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Progress makes no provision for trenchment.

About as good plan as any is to tell the truth about a black eye. Nobody is going to believe you anyway.

Painting a house is one of the easiest looking jobs in the world—when someone else is doing it.

Some pessimists actually are glad when the worst does happen, so they can say, "I told you so."

It's time for the tennis club to come to life if the courts are to be used to its good advantage this year as they were last summer.

It's about time for kids to begin pestering their parents to let them start going barefoot, and it wouldn't surprise us much to hear about some of them slipping off to go swimming.

Veteran's Hospital

Commander R. C. St. George, of the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, is in receipt of a bulletin from state department headquarters in regard to the need for a new hospital for veterans in eastern North Carolina.

We have in mind two very desirable sites for the new hospital. The first is on government property at one of the most beautiful locations on the Atlantic Coast.

The second is over at Fort Caswell—a place already familiar to hundreds of former soldiers who have very pleasant memories of the place.

We are wholeheartedly in favor of the hospital project, and we do not believe that the two locations mentioned can be surpassed in eastern North Carolina.

Coming In Line

We were discussing the 1937 tobacco crop with County Agent J. E. Dodson the other day. "Will a shortage of plants cut the crop in Brunswick county to any great extent?" we asked.

"No, it won't," he told us. "A lot of our farmers already have planted their crop, and some of them succeeded in getting a good stand. I don't think that there will be much curtailment of acreage down here because of a scarcity of plants."

"I'll tell you what is going to happen, though," he continued. "We have had about the best response to our soil conservation program you ever say anywhere. We haven't tried to frighten anybody, nor force them to sign up. We have tried to convince them that the soil conservation program included the best farming principles. The satisfaction of last year's signers has been our biggest help this year, for there has been a fourteen per cent increase in the sign-up."

We were glad to hear County Agent Dodson say this, for it means that Brunswick county farmers are planning a normal crop that has not been cut short by nature, nor overdone by greedy planters with no thought of the penalty for overproduction.

Improvements

There is no better evidence of improved economic conditions than is shown by new buildings, repairs and improvements that are being made on homes in Southport and throughout the county.

We know of nothing more prosperous looking than a new coat of paint on an old house. We honestly believe that the influence should be strong enough to make the residents of the home feel better.

Procrastination is the principal cause

for allowing buildings to become run-down and unattractive. Painting and repairing done in time is one of the best possible investments for the property-owner.

Tourist Trade

At the risk of becoming tiresome, we continue to dwell upon the possibilities for a greater tourist trade in Southport. We still insist that it is the most promising future business for the town.

Reporting a tremendous increase in the volume of tourist traffic through Wilmington, the Morning Star last Friday attributed the increase to two years of organized effort to attract visitors.

Important steps already have been taken locally to spread the news of Southport abroad; other plans are in the making. The full co-operation of private citizens and business people will speed up this program.

Whose Leisure Is It?

(News & Observer)

Great minds are still worrying over the little extra leisure the people are supposed to have gotten or to be getting. In bigger words sociologists, psychologists and just plain head shakers over the masses are repeating the old phrase about the devil finding work for idle hands to do. That phrase was probably invented by somebody who was determined to drive his workers as far and as hard as he could and wanted them to think that God was on his side in the process.

Already the children in the cities have been saved from the dangerous business of playing as they will and a whole profession of play directors has sprung up in the land. This may be excellent. Certainly there is no doubt that these recreationalists can point to achievements. But a man remembering a boyhood which included crawling up storm sewers, lit only by lightwood torches of the crawlers, from about Shaw University to the present site of the Sir Walter Hotel, doubts whether such an expedition would have been approved by a recreationalist or whether a recreationalist could have thought up anything that was quite as much fun to take its place.

"Our greatest need today," may be as Dr. David Rennie Hardman of Cambridge University says it is, "in knowing how to use our leisure." But it is of the very nature of leisure that it is not ours unless we can use it as we please. It is the realm of true freedom in a world in which few of us can afford much waking freedom. And to the extent that the experts in other peoples' living invade that realm with their undoubtedly intelligent direction, freedom is so much lost. In a mass production age, free, independent play is the need of health. Certainly an assembly line of leisure is a threat and not a promise to a people who have a little more time off in which to do as they please.

