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Talking is a notable example of quantity not being able to make up for quality.

Some people not only want something for nothing, they are insulted if you refuse to let them have it.

Well, there are at least sixty boys and girls in Southport who won't have to worry about the next epidemic of measles.

When a boy's body begins to grow fast enough to catch up with his feet his voice usually cracks under the strain.

We learn new and interesting things about our own community while showing visitors around.

It is easy to like someone whom you know likes you.

Hinting is just an undignified form of begging.

Everything comes to him who waits—if he spends his time at hard work.

A good time to find out if a candidate is the kind of man you want in office is before he is elected.

Mischievous boys don't mind going to Sunday school for there they have the upper hand of their teacher.

Southport's Trees

With the inauguration of the new government spending program we hope that steps may be taken for the permanent protection of the beautiful live oaks about our city streets.

Next to her fortunate geographical location, we'd say that Southport's next most important asset is the evergreen oaks that canopy her park and streets and lawns.

Naturalists have discovered important ways in which skilled tree surgeons can materially prolong the life of giant oaks when they reach the stage where decay usually sets in.

One important improvement can be made in the manner in which limbs are cut away from tree trunks and from larger limbs. A rough, exposed surface invites deterioration which quickly affects other sections of the tree.

Some attention is needed by the trees in Southport. They may not be badly in need of surgical repair, but the time to do what actually is needed is before conditions become any worse.

Watch Your Weights

In the March issue of Reader's Digest is an article "Weighed—And Found Wanting" which deals with the exposure of a short weight racket in New York City. The final check-up showed that several million dollars per year were being illegally added to the profits of dishonest or careless merchants.

The article enlarges its scope to include other sections of the United States, and a number of common failings were listed. Having computing scales that are read from below the level of the gauge, or to one side; use of liquid measuring devices that gyp customers out of as much as one-fourth their purchase; feeding lead pellets to fowls before they are sold; wrapping high-priced meats with a generous quantity of low-priced paper—these are a few of the artifices exposed in the article.

In North Carolina we have a bureau of weights and measures, and a Southport man, H. W. Hood is one of the inspectors. The article suggests that citizens work more closely with the men whose duty it is to see that they get a square deal. It points out the foolhardiness of purchasing blindly, and it reminds the readers that customer has the right to demand to see what he is getting.

The average cost per year for each household in the United States for not

doing just that is \$54.00, according to the author.

Open Letter To Seniors

This week you are graduating from high school after eleven (or more) years of faithful attendance and patient study. You are to be congratulated.

Some of you perhaps have wondered why the period marking the close of your days in public school is called commencement. This would seem a more fitting term for the beginning of a career.

Well, that is just what it is: It marks your start in life on your own; contact with life's hard knocks without the corners being smoothed off for you by your parents and teachers.

For most of you your graduation from high school will mark the end of your formal education; some of your number will go to college. That is as it should be, for, contrary to general belief, most of you will be better off at home.

Now we do not want to give the impression that we are against higher education, for that is not our purpose. The world needs and demands trained leaders, and much of this training can best be done in college. However, there is no better place on earth for practical training than in the business which you plan to pursue throughout your life.

Most of you are from peace-loving, God-fearing farm families. That is the life you know, that is the life you want. That being true, there is no need in sending you away so that the seeds of discontent may be sown in your minds. Ever increasing opportunity for home study makes it possible for you to keep pace with your intellectual development.

So to those of you for whom a college education is impossible we urge you not to become embittered by disappointment.

You who will have an opportunity to continue in school should have some objective in view. Education is not measured in quantity but in quality; and the accumulation of a lot of disconnected facts and theories will do you little good.

One final word to members of the collegiate class of 1942. Your aim in going to college shouldn't be to get an education that will enable you to get away from your home and environment. A more worthy objective would be to seek information that will make you a better citizen of your home community when your formal education is completed.

Sportsmen More Cooperative

A decided change in attitude on the part of a majority of the sportsmen in the state towards its wildlife and a greater desire to conserve it through the imposition of tighter regulations has become apparent during the last few months, according to Commissioner John D. Chalk of the game and inland fishing division of the Department of Conservation and Development. The organization of numerous wildlife conservation clubs and the greater interest being taken in the game and fishing laws is an indication of this changed attitude.

There are still some hunters and fishermen who object to the present game laws and regulations, but these are in the minority, with the result that many of the sportsmen are asking for much more stringent laws and regulations than now exist. They are beginning to realize that fish and game are resources which will soon be exhausted unless proper steps are taken to renew them.

