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## In Our Opinion...

### The Volunteer Firemen

We never cease to be amazed at the Southport Volunteer Fire Department and the men who comprise the working force for this outstanding outfit.

These men are unpaid, but to say that they are unappreciated would be far from the truth. The fact is that our own feelings about the local fire department are reflected many times over by appreciation and admiration shared by so many of our fellow citizens.

Consider the role of the volunteer fireman. He is at home, sound asleep, and the fire alarm goes off. He hits the floor before the siren stops blowing, and a couple of minutes later he is heading out the door, fastening his belt while at the same time trying to put on his jacket. He gets in his car or truck and heads for the fire station. If he misses a step he's late, for all over town this emergency routine is being repeated by other firemen and there's a pride in being the first one there.

Fighting a fire is more than the thrill that comes from riding to the scene on the fire truck. Once the men and equipment reach the scene of the fire, organized confusion sets in as hose is unloaded, coupled, attached to the nearest fire hydrant and water begins to pour out on the blaze. Everybody has a job to do,

and he knows how to do it. Pretty soon there is evidence that this is true, for the usual result is that the fire is quickly brought under control.

A fire draws a pretty good crowd in Southport, regardless of the hour. For the most part the spectators stand back at a safe distance and watch the volunteer firemen perform their specialty. Then as the flames die down the crowd slowly moves away, back to the comfort of their homes if it is during the night time.

But not the firemen. Once the fire has been put out, the cleanup operation begins, and everything that was done in such methodical haste in the beginning now must be put back in order so the same smooth operation will be possible when the time comes to fight the next fire. This includes draining and uncoupling the firehose and storing it on the truck, retrieving and cleaning other firefighting equipment and putting it back in place and otherwise getting everything back in good order.

The next time you go to a fire take a close look at the men who are fighting it. Then the next time you see one of the volunteer firemen thank him for his service as a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. It is small pay for what they do.

### Whose Name Makes News

Many times the narrow margin which exists between what is classified as news or is castigated as idle gossip consists of the personalities involved.

We get a lot of helpful suggestions about news to dig up on certain individuals, some of it pretty personal; and always it is the sort of thing that the teller would hate worst to have printed about his own activities, or those of members of his family.

Names do make news, and where they are involved we try to hew to the line of being hard but fair in our treatment and coverage. Many times we come face to face with facts which we wish were not apparent, but when we do we try to remember that above all things else we must be fair.

A newspaper must never become the whipping post for the unpopular

and the underprivileged nor should it ever become the pawn or plaything for the rich and influential. When this is permitted to occur, then the freedom of the press has been prostituted and the people have a reason to wonder about the guardianship of their right to know.

Sometimes we are asked to keep names out of the court reports, and always our answer is the same: We have no right to report the case of any defendant if we knowingly omit the case involving another. Nobody can quarrel with that policy, and usually nobody does—until a trail comes up in which he is involved. Then it is surprising to note the type of folks who will ask that an exception be made in their own situation.

And always our answer will be the same —

### Leland Club Holds Meeting

Leland Homemakers Extension Club met March 8 at the home of Mrs. Helen Best. Subscriptions for the State Port Pilot were collected to be sent to the newspaper office.

The club agreed to cooperate with the sponsors of the German Measles Clinic to be conducted at Lincoln School on March 23. Six members volunteered to help in this clinic. Club dues also were collected.

Sandra Stinson put on an interesting demonstration.

### Junior Club Members Meet

Members of the Junior Woman's Club prepared for the measles clinic last Tuesday night at their meeting at the home of Susan Herring. Mrs. Ruth Herring, Public Health Nurse, attended the meeting and explained the importance of every child receiving the rubella vaccine. Six club members volunteered to participate in the school clinic on Monday. Club President Mary

McHose introduced Mrs. Harrington and one other guest, Judy Cowan. Susan Herring, Fine Arts Chairman, reported that Beth Sell had won the District II Sewing Contest in Clinton and will be attending the State Contest in Greensboro on March 27. Beth had made a dress for her daughter, Lisa.

International Affairs Chairman Jean Kenney asked that each person check through her old Christmas Cards and bring them to her. They will be sent to an MYF group in Rangoon, Burma, to remake and sell next season.

Carolyn Willis, Conservation Chairman, asked for four volunteers to "watch the seasons change." This is a project conducted by the state of N.C. to get a more accurate calendar of seasons in N.C.

Sub-Junior Advisor Shaaron Aldridge and Emily Blake praised the Sub-Junior Woman's Club for their efforts with the Heart Fund. The girls collected \$111.88 by selling balloons on two rainy Saturdays. The girls are now planning a dance in April where Junior Woman's Club members and their husbands will serve as chaperones.