The Economic Theme

This is the season of the year when youth is plied with noble thoughts in chaste English about the better things in life. Much more to the point now would be some such revelation as George Bookman, one of last year's graduates, makes in the current Ladies' Home Journal.

The world, writes Mr. Bookman, had always been pictured to him as big and bad.

"My first taste of ordinary citizenship," he writes, "came as I hunted for a job. And during the entire length of this hunt, I found that the world was neither big nor bad. Its bigness turned out to be no more frightening than the size of the crowd at the State Fair, and its badness no more wicked than 'The Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe, and Had So Many Children She Didn't Know What to Do.'"

Certainly this apt recognition of the economic source of much wickedness, this prompt spotting of the pressure of poverty, unemployment and ignorance should come handily to youth among the other beginnings of workaday wisdom.—The News & Observer.

Synonym: As welcome as a bill-collector when you're flat broke.

Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

Future

Maybe it was just one fisherman speaking to another. All we know is that Horace Persall, of Wilmington, stopped on the street here the other day to tell your columnist that Southport has a great development for some time in the near future.

Pessimist

Most fishermen come to Southport brimming over with optimism and full of scorn at any suggestion that they are going to get seaisick. Not so with W. A. Blue, president of the Pinehurst and Aberdeen railroad. Interviewed at the hotel Saturday night, he was very mournful and ventured dire predictions of what was going to happen to his middle on the morrow. Just a few minutes before the interview took place Mr. Blue, George R. Powell, of Raleigh, and Major Larry McHale, of Fort Bragg, were lustily engaged in singing Sweet Adeline, as they waited for their supper. Remnants of a Charlotte party that had already been out and got their fish were joining feebly in the chorus.

Good Luck

W. W. Kanoy, C. H. Steele, Parks Vanderlip, J. R. Goley and M. B. Hunter, of Charlotte, took 30 trout, all weighing about 3 pounds a piece, Sunday. The weather was bad and they got nothing but trout, taking the 30 big fellows in about one hour. Another nice catch reported to this columnist was made by H. B. Dixon and J. B. Neely, of Burlington, and W. H. Curlee, of Thomasville. They took 41 large blues and 13 big trout. They said they would have made a much better catch if one of the party had not got hooked in the hand, forcing a return to port.

Sportsman

Speaking of consistent fishermen, H. M. Tyler, of Dunn, owner of the little yacht, Punch, which he bases at Fayetteville, has folks beat a mile. For the last five Saturdays in a row Mr. Tyler has chugged down from Fayetteville with a party and has remained over through Sunday. On his trip this week he was accompanied by George Darden, Henry West and Raymond Wood, all of Dunn. They made a nice catch early Sunday morning and returned to Southport in time to join a party of ladies who drove down from Dunn for a picnic and fish fry with them at noon.

Returning

Catching around 150 pounds of nice fish, W. M. Presnell, B. W. Boyette, E. C. Lindley, H. E. Funderburk and Wilson A. Goodwin, of Charlotte, declared Sunday afternoon that they were returning to Southport soon for some more of the fishing that Southport affords.

Expected

It is about time for E. F. Oxmont, foreman of the composing room of the Wilmington Star-News, to put in his appearance at Southport for a fishing trip. This columnist never knew how to drink beer until Mr. Oxmont and his party inveigled him on a fishing trip last summer.

No Story

We had thought we would have a good story for this week regarding how State Forester W. C. McCormick, County Forest Warden Dawson Jones, Postmaster L. T. Yaskell and your columnist came through on the first day of the open season for fresh water fish. The fact of the matter is that some difference of opinion arose whether the open season began on the 10th or 11th of May. As a result of this difference Mr. McCormick said to us, "If you say one word about what happens today there will be a darn good newspaper man among the list of missing persons."

Biting

The trout, blue fish and mackerel season may now be said to be in full blast and fishing parties have assurance of good catches at Southport if they do not pick rough weather in which to make the visit. Fishermen are of the opinion that the trout fishing will be much better this year than it was during the fine season of last year.

Well Pleased

Saturday and Sunday brought fishing parties from Wilmington, Fayetteville, Dunn, Raleigh, Burlington, Thomasville, Pinehurst, Shelby and Charlotte. Charlotte sent in two large parties. Without exception, all made nice catches and voiced an intention to return early and often.