"I can remember that as recently as three years ago many of the sportsmen objected vigorously when it was proposed to shorten the quail season by only ten days," Mr. Chalk said. "So the season was left unchanged. But now there is a growing sentiment among these same hunters that the quail season should be shortened 30 days instead of only ten days. The reason for this is that they now realize that quail and other game are resources which will soon be exhausted if proper steps are not taken to renew and replenish them. This same sentiment is also growing with regard to other types of game and also fish."

This change in attitude on the part of so many sportsmen is one of the most encouraging things that has developed during the past year and is going to do more to increase the supply of game and fish in North Carolina than anything else.

A penny saved is a penny earned, but we imagine it's pretty hard to earn a living that way.

Perhaps the fact that moderns are shock proof had nothing to do with abandonment of the electric chair.

Some people know just how the government should balance the budget, but never balance their own.

Just Among The Fishermen

Early Fishing

Last year the first really successful fishing party brought in its catch about the first of May. Thereafter, for several weeks most of the parties came during week-ends. This last week there have been parties every day, the number running as high as six to a day, all these using Southport boats. The earliness with which the fishing is starting and the fact that the parties are spreading out and coming every day in the week, instead of just Sundays, is pretty clearly indicative that there will be many thousands of sportsmen here this year.

Where They Are From

Florida, New York, New Jersey and Virginia people were attracted here by the fishing this past week. And pretty near all sections of North Carolina were represented. Whiteville, Fairmont, Lumberton, Monroe, Sanford, Charlotte, Gastonia, Kannapolis, Salisbury, Greensboro, Burlington, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro and Wilmington were all represented by sportsmen and sportswomen. Salisbury sent three different parties in one day. Even for the start of the year it is safe to say that about \$125.00 per day was spent here for boats, accommodations and incidentals.

Comparison

While a pay roll of \$125.00 per day may be relatively small it is actually equal to \$250.00 per day, so far as Southport is concerned. It has been claimed that Southports pay rolls are spent in Wilmington or elsewhere. The money that the sportsmen put on their trips is spent here in Southport and it does plenty of local circulating, even if only a limited number of persons make the first contact with it.

Industry Will Grow

The sport fishing industry at Southport is bound to grow and, in addition to the money now coming in, it has a most constructive aspect. For instance, as our fishing becomes more and more widely known it becomes one of the most powerful arguments for a new and modern hotel. Definite steps for such a structure will be taken before long and the sportsmen will afford it a good percentage of the necessary patronage for about ten months of each year. Believe it or not, the hotel will create double the present patronage for Southport's good boarding houses. In fact, the hotel will be a hub around which a great deal of the expected prosperity to Southport will revolve.

All Can Help

The Southport boatmen can do a great deal in developing something that will be of great value to themselves and the whole town. Several of them have been trying their best and have accomplished much good. They realize that when they are paid and take out a fishing party they are morally obligated to find fish for that party. Every boatman who promises a party fish should see that it gets fish, even if they have to stay out until dark. There should be no coming back at noon or at two or three o'clock with the excuse that the fish are not biting. That excuse will not stand, the fish are biting if you know where to take the party, and every boat that serves for hire should take pride in the service it gives its patrons.

Important People

While a lot of people may not suppose so, the folks who come to Southport to go fishing rank pretty high in importance. Rank and file, they are of a class that will warrant all Southport people doing everything possible to insure their having a pleasant outing while here. If we set out this year to sell Southport to the sportsmen and sportswomen, as well as to the other visitors, we can consider the future of Southport as assured.

Will Register Parties

Hereafter the Civic Club will register all individuals in the fishing parties that go outside. The registered will give the name and address of all in the party, the name of the boatman and the size of the catch, along with the date of the trip and weather conditions. This registry will be valuable for future reference and contact and the boatmen are all asked to cooperate in having their parties properly registered. The parties should be registered before they go out. If they bring in a good catch a news story will be written immediately and mailed their home town newspaper. This will result in valuable publicity for the boatmen.

H. G. Dozier, of Moyock, finds vetch, oats, and wheat a fine combination for grazing brood sows and pigs. He has grazed 80 animals on 6.4 acres this spring and says he will plant an increased acreage this fall.

Waccamaw Scholo News

The following officers were elected to guide our Parent-Teachers' Association for the next school year:

Mrs. J. E. Dodson, president; Mrs. Z. G. Ray, vice-president; Mrs. Nelson Bennette, secretary and Miss Ruth Biggers, treasurer. Mrs. J. S. Liles, of Morven, was a recent visitor in our community. Her daughter, Anna, is the second grade teacher in our school. Pierson Stanley, Columbus County, was a visitor at our school last week.

