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Barking dogs don't bite—while they're barking.

Too much parental approval is dangerous to romance.

It was one of the local CCC boys who said, "I came, I saw and she conquered."

Would there be fewer automobile accidents if every motorist drove like you do?

There is a lot of difference between getting sun tanned and sun burned.

Ineffective sermons are often the fault of poor listeners rather than of poor preachers.

Summer simile: As uncertain as a Brunswick County school teacher about her job for next year.

Despite all the efforts of those who have Daylight Saving time, the days will soon be getting shorter.

Don't worry too much about the detour between here and Wilmington. Remember how nice it will be to have all those washboard ridges ironed out.

Cap'n Tom Morse

He was bluff and friendly in life, so we will add no frills in the hour of death, but pay our simple tribute to Cap'n Tom Morse minus the rhetorical gold braids with which one might entwine so interesting and colorful a figure. A life time on the sea as master and pilot taught him the mysteries of nature; the camaraderie of the deep remained with him after his retirement and endeared him to his friends. Years of exacting and responsible duties gave him a rare insight into the value of human things, so in the end Cap'n Tom came to the final harbor, a genial old gentleman, benign and kindly, but with convictions of right and wrong as firm as the toughest oak that ever floored his deck.

Beside the sea and his family, there were two things he loved with almost fanatical devotion. One was the companionship of his friends and the other was baseball. Even in his last days, when old cronies dropped in for a chat, his conversation would invariably turn to the national pastime, and many a sports editor would be more efficient if he had the diamond lore that was the old captain's possession. He was a critic of the game, and the infielder who bobbed regularly rated from him no more respect than a landlubbing seaman who couldn't tell a mains'l from a jib.

We shall miss the cap'n with his infectious smile and friendly greeting, and hope that the Great Pilot will guide him safely over the bar of eternity into a port of everlasting peace.—Wilmington Star.

Another Chance

Sweeping changes have been made in prison conditions during this generation. No longer are our penal institutions looked upon as a place of exacting the "eye for an eye" payment for men for their crimes. Under the wise leadership of such men as Warden Lewis E. Lawes, of Sing Sing Prison in New York State, there has been a growing sentiment to turn prisons into corrective institutions. The object is to turn prisoners out better men than when they entered.

This theory of prison rule is logically sound. Any man who is called upon to pay with physical discomfort and mistreatment for any crime will only become embittered against society which demands such payment of him. His natural reaction is to devise plans whereby when free, he may even the score against the

world. Kind treatment and wise counsel can make our prisons training grounds for inmates.

Several weeks ago Jesse C. Walker returned to North Carolina and gave himself up to prison officials. He had been away for 16 years, a fugitive from the chain gang from which he escaped after serving only 4 years of a thirty year sentence for the murder of Sheriff Jack Stanley in Brunswick County. His return was of his own free will and it came after he had spent several years as a respectable citizen in Gulfport, Miss.

Last week a petition asking Governor Ehringhaus to grant Walker a full pardon was circulated in Brunswick County and was signed by several hundred citizens. A large number of Columbus County people joined in asking executive clemency for this man, who is a native of that county. Neighbors in Gulfport, Miss. have also taken a part in the movement to secure permanent freedom for this outlaw who lived in their midst as a model citizen.

The outside world has done for Jesse Walker what the best trained prison staff would have been proud to accomplish. It has changed his attitude toward his fellowman—has changed him from the most hardened criminal in the history of Brunswick County into a man who gained and held the respect of his associates in a distant state. To throw him back in prison now would be to run the risk of undoing all the good that has taken place in this man.

We are proud of the broadminded attitude of Brunswick County citizens who find it in their hearts to ask that Jesse Walker be given a chance to practice the lesson that he has learned from life.

Camp Sapona

The musical name, Camp Sapona, was recently chosen by the local CCC boys as the name for their camp, NC P-62. This name, which is said to have been the Indian word for the Cape Fear River, was selected from a large list of title of historic background.

Among the name suggestions were: Camp Johnson, in honor of Governor Garbrel Johnson, Colonial governor of North Carolina, who was from this section; Camp Smithville, the early name of Southport, in honor of Governor Benjamin Smith, another Colonial governor; Camp Pilot, because Southport has been the home of the Cape Fear Pilots for over 200 years.

Camp Blaney was suggested, honoring the United States engineer who helped open the Cape Fear river for navigation; Camp Cartrette, because it is the early name of this voting precinct; Camp Cape Fear, because of its location near the banks of the river; Camp Caswell, honoring Richard Caswell, a member of the Continental Congress, an officer in the Revolutionary army and First Governor of North Carolina.

The boys had an imposing list of names from which to make their choice, but they cast a unanimous vote for the Indian name, Camp Sapona. We like their selection.

Should Protest

If the home demonstration club women of Brunswick County have the proper interest in their club work they should rise up in protest of the action of members of the board of county commissioners who voted Monday to abolish the office of county home demonstration agent.

