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Soil that will grow sand spurs and cockleburs also will produce peas and soybeans.

We are glad to see improvements being made in the condition of the streets in Southport.

Southport children probably think the meanest man in the world is the one who stops the hobby-horses.

Pickers are lucky that dealers pay as much for heading cheap shrimp as they do for heading high price shrimp.

We don't know which is worse—to listen to the history of a "has-been" or the ability of the "never-was."

Painting and repairing that has been going on in Southport during the past few months has done much to improve the appearance of the town.

Parents should have no trouble with their kids from now until December 25. The "be good or Santa Claus won't come to see you" threat always is good for at least 30 days before Christmas.

#### Club Work

If you have any doubts concerning the value of home demonstration club work in Brunswick county, look up your copy of The Pilot for last week and read the list of achievements of the Ash club during the present year.

In our opinion the work of those women shows a definite trend toward better living conditions for the rural residents of Brunswick county.

#### This Business Of Colds

With the coming of winter weather and its changeable temperatures, the threat of colds—especially among children—is easily doubled. No other disease offers a more serious threat of dangerous complications.

Parents should take every possible precaution to see that their children are protected against bad colds. When it is discovered that a child has developed a cold, the first matter of major importance is to see that it is broken up. Meanwhile, don't allow other members of the family or schoolmates to be needlessly exposed.

Following is a timely verse which appeared in the current issue of The Health Bulletin, published by the North Carolina Board of Health:

Mary had a little cold, but wouldn't stay at home,  
And everywhere that Mary went, that cold was sure to roam;  
It wandered into Molly's eyes and filled them full of tears.  
It jumped from there to Bobby's nose, and thence to Jimmie's ears.  
It painted Anna's throat bright red, and swelled poor Jennie's head;  
Dora had a fever, and a cough put Jack to bed.  
The moral of this little tale is very quickly said—  
She could have saved a lot of pain with just one day in bed!

#### Worth Considering

In a recent address, L. J. Taber, master of the National Grange, told his audience some of the things that co-operation does for the farmer.

It gives him a voice in the control of his own affairs, thus increasing his sense of responsibility and his value as a citizen.

It makes it possible for him to control the quality of both the commodities he buys and the commodities he sells.

It enables him to secure the type of service as to merchandising, packaging, distribution, etc., that best fits his needs.

It aids him in bettering the price received for his products, both by increasing his bargaining power and by showing him ways to increase quality.

It opens avenues of credit that he could not otherwise obtain.

Each of these points is of great importance, and they by no means exhaust the list. The fruits of co-operation are many, and the progressive farmer is benefitting accordingly.

#### Night Driving

"Of 36,000 motor fatalities last year, 20,000 occurred at night," writes Governor Harold G. Hoffman, of New Jersey, in an article in Liberty entitled "Death After Dark."

"The total economic waste of nighttime automobile accidents is estimated at nearly one and a half billion dollars.

"Sixty-nine per cent of those killed are pedestrians.

"As a nation, we have failed to grasp the fact that as the sun goes down, so must our speed. We are simply driving too fast for our eyes."

Night driving, Governor Hoffman points out, involves three definite factors, each of which contributes to the hazard: Overdriving our headlights; slow precipitation due to poor illumination; the night pedestrian hazard.

The first factor is probably the most important, inasmuch as it affects the other two. Governor Hoffman says that the average man is fortunate if he can see 100 feet clearly with his headlamps. That is less than the distance required to stop from a speed of 35 miles per hour, on good pavement with first-class tires and brakes. If the night driver is traveling 60, not an uncommon speed on our highways today, that 100 feet of visibility will have been passed by the time he is able to even substantially lower his speed.

Thousands of us are driving 50 and 60 miles an hour in cars equipped with 30-mile headlights. One solution to that is better illumination for streets and highways. Irrefutable figures, based on extensive tests, show that the saving in economic waste, to say nothing of the human waste, pays the cost of good lighting many times over. But it will be a long time before the average highway is lighted at all, and in the meantime, the only solution is to drive moderately if you wish to avoid "death after dark."

#### Bird Hunting

Brisk, cool November weather and a delay of several days in the opening of the bird season has had hunters on edge for some time for Thanksgiving Day—the first day of the season this year.

It is a safe bet that every man who owns a dog and a gun will get in his morning hunt, even if it makes him a bit late for his traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Given a good day, it is entirely possible that many hunters will forsake altogether their noon-day meal in order not to miss a single hour of the first day's hunt.

