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He who hesitates is bossed.

Small boy's version of a lie: A sin in the eyes of the Lord and his Sunday school teacher, but an ever present aid in time of trouble.

It is a commendable fact that not once during the two tournaments that have been played on the local courts this summer has there been any evidence of poor sportsmanship on the part of the players.

Air Base

Following agitation begun two weeks ago to interest Coast Guard officials in the possibility of establishing an air base at Fort Caswell, several letters of encouragement have been received by local citizens.

There is no assurance that the base will be located here, in fact, no appropriation has been made for its establishment anywhere. There is a note of encouragement in knowing that when definite action is taken, Southport will be given due consideration.

Regular Attendance

As Brunswick county schools open tomorrow for the new year, parents and students are cautioned not to underestimate the value of attending school the first day and being present every day thereafter.

The first consideration, of course, is the value resulting for the student. Regular attendance naturally is a help in doing good work. When a boy or a girl misses a day of school, a vital unit in the year's work has been lost.

Another important fact is that teachers are allotted schools on the basis of attendance. Sometimes over-crowded conditions must be endured all year when regular attendance on the part of students enrolled would have been sufficient to secure an extra teacher.

Don't let your child miss a single day from school if you can possibly help it.

Fall Sports

So far, Brunswick county has escaped the softball craze that has swept the country this summer, but we are offering a suggestion which we hope will put an end to this immunity.

We believe that an interesting rivalry can be built up between the five consolidated high schools of the county this fall if softball teams are chosen to represent each school. Since none of them have football teams, there would be no conflict with other sports.

Anyone who believes softball is just a game for sissies just doesn't know. About the only difference in softball and regulation baseball is in the equipment and the speed of the game. Softball is much faster, and therefore more interesting to the average action-loving fan.

All the equipment absolutely necessary for a softball team is a bat, ball and mask. In most cases players do not use gloves and mitts. Further needs in this line could be taken care of in each school as the occasion demands.

There must be something to this game, or more than a million men and boys would not have been playing it all summer. We believe that a five team league running in this county for the next eight weeks will do much to create a healthy interscholastic rivalry.

Camp Site Needed

The fame of Southport as a fisherman's paradise is spreading to all parts of the state and during the past few weeks many groups of campers have come down

for a day and night. We are afraid that the impression that these people get of our town and its citizens is not flattering.

In the first place, there are no facilities provided for campers. After traveling several hundred miles to get to the water, they naturally like to pitch their camp on the waterfront. This means that they must become over-night squatters in someone's front yard or in other close proximity to a private residence.

Local citizens are inclined to resent their presence, and they are hardly to be blamed for this attitude. On the other hand, it is little more pleasant for the campers themselves to spend the night almost under some stranger's house.

An attractive camp site with modern tourist conveniences should be provided near Southport so that visitors here can be made to feel that they are welcome, and that the people of the town would like for them to come back. This change in attitude would attract many more visitors to Southport. Valuable word-of-mouth advertising would result, not to mention the increased business for local merchants.

Protect Timber

A few years ago a forest fire burned for eleven days in Oregon. It destroyed three hundred thousand acres of timber.

According to an article in the Family Circle, the actual damage done was estimated as follows:

"It wiped out six years of continuous employment for 14,000 woodsmen.

"It reduced the tax income of one county by 43 per cent a year, or \$400,000

"It robbed the lumber companies of timber with a potential value of \$200,000,000.

"It cost the general public five dollars for every dollar the lumber interests lost."

This was an unusually great forest fire. But every year, there are thousands of fires all over the nation whose cumulative total destruction greatly exceeds the holocaust described. Our average yearly loss for the entire country is 52,000,000 acres of woodland.

Here is a problem that almost every citizen can help solve. Most of us at one time or another visit woods—and many of us, through either ignorance or carelessness, do things that are liable to cause fire. Careless disposal of cigarette butts and matches and improperly built camp fires are two prolific causes of forest holocausts. Most man-made fires begin from something of this sort—and a modicum of care would prevent them.

Man is burning his forests faster than nature can replace them. Do your part to protect our irreplaceable and invaluable timber resources.

Slow Down At Night

Here is some worth-while advice to motorists: As soon as darkness descends, slow down pronto!

In spite of the fact that the bulk of cars are operated almost entirely during the day, well over half of all the fatal accidents last year occurred at night. Sixty-nine per cent of the victims were pedestrians. And the death rate for the evening rush hours was over 100 per cent greater in winter than in summer, due to darkness. Unconsciously or otherwise, many motorists chronically "overdrive headlights"—that is, they could not bring their cars to a stop within the illuminated distance before them. And more powerful lights are no cure for this—they produce glare, a potent cause of head-on car crashes, and are justly illegal in most states.

The pedestrian, of course, is not wholly free from blame. It has been extensively publicized that one should always walk on the left side of the highway, facing oncoming traffic—but a great many night-walkers apparently haven't heard the news yet. And many of them also don't seem to realize that to walk on a dark highway wearing dark clothes is an invitation to the corner. Light reflection is an eccentric thing—and a darkly-dressed pedestrian often can't be seen by the motorist until it is too late.

Thus, we need education for the pedestrian as well as for the auto driver. But in the meantime, the driver should take every precaution—and even go to what may seem ridiculous lengths—to operate his car safely. After all, he is in command of a potentially lethal vehicle that literally kills more men than does war. Don't take a chance!