First Lawyer: "You're a low-down cheat!"

Second Lawyer: "You're an unmitigated liar!"

Judge (rapping): "Now that the attorneys have identified each other we shall proceed with the case."

NEWS BRIEFS

TOWN TEAM WINS

The Southport baseball team defeated Camp Sapona Saturday afternoon 17 to 11.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage license was granted this week to Miss Mary Lou Rivenbark and George W. Robins, of Wilmington.

AUXILIARY BENEFIT

Members of the Auxiliary of the St. Phillips Episcopal church will conduct a cake and pie sale Saturday at Joe Loughlin's place.

MISS DOZIER ILL

Friends of Miss Gladys Dozier will regret to learn that she was confined to her home here the first part of the week because of illness.

GOOD CATCH

Captain Bonner Bussels went out alone on a freshwater fishing expedition Monday afternoon and caught a string of seven pretty trout.

FLAG POLE

A new flag pole recently has been erected on the garrison grounds in front of Fort Johnson and a United States flag has been flying for the past few days.

DINNER GUESTS

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Cranmer, Miss Alice Meade Cranmer and Dr. and Mrs. James Sprunt Hall were the dinner guests of Judge and Mrs. E. H. Cranmer Wednesday evening.

JUDGE AT HOME

Judge E. H. Cranmer is spending this week at home and has been spending much of his time going crabbing or working in his flowers.

RETURN HOME

Mrs. Ralph Merkle and daughter, Sally Ann, and Mrs. Ralph Hauser, of Dayton, Ohio, returned Thursday after spending two weeks with Mrs. Frank St. George and Mrs. John G. Swann, sisters of Mrs. Merkle.

TOOK MUCH FUEL

Minco, the huge 110 foot triple deck yacht of the Mills Novelty Company, of Chicago, spent last Monday night here. The vessel was in command of Captain S. Solheim and had a crew of ten men. She took on two thousand gallons of fuel, and 55 gallons of lubricating oil at the Burris dock.

WILL VISIT HERE

George W. Rappleyea, representative of the Wheeler Shipyards in Baltimore, writes friends here that he expects to be in Southport Thursday and Friday, unless detained by business. Mr. Rappleyea formerly resided here and is well known to Southport people. His mother resides here.

TIDES RUNNING HIGH

Tides in the Cape Fear have been running abnormally high during the present week. Some of the waterfront folks say that the height is a bit unusual for a period that is not marked by rough weather.

MOVED

Representative and Mrs. R. E. Sentelle moved their furniture to Hickory last week and stored it there until Mr. Sentelle decides where he will locate for the practice of law. It is understood that he has two partnership propositions that he is considering.

LARGE ALLIGATOR

A large alligator, measuring more than 8-feet in length, was killed Sunday afternoon on the road between the inland waterway and Caswell Beach by Lois Jane Bussels, Evelyn Loughlin, Johnie Stiller and Frank Woodward. The gator was brought to Southport, where it was the object of considerable interest.

ATTEND MAY DAY

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Edward Taylor, Mrs. E. M. Hall and Miss Marion Watson spent the past week-end in Greensboro where they attended the Greensboro College May Day Festival Saturday afternoon. Miss Margaret Taylor, of Southport, was May Queen.

IMPROVEMENT

The Fort Johnson grounds and Garrison building have been receiving considerable attention from Captain F. Molycheck, the keeper of the Cape Fear River lights, who has the property in charge for the Army Engineers. Civic Club members have commented on the fact that the place is now much better kept than it has been in a number of years.

GOOD CARE

Calling unexpectedly at the jail to see one of the prisoners who is awaiting trial, the Southport Civic Club secretary was greatly surprised at the variety and abundance of the food that was being taken the prisoners by the jailer J. H. Russ, just as he arrived. While they may not like their confinement the Brunswick county prisoners can certainly have no kick at the food.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

May 10, 1937.

Editor, State Port Pilot:

Dear Editor:—Until we get a road to Whiteville, and other roads that will be of benefit to the people of Brunswick county improved, we are unalterably opposed to any movement or suggestion of building a road from and for New Hanover county down into Bald Head Island. Even when we do get the roads which we need and have a right to have we will still be opposed to making Brunswick's famous old island a peninsula of New Hanover county. It was created as an island, let it remain as an island.

