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Before you decide to follow the crowd it might be a good idea to find out where it is going.

Be sure that your moments of pleasure do not cost you too many hours of remorse.

There's a time and place for everything, but some people never find out when or where.

The common belief is that anyone who differs very much from us is crazy.

History is being made rapidly in Europe.

At the rate politicians are making their announcements the ring soon will be full of hats.

A candidate doesn't have to straddle the fence any worse than a voter does when two of his friends are running for the same office.

Some men have a way with women, but practically any woman has a compelling way with men.

Modern version of the rags to riches story would be from ditching shovel to golf ball.

Travel may be educational, but we never saw any habitual hoboes with Ph. D. degrees.

Something's been done about the over-production of crops, but nothing about the surplus political hoey.

Time To Start

Spring arrived Monday and it is recalled that following the yachting regatta last summer a dozen or more Southporters entered into a resolve to build racing boats for the big event that is to be staged this year.

Take No Chances

Elsewhere in today's paper appears an announcement of a tuberculosis clinic to be held in this county for four days next week.

There is no cost connected with this clinic, the primary purpose of which is to determine the existence of active cases of tuberculosis in Brunswick county.

While the white plague is still one of man's deadliest enemies, it no longer is listed among the incurable diseases, and complete recovery is possible when treatment is commenced in time.

Spring Gardening

County Forest Warden Dawson Jones will tell you that the greatest good resulting from the rain which fell last Tuesday and Wednesday was to drown out forest fires that had him and his force on the verge of distraction.

But another important result has been the immediate impetus given gardeners. On all sides during the three fair days that succeeded the rain vacant lots and established garden plots were populated by willing workers who have decided that the surest and cheapest way to have fresh vegetables is to raise them yourself.

During the first warm days of spring there are few who are able to resist the impulse to get a hoe or a rake and do a little gardening. If the urge doesn't wear off too quickly, there is no more practical form of diversion for the desk-

weary businessman or the cooped-up house wife.

Nothing pays a bigger dividend in pleasure and profit than the intelligent cultivation of a garden.

Job Completed

Completion of the WPA job to recondition and repaint the old Army-Navy Club building leaves Franklin Square and the buildings in the immediate background among the most beautiful in Southport. In fact, the park, the community Center Building and the club are just about the pride of the city, and each of these was a WPA project.

Franklin Square is the most attractive spot in town, especially now that the grass is green and the flowering shrubs are blooming. The large, white Community Center Building, looking out over the park, would do credit to a city much larger than Southport. And now, the Army-Navy Club—including the gymnasium. In the main building are club-rooms that have been the center of social interest in years past, and now they are in better condition than ever. The gymnasium is adequate in every respect for the athletic needs of Southport.

Listing these assets seems almost like gloating over assets which we are extremely fortunate to possess. The least we can do is be thankful that these three prospects were included on the list of relief work for this county.

Concerning Safety

Some startling facts concerning the human slaughter on the highways of America are brought to light in an altruistic little brochure entitled "Death Begins At 40", which reached our desk recently.

Let us look at the facts. America has engaged in six major wars since its birth in 1776. These conflicts, in total, extended over a period of 15 years. The number of Americans killed in action or died of wounds during these 15 years of war was 244,357.

Now look at our 15-year peace-time record of death on the highways. The number of victims has shown a steady climb from 1923 with 18,031 deaths to 1937 with 40,300. The grand total killed by automobiles during this period is 441,912—almost twice as many as were killed in our six wars.

In our war, our soldiers fought and died for a purpose. But what purpose can there be in the killing of these hundreds of thousands on the highways?

In line with the state-wide program to promote safety on our highways, a safety council has been organized in this county to work for this great cause. But they can accomplish little without the support of the public. It is our duty to make the highways safe for ourselves and our children and help to wipe this black mark of preventable deaths from the escutcheon of America.

Voters Decide

Because we live in the seat of Democracy in a world of dictators and totalitarianism, the Constitution of the United States gives every citizen of the commonwealth the right to seek public office.

Such a privilege attaches to the lowliest man and the highest. He may have only the shirt which he wears on his back, and he may not know one letter from the other, yet he may run for public office.

