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The fool's New Year's day always is tomorrow.

A man is known by the company he keeps; a woman by the company she refuses.

Money may not mean everything, but a little of it will help almost anything.

Headline in a Washington newspaper last week: "Mrs. Roosevelt Spends Night At White House."

The depression taught many people valuable lessons that it will take prosperity a long time to make them forget.

If you think that you are working long hours, consider the farmer who spends from sunrise to sunset working in the field, then sits up all night curing tobacco.

If there wasn't enough rain for the entire county, perhaps it is well that most of it fell in the agricultural sections. Nevertheless, Southport could well use a shower or so just now.

School children should be glad that they are living today. The next history books that are studied in our schools will have many additional pages to cover important changes that are now taking place in our governmental affairs and social life.

Every husband wonders what his wife does with all the money he brings home and every wife wonders why her husband isn't able to bring home more money.

Healthy Interest

The other day we were discussing a local citizen who, in spite of the fact that he is more than his allotted three-score years and ten, is one of the most active men in his community.

"I think that one thing that accounts for his activity," said one man, "is his keen interest in athletics. I don't know whether he ever played himself, but he is a real baseball fan."

All of us know the importance of proper physical development. Few of us, perhaps, ever thought that interest in sports of all kinds is just as important to our mental health.

Greatest benefit, of course, comes to those who actually participate in the various forms of athletics; but the lessons of co-operation and good sportsmanship make lasting impressions upon the hundreds of others who are on the side lines or in the grandstands.

Praises Work

Percy Bloxam, compliance supervisor for the AAA in North Carolina, spent two days last week in Brunswick county.

"Your farm program is running beautifully in Brunswick county," he said. "My trip down here has been just like a two-day vacation. Of course," he added, "I have called upon one or two farmers, but you really have no compliance problem at all in this county."

Mr. Bloxam's job is to promote harmony between landlord and tenant and, incidentally, to see that both play square with the Federal Government in carrying out the provisions of the AAA program. He gives you the impression that he was made for his job.

"It has been my observation," said Mr. Bloxam, "that 95 per cent of the farmers who have signed contracts are living up to their agreements. There are 21-2 per cent who, largely because of ignorance, are not living up to the letter of their contracts. The additional 21-2 per cent of the signers are the ones I have to

deal with. "Uncle Sam doesn't say they have to sign the contracts. But once they have signed, he does say they have to live up to them. We've had some pretty tough cases, but we have managed to handle them all satisfactorily."

Mr. Bloxam was outspoken in praising the work of County Agent J. E. Dodson. The manner in which the AAA program has been conducted in Brunswick county is largely responsible for the absence of compliance trouble, according to Mr. Bloxam.

We are glad to have this important state official visit our county; we are glad that he found little work to do. We join with Mr. Bloxam in saying that we think that County Agent Dodson has done a splendid work, but we are also proud of the co-operative spirit of Brunswick county farmers who helped make this program successful.

Fishermen's Co-operative

It is now definitely assured that one of the fish cooling and storage plants to be constructed in cities along the Atlantic coast in North Carolina in connection with the fishermen's co-operative will be built at Southport.

The location of a fisherman's co-operative plant in Southport means injecting new life into the fishing industry. While the new business will not be in competition with independent buyers, it will take the surplus fish and shrimp off the market and will prevent prices being forced below a livable scale when big catches are made. On days when supply exceeds demand the surplus fish and shrimp will be handled by the plant and either placed in storage or processed. Fishing and shrimping boats can go out again the next day knowing that there will be a place to dispose of their catch at a profitable price.

Officials of the town of Southport, officials of the state FERA and private citizens have done everything possible to bring this factory to Southport. It is up to the fishermen to make a success of it. There are many details to be worked out and these will require both time and patience. The thought should be borne in mind that this is a fishermen's co-operative and that only through co-operation will the plant be able to serve the need for which it is intended.

Should Elect Teachers

Now that it is definitely settled that J. W. Ruark can not serve as a member of the school board while holding the position of solicitor of Recorder's Court, the local committee should be reorganized as soon as possible and teachers for next year should be elected.

Continued delay is unfair to members of last year's faculty; it is unfair to the school. If they are not to be re-elected, the teachers should be so informed in order that they may have time to seek positions elsewhere. It is natural to presume that the best teachers are the first to receive employment. Some changes will necessarily have to be made in the Southport school faculty and it is for the best interest of the school that replacements be made while good teachers are still available.

No one in particular is to blame for the fact that the new faculty has not yet been named. But the big question has now been settled and there seems to be little excuse for further delay.

Results Of Co-operation

The recently completed offices on the second floor of the Hood building are an example of what can be accomplished through co-operation.

Plans for their construction were drawn by R. I. Mintz, register of deeds, at the request of members of the board of county commissioners. The plans were approved and the commissioners appropriated funds for materials. Mrs. Gladys B. Proctor, district EFA supervisor, was interested in the project and labor was furnished by the ERA. H. B. Smith and Charles Greer, of the relief office, supervised the work.

