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The weaker the leader, the greater the need for co-operation.

Speed is what makes it possible for us to save a lot of time we use up bragging about how we made it.

Responsibility for poor church attendance cannot be placed entirely upon the shoulders of the people.

The freshwater fisherman looks down on saltwater fishing just as much as a bird hunter looks down upon rabbit hunting.

Some people too conscientious to go fishing on Sunday have no compunction about spending the Sabbath telling exaggerated stories about their last week's catches.

Bible School

Just about the time that their new leisure begins to weigh heavily upon their hands each summer, along comes news for the children that Daily Vacation Bible School is to be held.

We heartily favor these sessions, and see in them great possibilities for good. Just how much, of course, depends upon the attitude of the students and teachers toward their work.

CMTC Training

We are surprised that there has not been a more general response this year to the announcement that appointments to the annual Citizen's Military Training Camp, at Fort Bragg, are now available.

In the past two years Brunswick county has exceeded her quota because boys from this section have so enthusiastically welcomed this opportunity for a month of valuable training and recreation.

Applications still are being received, and there is time for Brunswick county boys to enlist for this year's encampment.

Farming Section

The best farming section in Brunswick county is in Waccamaw township, and many of the county's best families make their home there.

Business around Freeland and Ash for the past few days has made necessary several trips to that section, so we are passing on first hand information when we say that farming activities are away to a head start in the lower end of the county.

It is doubtful that a soil with greater natural fertility may be found in North Carolina. Truck crops, corn and tobacco crops thrive. Moreover, the land is easily cultivated. Citizens in that section apparently realize the value of a well balanced farm program, for a cow and a garden are two conspicuous assets to be found near each farm house.

There are good prospects for a fine tobacco crop this year. Although it seemed for a time that there would be a shortage of plants, practically every farmer was able to set out his desired acreage. Lack of available plants in other sections may favorably affect tobacco prices this fall, making Brunswick county farmers the gainers.

About the only menace to industry and prosperity found in that section is the Waccamaw river. The men just naturally will quit their work occasionally to try their hand for a mess of fish. Most of the natives figure that the proximity of this river to their homes just about makes Waccamaw township the best place in the world to live.

Tenant Problem

A major problem in connection with North Carolina agriculture is the tenant farmer.

Here is a group who slave their lives away with few comforts or conveniences to speak of, and with no hope for the future. In fact, it is their very hopelessness that evokes most of the sympathy for their condition.

Last year there was begun in this state a farm tenant security project that may point the way to satisfactory settlement of the tenant problem. Briefly, the plan calls for a five-year lease of small farms located in eastern North Carolina to tenant farmers whose records indicate that they have ability and a sense of responsibility above the average of their class.

At the end of the five year term, it is believed that a fair idea of the tenant's ability may be obtained. Where it appears to be justifiable, these people then will be offered an opportunity to purchase their farm.

Unless something is done to improve the condition of the tenant farmer he is a growing menace to the progress of agriculture in the South.

Electric Power

Within the year an electric power line will be constructed from Wilmington to below Hickman's Crossroads. It is therefore a matter of interest to note the possibilities for convenience that are included in this new service.

Since 1933, the farmer has shown an increasing inclination for electric water systems. Where 57,000 rural homes were provided with them that year, 77,000 were installed in 1934. In 1935 and 1936, installations totaled 108,000 and 157,000 respectively, and it is anticipated that the present year will see at least 250,000 homes provided adequately with running water for the first time, by means of electric systems.

The installation of a system obviously marks a long step forward in the improvement of living standards on the farm. But that is not the end of the system's usefulness. Usually a water plant is the first electric appliance a farmer purchases. This leads to a wider understanding of electricity's usefulness both in the farm home and on the farm itself—for operating cutters, grinders and other machinery; and for lighting, cooking, refrigeration and many other household tasks. The surveys show that almost three times as many electric ranges and more than twice as many electric refrigerators are in use in homes with electric water systems as in homes without them. And homes with these systems consume 64 per cent more current for household purpose than other electrified farm homes.