The framers of the Constitution of the United States, in extending that privilege to every citizen of the country, evidenced its abiding confidence in the integrity of the voting masses of this country, and vested in the electorate the stupendous responsibility of themselves choosing between the scapegoats and the bona-fide candidates.

Because the Constitution guarantees every citizen the right to seek public office, there are bound to be, as in years past, many persons in the political races who aren't fit for any public office in the political elections which are now not far in the offing.

It will be the duty of the voting public to choose between them. Just because the Constitution guarantees a citizen the right to seek office, that does not imply that he necessarily merits a single vote.

A tremendous duty devolves upon the electorate—the voting public. When they select the persons to represent them in public office, it is their sworn duty to see that the persons most worthy of the place, and who could hold such a position with dignity and honor be elected.

A moron might run for public office—that would be his privilege, but it's the duty of the voting public to see that he be kept out of place of responsibility. Places of public trust should be filled with men of ability and honor, and the public must decide on these questions.

Just Among The Fishermen

HOW THEY COUNTED

Postmaster L. T. Yaskell, Capt. J. W. Myers and the Civic Club Club secretary went fresh water fishing Friday and brought in some beautiful strings of goggle-eyed perch and big mouth bass. The postmaster insists that there were 19 fish caught but the other two fishermen are more modest in their claims and the discrepancies in the count are explained in this wise. Yaskell and Myers each caught four beautiful fish. Keziah rolled his score up to tally six huge goggle eyes and two bass. This totaled 16. Not having any use for all he caught, the Civic Club man gave the two bass and one of the goggle-eyed perch to Yaskell, Myers counted again, and with Myers having caught 4 and Keziah 8, with his seven he claimed the number as 19. It is understood that, knowing what a good fisherman Yaskell was, Mrs. H. L. Mintz, of Shallotte, recently gave her son, Register of Deeds R. I. Mintz, a large jar of country sausage to give to Yaskell. However, the Register of Deeds did not appear to have as much confidence in the ability of the postmaster as a fisherman as his mother had. He held that jar of sausage in escrow until he saw that the promised mess of fresh water fish for his mother was forthcoming. It is understood that following the Friday fishing trip Mr. Yaskell took the three fish that the Civic Club had caught and given him, added the smallest one that he had personally caught, and went around and redeemed the sausage.

CLOSED SEASON ON

From March 31st, through May 10, it is unlawful to take freshwater fish of any sort in the streams and lakes of North Carolina. With the passing of Thursday the poles and lines and rods and plugs should be laid aside for forty days. This closed season is in the interest of better fishing at other times and it is hoped that the sportsmen will cheerfully abide by it. While freshwater fishing cannot be indulged in until May 10th, the public should keep in mind that the law does not apply to salt water fishing.

STILL SHRIMPING

Fifteen or twenty shrimp trawlers worked continuously last week. The average catch per boat was about six bushels per day. With the product selling at \$4.00 per bushel, such catches were not bad, especially as the boats often also took about enough fish to pay boat expenses. The biggest days catch by any one boat was 17 bushels of shrimp, brought in by Captain Robert Willis with his trawler XL.

MANY INQUIRIES

For the past week every mail has been bringing the Civic Club inquiries regarding fishing. Most of the folks wanted to know when sport fishing will start up. By way of illustration, the Business Men's Club of Timmonsville, S. C., wanted to come this week. Captain Joe Sherwood wrote from Florida that he has a brand new Gulf Stream craft and will be coming up before long; Editor J. E. Dowd, of the Charlotte News, wrote that his paper wanted to promote a fishing trip for Charlotte citizens to Southport, one object being to get news stories and pictures; Manager Henry Callahan, of the Cape Fear Hotel, in Wilmington, has been receiving many inquiries from nationally known sportsmen regarding the Gulf Stream fishing. Bill Combs, sportsman and outdoor feature writer, of Leaksville, is doing a lot of Southport boosting and plans to make a trip here soon. George B. Canady, Secretary-Treasurer of the New Hanover Fishing Club, is anxious for a trial trip to be made out to the Gulf Stream grounds as soon as possible. Irvin Corbett, of Wilmington, is of the same mind for an early prospecting trip. All of the above inquiries and suggestions were received Friday and Saturday and they afford a good idea of the daily grist of ideas.

