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An informal talk is a fine tonic for friendship.

There is no broad, flat plateau on top of the mountain of success.

Thoughtful consideration pays a bigger dividend than first-hand enthusiasm.

You Can Help

If there is one man in the county who is faced with a thankless job for the next few weeks it is County Forest Warden Dawson Jones.

Going into the most dangerous season of the year from the point of view of forest fire threats, serious threat is added by the fact that the weather has been unseasonably dry.

We saw Warden Jones Thursday. He was haggard and worn out. "My men and I have been commuting between thirteen different fires since Monday," he said.

Conditions were ideal: a high wind blowing and the woods as dry as tinder. "It's people burning off ditchbanks and burning brush," the forest warden continued.

"Just one more thing," Dawson stopped us as we started off. "The landowners have begun to dodge us now; won't even help fight a fire heading for their own land.

We're giving it to you like it was told to us, because after all, you are the ones who own the woods.

The Ugly Duckling

It is a funny thing, but the hot water well at Fort Caswell about which there has been so much talk recently was considered by the government as a sort of unruly child.

The well was bored in an effort to secure good drinking water for the soldiers stationed at Caswell. More than fourteen-hundred feet into the bowels of the earth the shaft was sunk, but still the water was brackish.

Then last winter H. H. Thomas, who is in charge of the Caswell property, detected a small spray of warm water escaping from a leaking pipe.

Thus an uncontrollable well has developed into an asset; and the discovery of the attraction that may be the principal means of bringing the Fort Caswell development into its own was made purely by accident.

Agriculture Department

When members of the board of education and the board of county commissioners met here in joint session last Monday and approved the establishment of a department of vocational agriculture at Waccamaw high school, they made a noticeable forward stride in the progress of education in Brunswick county.

Waccamaw township is primarily an agricultural section. They boys who attend Waccamaw high school come from farm homes, and when they leave school they do so to begin their life's work as tillers of the soil.

There's no denying the fact that there is some good for almost anybody in any form of advanced education; but there is some argument over just how much good two years of Latin or French will

do our future farmers of Brunswick county. Facing facts, foreign languages have been responsible for causing many boys to leave high school without a diploma.

The new department at Waccamaw not only gives the boys an opportunity to study something in which they are interested, it will leave them better equipped to pit their farming skill against the growers of other counties and states.

Improvements

We hear repeated complaints about hard times, and we find more than a little evidence that there may really be something to all this talk about a recession. Yet, notwithstanding this, noticeable progress has been made in the Southport business district during the past few months.

Today there are two modern, attractive clothing stores on Moore street—one of them in a building which stood as a burned-out hull only a few months ago.

These changes have caused little excitement in Southport, but to the eye of the casual visitor things here are definitely on the up-grade.

The Modern Juggernaut

Suppose that, on a given day, we rounded up nearly forty thousand American men, women and children, herded them into a field, and there proceeded to slaughter them. Suppose that, at the same time, we wounded, blinded, crippled and otherwise harmed several hundred thousand more.

Horrible? Impossible? More barbaric than the barbarians? Of course it is—but, in effect, that is what happens on American highways every year. The slaughter doesn't occur on a single day, but over 365 days.

If an airplane falls and kills ten people the fact is headlined throughout the country and millions feel a sense of horror. If a ship sinks and 50 men die, the entire world knows it in a few minutes, and world-wide sympathy is extended to the victims and their survivors.

Our people are criminally negligent in driving automobiles. And America is criminally complacent in its attitude of more or less bored indifference toward the accident toll.

Juggernaut is no more—but the automobile more than fulfills its gory role.

Who Is Jobless?

Who are the jobless people in Brunswick county at the present time? The answer to that question involves an intricate situation which will require delicate handling for the proper solution.

In Brunswick county—we're citing the local situation because we feel that we're more familiar with it—there are innumerable, honest, hardworking men and women with heavy responsibilities who, after a diligent search, are deserving of governmental assistance.