Domestic Servants

No measure enacted by the recent North Carolina General Assembly will meet with more wholehearted approval from the people of the state than the one which provides that domestic servants shall be required to furnish health certificates before obtaining employment.

The recent Charlotte case, where a little six-months-old baby girl contracted syphilis supposedly from an infected nurse, so stirred the state to action that the law should be doubly welcome.

North Carolina has, through its board of health, made extreme measures to safeguard the children of the state against disease. Parents have been urged to have them inoculated at regular intervals against such diseases as small-pox, diphtheria, typhoid fever, whooping cough, and other contagious and preventable diseases.

But this matter of servants up until recently has been neglected. There isn't any telling how many children have been needlessly subjected to disease because of infected nursemaids or other servants.

There's no telling how much disease has been spread because of affected domestic servants in the house. Of course, the law applies to all the servants in a household, cook, nurse, houseboy, and all the rest.

For years cafes, hotels and all eating places in the state have been subjected to regular inspections, and all employees have been required to furnish health certificates stipulating that they are free from disease.

Now that matter has been broadened to include the home servants. Where should we be more careful about the spread of disease than right in the home, where the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the linen of all kinds are perhaps handled by domestic servants.

The Legislature acted with wisdom in enacting the measure which requires regular examinations of domestic servants, and bars any who are infected from obtaining employment in such a capacity.

But does it necessarily follow that a man whose nose is kept to the grindstone is any sharper than others?

History told us much about the dangers of the Middle Ages. Now they tell us middle age is also dangerous.

Just Among The Fishermen (BY W. B. KEZIAH)

Fishing honors so far this year, go to Earl Robinson, R. E. Hendrix, W. McCleary, Jack Godfrey, W. J. Maroney and C. R. Erskine, of Wrightsville Beach and Wilmington. Fishing over two of the old wrecks out on Cape Fear Sunday morning, they landed 250 fine trout, estimated to average two pounds each. Many of the specimens weighed over three pounds. They were aboard the boat of Captain H. T. Bowmer, of Southport, leaving here at 6:30 and returning at 2:30 o'clock.

CHAMP Dillon Caney, deputy sheriff of North West township, tells us that he once caught a nine pound freshwater trout. This makes the deputy have a rating equal to that of postmaster L. T. Yaskell of Southport.

WEATHERBOUND Devon and D. E. Clinard, Theron Walsh and W. S. Millican came in from Winston-Salem to go fishing on the windiest day we had last week. One look at the tumbling inside waters assured them that it was too rough to go outside, and they promptly classed things as fishermen's luck. They did not go fishing but they assured the Civic Club that they would be back soon all loaded for fish.

COMING BACK It was only 15 or so big blues for Ivan Utt, T. T. and Bill Hylton, of High Point, Sunday morning. But they are sold on the fishing at Southport and the fact that there is plenty of fish in the ocean. They'll be back soon.

FROM SHELBY Four Shelby citizens, F. H. Lee, Troy Green, J. W. Powell and V. B. Harmon, spent part of the past week here in the tourist camp that Southport hasn't finished yet. They fished around and enjoyed themselves. Several other big parties have been here recently from Governor Hoey's home town. There will be plenty more of them before the summer is over. The western part of North Carolina always sends many fishermen to Southport, so does the central part of the State. Rowan county probably takes the cake in the number of fishing parties sent here.

EVEN AT NIGHT Last week Postmaster Yaskell got his line aboard the granddaddy of all the freshwater trout in Brunswick and the fact was duly narrated in this column. The story goes on to say that the following night Mrs. Yaskell was awakened by a loud voice saying: "Gosh, they weighed twenty-one pounds apiece." Awakening Mr. Yaskell she demanded the meaning of his ambiguous remarks while in the depths of profound slumber. He explained that all he knew was that he remembered something of dreaming that he had caught twin trouts and that a radio station had asked him to broadcast about it.

