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It occurs to us that more than the usual number of great men have died during the past year.

It isn't so hard to be a good sport when you have a big lead.

Eliminate the rows that start over trifles and this would be a peaceful world.

Folks who travel round and round in a circle must work just as hard as those who really go some where.

Success in some jobs does nothing more than make one unfit for service in other work.

Running for office must be rather strenuous on the politician who tries to keep one ear to the ground while he straddles the fence.

The greatest problem of religion, as we see it, is to get the preachers and church members closer together on Sunday morning.

Flower Show

A profusion of early spring flowers already is in bloom around many of the homes; in Franklin Square the azaleas and japonicas are making their February appearance.

To Be Fixed

Our compliments to State Highway Commissioner A. F. Powell for quickly finding funds for the erection of a walkway for school children across the Shallotte river at the town of Shallotte.

Three weeks ago this matter was called to the attention of Mr. Powell by Chas. E. Gause, chairman of the Brunswick county board of education.

Cast A Vote

We join E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, in urging every affected farmer to cast his ballot in the two-crop referendum March 12.

"We want to get a vote representative of the wishes of most growers," Floyd declared, "but we shall be handicapped unless every grower makes it a point to visit his community polling place that day to vote either yes or no on the quotas."

The balloting will be in charge of the county committee of the Agricultural Conservation Association. Three farmers in each community will be appointed by the county committee to hold the polls in their township.

Any grower who produced cotton or flue-cured tobacco will be eligible to cast his ballot. If he produced both crops, then he will be permitted to vote on both cotton and tobacco; otherwise, he can express his opinion only on that crop which he produced.

A two-thirds majority will be necessary to put the 1938 quotas into effect. Tobacco and cotton quotas will be given each state, which will be divided up among counties, and then among the farms of each county.

Good Program

Farmers and landowners in every section of the state are showing increased interest in the new cooperative farm-game management program of the game and inland fishing division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Approximately 125 farmers with an aggregate of about 40,000 acres of land in almost 40 counties are now cooperat-

ing with the department in this program designed to greatly increase the amount of small game in the state, especially quail. The cooperating farmers either agree to prohibit all hunting on their land for from two to five years, or to regulate hunting so that the annual take will not diminish the supply of game.

How To Get A Gym

If all goes well, the 1938-39 basketball team at Bolivia high school will play home games in its own gymnasium.

A WPA project calling for the erection of a gym was approved some time ago. As in all other projects carried on by this organization, it was necessary for the sponsor—in this case the school—to provide the material.

Now the cost of lumber and other building material sufficient for the erection of a full-size gymnasium runs into the higher brackets, and collection of donations for this purpose was a major problem.

Bolivia is a thriving little community, one of the most prosperous in Brunswick county. But Bolivia, like other sections of the county, has a limited cash surplus; particularly at this season of the year.

When a solicitor met with the oft-repeated tale of lack of funds he made a counter proposition of "Well, what about giving us a few hundred feet of lumber"? Now a saw-log pine is a pretty tangible asset, so the farmer either replied, "All right, I'll see what I can do for you," or else he said "I'd be glad to do that, but right now I just can't spare the time to cut the logs."

The Bolivia workers had an answer for that one, too. The basketball boys armed themselves with cross-cut saws and spent hours after school and their holidays cutting trees. The net result is an impressive pile of lumber on the school ground that will get the gymnasium project off to a flying start.

Public Executions

Our gentle readers probably will believe that we have become altogether too callous when we make the statement that we believe public executions would prove an important factor in the prevention of capital crimes.

We'll grant that to demand a human life in payment for a major crime is a serious responsibility upon our civilization, and there are plenty of grounds for argument against capital punishment.

But if this modern application of the Mosaic law is to remain in effect, why not have the full benefit to be derived?

What we have specifically in mind is the recent case in Columbus county where a Negro was arrested for making a criminal attack upon a white woman. He was tried, convicted, sentenced; and now he bides his time in one of death row's gloomy cells, as sure as any man ever has been to pay the death penalty.

But ten days ago—less than two weeks after the trial of this Negro—another colored resident of the same Columbus county community was arrested and charged with attempting criminal attack upon a white woman. Trial and conviction of his acquaintance had failed to leave upon the mind of this Negro the necessary indelible impression of fear. Now suppose that following the trial in Whiteville there had been a public hanging held there to dispose of the man convicted of rape. The scene would have been revolting, shocking to the majority of the good citizens of Columbus county. But erasing somewhere in the curious crowd, sure to attend such a spectacle, probably would have been the second offender; and he never would have been able to get the memory of that execution out of his mind long enough to commit a similar offense.

Right Idea

All of the section crews of the Seaboard Airline Railway have been instructed to stop whatever they are doing any time they see a forest fire, whether it is on the railroad right-of-way or not, and to extinguish it or help fight it, according to F. H. Claridge, Assistant State Forester in charge of forest management in the forestry division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

"This attitude on the part of the Seaboard toward forest fires indicates that the railroads realize more than ever before the value of the forest resources and that it is to their interest as well as to the interest of the landowners to prevent forest fires," Claridge said.