With that class, we are in heartiest sympathy. Their situation is unfortunate and one which should command the attention of the relief agencies and the re-employment agencies.

Quite on the other hand, many of those who clutter up the relief rolls in this county and all over the United States, are worthless, indolent, trifling citizens who could never find employment in private enterprise because of their pure laziness and worthlessness.

Add to those such persons on relief rolls, another class which for one reason or another never was able to keep a job in private enterprise. It may have been that they drank too much, or a thousand and one other reasons.

Now the question arises: Are we, the taxpayers of these United States, going to accept this class of indolents and worthless citizens as our responsibility for the remainder of our lives?

The fact stands out in bold relief that if such men are not able to find gainful employment in the private business world that they are of little actual value in government employment.

Of the ten million unemployed persons on relief rolls in the United States at the present time, we'll venture the assertion that at least one third of them come under this classification.

Waccamaw School News

HONOR ROLL

The following pupils made the Honor roll for the sixth month: First Grade: Vela Mae Milliken, Addie Neal Cox, Cardell Rhodes, Hazel Smith, Willa Mae Coleman, Tom Mintz, Jean Bennette, Josephine Russ, Wilbur Carlyle, Dobby King, Clem Russ, R. C. Smith, Lorita Long, Ivis Smith, Carralee Smith, Doris Smith.

Second grade: Levy Evans, Raymond Ludlum, George Ellis Long, Marvin Ward, Geneva Carlisle, Lena Mae Gore, Geraldine Formy Duval, Ruby Avis Formy Duval, Mildred Long, Erlene Mintz, Katie Ruth Stewart, Willie Mae Smith, Glenn Williamson, Chester Bradford, Lois Babson, Doris Bland, Lee Hill, Norma Jean Jenrette, Helen King, Marie Leonard, A. V. Russ, Lucille Sellers, Lina Mae Stanaland, Davie White.

Third grade: Udell Little, Eula Gray Stewart, Mary Louise Russ, Helen Milligan, Madie Hewette, Eva Mae Duncan, Rachel Bennette, Waburn Walton, Dillard Russ, Hoover Smith, Floyd Smith, Leon Phelps, Elmore King, James Franklin King, Richard Jenrette, Welton Hughes, David Edwards, Travis Ross, Helen Evans, Lena Hewett, Archie Allen, Jack Stout, Lucian Hughes, Calton Bennette, Ethel Map Evans, Bettie Lou Jenrette, Faxion Bennette, Ralph Gore, Cecil Jones, L. D. Jones, Earlie Smith, Jr., William Albert Stanaland, Delta Mae Babson, Annie Bell Hewett, Doreen Inman, Carol Dean Jenrette, Lorraine Jones, Hazel Mintz, Ella Mae Smith.

Fourth grade: Bobbie Russ, Myrtle Coleman, Sarah Lee Smith, Edna Mae Ludlum, Leo Simmons, Evelyn Lee Smith, Madison Gore, Donald Allen, Marie Parker, Joseph Piver, Mary Alice Hewette, Roscoe Inman, Lovey Mae Rhodes, Mabel Lee Smith, Lloyd Edards, Aaron Milligan, Alma Benton, Bennie Brooks Ward, Annie Edwards, Hilda Mintz, Aileen Simmons, Emma Lee Stout, Mabre Ward.

Fifth grade: Bernice Evans, Hazel Formy Duval, Lucille Hewette, Lena Inman, Kermit Inman, Odray Mae Long, La Vern Long, Ernestine McCumbe, Wilford Mintz, Wilma Phelps, John Russ, Pauline Wilson, Lila Mae Wilson, Hyton Babson, Jack Brown, Lathan Formy Duval, Eunice Allen, Allison Bennette, Alberta Duncan, Elora Jacobs, Victoria Jenrette, Lorraine Mintz, Mary Lee Russ, Margaret Smith.

Sixth grade: Florine Evans, Verda Mae Edwards, Beatress Hill, Etta Mae Jones, Bervie Hewette, Billie Mintz, Byard Sellers, Harold Smith, Emma Edwards, Virginia Williamson, Annie Goley Ray, Dora Mae Smith, Glendora Bennette, Mary Rose Harrelson, Clyda Mae Cox, Bob Milligan.