SHEEPHEAD Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherrill of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lineburger of Shelby have been spending a few days here, residing in their own high class "Tin Can". Bald Head island was chief interest to them Sunday and they returned from over there with several nice sheephead.

WRITER VISITOR Big and genial Boyden Sparks and one of his cronies, William H. Green, of New York, were in a happy frame of mind when they landed from the boat of Capt. Hulen Watts here Sunday afternoon. They had 25 or 30 very large blues that they took trolling. Mr. Sparks is one of the most widely recognized feature writers in the United States. Mr. Sparks advised us he would be fishing at Southport plenty this summer.

SOME CATCH Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lyon, of Durham, made a fair sized catch of blues trolling off the cape Sunday. After they had docked, and while Capt. W. G. Caswell was cleaning some of the catch for supper on the boat, Mr. Lyon baited a hook and set out to see what was around the dock. He got a bite from something which calmly set out harborward with his hook line and sinker. He yelled for help and Capt. Caswell sought to serve as an additional anchor to windward. It was no use, the line finally snapped, leaving Mr. Lyon firmly believing he had fastened onto a submarine. Whatever it was, it certainly did not act like a fish.

NEAR ARREST Our good friend Eustace Russ, the game warden, came very near arresting us Sunday afternoon and was only deterred from his purpose by a hurried explanation that two of the nine trout we had caught the previous day were jacks. This left us a safe

NEWS BRIEFS

MOVES FAMILY Coastguardsman John Willis has moved his family from Bald Head Island to Morehead City.

ON CHINOOK Gilbert Creech, of Southport, left last week to accept a job in the engine room of the U. S. dredged Chinook. He formerly was at the local CCC Camp.

CLEANING UP Latest improvement on the Southport waterfront is the demolishing this week of the old machinery building across the street from the residence of Captain and Mrs. I. B. Bussell.

CONTENTED The Squirrels recently liberated in Franklin Square appear to be perfectly contented in their new home and have made no effort to return to the woods.

RETURN HOME David Watson and Dan Walker, students for the past year at Louisburg College, returned home Tuesday for the summer vacation.

MARRIAGE LICENSES One white couple obtained their marriage licenses during the past week from the local office of Registrar of Deeds. The contracting couple was: Miss Julia Ann Smith, of Ash, to Woodrow Simmons also of Ash.

ATTENDS GRADUATION Mrs. Edna Bell will leave on Thursday for High Point where she will attend the graduation exercises at High Point College. Her daughter, Miss Dorothy Bell, is a member of the graduating class there this year.

BOTTLE NOTE A bottle picked up on the beach at Bald Head Island recently by J. A. Piner, father of Lightkeeper J. E. Piner, contained a note from a man in New Jersey. The note was answered by Mr. Piner, who gave a description of the North Carolina tropical island.

SHEEPHEAD BITING Sheephead are biting at the docks at Southport and Fort Caswell and many pretty fish have been taken during recent days. Fish weighing several lbs. are often taken, the usual method being with pole and line, and sandfiddlers for bait.

FIGHTING FELLOWS Boyden Sparks, fishing out on Cape Fear shoals Sunday in company with William H. Green, of New York, found the blues both big and gamey. A large number were hooked, but more than half got away after a vigorous fight and before they could be brought to the boat.

MAGISTRATE BUSY Magistrates in various parts of the county are being kept rather busy trying cases growing out of infractions of the fishing laws. Game Warden Eustace Russ has made several arrests in the past few days. The public should bear in mind that while the law per-