ONE-SIDED PARTNERSHIP

Although he professes not to see it that way, the friends of Captain J. W. Myers are inclined to the opinion that he is getting a raw deal from both the Civic Club secretary and the Southport Postmaster. It is alleged that on the pretext that they are very busy they induce the captain to spend all of the mornings on Fiddlers Drain catching minnows. Then in the late afternoon when they are well up with their alleged work the captain drives them out to some of their favorite fishing places. Those who follow the methods of counting up the catch and claims and counter claims are noting that the Captain also gets credit for catching the fewest fish of any of the trio.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, March 23—While our lawmakers are grappling with domestic problems they find time to turn an anxious ear to the war drums across the water. The Congress shares in a large measure the responsibilities which fall to the lot of the nation's leaders in the event war becomes a reality. With military operations upsetting foreign governments, the currency question becomes an important topic of discussion as rumors of new devaluation policies are revived. Although impending wars are geographically remote, they exercise a profound effect on American industrial and political affairs. The current hearings on the Anglo-American trade agreements here have revealed some uneasiness on the part of the English negotiations as to depreciation of the dollar. The British feel our fiscal authorities do not want to check the depreciation of the dollar presumably because a weak dollar and firm sterling tends to strengthen our bargaining position in the trade treaty and keeps our gold at home. Our fiscal policies are so complex that few attempt the difficult task of explanation.

The rattle of sabers along European corridors has a stimulating effect on Congress. Much opposition to the huge naval appropriation bill for the construction of battleships has been dissipated by the stirring scenes abroad. There is always that momentary spasm of fear that this country will be actively in the tangle of armed nations. Our neutrality policies which absorbed the attention of Congress two years ago will be tested as orders of munitions pour into the offices of American manufacturers. We have enormous foreign investments which will be affected by our policies in relation to the hectic European situation. It is small wonder that the officials are endeavoring to determine the drift of popular sentiment in this country in the bewildering flux of world events. They realize that foreign policies must be popular to make American influence felt in chancelleries overseas.

Congressional leaders are trying to prod their reluctant colleagues into action by promises of early adjournment. These chieftains would like to believe that the minor rebellions are now ended and that the goose hangs high. However, their hopes and the facts in the case are somewhat diverse. The changes which the Senate Finance Committee will make in the House draft of the Administration's tax measure are not calculated to encourage peace and harmony on Capitol Hill. Sentiment in the Senate favors an easement of the tax burdens on business in an attempt to stimulate recovery. The White House and the Treasury experts do not see eye to eye with the Senators in this matter which indicates a bitter battle when the revised bill hits the Senate floor for the attention of the debaters. It is not likely that the TVA inquiry will be concluded before the legislature quits. Indeed the chances favor extended hearings by the Senate probers over the summer months. The squabbles at the Bituminous Coal Commission have been hushed as the President makes clear that the Commission is not a New Deal baby but a foster-child of John L. Lewis. It is the feud between the Lewis appointees and their opponents within the board that is raising a public rumpus.

Threats to revive the relentless probes of the notorious Black Lobby Committee under the guidance of Senator Minton, of Indiana, successor to Mr. Justice Hugo Black, created a stir in political circles. The opposition to the President's reorganization bill reached a point where the cudgel was recommended. Senators opposed to White House domination retorted that it was high time that the button-holing tactics of high administration officials should be openly quizzed. The agitation against the measure has its origin in the bureau which would be transferred or abolished. The Federal Power Commission has issued an order which is symptomatic of thinking in administration circles as government employees leave for outside jobs at lucrative salaries. The Commission now prohibits any officer or employee from appearing or assisting in any proceeding within one year after separation from its service. If this policy is adopted by other Federal agencies the demand for government posts as a training school for lobbyists will be lessened.

