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It sometimes takes a good sense of humor to get out of a ticklish situation.

Some people save their ailments for alibis.

Few of us make enough to finance our day dreams.

The mannerisms of some people often remind us of birds and animals. Parrots and vultures and hogs, horses, dogs, foxes and polecats are the ones that come to mind.

Some people apparently have trouble finding anywhere to step save on somebody's toes.

"A Pretty Girl Is Like A Melody"—you have to listen to both.

Facts frequently ruin the story that is a product of hear-say.

A lot of people whose first name is not James still will take all you will give them.

Bear hunters and deer hunters should be careful; that crashing noise they hear coming their way may be just another politician out beating the bushes.

The loudest complaints usually come from the misinformed.

Add Paving Project

When the highway force in charge of paving the Caswell Beach road left last month with the job incomplete, the promise was made that they would be back in the spring to finish the work.

In order that time may be given to consider the project in advance we now suggest that when the paving crew comes here early next year that it look into the matter of paving that short cut between highway No. 130 and the Wilmington road, running from Dr. Doshier's house to a point in front of the county home.

Everyone coming from toward Wilmington who knows about this short cut uses it when headed for Caswell Beach or any point over that way. The same general use is made when traffic is headed in the other direction.

Here is a half-mile of paving that will prove a big convenience to the public.

Child Safety

The Baptist church corner becomes the focal point of child safety in Southport several times each day as children pass back and forth on their way to and from school.

This corner, which is one of the busiest in town, should be given a little special supervision. Children are irresponsible and sometimes drivers are heedless of danger. This intersection should be at least plainly marked, and a better plan might be to station a traffic director there during the busy hour.

And while we are on the subject of child safety we have a word of warning for the skaters. We notice that your number is continually on the increase. Your best chance for survival is to skate on the sidewalk. If you find these limits too confining, then ask your parents to co-operate with the parents of the kid next door and ask the city officials to mark off the end of Moore Street west of the stop sign for regular skating periods. We believe that this can be arranged, because most motorists will not mind the inconvenience of a one-block detour half as much as they will mind dodging you on every paved street in town.

Newspaper Vs. Gossip

During our early school career it frequently was our misfortune to find ourselves in some difficulty with some fellow student or our teacher, or both. With the prospects of unfavorable report reaching

the ears of our parents, we soon discovered the best thing for us to do was to hurry home and give our own version before the other side had told its story. We knew that nobody else could possibly present our side with the same degree of sympathy and understanding.

It is this same principle which persuades us to believe that your local newspaper is your most dependable clearing house for authentic information.

Rarely is it possible to completely suppress a story for which the public hungers. True, it may be told to everyone as a deep secret, but eventually it will make its rounds. And news that is circulated in this manner is sure to become distorted and misrepresented.

If something were to happen to us and we had every reason in the world not to want the public to batter and drag the story of it about in the filth of gossip, the first place, we would go would be to our local newspaper. There we would take the editor into our confidence. Frequently his advice in how to handle the matter will be valuable; always he will appreciate your confidence. Then before our unwilling story had been made the private property of scandle-mongers we would have an accurate, true statement for all men to see.

We'd tell our story first.

Go To Church

Cool fall days are here and no longer does the weather excuse our lack of church attendance. We are now forced to meet our conscience face to face.

Too many of us look upon going to church as a duty that may be shunned with the slightest excuse. We cheerfully admit that the church is our finest institution and that regular attendance is a quality to be admired—in somebody else.

But suppose we lived in one of the foreign countries where churches either have been banned or placed under such strict supervision that they have long since lost their religious identity. The very thought of this oppression makes our blood boil, and for the moment we become zealous Christians.

The more thoughtful citizens of our community know that the influence of the Christian religion has been the strongest factor in the advancement of our civilization. The church has been the medium through which it always has worked.

One hour spent in church each Sunday morning is our best spent time of the week. Your preacher who has taken his sermon lesson from the greatest of all Books is sure to bring you some thought during his discourse that will be food for your mind. But even in the absence of a single inspiring idea, a period spent in thoughtful meditation upon the better things in life is sure to fortify your soul for the week that is ahead.

For every poor excuse you can dig up for remaining away from church, there are a hundred good reasons why you should go.

New Industries

A total of 92 new industries located in North Carolina during the first eight months of 1938, indicating that industry is watching North Carolina and that much may yet be expected in the years immediately ahead.

In addition, 53 plants in operation built additions to their establishments. The figures are official, coming from J. T. Anderson, industrial engineer in charge of the division of commerce and industry in the department of conservation and development.

