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Smart Alec and Dumb Dora are brother and sister.

Don't fall out with a friend through the efforts of a go-between.

History is a record of why men succeeded, not of the reason why they failed.

The trouble with our plan of living is that we fail to realize the pleasure of simple things until we must class them as luxuries.

You can be worried by a hundred matters, but you can do only one thing at the time.

If you want to make friends and influence people don't try to top your neighbor's story about his operation.

One reason it is possible to get more work done at the eleventh hour is that by that time your lingering guests have gone.

The official life of the president of some of the foreign republics is in direct ratio to his ability to please all of the people all of the time.

The Future

Hope springs eternal in the breast of every Southport resident and there lingers always the thought that one day the natural resources of this little community will gain their rightful recognition.

Just now with business at its lowest ebb there is encouragement to be had from the fact that Senator Frink's bill for a Nautical School has received state-wide endorsement. Although there was no clause in the bill providing for its establishment here, that hope is uppermost in the mind of every loyal resident of our community.

There is reason, too, for hoping that one of the proposed naval stations may be located here; and in this possibility Southport people also are looking with some degree of encouragement to the future.

Already listed as objectives gained is the deepening of the inland waterway to a depth of 12-feet from here south to Florida and the dredging of a yacht basin here. Particularly does this latter promise tend to dispell the clouds that veil the future, for this will fulfill a long known need.

Electrification

We have a strange situation in Brunswick county.

Down here at Southport the city has a power plant capable of producing more than twice the amount of electric power required for local consumers. Out in the three more populous districts of the county are residents who are eager for electricity in their homes.

There is a Rural Electrification Administration in Raleigh whose duty it is to remedy a situation similar to this. Already steps have been taken to interest the men in charge in the Brunswick county case. They have promised to come down and make an investigation.

We do not know whether they plan to look into the matter of securing electric power from Southport, but we suggest that it is surely worth investigating.

Bad Situation

The United States is very close to a complete severance of diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany. Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the potent Foreign Relations Committee, has announced that he favors cutting off trade with the Reich, and many other influential congressmen agree with him. Legislation toward that end will probably be introduced this session. Our State Department has taken the strongest possible stand against German representations—and has gone to lengths that are rarely reached in dis-

ussions with a "friendly" power. And in Germany, the controlled press continues its campaign of almost unrestrained abuse directed at this government and the officials in charge.

The belief grows that Germany will take steps this year toward acquiring the rich mineral and agricultural lands of the Soviet Ukraine—which, according to almost all the foreign authorities, would mean war with Russia and her allies. Trustworthy polls in England show the British people's distrust of Hitler growing, along with the sad belief that they will have to fight him one day.

Our relations with Mexico remain unsettled, due to President Cardenas' expropriations of American-owned farming and petroleum properties. And going farther South still, we find Nazi and Fascist influences continuing their steady growth in Pan and South America.

Next European crisis is likely to arise out of Mussolini's demands for certain French possessions. Hitler backs Italy in this—Daladier says the French will fight.

Resolution To Keep

By this time, most of your New Year's resolutions have probably been broken. That's only human. But there's one resolution every one of us should make and keep for the twelve months ahead. Here it is: "I resolve to do my part, as a motorist and pedestrian, to help reduce America's ghastly death and accident toll."

During a large part of 1938, the accident rate declined. But we haven't yet earned the right to compliment ourselves and sit back on our laurels. Tens of thousands of people died unnecessarily last year—the victims of recklessness and ignorance. Tens of thousands more will die unnecessarily this year — unless all of us do something about it.

There are three basic approaches to the accident problem. First, comes education. And that doesn't mean just teaching the rudiments of safety to school children. It also means reaching the adult—continuously and pointedly—with those simple instructions and suggestions that, if followed, will reduce the hazards of motoring 90 per cent.

Second, comes law enforcement. Incompetent police—wholesale ticket-fixing—slothful prosecutors—inefficient traffic courts—these are among the best friends the Grim Reaper has. A number of American cities have materially reduced their accident rates by revising their traffic codes, training their traffic police, and doing away with fixing.

Third, comes better street and highway design, to eliminate "accident prone" locations. Many an intersection which was a virtual death trap has been made safe through competent engineering. Every community should start on a long-time program that will gradually do away with this cause of deaths and injuries.

We can have safety—if we want it, and are willing to earn it. This is a universal problem, and its solution depends on the co-operation of us all. We made progress toward that end last year—let's do a great deal more this year.

Capital Punishment

With no attempt to whitewash an ugly situation, we still reiterate our stand that North Carolina needs capital punishment, despite all the controversy raging in the halls of the General Assembly at the present moment.

We still believe that the lives of innocent persons should be spared rather than those who have committed capital felony, and we believe that capital punishment offers the protection to innocent people required for safety and security.