Southpor School News

THE EIGHTH GRADE CHAPEL PROGRAM

The eighth grade class was in charge of the chapel program Wednesday. The program was based on different kinds of government of the world and was sponsored by the civic class. It was presented in skits.

The first skit: Absolute monarchy, presented conditions under a monarchy; Second skit: "Limited Monarchy", written by Henry Smith, taking Japan as an example; Third skit: "Oligarchy", written by Clarence Lennon and taking Italy as an example; Fourth and last skit: "Democracy", written by Odell Smith taking the U. S. as an example.

The program ended with shadow pictures of boxing, spanking the baby, serious operation, hair pulling party and reducing exercise.

BASKETBALL

The Southport Panthers divided honors in a double-header with Shallotte Friday night. The Shallotte girls won, but the Southport boys defeated Shallotte 22-20.

The local girls were leading up to the last three minutes. The boys game was a tight one all the way. Frink and Wells led the scoring for Southport.

LINE UP

The line ups were girls: Shallotte Brown, Mintz, Niernsee, Swain, Watts, A. Willis, Watts, M. Boys lineup: Southport Frink, Wells, Taylor, Bellamy, Bartels.

Redwine, Hewett, Phelps, T. Clemmons, Phelps, B.

DEBATE

Great interest has been manifested in the Southport high school in the approaching Brunswick county debate. A large number of pupils tried out and several elimination debates have been held. A few days ago, the teams were selected. A local committee of judges composed of L. T. Yaskell, Reverend E. M. Hall, John Erickson, Reverend A. L. Brown, James Harper, Mrs. Josephine Marshall, and W. R. Lingle were present to hear the speeches of the students.

The teams, selected by the judges are as follows: affirmative; Louise Niernsee and Lula Brown, negative; Edward Taylor and John Hall.

The alternates chosen are: Dan Wells, Henry Smith, Elliott Moore and Josephine Wolfe.

NEWS PAPER

Two eighth grade boys, Reese Swan and Tom Gilbert, got up a little newspaper. S. V. Russ got up a newspaper, too. They found out they couldn't do any business competing against each other, so they joined forces. Tom and S. V. appointed Reese Swan as editor. As there was no art work to be done, Tom and S. V. named it "Frosh Nig Nags". This paper, printed once a week, gives school news from the different departments of school activity.

ENTER CONTEST

The Scarlet Masque Dramatic Club is working on a one-act tragedy "The Slave with Two Faces", under the direction of Miss Melva Peifly. The fantasy is being entered in the Carolina Dramatic Association's annual contest. The preliminary contest will be held in Tabor City, March 10. The winning play there will enter the finals at Chapel Hill.

SENIOR SNAPSHOTS

The seniors assembled at the side of the school building recently and took a number of snapshots, including several group pictures, a snapshot of the class officers, the editorial staff for the Seniors 1938 Class Booklet, and of Mrs. Marshall, senior class sponsor. These pictures will be added to the students class books at an early date.

Mrs. E. Sellers Gray Dies In Supply Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Sellers Gray, 76, who died at her home in Supply, Thursday afternoon after an extended illness were conducted from Sabath Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Harold Harrellson, pastor.

Mrs. Gray is survived by seven sons: D. C., of Panama; H. B., of Supply; W. Hobson, of Supply; Winston H. Sr., of Wilmington; R. B., of Supply; Herman and Raleigh Gray both of Supply; three daughters Mrs. Jake Hewett, of Supply; Mrs. J. N. Lee, of Conway, S. C., and Mrs. W. E. Bellamy, of Southport, one brother Peter Sellers, of Supply; one sister, Mrs. J. E. Serman, of Supply; 34 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

An antique mousetrap was sold recently in London for \$12.50.

WASHINGTON LETTER

High government officials in their private talks about the depression compare it to a log-jam in bringing fallen trees to saw-mills. They are earnestly praying that the new housing program now launched on an extensive scale will be something in the nature of a spring thaw to break the blockade of economic forces. If the incentives offered in the recently revised housing law are inadequate, it is known that the Federal agencies are prepared to dynamite whatever obstructions halt the plan to increase employment in private industry and furnish better living quarters for folks in the middle and low income classes. It would not surprise our lawmakers to find the Administration expanding the work projects of the Works Progress Administration in building roads and sewers to larger building operations which might then be expedited by having these costly conveniences at their door. The Roosevelt regime is placing heavy bets on the ultimate success of housing as a stimulant to general recovery and is prepared to go the limit to achieve this objective.

The average citizen seldom realizes the effect of discrimination based on age of workers. It is now one of the most important facing Federal economists and planners. The conference with industrial and labor chiefs here last week barely scratches the surface of a situation that is admittedly bad in its practical and psychological effects. The current study of re-employment policies of industry is expected to have a wholesome influence of what many consider a short-sighted policy of employers. When you recall that 30 per cent of all employables are between 40 and 60 years of age, the scope of the situation is easily apparent.