There is something about the smell of gun-smoke, the chill of a winter day and the excitement of a flushed covey of birds that outlasts the hunting season. The fine work of a bird dog in the field is a sight a sportsman never can forget.

The loyal order of bird hunters knows no class distinction. The farm boy clad in blue overalls, a discarded coat, a baseball cap and shooting a single barrel gun is as much a member as the city sportsman dyed out in khaki, shooting an imported gun with inlaid stock. The same rules apply to bird dogs. Bench show points and impressive pedigrees fail to add one bit to the hunting qualities—and the pay-off is on ability to locate birds, point, retrieve and find singles.

Bird hunting is a hard sport, and often during the course of a day a hunter will cover miles of territory that would be impassable without the urge of a dog and a gun. The promise of more game is a restless incentive to keep traveling, and each new covey is a tonic to tired muscles.

And when the day's hunt is over and you count up the spoils, the fact that you didn't kill the bag limit fails to discourage you in the least for, in the words of an old-timer, "It ain't the ones you hit you remember. It's them you miss that makes you want to go again tomorrow."

## WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, Nov. 27.—Gatherings of organized farmers, business and labor leaders which are held throughout the nation at this season warrant close attention of the politicians and office-holders. It is only a natural interest for the major subjects at these conventions deal with the relations of government to industry, agriculture and labor. It is noteworthy that all these sessions of private enterprise are held outside Washington because no sounding board is necessary with the national lawmakers away from their desks. The debate and resolutions expressed the opinions of the militant groups on current governmental policies are given more consideration than in other years as money and votes from special classes are at stake.

The well-laid plans to stage a rally for recovery under the benign cloak of government sanction seem stymied at this time. Industrial groups feeling suspicious of the meeting on December 9 sole a march by setting an advance meeting of the Council of Industry in New York December 4 to 5, as a means of counteracting government-inspired accounts of the following week's conference in Washington. Coordinator Berry will probably be obliged to change his tactics as dubious business men definitely challenge his naive contention that the NRA will not be revived and that the rally is "solely industry's party." Those who come here December 9 claim they do so in a "tongue-in-cheek" attitude of doubt.

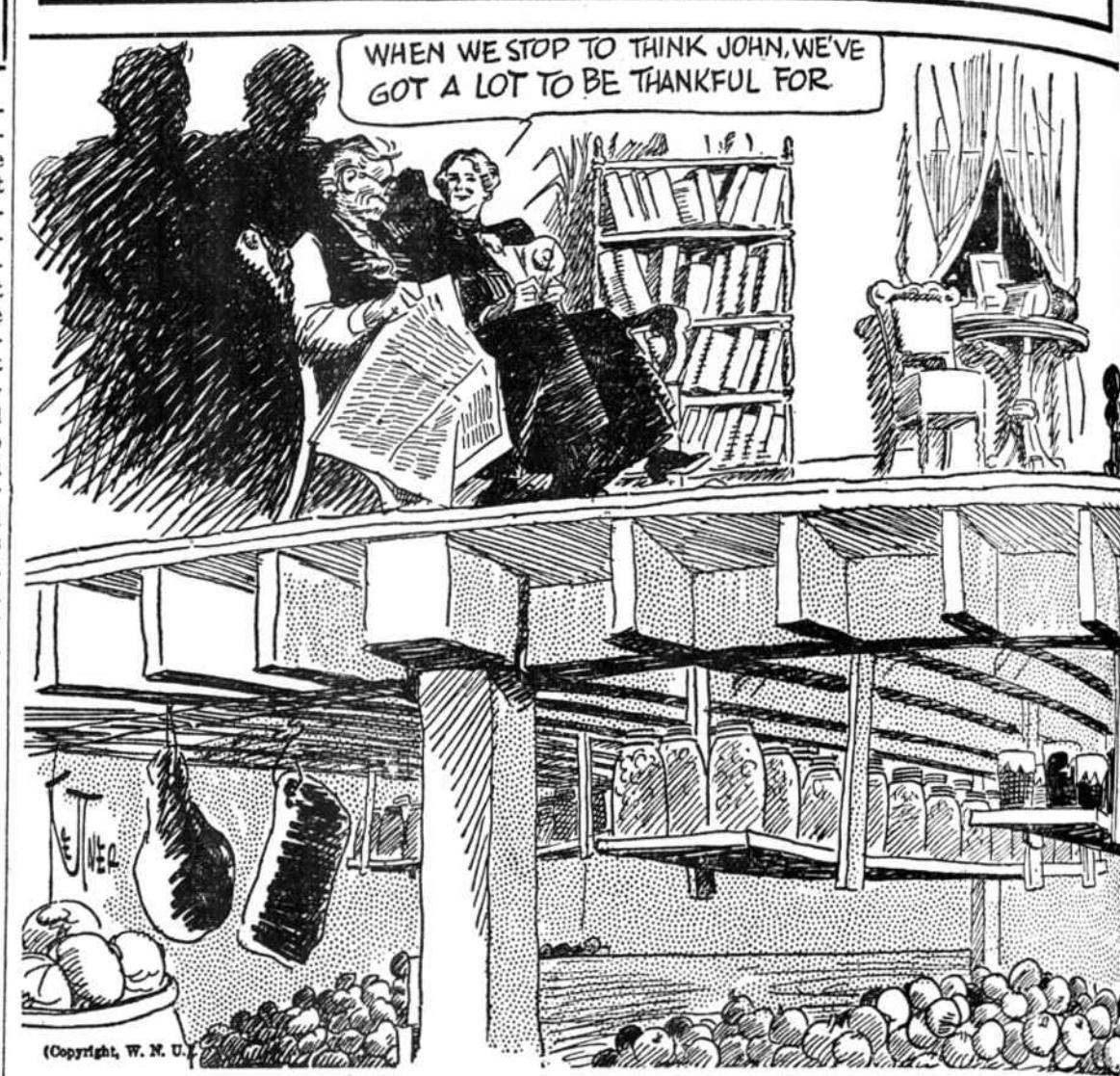
There is no optimistic hope that industrial leaders will reach the desired unanimity as to policies for that is considered an impossibility. The best outcropping anticipated is to voice clear and loud a fairly solid front against experimental legislation or extension of the Blue Eagle idea. In other words, the main purpose of the assembly is to tell the country just what industry is doing to hasten recovery without having distorted interpretations placed on their remarks by government publicity agencies at what is called "Berry's stooge meeting."