Every one of these officials did his part in putting over the project and, as a result, the Hood building, which is the property of Brunswick county, has been increased in value and the county now boasts of office facilities as good as may be found anywhere.

Washington Letter

Washington, June 26.—Frankly dubious of giving administrative officers of the Federal government virtually a free hand for six months or more, the Congress hesitates in adjourning while displaying reluctance to place definite curbs on the powers of the executive branch in accordance with strong hints from the recent Supreme Court decisions. The belief is prevalent in official quarters that once the law-making body locks the legislative halls for the summer and fall season, it will mean another heyday for bureaucrats and experiments in economics and social sciences. At least four major pieces of legislation rushed through the wringer during the week are expected to provide relief for unemployed lawyers so vast are the possibilities for unending litigation. An avalanche of executive orders and proclamations are due after Congress leaves town.

Much of this open concern is predicated on the unwillingness of some New Dealers to revise legislative proposals to conform with the court's definition regarding the delegation of Congressional power to the President. A lively question of the day is, "Why all this disregard for the Supreme Court's opinions?" There is a wide range of answers available. One theory advanced by the conservative groups of both major political parties has to do with a campaign of sabotage turning public opinion against the judiciary branch. It is argued, with some degree of plausibility, that forcing Congress to enact laws which their sponsors privately admit are probably outside the pale of legality will turn the many beneficiaries and their friends against the nine black-gowned men on the highest bench.

Furthermore, it is claimed that this resentment will afford a working basis for amendments to the Constitution stripping the Supreme Court of the powers bestowed by the founders of the Republic. Undoubtedly a flock of adverse decisions at the next session of the tribunal in October or later could be capitalized politically. Yet the knowledge that statutes written with a tongue-in-cheek attitude has the effect of a two-edged sword. It is only natural for sober-minded people to inquire as to the waste of time and enormous sums of taxpayers money for legislative experiments deliberately built on a foundation of sand. The calculated resentment might be diverted the other way and figure prominently as a campaign issue advantageous to the other school of philosophy.

The implications of the President's special message on revision of taxes is giving Congress and industry another headache. The disposition of the law-makers is to extend the present tax system without change because higher taxes always bring political complications back home. The proposal for higher taxes on corporations coming on the heels of a labor disputes bill spelling increased labor costs has slowed the wheels of industry. The "soak-the-rich" idea advocated by the Chief Executive may weaken the punches of the Long-Soughlin crowd and force them on the White House band-wagon. The threat of advanced tax rates naturally turns business leaders into a maze with a sudden material slowing down of enthusiasm for helping recovery solely for the purpose of giving the government more revenue. Unless Mr. Roosevelt cracks the whip on Capitol Hill the message will be filed away just for debate and definite action postponed until the next session.

Republican scouts returning from survey parties report that things are not going so well. The Democrats may have their troubles as the party in power, but they have no monopoly of woe. It is reported that strong sectional feeling is developing which may endanger a united front in the Presidential elections next year. The antagonism of the Middle West and Far West toward the Eastern G. O. P. is getting beyond the smouldering stage. Though the last standard-bearer in the White House was not from the Eastern seaboard, Hoover critics insist that his actions were dominated by this strip of the country. Republican sympathizers are privately corraling money to provide for an aggressive campaign to wrest control from the Democrats. The marked hostility of Roosevelt and his latest tax utterance considered a further departure to the "left" or radicalism has helped the money-raisers. One veteran G. O. P. scout warned that his fellow partisans were placing entirely too much faith in Huey Long under-

Duck, Here Comes the Five-Ten



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mind Mr. Roosevelt and thus insure the election of a Republican ticket.

Talk this week centers about the political cross-current in reorganizing NRA; agreement that the Mitchell charges concerning the Department of Commerce are a political "dud"; that Administration leaders will not easily overcome snags in the House this week in connection with the public utility holding bill; the government's efforts to require all contractors bidding on government jobs of any sort to live up to the hours and working condi-

tions of the decapitated Blue Eagle will bring grief to all parties; that the bus regulation bill now pending in the House will not find the easy sledding as provided in the Senate; the Guffey coal regulation bill will be delayed in the House and probably killed; intensified concern in labor circles that the Wagner Labor Disputes bill will be a questionable victory in event conservatives gain the upper-hand in the Administration; and unions are now proposing a licensing system for all industry to replace the new NRA where their

efforts to dominate have a hard wall.

Naugatuck Picks Up Three

Three men off a schooner were picked up by the Naugatuck crew Wednesday about noon on the small boat in which they were sailing on the river captain's coast guard boat pulled up the men. Their boat was righted and they were taken to the dock where their schooner was anchored.

NO DULL SEASON

For the good merchants there is no such thing as a dull season.

True, there are times when business is better than it is at others; but when normal trade slacks off, the good merchant gets busy.

This is his signal to go after new business. By maintaining a complete stock of goods, attractively displayed, and by judicious advertising he adds new customers whose patronage will carry his volume of business to a new high.

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