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A loser never feels so bad when he knows that he did his best.

We wonder how many politicians are sincere in their expressed desire to become public servants.

Conditions must be perfect to get a big crowd to church now days.

Loyalty is to be admired, even if it is to the cause of our enemy.

Instead of saving for a rainy day, most of us spend our time praying that it won't rain.

Discipline is a pretty good foundation for building an organization of any kind.

We never have an opportunity to appreciate some people until an emergency comes along to bring out their best qualities.

Don't belittle your neighbor; practically everyone can do at least one thing better than you can.

Sugar-Coated

The other day we heard a local business man complain that "I just bought my fourteenth ticket to some benefit since the first of February. "Did you ever see such a place in your life for selling tickets to something all of the time." he asked? "No," I said. "I haven't; there seems to be something going on all the time."

But then we got to thinking about the things for which we have recently been requested to contribute. Most of them were for the churches; one or two were for the school; other civic organizations claimed a few; and only a small percentage were connected with private individuals.

Tournament Notes

Smoking in uniform cost one of the best players in the tournament here last week a place on the first all-tournament team. . . We hope there will be an enforceable 'No Smoking' sign in every gymnasium in the county next year. . . There is a woeful need for better coaching in the county. . . Furnishing players slivers of citrus fruit during rest periods to remove the dry taste in their mouths added a big league frill that was nice for the tournament. . . Starting from scratch, the Rev. A. L. Brown has brought his band along nicely; and the kids deserve a lot of credit. . . When Bolivia girls were eliminated Monday night from the tournament they lost their first game in four seasons to a Brunswick county team. . . Note to some college coach: Addison Jenrette, Waccamaw flash, and Charlie Taylor, of Bolivia, both graduate this year. . . The biggest difference between high school basketball and college basketball is in the passing.

Plain Dirt

The whimsical charm of the late Will Rogers was largely due to his natural, unaffected manner. He was the idol of a million men who detest "putting on airs."

But while we were one of Will Rogers' staunchest admirers, we believe that some of his disciples are carrying on too far. Untidiness does not excuse uncleanness.

There are many of us who do not have fine clothes to match those of our neighbor; and some of us have grown philoso-

phical about it and have decided to do the best we can with what we have. There are others, though, for whom a depleted wardrobe becomes excuse for letting down the bars for personal sanitation.

Ever since we studied hygiene in one of the lower grades at school, we have had a great admiration for bodily cleanliness. It has always been our belief that soap and water were two of man's best friends. We have seen men hold some mighty dirty jobs, yet after working hours show no trace of the nature of their employment. We have also seen white collar workers with an ever-dirty neck band. Our conclusion is that personal habit and not the job is responsible for healthful cleanliness.

It is possible to respect rags, but never filth.

Still Serious

There is nothing more than a temporary let-up in the seriousness of the forest fire situation in Brunswick county and there is still plenty of reason for alarm.

Were it not for the tireless efforts of County Forest Warden Dawson Jones and his district wardens during the crisis of the past few days, the wholesale loss of a few years ago might have been repeated.

Striking to us have been repeated complaints that landowners have shown an apparent disregard for the sweeping conflagrations unless they endangered some of their own holdings. There seems to have been no application of the spirit of good neighborliness, nor of the Golden Rule.

Even worse is the indication that many of the fires apparently were of incendiary origin; but we find considerable satisfaction in the statement of Warden Jones that he holds the proof on several offenders, who are to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Timber is the greatest natural resource of Brunswick county, and much of our future prosperity depends upon the proper protection and cultivation of our trees.

Please, Mr. Motorist

"Please, Mr. Motorist, don't run over my little girl," such was the appealing plea recently printed in the Montgomery Advertiser, from a citizen of the Alabama capital. Paul Baniff wrote the letter, addressed to "every driver of automobile or truck" and herewith we pass it on to you:

"Today my daughter, who is seven years old, started to school as usual. She wore a dark blue dress with a white collar. She had on black shoes and wore blue gloves. Her cocker-spaniel whose name is 'Coot' sat on the front porch and whined his canine belief in the folly of education as she waved 'goodbye' and started off to the halls of learning.

"Tonight we talked about school. She told me about the girl who sits in front of her—the girl with yellow curls—and the boy across the aisle who makes funny faces. She told me about her teacher, who has eyes in the back of her head—and about the tree in the school yard—and about the big girl who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. We talked about a lot of things—tremendously vital, unimportant things; and then we studied spelling, reading, arithmetic—and then to bed.

"She's back there now—back in the nursery sound asleep, with 'Princess Elizabeth' (that's a doll) cuddled in her right arm. You guys wouldn't hurt her, would you? You see, I'm her daddy. When her doll is broken or her finger is cut, or her head gets bumped, I can fix it—but when she starts to school, when she walks across the street, then she's in your hands.

"She's a nice kid. She can run like a deer and darts about like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoons. But I can't be with her all the time—I have to work to pay for her clothes and her education. So please help me look out for her. Please drive carefully, please drive slowly past the schools and intersections—and please remember that children run from behind parked cars.

"Please don't run over my little girl."