Anderson estimates that the total capital invested in the new plants and additions is close to \$10,000,000 or more than \$1,000,000 a month. New hosiery mills represent most of the expansion of industry in the state.

The state's record is encouraging. Every new mill that succeeds means new jobs, more payrolls, more purchasers and more money with which to purchase.

Need we iterate that Columbus county should be getting some industry, that the county has gotten none of these 92 new industries although conditions are ideal for their location in this county?

Usually a woman's desire to go on a strict diet is always strongest just after a good meal.

Everyone seems to be waiting for Hitler to declare war and all the time we thought Japan showed the world it was old fashioned to go through such a formality.

Just Among The Fishermen

SEAFOOD HARVEST Securing figures on the tonnage of shrimp shipped from Southport is an easy matter. This product all leaves for the northern markets in 100 pound boxes and the boxes must bear tax tags to the amount of 15 cents. The tax tags afford an easy and accurate means of checking up.

NO CHECK ON FISH Shipments of mullets and other fish do not require the payment of taxes. There now are a dozen or more commercial fisheries along the coast of Brunswick, in addition to hundreds of independent fishermen. It would be an interesting sidelight on the resources of Brunswick county if there were some means of getting accurate figures on the weekly shipments of fish. There does not seem to be any way of getting this information. Still, it is hoped that all fisheries making catches of twenty thousand pounds or more will report the matter to this paper. Reports of unusual catches of any sort of fish and shrimp are also welcomed.

NICKLE TIME AGAIN With the shrimping season definitely on it may be said that nickle time is here again. It is no news that all of the shrimp packing houses pay off their labor each day with nickels. It is all piece work, the completed peice being a bucket full of headed shrimp and the picker receiving a nickle as fast as the buckets are delivered at the washing vats. To carry on the daily business the bank will soon be calling for thousands of nickels daily from other banks. The most common form of currency for barter at the stores will be nickels. Some of the nickels will pass and re-pass through the wet hands of the pickers so often that they will have a far from pleasing smell when they become dry.

NO BED OF ROSES While it is hoped that the present form of organization for the shrimp boats will result in bringing better prices to the producers, it should be kept in mind that no shrimp buyer has ever made a fortune in the business at Southport. The buyers do not have any bed of roses. He is the man who has to see to it that the pickers and other workers are paid off every day, and that the boatmen shall receive their money every Saturday. There are times when he makes good money for short periods. Likewise, there are times when, in order that the boats may work, he has to face a loss.

WANT NO REGISTRATION The Civic Club has objected to the State Employment service against an indiscriminate registration of boats as available for the carrying out of sport fishing parties. It was the proposition for one of the officials to some here, make a survey and register the craft. The purpose was to refer fishing parties to this and that boatman. Objections were because not all of the boats were equipped to give service. It was felt that many parties would come in for disappointment on their trips here and that their going home dissatisfied would injure all efforts to build up. In other words, it is felt that long distance control of the party boat business, from Raleigh, will not work out for development.

FEEL PERSONAL LOSS Reports of last week's hurricane on the coast of New England, the same hurricane that missed Southport by a matter of two hundred miles, is causing a feeling of personal loss to many of the local water-front frequenters. These reports tell of the total loss or serious damage to several hundred boats, these craft being mostly pleasure boats and sport fishermen. The greatest destruction to boats is credited to Providence, R. I. It happens that some 18 sport fishing boats and small yachts from Providence are regular callers at Southport twice each year. It is very possible that many of the local visitors from Providence and other points up the coast are lost.

A LITTLE MORE CAUTION Southport has never had a hurricane. It is said that no life has ever been lost in Southport during and as a result of a storm. This is gratifying but it still does not guarantee that a hurricane won't strike some day or that no lives will be lost. Up the coast last week the hurricane struck with appalling suddenness. Newspaper reports credited 700 boats with being destroyed. With the same storm passing off Southport and no one here knowing just how far away it was or just where it might strike, many of the local boats went outside and worked their trawls all day until they were actually forced in. The time may come when it will be shown

Southport School News

VOCATIONAL TRAINING There is need for a vocational training course in the Southport high school. Only about one-third of the students who graduate here are able to attend college, and those who must begin at once to make their own living do not stand much of a chance of getting a worthwhile job. The case would be different if there were a course in brick laying, mechanics, wood working and other manual work. The person who knows some trade has a much better chance to secure a job.

