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Tact is what it takes to know things to say that you will not have to take back.

We don't know how to take some people, and wouldn't if we could.

Some people say the anarchists are boring from within. Most after-dinner speakers are boring any way you take them.

The trouble with our educational system is that for too many girls school tea—just a paid interlude between graduation and marriage.

When some people rise to their feet in public meeting to show they aren't afraid to express an opinion the only thing they succeed in proving is that they haven't sense enough to be afraid.

Fruitful Meeting

The progressive citizens of Waccamaw and Shallotte townships are elated over the results of the electrification meeting held Friday night at Shallotte school, for at that time they were given assurance that something will be done immediately to bring electric power into the more populous communities of that section.

We have always held that the only possible advantages that city residents hold over their country cousins is the convenience provided by electric lights and waterworks. Bring these two things into your rural home and you have everything—garden, chickens, cows, hogs, firewood and neighbors you know.

We are happy that all signs now point toward the early electrification of the greater part of Brunswick county, and in this connection we believe that the citizens should recognize the services of Representative Cornelius Thomas who has been instrumental in bringing about this investigations.

Tax Diversion

In the development of our state in recent years the path of progress has been made smooth with good roads and paved highways. If we are to continue to match the pace of progress our program of road building must continue.

That is one reason why we hate to see any of the money in the state treasury diverted from the road fund into the general fund for current expenses.

Another reason we oppose any attempt at diversion is that this money was raised from the motorists with the idea of providing them more and better highways to travel. The gasoline tax is high, but so long as the revenue derived from it was used for better roads we have always believed that the ends justified the means.

Most important among the reasons against diversion is the fact that this is the entering wedge which promises to completely undermine any determination to keep our state expenses within our income. The highway fund will be tapped this time to tide us over an emergency; to finance our state program without raising taxes. But once this step is taken it sets a dangerous precedent for reaching over into the good roads fund any time the occasion demands and taking out enough money to buy our way out of a bind.

Brunswick count vis too badly in need of better roads for our citizens to be in favor of diversion.

And about this same question The News Reporter has the following to say: Though the anti-diversionists in the Assembly seem to have suffered defeat in the first skirmish in the Senate finance committee, there still seems to be room for considerable thought before the matter is finally settled.

Even those inclined toward the extreme in this all important matter of tax diversion will readily admit that there's ample argument in favor of not diverting, simply because when diversion begins,

there's going to be little chance that there will ever be any reduction in the existing tax on gasoline.

However, that certainly is not the biggest argument against diversion of the highway funds to the general funds. Right here in Columbus county there are hundreds of miles of small township roads, not to be classed in a strict sense as secondary highways, which need attention.

If there appears a surplus in the Highway fund, it seems that it could be used to an excellent advantage in improving these small township roads, which are used extensively, and in certain rainy seasons are hardly passable.

There are dozens of such roads here. Furthermore, while North Carolina already has a great system of highways in her boundaries, there are certain sections which remain to be opened up through adequate paved highways.

Brunswick county and the lower end of Columbus, as well as the other sections of the county, cannot be said to have all the paved roads which they need for the normal flow of commerce and trade.

If the surplus, either existing or anticipated, in the highway funds is diverted, it certainly will lessen the chance of ever getting any great amount of work on these smaller township roads, and in securing any appreciable amount of new highways.

Feeling Of Relief

In three southeastern North Carolina counties we have personal friends who are county agents and although not one of them has said so in as many words, we believe that each of them is sincerely glad that there is no tobacco program for him to help enforce this season.

Under the set-up of the old AAA program it was imperative that a working organization be established immediately, since the county agent's office receives a good part of its financial support from the Federal Government this agency was quickly drafted into service, and overnight the men in these positions suddenly found their program changed from a doctrine of progress and plenty to one of curtailment.

With a flood of administrative duties dumped suddenly in their laps, county agents no longer had time to demonstrate improved methods, encourage modern farming nor point out the advantages of producing pure bred cows, hogs and chickens. In other words, all the natural functions of their office were forced into the background by these strange, new duties.

Now it is the old order of things. By the time our friends have gone to farmer Jones' place and vaccinated eight or ten hogs for cholera all of the bitterness in the farmer's heart as a result of last year's allotment is gone. Maybe it is some other service the county agent is called upon to do. Regardless of what it is, his program now, we believe, is more to his liking.

Record-Summarizing Time

(Wilmington Star)

It is record-summarizing time for 4-H club members of North Carolina.

L. R. Harrill, state club leader, recently said that the end of the record period in the 1938 National Farm Accounting contest is February 28, and \$7,000 in cash awards and \$1,500 in merchandise prizes await the winning contestants.

"I want to urge 4-H club members to summarize their records and have them in the office of their club leader, the farm or home agent, not later than March 11," Harrill said. "The club member's record book should be accompanied by his standard report form, a clear photograph of the contestant, a brief analysis or summary of the work showing the principal sources of profit and losses and suggested changes, if any, needed to make the farm study more profitable."