Seventh grade: Louise Edwards, Mattie Jane Long.

Eighth grade: Luella Babson, Mary Frances Dodson, Mary Opal Norris.

Ninth grade: Leslie Inman, Myrtle Lee Beck, Mavis Brady, Delena Formy Duval, Teva Formy Duval, Muriel Ross.

Tenth grade: Willis Sellers.

Eleventh grade: Addison Jenrette, Dorothy Mintz, Cleo Stanaland.

NEW BOOKS To-date, about sixty-five books have been added to our libraries. Some were given by parents, pupils, and teachers; while others were bought by the Parent-Teachers' Association and money given by the respective rooms.

NEW BUILDING The agricultural building which is to be built on our campus in the near future, will be an added asset to the school and community; and it is hoped that the boys will take an interest in this work which will mean so much to them in later life.

WHOOPIING COUGH Whooping cough is still in our school, and many of our pupils in the lower grades are having to stay away. We hope to have them back at a nearby date.

Gawler: "I'm looking for someone to lend me \$10.00." Funk: "Well, it's a nice day for it."

He: "A wagon-maker who had been dumb for a number of years picked up a hub and spoke." She: "Yes, and a blind carpenter on the same day reached out for a plane and saw; a deaf sheep-ranchman went out with his dog and herd; a noseless fisherman caught a barrel of herring and smelt."

Harry: "How come you stopped singing in the choir?" George: "I wasn't there one Sunday and somebody asked if they'd fixed the organ."

"I have never forgot the time we met in that revolving door. Do you remember?" "Yes, that was the time we started going around together, wasn't it?"

Southport School News

SPEAKING CONTEST

The annual recitation and declamation contest of Southport high school will be presented Friday night, March 11, at eight o'clock at the high school auditorium.

The participants, with the names of their recitations, are: Miriam Carrier, "June Night"; Annie M. Watts, "White Lilacs"; Viva Clemmons, "Nydia, the Blind Girl of Compeii"; Virginia McKeithan, "Anne of Green Gables"; Odell Smith, "Mary Stuart"; Leatha Arnold, "China-Blue Eyes"; Henry Smith, "Sinister Shadows"; Clarence Lennon, "Black Horse and His Rider"; The following committees were appointed by Miss Melva Peify: stage committee, Mary Hood and Victor Bartell; program committee, Leatha Arnold and George Lewis; advertising committee, Annie L. Willis and Egan Hubbard.

The judges are the Reverend Walter E. Freed and Robert Foster, from Wilmington, and the Reverend A. L. Brown, of Southport.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

SENIOR ONE-ACT PLAYS

Last week the Southport high school seniors completed their individual 1938 classbooks. This week, under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Marshall, the seniors are busy writing original one-act plays.

The present project is proving very interesting. Many good plots are being developed by the students. Each pupil is responsible for a play, complete with all stage setting.

It is hoped that several of these plays can be presented in assembly in the near future.

GIRLS-TEACHERS GAME

Thursday evening, following the P.-T. A. meeting, a large crowd of students and basketball fans gathered in the school gym to witness a classic basketball game between the Southport girls team and the faculty.

At times the teachers threatened to win the game, leading in 1st period. However, in the second period, the local girls pushed ahead to win their first game of the season.

Outstanding on the faculty team was coach Melva Peify, playing a forward position. She was ably assisted in piling up points by Mrs. Josephine Marshall and Miss Sophie Hinton. Guarding on the faculty team was capably handled by Mrs. Ruth Hood and Mrs. Myrtle Swan, assisted by Mrs. Thelma Willis, Miss Olivia Miller, and Miss Julius Cromartie. Coach John Paul Wonsavage also played a guard position for part of the game, thus checking the local girls in many attempts at shots. Stars for the high school team were: Clyde Swain, Annie Laurie Willis and Annie Margaret Watts. However, all of the girls played a good game of ball.