Strictly speaking, Brunswick county is a rural community and the work of Mrs. Ada W. Foster as home agent has done much to make rural life more enjoyable for the farm women of this county. In voting to discontinue the position which she now holds, no question as to her efficiency was raised by the commissioners.

If their action was for the purpose of cutting down the expenses of the county we believe that it is false economy. If the county budget must be reduced, we suggest that the axe be applied where it will effect the citizens of the county as a group and not just the farm women and 4-H club girls.

The board of county commissioners will meet tomorrow (Thursday) in a call meeting. We'd like to see a large delegation of county home demonstration women and 4-H club members appear before the board and tell them exactly what they think of their action in doing away with the county home demonstration agent.

Washington Letter

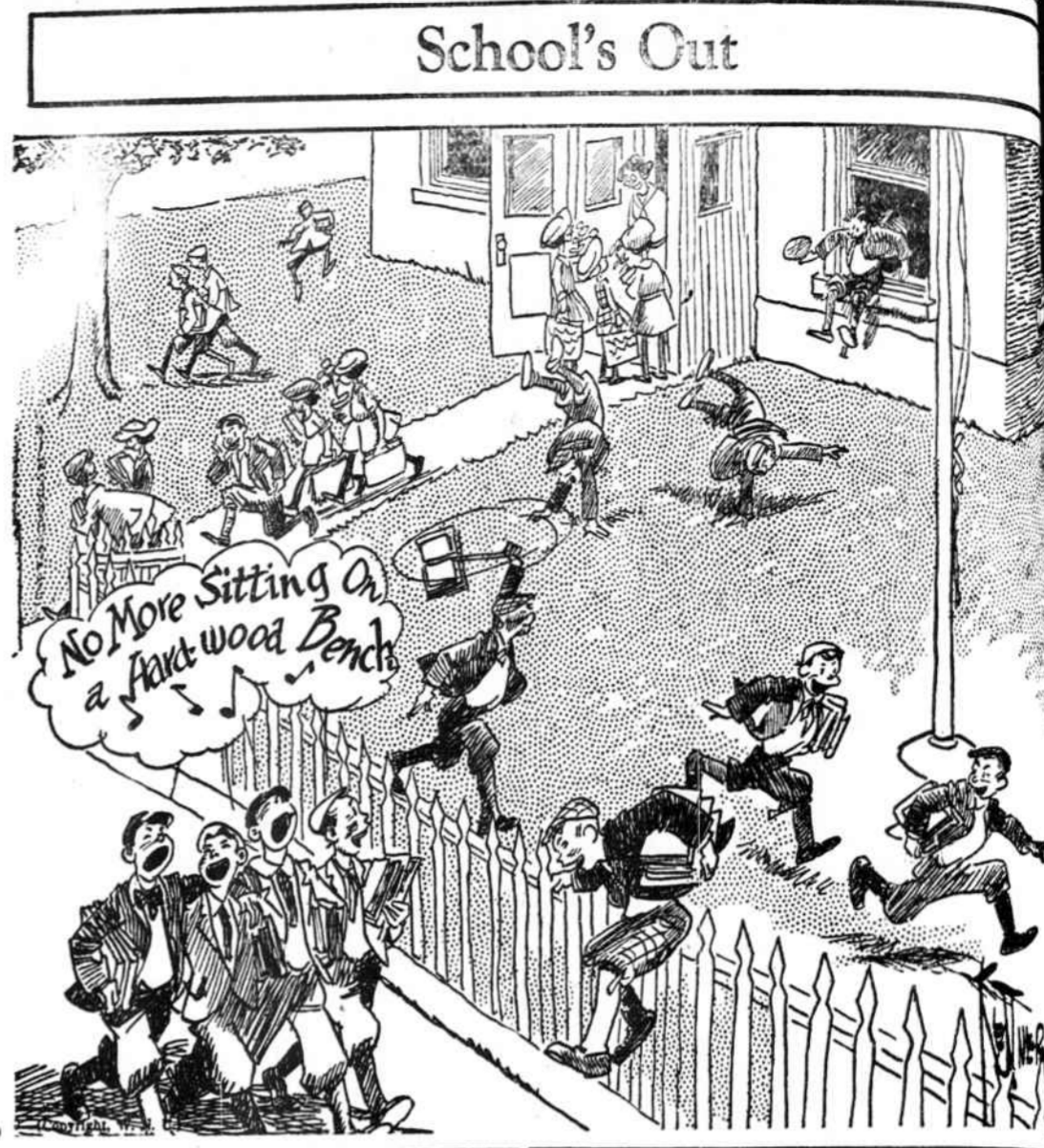
Washington, June 5.—Out of the welter of confused thought and conflicting opinion the fact that Congress must now take more responsibility and put over fewer haphazard laws rises in bold relief. A series of Supreme Court decisions have of late tended to restore the system of checks and balances written by the framers of the Federal Constitution. As a consequence, the law-makers have paused in their wild scramble to cloth the President or other officers of the executive branch with full legislative powers under various guises. Pending measures have been sent back to committees to be measured in accordance with the judicial yardstick which means marked changes in the patterns.