Everybody doesn't want to be a post-man perhaps, but everybody loves to play "post-office."

Though a fellow may look seedy, it's no sure sign that he'll some day be an immense tree.

And why shouldn't swell-heads be disgruntled? They must have enough trouble getting a hat big enough.

One reason some people are so ignorant is that they never stop talking long enough to find out anything.

Southport School News

HONOR ROLL

Principal W. R. Lingle announces the Honor Rolls for sixth Month. First honor roll is for 93-100; Second honor from 90-93:

First grade: 1st honor roll; Jimmie Cox, Leila Nichols, Barbara Price, George Stanley, Johnnie Hazelton; No second.

Second grade: 1st honor roll; Betsy Jane Galloway; Second Joyce Lancaster, Dorothy Gilliken and Sue Frederic.

Third grade: First honor roll, Margaret McGee, Louis Newton, Kenneth Stiller, Ann McRackan, Bess Miller Plaxco, Dorothy Lee Ward and Dorothy Mae Price.

Fourth grade: First honor roll, Sally Ann McNeil, Annie Lee Evans.

Fifth grade: First honor roll, Dorothy Cox and Edward Newton.

Sixth grade: First honor roll, Joe Young Christian, Claude Ford, Muriel Lee Jones, Glen Lennon, Marie Moore, Mary Florence Moore, Inez Phelps, Rudolph Sellers, Eloise St. George, Mae Swain, Lube Marie Swain, Annie Jean Wells; Second honor roll, Hubert Bellamy and Doris Smith.

Seventh grade: Not any.

Eighth grade: First honor roll, Roderic Bellamy; Second honor roll, S. V. Russ and Clarence Lennon.

Ninth grade: First None; Second honor roll, William Sellers, John D. St. George and Doris Corlette.

Tenth grade: First honor roll, W. T. Fullwood and John Hall. Eleventh grade: First honor roll, Edward Taylor, Eliot Moore, Katie Cox, Louise Niernsie; Second Norma Johnson.

Recitations and Declamations

On Friday evening the annual recitation and declamations were presented. There were a great many people present. The speeches were delivered very nicely.

First prize in the girls contest was won by Virginia McKeithan; second prize, Annie Margaret Watts and third prize was won by Leatha Arnold. The winning boys: first prize, Clarence Lennon, and second prize, Henry Smith.

The judges were: the Rev. Walter B. Freed and Robert Foster, of Wilmington, and the Rev. A. L. Brown, of Southport. The decision of the judges was unanimous in all cases.

The stage was decorated in a most original way. The contestants entered a beautiful garden through a vine covered arch. The yellow jonquils and green vines were suggestive of the coming season.

Miss Lelia Hubbard furnished introductory music for each declamation. This added much to the atmosphere of the program.

Mr. Brown and the school band added variety to the oratorical program.

CLASS PROGRAM

The Sophomore English class is engaged this week in working out a class program project. The students are divided into committees to prepare and present the programs.

These programs include: A magic carpet travelog; current events radio broadcast; motion picture reviews; experience day of unusual events; and a one-act play, "The Advice Doctor," stressing better English.

One program, prepared by the special committee appointed, is given during the English period each day this week.

The Sixth Grade gave a very attractive chapel program Thursday, with sketches from the operetta, "Aunt Drusilla's Garden." The program was under the direction of the teacher, Miss Olivia Miller, and was supervised by a committee from the sixth grade. Miss Lela Hubbard accompanied at the piano.

Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Parent-Teachers Association president, talked on "Education."

Henry Malpass Dies At Home At Bolivia

Henry Malpass, 47, died suddenly at his home in Bolivia Sunday morning. Mr. Malpass had been a section master of the Wilmington, Brunswick and Southport railroad for a number of years.

Surviving are his wife and nine children, Wendell, Bernice, Catherine, Helen, Fred, Amelia, Howard, Franklin, and David Doshier Malpass, all of Bolivia; four sisters, Mrs. Ethel Simmons, Mrs. Maude Aycock, Mrs. Mabel Hufham, Mrs. Lorina Hunt; two brothers, Owen and Grady Malpass, all of Pender county.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence by the Rev. Page, Baptist minister. Interment was in Chapel Hill cemetery, near Shallotte.

Mr. Malpass was a member of the Baptist church.

Little Emily had been to school for the first time. "Well, darling, and what did you learn?" asked her mother on Emily's return.

"Nothing," sighted Emily hopelessly. "I've got to go back again tomorrow."

WASHINGTON LETTER

Government agencies, particularly those engaged in spending lavishly, are in a mental condition something like the anxious prospective parent pacing outside the maternity ward of a hospital. They are in a flurry of harassing expectancy as millions of taxpayers relax from the arithmetical gymnastics of the final days of filing income tax returns for Federal inspection. Collectors of internal revenue scattered throughout the country are under orders to flash by telegraph a summary of reported taxes for hasty analysis by Treasury experts here. The feverish activity in collectors offices reflects the uncertainty in official circles as the Senate takes over the badly patched House revenue bill for a series of public hearings.