During the business session every member was given a

post card and asked to write a note to Representative Alton Lennon encouraging him to vote against any legislation that will permit larger trucks and trailers on public roads. The cards were mailed after the meeting.

Two new members were voted into the club. They are Sara Barbee and Marian Warren. Hostesses Sandy Spencer and Susan Herring served refreshments to the club members when the meeting was over.

### "Goofy Golf" To Be Played Sunday

A "Goofy Golf Tournament" is scheduled Sunday. There will be a set of rules governing several holes that will undoubtedly prove to be a lot of fun.

Prizes will be awarded to the highest and lowest combined total score of the four players and also for highest and lowest number of points.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$1 per person and interested players are asked to sign up at the pro shop by Saturday.

A covered dish supper will follow the tournament.

## Time And Tide

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more REA lines were soon to be energized in Brunswick; and that was the week that there was a front-page business announcement that we had purchased one-half interest in this newspaper.

Here it was the last week in March, and the Brunswick county basketball championship had just been settled. The winners were the Boliva girls and the Leland boys. The Red Cross quota for Brunswick still had not been reached.

This was back in 1946, and the date was March 27. Orton Plantation was at the peak of its beauty, and Governor R. Gregg Cherry was to be among the distinguished guests of the forthcoming week. District Lions had met at Southport; a staff photographer from Look Magazine was coming to Brunswick for some pictures; and political announcements filled the advertising section.

March 28, 1951, and a report indicated that the Outboard Marathon from Southport to Myrtle Beach held the previous week had proved to be a success. One fellow whose boat had capsized had the distinction of being rescued by the Tom Yawkey yacht with the owner aboard and figuring in the rescue.

H.T. Sanders had opened a new seafood restaurant at the yacht basin in Southport and it had been christened "Quack's Sea Shack"; Easter was in March that year, and it had come and gone, with Brunswick residents now looking forward to the Azalea Festival during the coming weekend.

Five years later preparations were being made throughout the county for the observance of Easter. The Azalea Festival was scheduled for the week following. There had been a couple of cold snaps, but the report was that the flowers at Orton had not been seriously damaged.

R.F. Plaxco had resigned as General Manager of Brunswick Navigation Co. and had been succeeded by James T. Barnes; Southern Bell was expanding its facilities in Southport; and pepper plants were being set in the open fields at the Shepard-Cochran Farm near town.

Despite the recent publicity given promotional efforts for a golf course at Boiling Spring Lakes, the first work on the construction of a facility of this kind in Brunswick County was at Oak Island on property fronting on the Atlantic Ocean. That was a front page story in The Pilot for March 29, 1961. There was a front page photo of the marble statue in the white garden at Orton.

Street paving was in progress at Boiling Spring Lakes; an Easter Sunrise service was being planned for Southport; and a benefit dance had been held to raise funds with which to help pay for the lights at Taylor Field.

Four persons had been killed in a Sunday afternoon accident on Highway 133 near Orton, and we had a front page picture of the wrecked automobiles on the front page of The Pilot for March 30, 1966. Mrs. Harry L. Mintz of Shallotte was the district winner in Mother of the Year competition.

Political announcements and pictures of candidates filled the paper; there was a full page advertisement from Brunswick County Merchants extending a welcome to DuPont; and "Forestry Is Big Business In Brunswick" was the headline for the illustrated feature story we had that week.

## Young Doctor Is Speaker

"There are strong indications that susceptibility to allergies is inherited," Dr. M. Henderson Rourk, Jr. said last week at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine where he was a speaker for the Richard J. Reynolds Lectureship Program.

Everyone has the potential of having an allergic reaction, but all people do not have such reactions, he said.

Rourk is a pediatric allergist at Duke Medical Center. He has particular interest in pulmonary diseases caused by allergies.

The Richard J. Reynolds Lectureship Program is sponsored by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to enrich the medical school's educational programs for medical students and area physicians.

Rourk said that the press has oversimplified allergies. Allergies are not merely irritations but are disorders involving the antigens in the blood, which normally produce a defense against infection. In the case of an allergy the antigens work against the body, he said.

Asthma is the main allergic disease. It is the leading chronic disease among children and it ranks near the top among all killers of children. The number of childhood deaths caused by asthma is increasing, Rourk said.

In areas of severe air pollution an allergic disease may be worsened by pollutants in the air, he said.

## Canadians Are Guests Of Club

Oak Island Golf Club members and Canadian guests feasted on barbecued spareribs, chicken and Brunswick stew prepared by hosts and hostesses May and Gib Barbee, Tricia and Henry Foy, Louise and Ernie Parker, Maurice Sinclair, Donnie and Paul Dodge last Sunday evening.