Considering that Washington is the most expensive city in which to live, a statistical study for the Bureau of Home Economics showing a majority of small city families pay less than \$25 a month rent provided something of a surprise. Of course, the national capital ranks high in the large city group and tops all in purchasing power (because of sustaining Federal payrolls) which changes the standards of comparison. The Federal report clearly showed an advantage of living in a small city where rent is an important item in the cost of living. The inquiry was not a haphazard undertaking for only

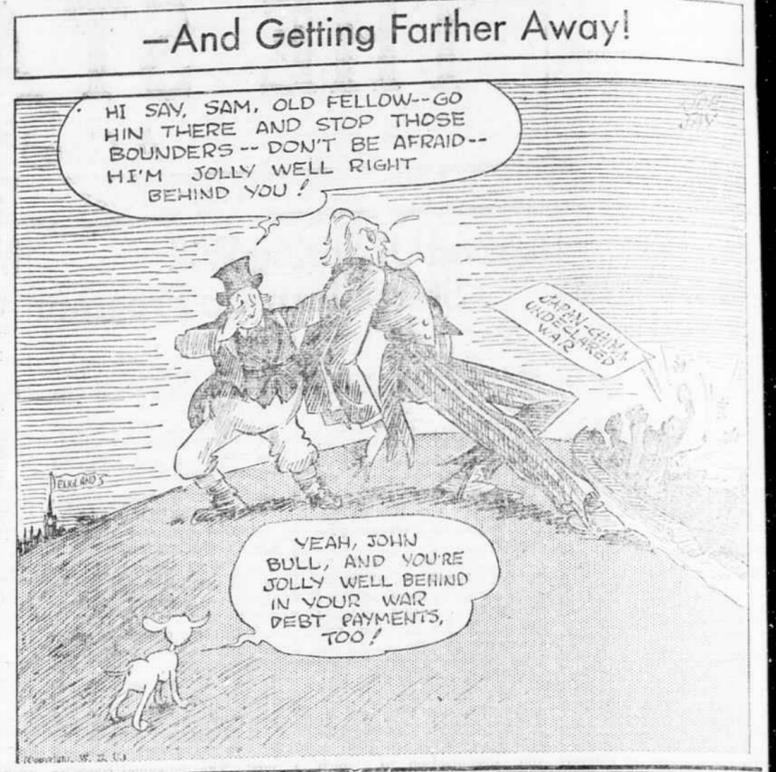


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families having both husband and wife born in this country were included in the study. Negro families were studied only in the Southeast. The study showed that in all of the cities but one (Greenfield, Mass.) at least 50 percent of the rents were under \$25; in all but five—Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; Columbia, Missouri; Greeley, Colorado; Eugene, Oregon; and Olympia, Washington—more than 70 percent of the renting families paid less than \$25 a month. In twelve more cities, between 1 and 5 percent of the families paid \$40 and over. In eight more of the cities surveyed, fewer than one percent of the renting families intervented paid over \$5 a month. The Administration makes political capital of the study in claiming that the figures show the need for low-cost housing.

Wayne County farmers are finding that there is money in poultry. Last week a group sold 3,608 pounds of cull birds for \$587.44.

Lespedeza Makes Good Dairy Food

High Point Farmer Finds Lespedeza Is Well-Liked By Cows And Makes Good Rotation Crop

Waiting till the cows come home is a much longer wait than it used to be on the farm of R. C. Robertson, near High Point, since he got lespedeza started in his pasture.

He says his cows used to be up at the lot by three or four o'clock in the afternoon, "bawling to get into the barn." But with a good growth of lespedeza started in his pasture last summer he had to go after them every morning.

Whereas formerly he depended on wild meadow hay for his winter feed, last winter he had plenty of lespedeza hay for his stock, and saved 1,000 pounds of

clean lespedeza seed in addition to several tons of hay.

But this isn't all that lespedeza good crop rotations, and other soil conserving methods as a part of an erosion control program have done on his farm. With a rotation of corn, lespedeza, and small grain he made twice as much corn on 12 acres as he made on 20 acres 10 years ago, Robertson says. Other erosion control measures include contour cultivation, strip cropping, and terracing.

Before he adapted these soil and water conservation measures Robertson says his soil had a habit of drying up during the hot summer weather. Last year his water supply never failed. Robertson has an idea that lespedeza absorption in his fields has something to do with it.

Until 1870, the U. S. postoffice department at Washington disposed of dead letters by burning them behind the White House every few months.

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