This hard-fought encounter between the faculty and the students proved to be less amusing and far more interesting than the spectators expected. The final score was 19-23 in favor of the high school girls.

WASHINGTON LETTER

With plenty of work listed in the session books, the national lawmakers are toying with the idea of an early spring adjournment. It seems that in a majority of Congressional districts a bumper crop of candidates are making their ambitions to succeed the present incumbent. Noisily known to the public these busy bees dropping around the political honey-pots of their bailiwicks annoy those who fondly cherish the idea that they have a permanent claim on the voter's affections and ballots. It is considered good strategy to give the home folks the impression that their Senator or Representative is keeping his nose to the grindstone by his legislative duties. But, it is a horse of another color to check by long-distance methods the sapping operations of rivals on the home grounds. Some of the practical politicians complain that this ballyhoo of devotion to duty is not so effective as in other days. Surveys show the general public is obviously disgruntled at the performance of the Congress in failing to meet depression problems.

As the struggle for party nominations assumes lethal proportions suggestions for an early closing of the Congressional workshop fall on receptive ears. Democratic candidates who felt the need of a White House accolade are pulling strings for this boon as the primaries approach. The President has been going out of his way to give aid through the "pat-on-the-back" method to a few Senators, in particular, who have experienced a chill as contestants for their jobs roll up support in the home state. In many instances these bidders for popular support are whistling in the dark in the expectation

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that Mr. Roosevelt's personal popularity with the voters will be extended to them. The patronage agencies are flooded with requests from Capitol Hill with the WPA the center of attraction for projects in localities, which may mean votes for present incumbents. It is mighty hard in a campaign year to turn thumbs down on these appeals, especially when Congressional support for enormous appropriations is still fresh in memory. The C. O. P. office-seekers are decidedly sanguine about collecting a few Congressional seats on the theory that their rivals will feud to the end. The House of Representatives is going through the throes of producing a tax bill which will raise revenue without penalizing the forces of economic recovery. They are following the mandates of the drafting committee with the positive knowledge that the Senate fully intends to modify the terms of the bill. Specialists acquainted with the intricacies of tax effects on industry say that the House measure is too stringent to provide the necessary stimulation. Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, has no prime reason for following Administration orders in the matter so he may be expected to wield the axe on the House revenue plan. Mr. Roosevelt had much to do with the selection of Senator Barkley of Kentucky as Senate majority leader, a post long coveted by the eager Harrison. And Harrison has a strong personal following in his committee and in the Senate which augurs ill for Administration getting exactly what it wants in revenue laws. Barkley's leadership has been more nominal than actual. It is apparent from the comments and questions of Senator Borah and O'Mahoney that they are holding hearings on their Federal licensing bill at this time solely for the purpose of building up sentiment. These two Westerners are conducting exploring expeditions with the hope of culling information which will lessen the resistance of private business to the idea of "being obliged" to the central government for permits to engage in any business. The state governments have not been sold on the scheme of surrendering their functions of chartering to Washington. The two sponsors complain that business men come before committees opposing plans of this kind without suggesting alternatives for accomplishing the same purpose—regulation of business and trade. The answer is clear that legislative street-jobs are not solicited. Presidential endorsement of the measure is remote for a variety of reasons of which Senator O'Mahoney's anti-court attitude is no mean factor. Judge: "What is the defendant's reputation for veracity?" Witness: "Excellent, your honor. I've known him to admit that he'd been fishing all day and hadn't got a single bite."

« Our Prayer For 1938 »

"O Lord, deliver us from buyers who know the price of everything and the value of nothing; who believe that the can get a dollar's worth of value for a dime; who think that cheapness is thrift; who ignore the economy of quality; who believe that they are getting something for nothing when they pay less; who buy things just because they are cheap; and whose god is price.

"Give us customers who realize the extravagance of paying too little; who can see the bait in a bargain; who know the high cost of a low price; who realize that somebody is always ready to do printing and job work a little worse and so a little cheaper."

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