The awards in the National contest are on the basis of individual accomplishments and without regard to county, state or section, with the following prizes offered:

Merchandise certificates worth \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first to fifth prizes, respectively. In addition, there are 100 cash awards of \$25 each, 200 cash prizes of \$10 each, and 500 cash prizes of \$5 each.

"While I know every North Carolina club boy and girl is anxious to win one of these valuable awards, they should remember that the greatest achievement is that which an individual makes over his own record," Harrill stated.

Just Among
The Fishermen

SEEMS RECORD BREAKER

A couple of weeks or so ago a little item appeared in this paper about a 78 pound dolphin being caught by the crew of an oil tanker as the vessel was coming around Frying pan and into Wilmington. The sailor used a piece of white shirt collar as bait and a picture of the huge fish was presented this columnist in substantiation of the big fish. Now comes a well-known fishing magazine which deposes and says that the largest dolphin ever caught was landed by Zane Gray, that this fish weighed 63-pounds. This Zane Gray catch happens to be exactly 15 pounds lighter than the Dolphin taken on Frying Pan. In the picture this local fish really looks as if it would weigh more than 200 pounds instead of the 78 which it actually weighed. The picture is now in the hands of King Feature Service, Inc., in New York. They will probably make an early release on it. With the utmost respect for Zane Gray's ability as a fisherman, we are prepared to contend that the biggest dolphin ever taken with hook and line was caught off Frying Pan shoals at Southport.

LOOKS GOOD FOR BASS

Local devotees of freshwater bass fishing are getting more and more optimistic for what they believe this season will offer. A lot of rods and reels are already oiled and limbered up for an early start. As they used to say, it won't be long now until we have some good stories of good catches of big mouth bass which abound in the waters of Brunswick county.

CHEWED UP HIS HAND

Snakes are always considered by all freshwater fishermen—considered with distaste as there is always the possibility of meeting up with some of them while meandering along the banks of streams. There are only two or three of the several varieties of snakes that the fisherman should look upon as being especially dangerous, these are the rattlesnakes, cotton-mouth moccasins and adders. The others may give you the creeps but they will do you very little harm. Among his other accomplishments, Churchill Bragaw of Orton is a master at catching live snakes. He now has two or three dozen of the reptiles in a box on the plantation and when there is any special call for him to do so he gathers the whole mass up in his arms and lets them stick their tongues out in his face or crawl in his clothes. His collection includes several cotton-mouths and rattlesnakes and he handles these a little more gingerly. One day the past week Mr. Bragaw brought out his snakes to have their beauty paraded before the camera of Bill Sharpe. One of the reptiles, a 3 or 4 foot grass snake, objected to having its beauty sleep broken up and seized him by the hand. On this it chewed away, like a bull dog would chew on a piece of beefsteak. The many marks of the teeth remained for several days, but there was no swelling as this sort of snake is non-poisonous.

PLENTY OF FOLKS

Although there are now only two families on Bald Head Island and two additional men who have to leave their families on the mainland so the children can attend school, there used to be a lot of people over there according to Captain Tommie St. George and other Southporters. As a matter of fact Captain Tommie was born on the island. In the days of pirates and shortly thereafter the number of inhabitants sometimes ran to as many as a thousand or more. During Captain Tommie's earlier days there were always six to a dozen families over there. They made their living by fishing and farming, the latter including the raising of hogs and cows. Trapping also added considerably to the incomes. To make a day a good trapper could make a comfortable living on the island as the woods are simply full of coon, possum and mink.

LUCKY SLIP

POCOMOKE CITY, Md.—The "lucky slip" was drawn for storekeeper Will Hillman today and he got \$1.38 from a debtor of two years standing.

Ten months ago, the dilatory customer wrote Hillman that he disliked being dunned. He explained he paid one bill each month. Names of creditors were written on slips, put in a bucket and one, the winner, drawn out.

A note with Hillman's check informed him he should regard himself "very lucky." The other slips this month had fallen through a crack in the bucket.

Southport
School News

SCHOOL GROUNDS

The Students of this school need to take pride in their school grounds. We need to keep the paper and other trash off the grounds. If we see someone else throwing paper down in the yard unthoughtfully we should remind them to keep the yards as clean as possible. We have metal cans around the building to dispose of paper and we should use these. Let's make an extra effort to keep our school ground spotless.

TO PRESENT CARNIVAL

The Parent-Teacher Association is putting on a carnival in the school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock. The main attraction will be the crowning of the popularity queen. There will be a play presented which was written and directed by Waters Thompson. There will be booths of fancy work, candy and cakes.

The proceeds will go for the purchase of much needed playground and athletic equipment. Tickets are now on sale.