Our final program of the commencement season will be held in the auditorium on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The literary address will be delivered by the Reverend L. R. Evans. Honors won by our pupils, in and for the school, will be observed.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

Greensboro, N. C.

April 9 1938

Editor State Port Pilot

Southport, N. C.

Dear Editor:

Please allow me space in your paper to express my feeling toward the herring fishing law.

The majority of the people in Brunswick are farmers, who at best have none too much time nor money to spend for pleasure. They do not object to any fair fish law but what many do not understand is why the Pleasure of herring fishing is denied them on every night except Friday and Saturday nights. No one seems to know why the powers-that-be could have the nerve to deny the citizens this pleasure.

If such a law is necessary why not make it for non-residents and let the local people catch herring if they wish on any night.

I am a tax payer of Brunswick county and with malice toward none I would like to register a protest against such an unfair and unjust law.

E. C. Beck

Seen Day By Day

Professor Lingle saying he was tired of being a bachelor—Dr. William Doshier saying it was good for him to be home again—Mrs. R. L. Garrett inquiring if anybody else had the measles—A lot of folks excited at the auspicious beginning of the 1938 sport fishing season.

Bingo Burris having his boats photographed for advertising purposes—E. L. Burris and Sam Watts very much pleased at the first catch of blues—His friends wondering how L. T. Yaskell made that big catch of trout without dying of excitement—Dr. Fergus listening to him tell about it.

Reverend and Mrs. A. H. Marshall proud of their remodeled boat—Mrs. Corlette wanting her picture taken—Chas. Hewett kavorting around—H. B. Smith, who travels about the state, reporting Southport as getting on the map—H. M. Shannon with an idea for the Civic Club—Miss Lottie Mae Newton counting the railroad money.

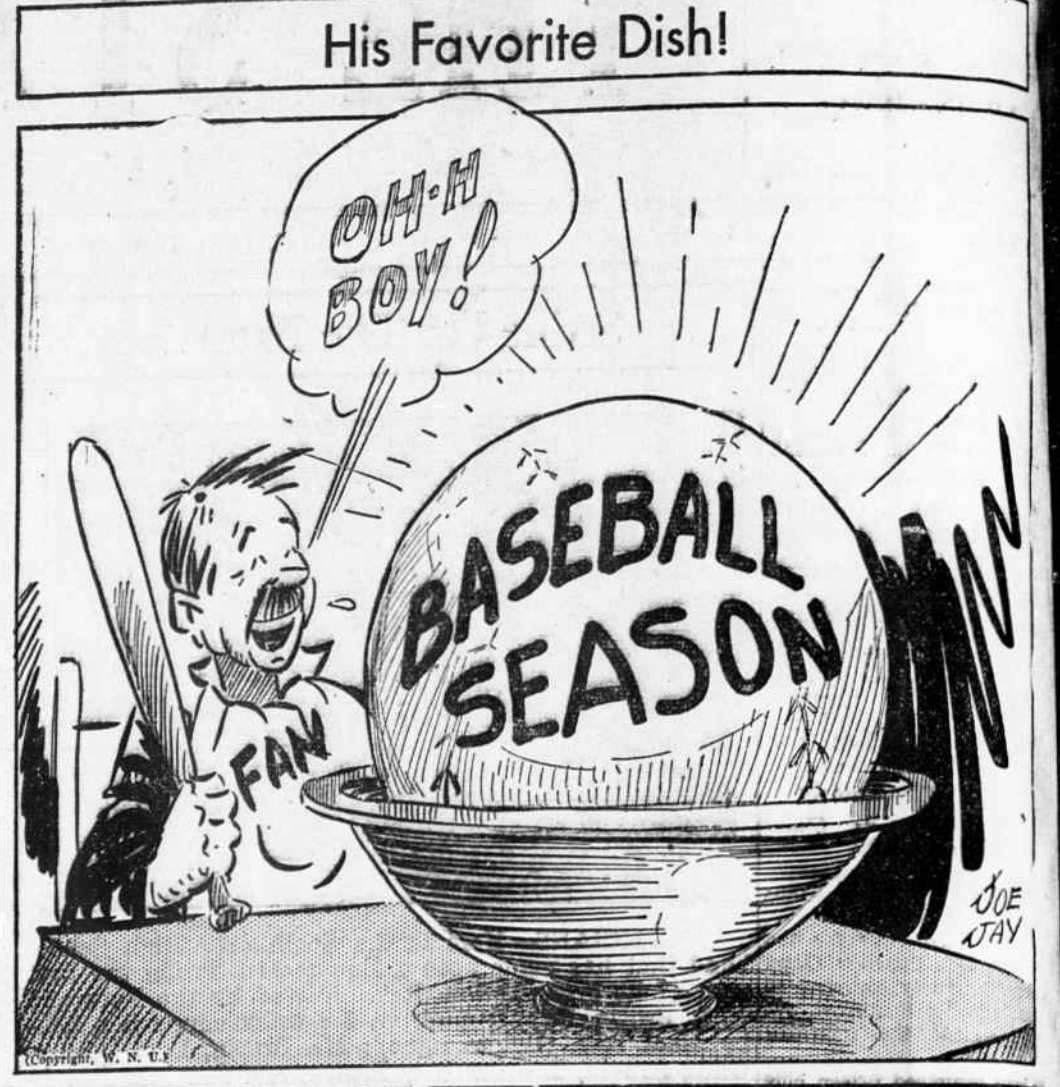
J. W. Myers inquiring about the fishing—Robert Wolfe telling of Mrs. Wolfe catching her first fish—Miss Annie Woodside walking home from her office—Mayor Erikson pleased with favorable reports from Washington about the yacht basin—George Galloway looking for fish for supper—John F. Potter bringing in a nice catch of fish.

