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The only difference between a rut and a grave is their dimensions.

If you think that this game of politics is easy, then try standing on a fence while keeping one ear to the ground.

Warehousemen are concerned over the fact that farmers are too busy farming to stop and sell their tobacco.

There is something significant in the fact that statues representing victory usually are of women.

Think twice before you criticize a political candidate too severely; how many of your campaign promises did you keep after you married the girl?

When you feel inclined to complain about the high rental fees for school text books, remember that they are just one-third as much as the purchase price for the same grade.

There's no use trying to put everybody to work. What about those who never would work and never will.

Don't blame a child too much if he doesn't pass his grade. Could you work a 7th grade problem?

That makes it even. The people who think most of themselves are seldom given a thought by other people.

A man may be mad enough to bite a ten-penny nail, but he usually takes it out on a lead pencil.

Now comes along some person writing about a "dirt farmer." We didn't know there was any other kind.

If you think a politician has it soft, you try thinking up forty lies a day that the people will believe.

They say money burns some people's pockets. But most of us are willing to take that risk.

Delay Change

Wilmington and Southport residents last week rejoiced to learn of the decision to "keep on ice" the proposal to curtail the force and equipment of the local Quarantine Station.

Located as it is at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, it seems illogical to do anything that will impair the efficiency of the ports of Southport, Wilmington and Fayetteville.

We take it that the cold storage season is to last until a thorough investigation of conditions may be made; and we are confident that the facts will justify continuation of the station just as it is.

Should Be Represented

When the annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association meets in Trenton, N. J., on October 15, 16 and 17 the city of Southport should have a representative present.

This association has been tireless in promoting improvements in conditions for boatmen, and it was largely instrumental in making possible the inland waterway which now extends from Key West, Fla., to Trenton, N. J., on the south and from New York to Boston, Mass., on the north. There is a strong possibility that plans for a yacht basin somewhere along the inland waterway route to Florida will be discussed. This is a project in which Southport should be vitally interested.

An aggressive representative from Southport will have an opportunity to do some real good at that meeting.

Invite Your Friends

Local fishermen have been having the time of their lives during the past ten days catching trout in the river. During the full moon period of this month there is every reason to expect that fishing will be even better.

This leads us to believe that the last week in this month will be a fine time to invite some of your friends from up state to come down for a visit. In addition to the fishing, there will be high tides for marsh hen hunters. And another thing, the open season for deer comes in on October 1.

For the next few weeks Southport and Brunswick county will be a veritable sportsman's paradise.

Fall Garden

Last week there appeared in The State Port Pilot announcement of the annual fall-winter garden contest. This is statewide competition that is well worthwhile for everyone to enter.

Foodstuff may be produced on the farm much more cheaply than it can be purchased at the store. Fresh vegetables are more healthy than canned goods, and a year-round variety is welcomed in the family diet.

This garden contest is one in which everyone who enters is a winner, regardless of whether he receives one of the cash prizes.

Better Homes

One striking contrast between eastern North Carolina and the western part of the state is the difference in the appearance of rural homes.

In western North Carolina one gathers the impression that residents take a real pride in their homes, that care and money is spent in trying to keep living conditions pleasant. Modern, newly painted country homes make a good impression upon tourists.

Living conditions on the average eastern North Carolina farm are nothing to brag about. The chief requisite seems to be that a house be warm and dry. Naturally there are exceptions, for which we are thankful. We would like to see more evidence that rural families of our section are getting the full enjoyment of life on the farm.

There is no better time of year to turn thoughts toward beautification and improvement. With harvest season over, money is more plentiful; and there is more time to be spared from farm duties.

This year's fine crops, which are bringing good prices, will not have been in vain if permanent improvements are made in living conditions in rural eastern North Carolina.

Unconscious Arsonist

Bad news comes from the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

The fire loss for the first seven months of 1936 is over \$20,000,000 in excess of the same period in 1935.

It is possible that higher property values are to an extent responsible for the increase. But human carelessness, human indifference, and human ignorance are an infinitely more important factor. The American people show what can only be described as a criminal disregard of the hazards responsible for the fires that destroy hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property each year—and a legion of lives.

No other country in the world suffers a fire loss as great as this country. In many European countries the person responsible for fire must pay for any damage the blaze does to his neighbor's property.

It would send our fire loss into a tail-spin if our citizens adopted the attitude of mind that the European law represents. Every citizen should realize that it is a crime against society—even though it is not listed in the law books—to permit fire hazards to go uncorrected and to take the chances that lead to fire. And every citizen should likewise understand that practical fire prevention requires but little effort and little money.