The Administration revenue policy-makers are literally twitching at the outlook in the Senate. Sentiment has developed there for marked alternations to the White House draft which weathered a stormy House session in a damaged condition. The Congress has appropriated vast sums for relief and for the ordinary Federal expenses in the fiscal year beginning July 1, and tax collections have a vital bearing on these policies. The returns will also mirror the true economic condition of that segment of the population which earns enough to pay tribute to the state.

If the folks back home were tuned in with a concealed microphone at each table in the dining rooms of the Senate and House, they would pick up tidbits of conversation on: the uncertainty as to whether the House will vote again on a wage and hour bill despite assurance of Chairman Norton that the House Labor Committee will trot out an acceptable measure by April or earlier; wonder if organized labor, particularly the C. I. O., will slow down its open participations in local elections as the Seattle majority returns turned thumbs down on their candidates as did Detroit last fall; the Pennsylvania Democratic gubernatorial primaries assume national importance as Senator Guffey jumps aboard the John L. Lewis band-wagon for Lieut-Gov. Kennedy, who is secretary and treasurer of the Lewis-dominated United Mine Workers; speculation is rampant as to what the Administration will do as railroads retrench by lay-offs of employes after the Interstate Commerce Commission rate decision gave them only a limited increase in freight rates, and whether Mr. Roosevelt will take advantage of his ten-day sojourn at Warm Springs (Ga.) to cultivate local Southern political leaders in an effort to regain his hold over the rebellious Southern delegation in Congress.

Whatever investigation into the merry T. V. A. mix-up is undertaken, it will probably disclose a clash of personalities and policies rather than anything smacking heavily of big-time "graft". Insiders see in the current maneuvers the culmination of a series of petty intrigues involving 3 T. V. A. Commissioners whose jobs were bigger than their abilities. Anything short of a thorough public probe by a Congressional committee will undoubtedly provoke more suspicion than actual conditions warrant. White House censure of the feudist has little more effect than cold water on a cat-fight. Resignations and other remedies will not sidetrack the need for full publicity through a public inquiry. The practicability of a study of the Tennessee Valley Authority by another Federal agency, the Federal Trade Commission, is openly scouted as both groups are directly responsible to the Administration. The peevishness of the T. V. A.'s two Morgan's and Lillien-tal covers the politicians with dark fog. Each official wants a clean bill of health to justify his policies at T. V. A. without regard to where the mud hits.

The Senate Civil Liberties Committee, under the guidance of Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, finds itself in a paradoxical situation. Authorized by a Senate resolution to investigate conditions affecting "civil liberties" or rights, the committee has sought to establish facts relating to terrorism or methods of employers in blocking the growth of unionism. Their inquisitors have ransacked offices and files of employers to obtain evidence on which to build a case and influence public opinion. Now comes a challenge which the committee cannot well dodge on the basis of their own admissions. . . that scores of business men are under subpoena even though their testimony has been given. Somehow Mr. LaFollette refuses to release these industrialists from the covert threat of being called to the stand at the whim of the two-man committee or actually to suit the fancy of the corps of left-wing probers employed by the Senate group. No union leaders are singled out for the intimidations of a Senate subpoena which raises a question in political circles as to when civil liberties are infringed and by what fictions the committee justifies its descriptive title.

Demand for a boycott of Japanese goods and what it means in dollars and cents is revealed in the latest study of 1937 business made public today. The digest shows higher commodity prices and increased demand for American products raised the value of our exports to Japan, including re-exports, to \$288,378,000, the highest figure since 1929 and an advance of \$84,030,000, or 41.1 percent, compared with 1936. Imports into the United States of Japanese goods, valued at \$204,202,000, registered a gain of \$32,458,000 or 18.8 percent over 1936. Japan continued to be the third principal market for our products in 1937, accounting for 8.6 percent of our total export trade, against 8.3 percent in 1936. It is small wonder that boycott hulla-baloo is hushed in official circles where employment is still a haunting problem.

It is estimated that farmers, of Gaston County, will plant between 125,000 and 150,000 seedling trees this season. More than 12,000 pounds of lespedeza seed were saved by 800 farmers.

Useful Gift To Local Hospital

Members of the local chapter of the Kings Daughters recently donated a dozen and one-half pillow cases to the Brunswick County Hospital.

This was just another in a series of useful gifts from members of this organization to the local hospital.

Committee For Better Home Week

Mrs. Marion S. Doshier has been named county chairman of National Better Home Week, which will be observed throughout the state during the week of April 23-30. The objective is to make North Carolina "the cleanest state in the nation."

Mrs. F. B. Bond has been appointed chairman for the city of Southport.

Hail Storm Is Reported Here

Heavy rains which fell in Brunswick county yesterday and last night were accompanied by hail in some sections, according to report received here.

The ground was reported covered with hail for a few minutes yesterday afternoon in Northwest township.

Tonsil Clinics Will Be Held

Beginning the first week in May there will be a tonsil clinic held at the Brunswick County Hospital one day in each week until the first week in September.

Any parents with children suffering with bad tonsils should get in touch with their country nurse and make plans to take advantage of this clinic.



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