The Federal government is handicapped in meeting the issue of older workers through legislative panaceas. Commissioner of Labor Statistics Lubin told a House committee a few days ago that the answer rests in an educational program on behalf of the older workers to show employment managers the error of discharging a worker solely on a question of age. State compensation laws have contributed to the discharge of older workers and state legislatures may soon be asked to modify discriminatory insurance regulators as a means of protecting jobs of this group. Youth must be served is a popular slogan, but government experts feel that it should not be at the expense of the older men and women who need work to support their families.

It is a notorious fact that investigations of Congressional committees evoke more headlines than facts in the public interest. Sensationalism is always favored over constructive suggestions for publicity is the lawmaker's political oxygen, especially in campaign years. Hence, the current hearings must be largely discounted and considered a blaring spectacle for attracting public attention. The New Deal groups which are obviously not at all averse to stunts for sweet publicity's sake are turning a cold shoulder to the Senate Commerce Committee's inquiry into commodity prices. In this particular probe the Administration would occupy a secondary position in the spotlight which is not good political strategy. This Senate Civil Liberties Committee under the guidance of Wisconsin's Bob LaFollette is out to make political capital for the labor unions in lancing the National Association of Manufacturers, long-time foe of trade union tactics. It is said that one purpose of this quiz is to put a damper on open criticism of the ill-starred National Labor Board and other projects of which private enterprise has complained. Threats of merciless Senate investigations usually make objectors crawl into their shells or whisper their grievances against those who make a living in politics.

There is a fascinating but deplorable angle to "grudge" fights of childhood and maturity. They leave scars which never completely heal as participants meet in later years. There are symptoms of a "grudge" in the current controversy over the Senate bill for reorganization of government departments. The battle lines on this measure show a marked similarity to the blocs which characterized the opposition to the judicial reform bill last year. In a measure, the same objections are leveled at the reorganization plan, namely, that it involves too much centralization of power in the hands of the Chief Executive. This militant bloc of Senators are blocking any scheme which may be construed as a "blank check" for the President to fill at will.

J. V. Bethel of Pitt County recently purchased a registered Hereford bull and two registered Hereford cows to add to his herd of 50 grade animals. He is building a new feed barn.

A city ordinance of Ogden, Utah, prohibits picnics in cemeteries.

Hey! Let Go, Will Ya??



The Sayings of DORCAS The Philosopher

Long ago Shakespeare said, "He who steals my purse steals trash." He must have dipped his pen into the future and caught a glimpse of the depression that was on a few years since.

I believe in signs, that is in using signs to prevent danger. For example, where one sees "Fresh Paint! Keep Away!" I notice that girls who paint their lips most heavily do not use the keep away sign.

Again I think a "Don't Worry!" sign should be hung at the place where one is most apt to worry. Mine hangs just under my mirror.

There are three questions that come in this bush and hunting business:

1. How are you goin' to get a

2. How are you goin' to keep him?
3. How are you goin' to support him?

The other night Josiah's son, Jim, was readin' about Alfred the Great, who lived hundreds of years ago, farming a stable government in England. It sorter surprised me because I did not know, nor even dream, that horses back then were harder to manage than modern horses are to-day. I was glad to hear it because I think of what a mess the world would be in to-day if modern horses were as hard to manage as modern youth. They just couldn't be bridled.

A poet once wrote about the greatness of livin' by the side of the road and bein' a friend to man. Well, I have tried this road-side friendship business for more than twenty years and it hasn't worked. I am still an old maid with only "Tabby," my cat, to love.

Not havin' had much formal education, I may not be able to

"drink deep of the Pines Spring," but I get a lot of joy out of readin'. A day wouldn't be a day for me if I didn't read something from O. O. McIntyre, Gee McGee and Robert Quillen.

Speakin' of women and politics I don't know what political platform they stand on. But after watchin' cars pass the highway on Sunday afternoons I am of the opinion that the majority of the girls stand for freedom of Arms.

Texas' oil production in 1937 was estimated at 500,000,000 barrels, an increase of 100,000 over 1936 and an all-time record.

"Here lies a man who saved his all For days when rain and snow would fall; He knew no pleasure, shared no game, And died before the blizzard came."

The official name of China is Chung-Hua Min-Kuo.

What Newspaper Advertising DOES!

- When someone starts advertising, Someone starts buying;
When someone starts buying, Someone starts selling;
When someone starts selling, Someone starts making;
When someone starts making, Someone starts working;
When someone starts working, Someone starts earning;
When someone starts earning, Someone starts buying;

An endless chain, so to speak, and the merchant who doesn't advertise and advertise regularly is breaking the links in this endless chain!

Merchants who live in his favored Eastern Carolina territory should be taking advantage of their exceptional opportunities to tell what they have to offer through the columns of their home-town newspaper.

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