H Club member or an adult would do this we could make Brunswick County and the rest of the world a better place to live.

The Brunswick County 4-H County Council held its monthly meeting on Monday the 19th of December. There were fifteen boys and girls present for the meeting. After the business session of the meeting the boys and girls enjoyed refreshments of cookies, cake, and soft drinks. The cookies and cake were furnished by the girls.

We would like to remind the boys and girls who took the application blanks for the 4-H pullets to complete and return them as soon as possible.

The January 4-H Club meetings will begin on the 2nd at the Bolivia School. We will follow the same schedule that we have in the past for the other schools.

I am sure that I speak for every 4-H Club member in Brunswick County in wishing everyone a "Happy New Year".

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