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A famous millionaire mentions that money does not make for happiness. Still, it does enable a man to be miserable in comfort.

These economists who think competition a bad thing never tried to get service from a man who had no competition.

The troops will have a softer time in another war than the noncombatant, says a French prophet. There are machines now that peel potatoes.

When political parties are not throwing hats in the ring, they're passing them around.

Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years, but of course, his neighbors didn't have a radio.

Are you well informed? Well, let's hear you name ten members of the lower House of Congress.

A woman writer mentions that fox fur is absolutely waterproof. This explains why you never see a fox carrying an umbrella.

Spectators stoned a matador at Puebla, Mexico, in protest against the type of bull employed. A word to our campaign spellbinders should be sufficient.

Up-Keep Of Park

Not content merely to do a fine job on the Franklin Square beautification project, WPA officials have made provisions to nurse the plants and grass through as serious dry spell as is ever likely to menace the plant life there. A walk through the park will convince you how well this job is being done.

Forest Fire Danger

Double caution should be taken now to guard against setting out forest fire. Any careless spark may set off a conflagration that will spread over thousands of acres before it can be brought under control.

Brunswick county has a remarkable record for forest fire control for the past few months, and every loyal citizen should co-operate with County Fire Warden Dawson Jones to maintain this record.

Playing Tennis

Other towns may have their softball leagues and enthusiasts for other sports, but Southport sports lovers have become tennis minded.

About all that is needed to complete two of the finest tennis courts to be found anywhere is a good, soaking rain. With that aid from Mother Nature WPA workers would complete final touches on the courts.

The best thing about tennis is that ladies as well as men may play. Some of them who just couldn't wait for the rain, and smooth courts, already have been playing. With thirty-five paid members in the Tennis Club it appears likely that the two courts are in for a busy summer.

Wild Flowers

The streets and vacant lots in Southport again are covered with a brilliant assortment of May flowers, produced this year without benefit of April showers.

Southport visitors never cease to wonder at the profusion and beauty of these blossoms. Strangers gather large bouquets and carry them home and local people never miss the flowers. But in spite of the fact that not much fuss is made about them, Southport people are proud of their wild blossoms.

Dry Weather

It is putting it mildly to say that Brunswick county farm crops have been seriously damaged by the prolonged dry spell (which we hope will have been broken before this paper comes off the press.) The fact that the drought followed a flood period has made the damage worse.

Particularly have the tobacco farmers been handcuffed by mother nature. It has been next to impossible to get a stand when plants were set out in powder-dry soil.

Consolation is to be found in that fact that nature has a way of compensating for her cruelties, and the worst effects for the dry weather probably will be the worry it has caused the farmers.

It's Simpler Here

If you are one of those who think that our American party system is too old-fashioned and ought to be reduced to a mere designation of liberals as opposed to conservatives, consider for a moment the situation in France.

There, in the recent elections, the people were faced with a lineup that would baffle the most astute political student. They were required to choose, somehow, from Communists, Dissident Communists, Radical Socialists, Independent Socialists, Dissident Socialists, and just plain Socialists: Left Republicans, Right Republicans, Popular Democrats, and Conservatives.

Fortunately, our system is not yet as involved as that of France. But the increasing number of "isms" we have faced in the last 10 years is a warning.

We might in time become as hopelessly tangled up in our voting as the French. That would mean to us just what it has meant to France—ever-changing government.

How To Be Liked

We are interested in Robert Quillen's view that almost anybody of ordinary intelligence can be popular. All you have to do, he explains, "is to like people."

"Did you ever see a charming person with cold and unfriendly eye?" he inquires. "I am sure you haven't." Those who seem charming are the ones who seem to like you.

"As a general rule, you will find people willing to meet you half way and treat you as well as you treat them. They are willing to like you if you give no offense, and thus you begin with the seed of popularity already planted. All you need do is encourage it a little bit and let it develop by natural process.

"Most people spoil things by talking too much. In thoughtless conversation with one friend, they make rather catty remarks about another. And the person talked about eventually hears what was said and feels hurt. It may not make an enemy of him, but he never again will believe that you like him and never again will like you. That ends your popularity so far as he is concerned.

"Everybody wishes to be liked. And most people will repay you generously if you like them and prove it by not making nasty cracks about them."