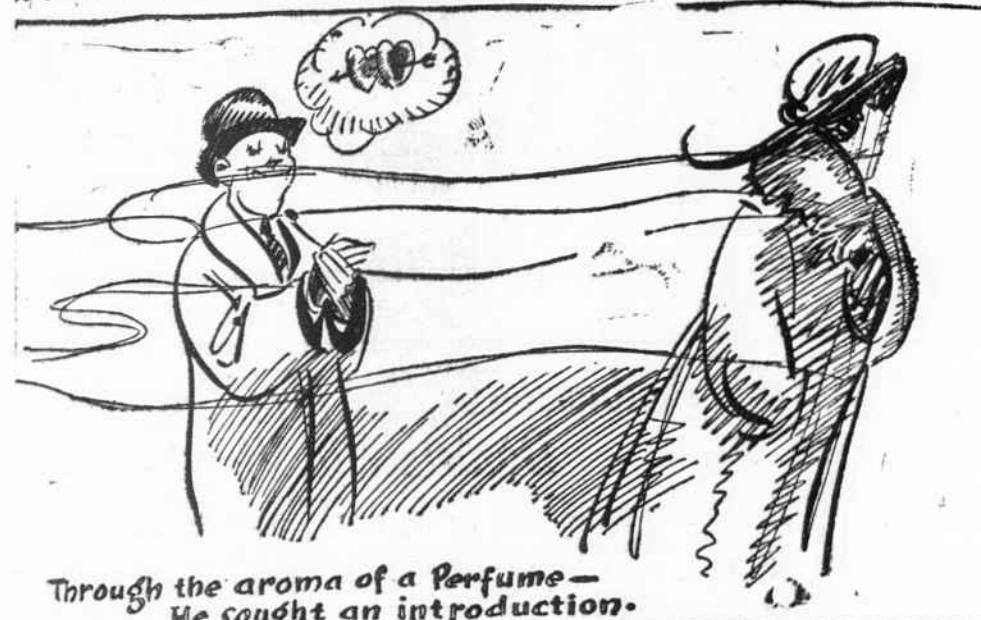
margin of one within the law. The game warden is a great devotee of freshwater fishing, and if anybody in the country ever sees him with more than the eight, which the law allows, we will be greatly obliged if they will promptly report the fact to us.

DUCKING Judging by the way the occurrence appealed to the sense of humor of the one spectator, Capt. I. B. Bussell, the whole town of Southport will be very much tickled to know that we fell in Governor's Creek one day last week. We lost our glasses but came up with our pipe still in our mouth. We also lost the fish that was responsible for the mishap.

VISITORS J. F. Fisher of Gold Hill, L. L. Fisher, of Rockwell, R. A. Hilton, of Kannapolis, and S. B. Rinehardt, of Rockwell, got a few trout Saturday and would have had better luck but for engine trouble on a new boat. Anyway, they were pleased and will be back soon for another try. Pretty much the same thing happened to C. L. Durham, Fred Lane, Walter Cox, H. C. Bray and E. T. Trogden, all of Asheboro. They are also slated for a return call in the near future.

FISHING GROUNDS By the way passing on information, our friends, the various boat captains, are telling us that there are plenty of blues swimming around the old wrecks out on the Cape now. Fishing is getting good. Even the Mount Dirfus, Greek freighter which went down the day after Christmas, will be a great fishing ground for trout, blues and mackerel this season. The other and older wrecks around which the fish cluster are providing plentiful sport now in the way of trout and will be dependable all through the year.

It Makes All the Difference in the World. By PERCY CROSBY



And then they married. Shallotte River Inlet are said to be furnishing some fine fishing for residents and visitors to the Shallotte community. Like the wrecks on Cape Fear Shoals at Southport these at Shallotte are a fine gathering place for trout, blues and mackerel. Boring young man (to pretty girls): "You know, I'm funny like that—I always throw myself into any job I undertake." Pretty girl (sweetly): "How splendid. Why don't you dig a well!"

Large advertisement for 'The State Port Pilot' newspaper. Text includes: 'What... A Sit-Down Strike Here?', 'That was the exclamation made by a rather befuddled customer in one of the local stores here last Saturday.', '«« The State Port Pilot »»', '«Your County Newspaper»', 'SOUTHPORT, NORTH CAROLINA'.