Right now the State of North Carolina's lawmaking body is engaged in a bitter controversy over the most humane method of taking the lives of capital felons—electrocution or asphyxiation.

Neither, hanging in the county where the crime is committed will do more to deter crimes punishable by death than all the electric chairs and gas chambers.

After all, one of the primary purposes and objectives of having capital punishment is so that others may know the penalty they have to pay for similar crimes. Clothing executions in secrecy, and locking out the public, defeats one of the original purposes of capital punishment.

We know a good many people who never took music who still are pretty good at fiddling around.

Those idle, chronic grouches wear out shoes too. They don't walk much, but they do a lot of kicking.

Just Among The Fishermen

BELIEVES OUR STORIES

Judge Henry Dannehl, the sage of Fredericksburg, Va., which claims to be the most historic city in the United States, writes this department that he believes all of our fishing tales. He is an old fisherman of experience and the only fish stories he doubts are those in relation to whales. He tells us of the experience of one of his friends who was out fishing alone in a row-boat. This fellow got sleepy. (Fishermen often do except at Southport, where the fish bite so fast that they keep everybody awake). He tied his line to his big toe and lay down in the boat and went to sleep with his oar across his chest. Pretty soon he got a tremendous bite and before he could untie the line from his big toes he was perked overboard, carrying the oar with him. By some chance he landed squarely astride the tail of a whale. Being a very resourceful fellow, a trait which fishermen have to possess in order to catch fish almost anywhere except Southport), he used the oar as a rudder and steered the whale ashore.

COMING TO SOUTHPORT

Judge Dannehl and a couple of his cronies in New York and one in Baltimore have fished together in the waters all of the way from Northern Neck, Va., to Oregon Inlet in this state. This year the Judge, who acts as master of ceremonies in arranging the annual trips, has decided on Southport. In that he shows just as much, if not more, wisdom as Solomon showed. Should a gale happen to chase them down here and it be too rough for outside fishing the plans are to go for the freshwater big mouth bass and goggle eyed perch. The ponds and lakes around Southport offer something pretty good in that line.

PROSPECTIVE CITIZENS

Charlie Farrell of Greensboro, who is by way of being tops in commercial photography in North Carolina, except for "Miss Anna", his wife, has just concluded a weeks trip at Southport. He made many wonderful pictures, hundreds of them; so did Miss Anna. We have an idea that when those pictures are developed they will show something of Southport and Brunswick county. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell like Southport and it is possible they will buy a place with the plan of coming to Southport in a few years. They love the coast and the coastal people and Mr. Farrell is intrigued by the fishing here. One whole day was given over to making pictures on Bald Head island. Incidentally, something interesting about the island is scheduled to break in the spring. Mr. Farrell also did well at fishing on his last trip. He got a whole barrel of fish and, to prove it, the Southport Civic Club secretary has a picture showing Mayor John Eriksen helping him load it in his car.

FISHING CLUB MEETING

The New Hanover Fishing Club, said to be the largest fishing club in the United States, is to hold its annual meeting at the court house in Wilmington Monday night. A. A. Keels is president of the club; A. D. Caswell is vice-president and George B. Canady is secretary-treasurer. At the Monday night meeting it may be decided to offer a prize for the member who tells the biggest fishing lie during 1939. This would give this columnist a chance to win something.

FISHING STORIES

As the season for good fishing stories draws near we are reminded of that prolonged dry spell of several years ago. Several of the more shallow ponds dried up completely and no one knew what became of the fish until one day when Melvin Smith, who lives near Bolivia, and his brothers were hauling top soil from the bed of a pond for the purpose of using it as fertilizer. At first they loaded their trucks with shovels. Finally one of them decided that it would speed up loading matters if they loosened the soil with plows. Accordingly, they hitched a big tractor and a gang plow up and Melvin drove it across the bed of the pond. Stopping to make the turn, he looked back and was astonished to see a great row of floundering big mouth bass and goggle eyed perch that had crawled down in the ground to wait for the next rain to fill the pond.

FISHING PICTURES

A fishing picture that had its initial distribution through the Southport Civic Club started going the rounds of big Sunday papers from coast to coast this past week. The Philadelphia Inquirer came here with the picture prominently displayed. Bill Wells

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.

ABOUT NAUTICAL SCHOOL

Southport, N. C., January 16, 1939.

Editor, State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C. Dear Sir:—The Nautical School Bill, as introduced by Senator S. E. Frink, is now known as the Josephus Daniels' Nautical Academy Bill of the Greater University of North Carolina, which is now resting in the hands of the Senate Educational Committee.

We urge you to support this bill by favorable comments to your friends and by contacting the members of the General Assembly personally or by mail. At this time we suggest writing the Chairman of the Senate Educational Committee, Senator Folger, and other members of the committee and the General Assembly.