Welcomed News

Local shrimpers will welcome the news that the survey of the shrimping grounds off Southport by the Coast and Geodetic Survey will begin about the first of July. The annual loss from damaged nets has run into the thousands of dollars.

Plans call for locating submerged wrecks and snags. A lighthouse tender will be used to remove as many of the obstructions as possible; others will be marked with permanent buoys. In addition to warning shrimpers of impending danger to their nets, these buoys will indicate choice spots for sport fishermen.

Local citizens who led the movement to have the survey conducted are well pleased that the work has been turned over to the Coast and Geodetic Survey, for this means that a thorough job will be done. In order that they have the benefit of the experience of local fishermen in locating some of the wrecks and snags, six Southport fishermen will be employed on the job.

It is understood that the appropriation for this work was around \$20,000. Those in position to know what they are talking about say that more than this amount will be saved in nets alone during one season.

FANCIES and FACTS

Something New, Something Old, Something different (By Carter Burke)

Overheard in a parlor: "I can have the most fun doin' nothing with you."

The most exciting race I ever watched was the human race.

It's true you never get too old to learn, but if you could only forget some things you've learned you'd probably be lots better off.

Smith is a little man, but he makes up for it by having a loud voice. He is the foremost exponent of foghorn fantasy.

Yes, you're as old as you feel, but don't let others see you acting that way.

The Chinaman put rice on his ancestors grave, but his ancestor couldn't eat it. The American put flowers on his ancestors grave, but his ancestor couldn't smell them. Query:—What is a heathen?

If you go as far as your intelligence stretches, if you store up as much as your heart can contain; don't worry, you'll come out O. K.

And I still say most men do what they want to do, rather than what they should do.

FACTS

In 1890 the British Navy adopted the hand salute, and to be different from the army, decreed the use of the left instead of the right hand, a tactical error that was quickly discovered on British ships in colonial waters. The left-hand salute is a form of insult throughout Asia and Africa.

Today, as in the past, the mortality rate for murder, accident and disease among the African natives who carry ivory from the depths of the jungle to the nearest shipping point is so high that it has been said that every billiard ball has cost a human life.

The world's largest metal coins, in both size and standard value, were copper plates used in Alaska about a hundred years ago. They were about three feet long, two feet wide, weighed 90 pounds and were worth \$2,500.

Not long ago swordfish were classed with icebergs, storms and other dangers to ocean-going vessels. Although their swords are only about three feet long, they have often been driven through the side of ships. In the Natural History Museum in London today there is a piece of timber that, although less than a foot square, contains three of these broken spears.

Shalotte News

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White were Wilmington visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Eva B. Stanley, Vera Belle Long and Stanley Smith attended the operettas given by the primary and grammar grades of the Waccamaw school Friday afternoon.

A large audience enjoyed the address of the seniors made by Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin, in the local high school auditorium Thursday evening.

P. W. Ray, of Clarendon, visited at the home of D. L. Long Tuesday.

The members of the local school faculty are leaving for their respective homes this week.

Mrs. Lillian Oliver and Miss Gladys Frye left Monday for Philadelphia, Penn., where they will visit friends and relatives.

D. L. Long and Robert Hawes were Wilmington visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Dave Bennette and daughters, Annie Jane and Mary Katherine, were visitors here on Friday.

Mrs. Fred Smith, of Southport, was a Shalotte visitor Friday. Lennon Swain, of Fruitland Institution, Hendersonville, arrived Friday night to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Swain.

Vera Belle Long was a visitor in Wilmington Sunday.

Wingate Swain, who attended school in Washington this winter has returned to spend the summer at his home here.

Purvis Stevens and Clyde Wayne, of Lake Waccamaw, visited D. L. Long and family Sunday.