W. B. KEZIAH.

Harry S. New Dies

Harry S. New, former postmaster general, died Sun. night at the Johns Hopkins hospital. The former member of President Harding's cabinet died about 10:30 p. m. He was 79.

TORN DOWN

The old Curtis home on Moore Street, which was recently purchased by R. F. Plaxco, is being torn down.

CROP OUTLOOK

Farmers in town during the past few days appeared satisfied at the condition of crops. Even the tobacco growers, who were manifesting much concern a short time ago, now seem satisfied that all is well. Considering that the weather has not been everything that it might have been there is every reason to expect a change and a fine crop growing spell shortly. When this comes there will be smiles on every hand.

A recent Civil Service examination question was this: "If it takes 20 men to mow a field in eight hours, how long will it take 15 men to mow the same field?"

One candidate was too smart for the inquisitors. He wrote, "As the field has already been mowed by the 20 men, the 15 men could not mow it in any case."

C.M.T.C. Begins On August 3rd

Applications Now Being Received From Boys Who Are Interested In Going To Fort Bragg Camp

Colonel J. W. Harrelson, of Raleigh, and David Horton of Columbia, S. C., Civilian Aides to the Secretary of War, have announced that the Citizen's Military Training Camp to be held this year at Fort Bragg will open on August 3rd and close on September 1st. North Carolina's quota is 801 enrollees, while South Carolina has a quota of 143. The Brunswick county quota is three.

The Procurement Campaign is now in full swing and a great many applications have already been received at the Post. Major Schumburg McGehee, 13th Field Artillery Brigade, has been appointed C.M.T.C. Procurement Officer with office at Fort Bragg, and it is suggested that the boys interested in going to camp write Major McGehee or apply to their county representative for application blanks or information regarding the camp. No procurement officer has been named for this county.

While these camps are supported by the Federal Government for the purpose of giving military training to those who volunteer for it, every effort is made to make the camp attractive as a vacation proposition. Afternoons are devoted to athletics, swimming and games. Entertainments of various kinds are offered during the evening period. Sundays are devoted to religious services, both mornings and evenings.

Training Schools Held In County

Two training schools in house furnishing were conducted this week in Brunswick county by Miss Mamie Whinsant, of State College, assistant specialist in house furnishing.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday afternoon at Phoenix at the home of Mrs. Dan Brew. A meeting is being held this (Wednesday) afternoon at Exum in the home of Mrs. Burris Russ.

In Person county, poultry growers have co-operated to hold seven sales of culled chickens this year.

Lump-Sum Pay For Security

Social Security Board Estimates That 5,945 Lump-Sum, Or Death Benefit, Payments Will Be Made This Year

The Social Security Board estimates that the number of eligibles for lump-sum or death benefits for North Carolina during 1937 will be 5,945. It is anticipated that the field offices of the Social Security Board in North Carolina will handle these claims as follows: Raleigh Field Office, 560; Charlotte, 1290; Winston-Salem, 720; Asheville, 600; Greensboro, 650; and Salisbury, 460. The balance of prospective claims in North Carolina for this year will be filed through other field offices which will be opened in the future. Up to April 9 only 11 claims had been filed with the Social Security Board from North Carolina. Additional claims are in the process of being filed, and it is probable that the number will increase rapidly as the year progresses.

To qualify for a monthly benefit a wage earner must be at least 65 years old, his total wages from covered employment after 1936 and before age 65 must be \$2,000 or more, and he must have received wages after 1936 in covered employment for work on at least 1 day in each of 5 calendar years before reaching age 65. Only wages up to \$3,000 a year from any one employer are counted as total wages. Monthly benefits are not payable until 1942.

Meantime, the Social Security Board's regional and field offices are now prepared to assist workers who have reached age 65 to file their claims for lump-sum payments, which are payable now to those who qualify. These payments amount to 3 1/2 percent of the total wages received in covered employment after 1936.

Hundreds of such claims, ranging from a few dollars to \$165, have already been filed with the Board. The Bureau of Federal Old-Age Benefits estimates that approximately 323,684 persons or their estates will be eligible in 1937 for lump-sum or death payments. Claims will be filed during this year either by workers who have reached age 65 or by the families of workers who die during the year.



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