Other members of the committee are as follows: Senators Umstead, Boyette, Rodman, Corey, Eagles, Lupkin, Larkins, Sutton, Blythe, Ballantine, Gibbs, Price, Taylor, Gray, Separk, Gardner, Austin, Hughes and Bellamy.

Remember, the nautically-minded young men of North Carolina can only obtain this excellent training through your consistent aid and co-operation by impressing the General Assembly of the importance of this project.

Sincerely yours, R. O. JOHNSON, Post Commander.

BASKETBALL REFEREES

Bolivia, N. C., Jan. 23, 1939

Editor State Port Pilot Southport, N. C. In your issue of Jan 11 you had an editorial in which you had some things to say regarding basketball in Brunswick county. I wish to endorse most of what you say. However, there was one thing you did not mention that I feel is very important and that is competent referees for the games.

I have witnessed a good many basketball games in Brunswick county in the past six or seven years and very few of them had competent referees. I believe this one thing has caused more dissatisfaction than anything else.

One practice that has prevailed in this county for several years is that in lots of games the coaches have had to act as referees and umpires. This is a practice that I feel should be stopped. Not that any of the coaches would deliberately do anything that would be unfair; but I believe any person who is coaching and training a group of boys or girls is so interested in the outcome of the contest that they should not be put in the position of having to act as a referee in a contest that their teams are taking part in.

All of the schools in the county now have gyms except one and that is under construction.

I feel that since the public is paying to see the games, that those in charge of our schools should see that competent and impartial referees be secured to handle these games.

This is not written in a spirit of criticism but only with the hope that we might have better sports in all of our schools and regardless of who wins or losses they may all feel that it was done fairly.

Yours truly, G. H. Cannon

Gives 8 Causes For Home Fires

State College Engineer Says Use Of Defective Equipment And Carelessness Cause Most Fires In Homes

Use of defective equipment or carelessness causes most of the fires which destroy hundreds of farm homes in North Carolina every year, says David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer of the State College Extension Service. He lists eight specific causes for the majority of fires in homes: (1) poorly constructed or defective flues and chimneys; (2) inflammable roofing material which ignites when sparks settle on it; (3) lightning; (4) spontaneous combustion; (5) careless use of smoking materials; (6) improper handling of kerosene and gasoline; (7) defective stoves and furnaces; and (8) lack of safe and adequate wiring for electricity, or the wrong use of

was in St. Augustine, Fla., Friday and saw it in the St. Augustine newspaper. The picture was of a catch of fish made a short time ago by Captain Barkley Tomlin on the Maude and Mable and Mr. Wells bought the fish at his house here in Southport.

The Folks Who Ought to Be in History



electrical appliances. Weaver suggested that the homeowner make an analysis of the fire hazard by going from room to room with a paper and pencil and check over the above mentioned items. The kitchen, the basement, storerooms, attics, closets and stairways offer the greatest problems, for it is there that most of the fires start.

A number of questions are asked by the agriculture engineer to stress fire prevention: "Do the members of your family have habits which are conducive to good fire control? Do they use kerosene or gasoline in starting fires? Are they careless about smoking conditions? Are the oily and greasy rags used about the garage put into metal containers or immediately burned, or are they allowed to accumulate as a possible hazard? "Are the children allowed to play with matches? Is the electric iron disconnected immediately when the ironer leaves the ironing board? "Many simple habits conducive to correcting fire hazards may be

instilled into the minds of members of the family by a general discussion of fire hazard problems".

CONTROL OF COTTON WILT IS EXPLAINED

Fusarium wilt of cotton, one of the most serious problems of growers in the Coastal Plain area, can be controlled by two methods, according to Dr. Luther Shaw, plant pathologist of the State College Extension Service. These methods are by the use of wilt resistant varieties of cotton and by adequate potash fertilization.

In an Extension Circular on the subject, just published, Dr. Shaw points out that Fusarium wilt annually takes a toll of approximately 30,000 bales of cotton in North Carolina, principally in the Coastal Plain area where 175,000 acres of cotton land are infested by the fungus.

Research workers have been studying Fusarium wilt for a number of years and have developed several varieties of cotton

resistant to the disease. While explaining that it is not advisable to recommend specific wilt resistant selections and strains because new developments would soon make them out of date, Dr. Shaw says Clewitt, Dixie Triumph and Humco Dixie have generally proven to be the most desirable under North Carolina conditions.

In discussing fertilization of cotton on wilt land, the plant pathologist says: "Liberal applications of potash have significantly reduced the amount of wilt on both resistant and susceptible varieties of cotton in experimental tests conducted at various points in the cotton belt in recent years. . . . Kainit and muriate of potash appear to provide the most effective sources of potash".

Detailed information on the subject may be obtained free by addressing a request to the Agricultural Editor at State College for Extension Circular No. 233, "Control of Fusarium Wilt of Cotton".

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