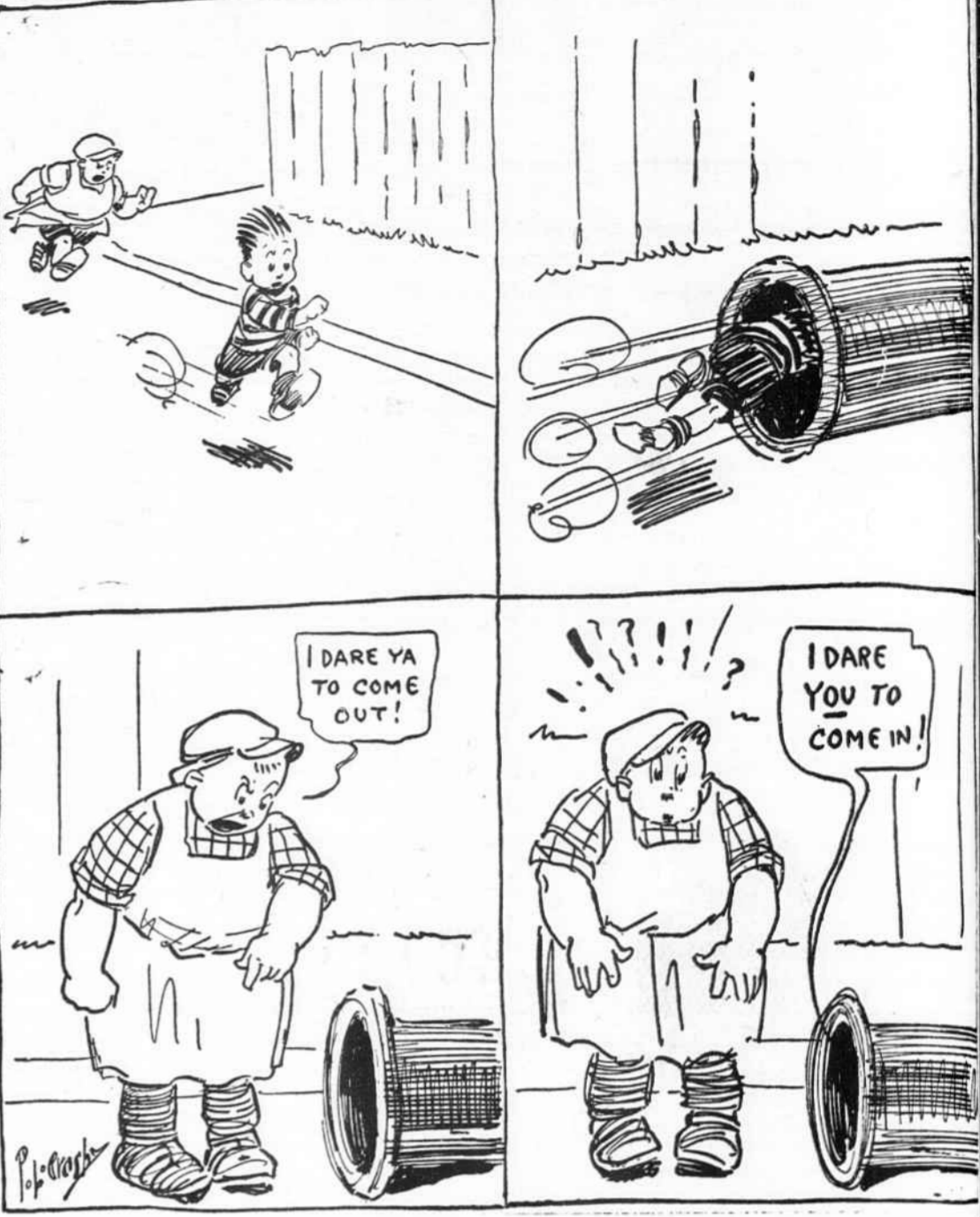
Pete: When I arrived in Washington I didn't even have any pockets.

George: How on earth did that happen?

Pete: Oh, I was born here.

Back o' the Flats

By PERCY CROSBY



Vote For
Sandy Graham

A Man Whose Birth, Education And Experience Make Him The Ideal Candidate For Our Next Governor. . .

For Better Schools. *The Graham family has long been identified with educational progress in North Carolina. Sandy Graham favors an increase in teacher's salaries and restoration of our schools to their position prior to the depression.*

Reduce License Plates. *"I am convinced that we can and should reduce the cost of automobile license tags by one-half," says Sandy Graham.*

New Highway Set-up. *Sandy Graham favors the re-organization of the state highway and public works commision, having one members from each congressional district. This set-up would give Brunswick county people a better chance to secure the hard surfacing of the Southport-Whiteville highway.*

Legislator. *It was my privilege to serve in the State Senate while Sandy Graham was the presiding officer. On the basis of my personal knowledge I am convinced that he will make an able, efficient and fearless governor.*

NOMINATE A MAN WHO HAS MADE NO PROMISE HE CANNOT FILL

S. B. FRINK

County Manager For Sandy Graham