Personal

Miss Ruby Ledford left last week for Boone, where she will enter college.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fulcher and little son, of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been visiting relatives here for the past ten days.

Miss Annie Louise St. George left this week for Goldsboro, where she will spend the winter with Mrs. James W. Weathers.

Mrs. Albert Keel and daughter, Gladys, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. R. T. Woodside for the past week, have returned to their home in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cannon, of Supply, visited friends in town last week.

Mrs. Delmas Fulcher and little daughter, Mary Sue, have returned to their home in Wilmington after having visited relatives here for the past week.

Miss Lula Marie Swann visited relatives in Shallotte last week.

Charles Southerland, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Lanie Southerland, and his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Southerland, left this week by motor for Staten Island, N. Y., where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Watts for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ladehoff have as their guest, their aunt, Mrs. Olga Schlappkohl, of Davenport, Iowa.

Mrs. Maria Goodman and son, E. G., and Miss Lillie Sandlin, of Leland, were in town last week on business.

Mrs. George Whatley is visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Dye, in Wilmington.

Miss Mamie Wolfe, of Beaufort, is the guest of Miss Gladys Williams this week.

G. B. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

Mrs. Robert Willis, who has been spending the summer in Wilmington with her husband, returned home Monday.

Miss Zipporah Rice returned to her home in Massachusetts Tuesday, after having spent the summer here with her cousin, Miss Lois Jane Bussels.

Dr. D. I. Watson is spending this week at Seven Springs.

John E. Farrier, of Rose Hill, spent last week-end with friends.

Claude Jones is spending this week in Wilmington and Raleigh.

Mrs. Lee Hewett and two daughters, Delores and Gloria Lee, left this week for Savannah, Ga., where they will spend the month of September.

Charles Parker and William McAuley of the maintenance department of the State Highway Commission spent the week-end in Southport.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown and daughter, Emily, have returned to their home in Elizabethtown after spending the past week here on their vacation.

Robert Bland, of Winston-Salem, spent the past week here as the guest of Bill Styron.

Miss Ella Mae Ingram and Bill Ingram, of Raleigh, were the week-end guests of Miss Elsie Styron.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco and children returned last week from a vacation trip to the mountains of western North Carolina.

Miss Virginia Morris, of Chester, S. C., visited Mrs. R. F. Plaxco last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Dodsins, of Atlanta, Ga., who have been on their vacation at Wrightsville Beach, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tobiasen Monday. Mrs. Dodsins will be remembered locally as the former Miss Dorothy Coster, of Southport.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Nelson and son, M. C. Nelson, Jr., have returned home following a vacation spent here with Mr. and Mrs. K. Tobiasen.

Mr. and Mrs. Star, of Atlanta, Mrs. Julius Rudolph and grandson, Allen, of Wilmington, spent Friday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tobiasen, in Southport.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor returned Sunday night from Black Mountain where she has spent the summer. She will resume her position as a member of the Shallotte school faculty Thursday.

Mrs. W. S. Doshier and children, Sally and Bill, returned Monday morning from Virginia where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collins and daughter, Lillian, spent Sunday in Georgetown, S. C., they had a very pleasant trip motoring over the old home town.

Recreation Classes For Southport Boys

D. I. Watson and Edgar Bowman will be in charge of a series of recreation classes for Southport boys from 6 to 16 years of age. Their first meeting was held Tuesday morning in the Garrison. Under the direction of these boys, swimming, tennis and soft ball will be played.

ONWARD SCHOOL SALE Shopping List

- LEAD PENCILS With Erasers 5 for 5c LEAD PENCILS—Full length, soft eraser, 3 for 5c ONWARD ERASER—Large, soft pencil eraser, 2 for 5c ONWARD Pencil Sharpener 5c CEDAR PENCILS, 6 for 5c ONWARD Pencil Tablets 5 1/2 x 9 in. 250 pages 5c ONWARD Pencil Tablets, 8x10 inches, 150 pages 5c POCKET SCISSORS, Blunt safety points 10c CRAYOLA Crayons, 8 in box 8c CRAYOLA Crayons, 16 in box 15c

Ask Your Teacher To Check The School Supplies You Need!

- ONWARD Rulers, 12 inch, long, clear markings 5c SCHOOL CASE, with school kit, pencils, etc. 10c ONWARD Mechanical Pencils 4 inch leads 9c ONWARD Composition Books 120 pages 5c ONWARD NOTE BOOKS, Coil wire bound 5c ONWARD White Paste, 6-oz. jumbo size jar 10c L. L. NOTE BOOK FILLER, Watermarked 5c LOOSE LEAF BINDER and Filler Complete 10c WOOD PENCIL BOX, Hinged Top 5c LOOSE LEAF BINDER 9c ONWARD Pencil Leads, for all type pencils 4c ONWARD School Bag, Large, sturdily made 25c WATER COLOR Paints, 10 colors in box 10c PAINT BRUSHES, 6 on a card 10c ONWARD CRAYONS, 10 in Box 5c ONWARD Writing Ink, large bottle, blue-black 5c ONWARD White Paste, 2-oz. jar 5c SCHOLAR'S COMPANION, Everything Complete 10c ONWARD Pen Points, fine steel, 5 on card, 5 for 5c FOUNTAIN PEN 10c

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