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In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of what a girl has been thinking about all year.

There is a world of difference between a parking space and a parking place.

Every girl needs two men—one to run around for her and one to run around with her.

A person with a reputation for sarcastic humor usually has gained it at the expense of friendship.

Widow's weeds are easily killed. A man says "Wilt thou . . .?"—and they usually wilt.

Longfellow wrote "The Children's Hour" before he had any children. Later he wrote "The Wreck Of The Hesperus."

For each wild flower picked on the government ground ten more seem to grow in its place.

Be as careful as though every driver you meet on the road were a fool. Even if he's not, you will be driving safely.

A stubborn case of spring fever may soon be diagnosed as summer laziness.

Procrastination may be and is the thief of time, but idleness certainly does not give you any of it back.

If a motorist you happen to be meeting on the highway dims his lights for you, it's a pretty good indication he is a careful driver.

Repair And Repair

Home owners who wish to borrow money with which to make needed repairs and improvements on their property may do so through the facilities of the Federal Housing Administration.

This government organization does not make the loans. It was established for the purpose of encouraging banks and similar institutions in the matter of making loans. The Federal Housing Administration guarantees twenty per cent of the loans of each lending body, reducing risks to a minimum.

The Federal Housing Administration not only is making this service available, it is urging home owners to take advantage of this opportunity to secure long term loans at a low rate of interest. The North Carolina headquarters for this body are at Asheville; J. G. Christian is chairman for Brunswick County. Full details of the plan will be furnished upon request.

In making possible these long term loans for the average home owner, the government is offering a chance to many to make much needed repairs and improvements upon their homes. The campaign calling attention to these needs has been a valuable feature of the Federal Housing Administration program and much good is resulting in many towns and cities.

A lot of paint and a few repairs would easily make Southport one of the most beautiful little towns in North Carolina. There are scores of handsome, well-constructed homes here the appearance of which would be improved a hundred per cent by repainting.

We are enlisting in the campaign for home beautification and improvement here and we hope that Southport citizens will consider the possibilities of this service being offered by the Federal Government.

Where Praise Is Due

We wish that every citizen of Brunswick County might have heard Dr. W. S. Rankin Thursday night when he told members of the Hospital Association of

Eastern North Carolina exactly what he thought of the Brunswick County Hospital at Southport.

Declaring that the local hospital "represented the ideal of the Duke endowment for rural hospitalization," Dr. Rankin showed that this institution has made it possible for three doctors—Dr. Arthur Doshier, Dr. William Doshier and Dr. W. R. Goley—to give adequate medical care to the 16,000 people in Brunswick county.

The normal doctor load in the city is one doctor to every 500 inhabitants, according to Dr. Rankin. In this county the load of these three physicians is more than ten times as great. "The establishment of the hospital at Southport has meant that the patients can come to the doctors instead of the doctors undertaking the impossible task of going to the homes of all their patients. This has made medical service available to persons who otherwise would have been without it," he said.

Dr. Rankin showed that on the average, five per cent of the people of the United States go to the hospital during the course of a year. "Some years," he said, "this figure falls to four per cent. Using the latter figure, the normal number of patients at the Brunswick County hospital would be 640 during the course of the year. To show how closely that institution is approaching her full capacity, the number of patients receiving treatment there during 1934 was 602.

"But here is the most amazing accomplishment of this little hospital," continued Dr. Rankin. "During 1934 there were 150 major operations performed and only five deaths resulted. This gives the Brunswick County Hospital a mortality rate of 3.4 per cent during the year 1934 for major operations. The average rate for North Carolina is four per cent. And I want you to remember that many of the cases that come to the Brunswick County Hospital have reached advanced stages before operations are performed, increasing the risk involved."

It was then that Dr. Rankin paid his glowing tribute to Dr. Arthur Doshier as the man who deserves credit for the success of the hospital at Southport. He didn't forget the other two men who have worked side by side with Dr. Doshier, but he declared that the hospital was built about one man and without him would not be here today.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Rankin said that it is an inspiration to see the results of a hospital like this and he declared that our hospital is setting a worthy example for other institutions of the state.

There is little to be added to the fine things that Dr. Rankin had to say about the Brunswick County Hospital and the doctors whose work has long been familiar to citizens of this county. It makes our hearts swell with pride, though, most prominent physicians tell the hospital leaders of the state that our hospital is one whose record should be the envy of the larger institutions.

It's Our Turn

Announcement was made last Thursday of plans to rush the spending of nearly ten million dollars that has been allotted to North Carolina from the Federal Works Fund for the construction of streets and highways and the elimination of railroad grade crossings in the state.

Now is our chance to push through a project to hardsurface highway 130 from the Columbus County line to where it joins route 30. We know of no other stretch of road in North Carolina that is more in need of improvement, nor do we know of one that would benefit more people.

To hardsurface this road would be a boon to the citizens of the upper end of Brunswick County, who must haul their products to distant markets and travel far to do their trading. For years they have been begging for decent transportation facilities. Little by little, the pavement has been added on the other side of the Columbus County line, until now there is a project which calls for the completion of the pavement to the county line. We want to begin where that leaves off and complete a road that would be a short cut from Southport to Whiteville and other points in that section of North Carolina.

Their section of the road already hardsurfaced, citizens of Columbus County are now willing to join the people of Brunswick County in securing this project. We believe that immediate, concerted action will bring results.

Washington Letter

Washington, May 22.—It is now apparent that the Congress is preparing to close up the shop and call it a day. The speedy disposition of highly controversial measures which would ordinarily precipitate weeks of wrangling is an unmistakable symptom of the feeling at Capitol Hill. Party leaders say that the President is willing to second their wish for early leave-taking provided they enact pending legislative measures he considers essential at this time.