CARE OF THE SCHOOL GROUNDS Southport has a very attractive school building and we hope everyone is interested in keeping it that way. The pupils are careful about the walls and try to keep them clean. The grounds could be kept cleaner if the pupils and those who pass by would refrain from throwing unnecessary waste on the ground. Some suggest that a garden club be appointed to beautify the grounds.

THE LIBRARY Southport is very fortunate in having a library in which the students have opportunity during the day to read and enjoy some of the books. This library is very well equipped with six sets of encyclopedias, books of religion, poetry, history, science, biography and fiction. This year a library fee of twenty-five cents was charged each student for the use of the books.

Miss Annie Newton, our librarian, has mended and repaired the worn books so that they look like new ones. The students this year are trying to keep the library in a good condition so they will be proud of it. The library is not only used for reading purposes but also for a study hall, where each student has plenty of time for preparing the next day's assignments.

MATHEMATICS This year we have a new subject; Business and Commercial Arithmetic. We had this subject two years ago but last year it was omitted from the subject. In this course the students are learning new ways of checking addition and subtraction, new short-cut methods of adding and subtraction. All of this is to try to increase speed as well as accuracy in our everyday arithmetic. This will help us even more if we ever have a job working in an office, keeping books or any kind of commercial work. Later on in the year the students will study checks and banking, on the whole I think that it is going to be a very interesting as well as helpful and useful subject.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

The Bolivia school enrollment is 431 with 128 in high school. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tucker, Robert Randall and Norman Chadwick, high school teachers, and Miss Virginia Hewett, second grade teacher, are new members of the school faculty.

Mr. Tucker is principal and is perfecting an organization that is expected to do splendid work for the year.

Mr. Randall will be girls basket ball coach, and Mr. Chadwick boys coach. Although several of our players graduated in the spring, we expect to have two good teams trained for the season.

Messrs. Tucker, Randall and Chadwick have planned a well rounded athletic program for the year including football, baseball, basketball and other sports. Our new gymnasium will be ready for the basket ball season.

Some materials are already on the campus for the new agricultural building.

Agriculture will be an added course next year, with a well equipped year around teacher. Boys who for various reasons have stopped school are urged to enroll for this course.

A movement has been started for an accredited elementary school. Some equipment has been bought, and more will be added during the year.

The P-T A. is interested in this project and will aid in every way possible.

The P-T A. is also working for a standard association this year. Mrs. M. B. Robbins is the new president.



The faculty and student body appreciate Mr. Kinney Lewis having the school yard moved.

Freeland News

Freeland, Sept. 28—Miss Maggie Babson, of Freeland, and Floyd Inman of Sea Side eloped to Conway, S. C. Sunday and were married. Mrs. Inman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Babson, of Freeland. Mr. Inman is a son of the late Albert Inman, of Sea Side.

Tobacco farmers having sold their weed, and incidentally not having enjoyed a very prosperous season are now turning to harvesting and gathering of other crops.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Wilson, Mrs. J. D. King and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey King were visiting relatives in South Carolina Sunday afternoon.

Coy Formyduval is finishing his home. W. M. King had the misfortune to lose a fine mule one night last week. There is lots of sickness, colds, malaria, etc. in our community

right now. O'Brian Evans, who is enrolled in the CCC at New Holland is at home confined with Flu and malaria but is some better now and we hope will soon be able to re-assume his duties at camp.

The regular fall series of meetings began at New Britain Baptist church Sunday night with the Reverend Mr. Gore holding forth.

We note more than the usual interest in school than has been in the past as we see several of the young folks who dropped out two or three years ago are returning to classes in this session.

SUPPLY NEWS

Supply, Sept. 28—Mrs. J. H. Cannon is recuperating at her home from a recent tonsillar operation.

Elbert Kirby has opened up the old Harry Robinson store station on U. S. Highway 17.

The revival at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church closed Sunday. Preaching was by the Reverend Mr. Jones, of Wilmington, and by the

pastor the Reverend H. F. Zebulon.

Willie Mills has moved into a recently completed bungalow.

Mrs. Ellis Benton is at home after spending sometime in the Brunswick County Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Lee Frink returned Sunday from the Brunswick County Hospital.

Robert Hawes has accepted a position in R. Galloway's store.

Mrs. J. J. Hawes and daughter Laura Lee, have returned from a recent visit with her parents at Zebulon.

The R. W. McKeithan home at Supply has been torn down and a new house is being constructed on the same site by Mrs. E. Galloway.

APPENDECTOMIES

Two operations for the removal of appendix were performed during the past week at the Brunswick County Hospital. For Fulford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Fulford, of Supply, was operated on Sunday. Clyde Wiza of Ash, underwent a similar operation Monday.

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