Robert St. George reporting that Mrs. St. George, who has been ill, was some better—Former Sheriff R. D. White and former Sheriff I. D. Harrelson in town the same day—Uncle Jim at the Postoffice having his hands full of cards going out to sportsmen—Herbert Rogers closing his shoe shop to go fishing—J. J. Loughlin arriving early at his store.

Captain Church with the accustomed cigar—Prince O'Brien wanting some one to take him fishing—J. J. Weeks bossing the street force—A young lady looking for someone to go about with.

Mrs. Niernase watering the flowers at the Episcopal church—Mrs. Clyde Newton outside looking for a customer—Mrs. M. M. Piggott cleaning off her yard—A young lady with some kind of a Japanese headpiece.

Mrs. Price Furless manifesting just pride in her flowers—Judge E. H. Cranmer interested in the first catch of game fish—Mack looking for some shrimp—Harry



Rourke with a big chew of tobacco

Charlie Greer resentful of other folks being able to go fishing—Visiting Southport's oldest colored citizen, who is ill—Jim Russ getting a paper on Sunday. Up-State newspapers manifesting more and more interest in Southport—Eddie Spencer with a load of wood—A group of fellows in their nightly assemblage around the radio at Crapon's—R. E. Sentelle with his hands in his pockets.

Captain Tom St. George saying "never better"—Captain I. B. Bussell contending he was the first man to ever catch a rockfish casting—George Crimes doing his marketing—C. D. Robinson inspecting his boat—Robin Hood waiting to walk up street with us.

Mary Frances Moore with her baseball—J. W. Ruark saying he still lived in Southport—Joe Cochran returning from a quick trip to Wilmington—Rev. Mr. Potts throwing a stick for his dog to retrieve—Harry Weeks hurrying to answer a pilot call.

Mrs. E. H. Cranmer buying some fish—Ed Weeks getting his morning dope—Bruce Ludlum matching for a drink—Craie Arnold inspecting the Burris new boat—Mrs. Hattie Howe doing her marketing—Stacy Wade swinging himself—Neils Jorgensen shadow boxing.

Mrs. Dave Arthur and Mrs. Robert Woodside inspecting street work—Captain Harold St. George teasing a boy—Captain Ike Davis waiting for the first catch of fish—Dr. Monk smoking his pipe—Lawrence Willing prepared to play tennis—Mrs. Gilbert with some news.

Elliott Moore wanting to get in the C. M. T.—Herbert Livingston at transfer work—E. R. Outlaw with a summer hat—The oldest Bellamy hurrying to school—Edward Wolfe on an errand—W. E. Bell eating a peanut sandwich—Capt. Bill Styron with his ancient fliver.

Two young ladies from Shalotte—Mrs. Lou Smith starting for the country—Mrs. Rufus Doshier, likewise.

House Furnishings Training Schools

Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist in Home Management and House Furnishings, spent Thursday in the county giving lessons in "Refinishing Furniture." A meeting was held at Longwood during the morning with Mrs. Walter Genrett as hostess, and the afternoon meeting was with Mrs. Frank Mintz, at Bolivia. These meetings were well attended and the subject was presented most interestingly.

House Furnishings Leaders and club members attending represented the following clubs: Exum, Longwood, Hickman's Cross Roads, Shallotte, Southport, Lillias-Antioch, Winnabow, Town Creek and Leland.

The growing of strawberries for home use will be revived in Edgecombe County through the efforts of 4-H club members who are setting from 100 to 300 plants each.

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