Don't be an "unconscious arsonist"—a term that can be justly applied to anyone who neglects fire hazards on his property, or doesn't trouble to unearth them. Fire prevention is up to everyone of us—and if we all accept the responsibility, at least eighty per cent of fires can be eliminated.

RACEY SKETCHES

Truly, if we were to tell all we know, then we wouldn't know anything. But a few racy sketches remind us that: V. A. Marlow is a perfect specimen of manhood, with rippling muscles tintured with iron. The last time we saw him he was smiling long and laughing loud.

You remember the story about the bashful beau who was casting sheep eyes at the dark-eyed beauty of Spain? Well, we saw Clarence Moore in Whiteville on Wednesday espousing similarly toward a beautiful blue eyed blond.

J. D. White, as we remember, was smoking a cheroot with four other cheroots parked in his pocket; and at the same time he was twirling his specks as he gazed longingly toward a departing watermelon eater.

T. F. Batten was enjoying a noontime feed what was a feed with all the garnishings thrown in. . . . And J. D. McNeil was scratching after a redbug. . . . Dorsey Smith was sporting a big roll of cash off which he stripped enough to pay for his News Reporter.

Wilson McKeithan was wearing a long-billed yellow cap, and was explaining how he's got B. White's contrary mule under absolute control. . . . A. D. Fipps came into town just as jolly as usual; and D. A. Floyd was so jolly that he renewed his subscription to our paper, with a smile.

The last time that we saw Troy Edwards he was going down street, lugging a little red wagon—but looking back over his shoulder, he nodded toward his brother Tom and said, "It's his."

Major Smith was complaining that some of the older bugs in his tobacco patch had been whipping the smaller bugs because they wouldn't carry two rows at a time.

The Rev. E. B. Smith introduced us to his wife and three daughters, with the explanation that they composed all his family, except one son. . . . Vance Ward was riding in a high-powered, high-priced car. . . . Bill Hooks taking a subscription. . . . Virgil McKeel singing a solo patting one foot. . . . and E. Register, recently married, was absent.

ON THE FARM

(By Joseph S. Hufham)

This week we are building "Mount Misery." It is as old as the hills, and yet it is something new. In other words, some of our patrons have told us some one thing worrying each of them, for which each seeks an exchange:

For instance: W. P. Millican wishes to exchange his debts for prosperity. . . . Randall Ward wants to exchange his story-telling ability for an alligator. . . . P. S. Coleman feigned a toothache in his heel which he will exchange for a saddle-horse. . . . J. J. Thompson has a contrary hog to exchange for an old red rooster.

Albert Ellis wants to swap the Process Tax off for perpetual motion. . . . Jim Dale will exchange a potato bug for four tom cats. . . . Haywood Jarman has four tom cats, but he wants to exchange them for a lazy coon dog.

Elve Malpass said that he wanted to swap a sparrow-hawk for a blue-darter. . . . J. W. Bullard wants to swap a pair of broken suspenders for a German carp. . . . Carson Williams offers to exchange his headache for an old-fashioned case of seven-year itch.

Benny Bordeaux was wanting to swap a severe headache for a bottle of beer, but about the time he was telling us about it he looked across the street and saw his favorite blue-eyed blonde, and when she smiled and waved at him he forgot all about his beer and head aches, crossed the street in a double hurry and started a pow-wow confab.

D. F. Green has a kicking mule to exchange for a but-head cow. . . . George Ellis has a pig of the razor-back type to exchange for a parrot. . . . Luke Malpass will trade a broad smile for an opportunity to shoot a buck. . . . Verle Thacker wants to exchange a watermelon for a red bug. . . . John Lee Atkins will swap a peck of tobacco bugs for a grasshopper and a boll weevil.

W. R. Bordeaux will swap a horn-owl for a bull-frog. . . . J. J. Byrd a rattlesnake for a turkey gobbler, and Tom Sarvis a rocking chair for a dark-eyed queen of love.

Laborer: "Boss, will you give me twenty-five cents advance on my time? Our preacher is gwine away, and we wants to give him a little momentum."

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SCHOOL DAYS



There were once an Irishman, a Scotchman, and a Jew who planned a picnic and each was to bring something. when the day arrived, the Jew brought sausages, the Irishman arrived with the buns, and the Scotchman brought his family. Cod liver oil and yellow fed to Wake county flocks suffering from vitamin deficiency corrected the trouble.

How Much?

HOW MUCH

Taxes does the outside printing salesman or his employers pay in Southport?

HOW MUCH

Does he or his firm contribute to the welfare of our city?

HOW MUCH

Does he or his firm do to keep Southport on the map?

HOW MUCH

Interest does he take in the affairs of the community?

HOW MUCH

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HOW MUCH

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