Winners of the Golf Spectacular held during the afternoon were Mabin Martin, Joe Martin, Glenna Peagram and Clarence Peagram.

On April 4 a regular tournament is scheduled with special prizes for men and women, this will be followed by a covered dish supper.



By DOROTHY B. DAVIS  
THE SOLDIER KINGS: THE HOUSE OF HOHENZOLLERN, by Walter Henry Nelson, is the story of the famous royal family that ruled Brandenburg, Prussia, and the German Empire. The Hohenzollerns started out as counts. They became electors of Brandenburg in 1417 and added Prussia to their holdings in 1618. After the unification of Germany in 1817, the Hohenzollerns were both kings of Prussia and German emperors. They established efficient governments and strong, well-disciplined armies. Wilhelm II was German Kaiser during World War I and it was during this time that the family lost its throne. THE SOLDIER KINGS is a chronicle of the fantastic family that helped to shape the Europe we know today.

The author of WINDOWS FOR THE CROWN PRINCE has written her autobiography, QUIET PILGRIMAGE. Elizabeth Gray Vining tells of her childhood in Germantown; her Bryn Mawr years; about Chapel Hill and her marriage to U.N.C. Professor Morgan Vining, which ended tragically with his death in an automobile accident; and the period she spent in Japan as tutor to the crown prince. While living in Chapel Hill, Mrs. Vining wrote MEGGY MACINTOSH and JANE HOPE, both good books for young people. She won the 1943 Newbery Award for her fiction work ADAM OF THE ROAD, being the best children's book written for that year. These are just a few of the author's works.

Elizabeth Cadell's novel, THE FRIENDLY AIR, centers around young, beautiful Emma Challis who is engaged to Gerald Delmont, who has a promising legal career. Gerald requests that Emma help Lady Grantly, his difficult, but wealthy client, to choose

## Not Exactly News

This little boy, age three, and his girl friend, age two, showed up at the barbershop Thursday and the young man announced he had come for a haircut. Dempsey Hewett, who was on duty at the time, figured the lad was a little young to be on a shopping spree with his girl companion, so he did a little inquiring. He found they both lived within a block of the barbershop. He also discovered, when he took them home, that they had slipped away while the adults in charge had their back turned and that the haircut kid and his girl companion had just made the list of missing persons when the friendly barber delivered them home.

Today on the way to Whiteville we saw some stakes beside Highway 211 between Midway and Supply, along with some yellow marks on the hardsurface. All we can say is that we hope this indicates some interest in widening this road...On the local scene, the overwhelming weight of public opinion is that Lt. William Calley received a raw deal from the Army Court-martial. Most folks believe he did what he had to do.

Those who watched the Tony Awards Sunday night saw Roger Stevens, a grandson of the late E.B. Stevens of Southport, receive an award for his outstanding contributions to the theatre. The presentation was made by Dick Cavett, who described Stevens as "the man who once bought the Empire State Building—then sold it...The municipal dock in Southport served as mooring over the past weekend for a dredge on its way to a job in South America.

Our congratulations to Beth Sell for winning the State Sewing Contest sponsored by the Federation of Woman's Clubs...And speaking of winners, we were pleased that Carolina won the NIT Championship. It was a good year for the Tar Heels...Several local golfers are planning to attend the Masters at Augusta, Ga., next weekend. We may even get a little representation this weekend in the GGO in Greensboro.

Every once in awhile the people of Brunswick County work together on some worthwhile project, and when they do great things are accomplished. This was the case Sunday when the Brunswick County unit of the Easter Seal Society served a turkey dinner for which the provision and preparation involved residents in every community in Brunswick. And it was a pleasure to see people from every section attending this event, where more than 300 persons were served...Mrs. Naomi Henry was coordinator and this week she said "I do not know how to begin to thank all the people who had a part in making this fund raising effort for the Easter Seal Society such a success. When all of us work together, we really can get things done!"

The movie at the Amuzu starting Sunday is "Rabbit Run".

a new home. Emma reluctantly takes the job and finds Lady Grantly a delight. Lady Grantly picks the coast of Portugal as the site of her new home. Emma accompanies her there and finds the journey filled with many surprises. Emma comes to know a gentle way of life among the people and finds that even the young lawyers have a friendly air. FIX BAYONETS, by John W. Thomason, is a collection of twenty-five picturesque and observant stories about the U.S. Marines. These stories were written between 1925 and 1940 and describe the wit, observation, and sympathy of the Marines in combat and on peacetime duty.

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