Government bureaus are always seeking more power and larger appropriations. The first crop of annual reports submitted to the President during the week shows there has been no change in the trend. The Federal Trade Commission wants additional authority from Congress. Of particular interest, to those who patronize the chain stores is the demand of the Commission for a law which will permit the government to keep tabs on special discounts and allowances given by manufacturers without any definite relation to the cost of selling. This proposed measure will undoubtedly revive the controversy between privately operated retail outlets and the chain systems at the next Congressional session.

Among the conversational tidbits circulating around the Capitol these days are: the outcome of the President's holiday visit to Warm Springs, Ga., where he is easily accessible to Southern political leaders; the effect of protest resolutions from the National Grange and other farm groups on the new Canadian reciprocity treaty, which will be reflected especially in Congressional debate; the explosion of the slogan "in union there is strength" when the executive council of the American Federation of Labor meets here in January to vitalize the dormant issue of craft versus vertical industrial unions and the effect on suggested legislation for organized labor; how the House Committees on Ways and Means in charge of tax programs and the House Committee on Appropriations handling expenditures will harmonize the spread between outgo and income for the next fiscal year in view of approaching elections; what emergency agencies will be thrown overboard in an economy move; the reaction of state governments to the new rules of procedure which the Federal Social Security Commission will promulgate as a guide for action within the next few days.

Political strategists are at odds over the advisability of cleaning out the "Brains-Trust" nest. It is argued that this removal from spheres of influence would be considered a genuine move against sporadic experiments which has private industry in a stubborn and belligerent mood. The friends of this college crew contend the Republican opposition would make political capital out of a change of front. Conservative elements in the Democratic ranks believe such a step would eventually react to the benefit of the Administration. Nothing definite is expected until next year. Only a few of the "Brains-Trust" original cast are now retained on government pay-

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rolls. It is reported that this remnant is very unhappy at recent trends in public affairs. The feeling persists that the President is torn between personal friendship and good politics in this controversy.

Shallotte is the largest consolidated school in Brunswick county.

The Shallotte school won first place in the Brunswick County Commencement Day exercises in Southport last Spring.

Summer Boarder: "Oh, I'd just love to be a farmer, to live with the blue sky overhead!"

Farmer Jones: "Yes, that would be all right if the blue sky was the farmer's only head."

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