The break between the Senate and the White House shows no sign of healing. Only the iron-clad rules which govern the House keep the lid down on the simmering rebellion against Roosevelt domination in that body. The House leaders and major committees are playing along with the Chief Executive, a fact which gives him an effective counterweight in the Administration's uncertain relations with the Senate. An obedient House makes the President a force to be reckoned with in shaping laws.

The Nation's capital is always seething with speculation and surmise. The dopesters are stumped as to the real motives and the consequences of Herbert Hoover's denunciation of NRA. Republican Senators do not take kindly to the former President's intervention at this time. This reaction is not unusual as Mr. Hoover never rated high with these solons during his occupancy of the Executive Mansion. Critics insist that Hoover committed another blunder because his untimely attack provided his successor with a much-needed weapon to whip the unruly Senate into line. It is argued, with some degree of plausibility, that the tirade from the shades of Palo Alto will inevitably strengthen the Democratic morale and bring about solidarity for partisan purposes only. Another week or two of silence and Mr. Hoover would probably have seen his wish fulfilled in having the Blue Eagle plucked of its bright feathers through legislative action. Now the Democratic law-makers will be obliged to accede to Roosevelt ideas to save political hides.

The seven-point program for the revision of NRA now recommended by the Administration stands a better chance than ever of finding favor. The Democratic Senators who boldly proclaimed their opposition to the continuance of the foremost alphabetical agency are displaying a change of front. From a strictly political viewpoint, they have little or no alternative than to eat crow rather than swallowing the Blue Eagle, as they hoped for at one time. Business groups occupy a similar position owing to the passage of the Wagner Labor Disputes bill by the Senate last week. Acceptance of the Roosevelt revision of NRA is the only choice they have against domination by labor unions as authorized in the Wagner bill.

Labor lobbies, too, find themselves in a bad way though they gained a distinct victory in the Senate with the labor disputes bill. This outfit must either join the parade for the extension of NRA as proposed by the Administration or watch the interment of their pet measure in the House. If the President says "no" to the House leaders, the Wagner bill will be pigeon-holed. Employers are in the same dilemma as failure to support the Blue Eagle program means Presidential approval of the Wagner bill which will revolutionize relations between capital and labor.

The growing popularity of new forms of lobbying will probably check the demand of a few Senators for a bill requiring the registration and control of legislative agents. The much-mooted march of the farmers to Washington to demand the enactment of AAA amendments put the finishing touch on this anti-lobby proposal. The mass movements of citizens interested in certain legislative measures show that fair and equitable control is impossible. The controversial AAA amendments will pass. What legislator or group could stand out against the persistent demands of groups of voters from their areas? If it is true that the Administration sponsored and indirectly financed the recent pilgrimage from the rural districts then they can be credited with a smart, if deplorable, trick. Law-makers from 34 states were invited and attended dinners here at which time the farmers talked about their mission and obtained the necessary pledges. Veteran observers have warned similar groups of business men from adopting this policy as the reaction may not be so favorable.

Mountain farmers of Graham County have purchased 5,800 lbs. of lespedeza seed for demonstration planting this season.

Epidemic Sweeps Country



Weekly Quiz

- 1. What is the capital of West Virginia?
- 2. When did President Von Hindenburg of Germany die?
- 3. Where is Tunis?
- 4. Who is Sidney Smith?
- 5. From what is the word Ohio derived?
- 6. Which is the highest mountain in the World?
- 7. What is the area of the earth?
- 8. Who is U. S. Secretary of War?
- 9. How much would a shekel equal in modern weights?
- 10. What is a yew?
- 11. What is the motto of the

United States?
12. What is a flageolet?
(Answers on page 6)

ATTEND CONVENTION

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Marshall and Mrs. Hattie Howey attended the convention of the Episcopal Church of East Carolina held at Beaufort last Wednesday and Thursday.

Demonstration settings of loblolly pines have been made in Davidson County this spring to study timber management.

Gaston farmers have given more attention than usual to their seed sweet potatoes this spring and have used good seed treated for disease before bedding.

Nearly all Mecklenburg cotton growers are signing contracts to reduce their cotton acreage 35

percent for the present season.

Four-H Club members of Owell county completed 176 projects in 1934 and obtained excellent results from their work according to report books filed with the county agent.

Obtaining a loan from the Production Credit Association, farmers of Buncombe County purchased 44 head of pure bred Aberdeen Angus beef cattle.

Explanation: "You see spent all the money for the broadcast, so we have to get newspapers to print it free."

Why do organized minor things? Simply because majority has not sense enough to organize.

Five pure bred Angus beef cattle were purchased at the Tennessee Cattle Sale at Knoxville by a Cherokee County farmer last week.

Business Is . . .
BETTER

Business is better—but did you ever stop to think of the part newspaper advertising plays in improved business conditions?

The thing that makes the commercial wheels go 'round is sales. Unless good are sold, they cannot long be manufactured, men and women cannot be kept on pay rolls and the whole industrial structure breaks down.

When manufacturers and retailers curtail newspaper advertising expenditures, there is always a noticeable lag in sales. If such advertising is restricted for any great period of time, results are usually disastrous. This has been demonstrated time and again.

It is also true, however, that advertising will not perform miracles. The store or manufacturer offering merchandise below standard cannot hope to succeed through large advertising expenditures. First, the product or the service must be right, then it will pay to advertise.

The average consumer gives little thought to the importance of advertising. Advertising is a force, however, that has made living vastly more enjoyable. It has also made the job of every wage earner more secure, because it has widened the sale and speeded the distribution of the things made in factories.

It will pay anyone to read newspaper advertising carefully and thoughtfully.

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