The decision of the Supreme Court in holding the NRA invalid threw a monkeywrench into the well-oiled legislative machinery. It increased the uncertainty as to adjournment. Obviously, the ruling of the highest tribunal will be utilized as Presidential campaign fodder for 1936. The action of the court was so sweeping that it drew a zone of doubt around the legality of proposals close to the heart of ardent New Dealers, who were contemplating additional delegations of authority from Congress to control labor and capital. The entire legislative program cannot be accelerated until the doctrines are re-shaped in accordance with the court's ruling as to constitutionality. The Administration and many business and labor groups favorable to the Blue Eagle are working might and main to salvage the project before Congress quits for the season.

The politicians are so upset at the turn of affairs that they are giving a receptive ear to proposals to curb the power of the United States Supreme Court. Labor unions, irked at the adverse decision in the railway workers' pension case, started this ham-stringing crusade rolling a few weeks ago. Significance is attached to a speech in the House by Joseph P. Monaghan, Democrat, of Montant, the so-called "Baby Congressman" the morning following the tribunal's pronouncement. The legislator, with three years law practice, and serving his first term, demanded action to nullify the influence of the Court to overrule statutes enacted by the legislative body. The incident was considered the opening gun in a campaign to make the learned judges feel the resentment of affected groups. Veteran law-makers, however, know it is futile and unhealthy to advocate such retaliatory methods. Only death or retirement will force changes in the personnel of the august bench. In this event, it is within the power of the President to nominate jurists considered sympathetic to the objectives of the New Deal.

One of President Roosevelt's pet measures—the public utility bill—has encountered snags at the Capitol. The committees which scoffed at witnesses raising constitutional questions on this and other vital measures are now re-examining the testimony. The Wagner Labor Disputes bill, amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act and other measures are scrutinized again to prevent the judiciary from defeating the purposes of Congress. White House social functions have been curtailed to allow the President more time for hurried conferences with Cabinet officers and leaders from the Capitol. The Department of Justice has stepped into the limelight again to the chagrin of the "brains trusters" or the small clique of untried lawyers and economists who drafted many New Deal measures.

Thousands who enjoyed the relative security of a well paid government job are now rushing to Capitol Hill. These government employees are besieging their Senators and Representatives in an effort to obtain political influence sufficient to win a berth with a permanent government agency rather than one of the alphabetical group. The Supreme Court's decision holding NRA unconstitutional was a signal for a stampede. Many legislators were obliged to lock their doors to avoid unpleasant interviews with Federal employees from their home districts. Even those who are hopeful that Congress may yet save a portion of the Blue Eagle's nest are taking precautionary measures such as obtaining civil service status at a much lower rate of pay. One of the sore spots during the last two years was the unusually large salaries paid to the employees in the emergency units as compared with fixed grades and salaries in the permanent branches of the Federal government. The court decision suddenly transformed many of these young and arrogant officials with high sounding titles into humble citizens.



Weekly Quiz

1. How many museums are there at present in this country?
2. Who is the first printer of record?
3. Where is Bucknell University?
4. What is a lac?
5. When was the Stars and Stripes flag adopted by the Continental Congress?
6. Who discovered the Pacific Ocean?

7. At what famous battle was Thomas Nelson, the British officer, slain?
 8. Who is the oldest living graduate of Yale?
 9. Which states of the Union have only one congressman?
 10. What is a necrology?
 11. What is the capital of Missouri?
1. How many pounds are there in a quintal?
(Answers on page Seven)
- There is more aristocracy in the United States than in Europe but here it "ain't" legal.

Girl Scouts Help At The Hosp

The following girl scouts at the Brunswick County Hospital Friday: Misses Evelyn Linn, Mary Katherine Norton, Helen Dean Sutton, and Burns.

The usual meeting of the scouts was held Tuesday. Plans were made for the next to meet at Mrs. Leroy's home Tuesday afternoon in a sewing circle which is conducted by Mrs. Frank Nsee.

It Pays To Advertise

*Your gold mine isn't worth a pound,
If no one knows where it is found
And you don't know where it is sold
And never tell the world its gold.*

*The product of your farm or mill
Will bring no coins to your till
Unless we know you have a treat
In something good to wear or eat.*

*But if you tell us you have gold
And where it's found and how it's
sold*

*Or any other treat in store
We'll build a highway to your door.*

*So, here's a hint both sane and wise,
If you would sell it, advertise
Most anything worthwhile and fit
Some other folks are needing it.*

Alex C. D. Noe.
—THE STATE.

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