SAFETY PATROL

Last Thursday after chapel exercises there was a reorganization of the safety patrol. Under the new arrangement the boys have been on duty faithfully, even on rainy days. It is hoped that it will improve more in the future.

SEVENTH GRADE

The seventh grade pupils are now studying about Africa. In connection with their work they are making a sand table and a frieze that illustrate Africa. The sand table illustrates an African village and the frieze divides Africa into three parts. The northern region is one panel, the central region is the middle panel, and the southern region is the last or third panel.

The object of this work is to give students a better idea of Africa.

LUNCH ROOM

Recently a lunch room has been opened to provide food free of charge for the indigent and malnourished children of the school.

Lunch room service will be opened in several days to those who wish to pay cash for their meals.

LELAND
SCHOOL NEWS

Radio Program

One week ago last Saturday the students of Leland high school broadcasted over radio station WMFD. The program was a success, and from reports in the community everyone seemed to enjoy it. During the time that the program was being rendered, many requests were sent in. The members of the faculty and student-body are very proud that they had this privilege.

Debating Club

Much interest is being shown on the part of the members of the debating club. Eight of the members of the club are now working on the county debate. They are to work up two debates and an elimination contest will be held here in the school auditorium February 20, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend this contest.

Benefit Supper

Thursday night an oyster and chicken supper was served in the school lunch room. The proceeds went to the P. T. A. for use in various school activities.

Fiddler's Convention

Friday, February 17, an old time Fiddler's Convention will be held in the auditorium of Leland high school. Prizes will be awarded in various contests. A good time is expected by all.

Chapel Program

Last Wednesday morning the glee club had charge of the chapel program. It was enjoyed by the entire student body.

Year Speeds By

The school year is speeding by Monday ended the fifth month of a very happy school year. A large majority of the boys and girls are busy at their work, and the good part about it is they seem to be enjoying it. Report cards and honor roll will be given out February 13th.

Library Donations

Leland high school library is very proud of a set of books donated by Mrs. Joe Varzaal. The books are entitled "Great Men and Famous Women." Miss Durham and Mrs. Sally Lewis, the school librarians, are busy at work on these books. When they are finished they will be of great value to the boys and girls of the school. The library will appreciate any donations it's patrons will make. The very competent librarians can make old books look and wear like new ones.

FAULTY

From the standpoint of nutrition, 40 to 60 per cent of family diets of white employed city workers appear to be in need of improvement and the same is true for about 60 per cent of the diets of Negro families, the Federal Bureau of Home Economics found in a recent study.

But It's True



MRS. BLANCHE BEERS - OF ASSECON, NEW JERSEY. HAS WORN THE SAME BATHING SUIT FOR 44 YEARS... SHE HAS SWIM EVERY SUMMER THROUGH THAT PERIOD...

THE AMETHYST CRYSTAL WHICH IS MORE THAN TWO MILLION YEARS OLD AND HAS A DROP OF WATER IMPRISONED WITHIN IT... OWNED BY H.R. ENGLER OF BELLEROSE, NEW YORK.



MARTIN GLEASON - OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, GAINED 264 POUNDS IN 10 MONTHS... (1919-20.)

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As far as doctors could determine, Mr. Gleason was suffering from no disease or functional disturbance. He drank a lot of beer, ate heavily. He died of heart failure shortly after the end of his sudden period of weight-increase. Mrs. Beers is not just old-fashioned. She wore the suit for three years, found friends remaining to its appearance of antiquity, decided to see how far she could go with it.



THE NAME GEORGE MEANS "PEASANT."

AD LIBBING—(By Prince O'Brien, Jr.)

Figure this one out—of the eleven girls entered in the P-T. A. popularity contest only one of them can really be classed as a blonde and at this writing she is leading the field by a number of votes... We wonder if gentleness still prefers blondes!... A correction we are glad to make: The late Dr. Arthur Doshier and his wife owned the first car in town and not Capt. I. B. Bussels, as we stated last week... Thanks a million to the number of local citizens who had a kind word for our previous "Ad Libbing"... Has anyone ever found out for sure whether it was Dr. Roy Daniels or Jimmie Harper who took a tumble while riding horseback recently?... Things we didn't know 'til now:—That the old Fort Caswell that dates back to pre-Civil war days was built on the site of ancient castles, that is, surrounded by battlements, moat and draw bridge... To flood the moat soldiers received water from Caswell Creek thru a sluice and flood gates thence to the moat... That Ed Weeks toots a hot clarinet... That Capt. Barnett, of the Coast Guard, spent several months in a northern city studying law and crime detection... Just part of being a good coast guard captain... While on the subject of the coast guard we understand they have a wacko-jack ping pong team!... It ought to be good if it is any match for the G. C. bowlers. That Mr. Shannon of the W. B. & S. was one a motion picture theatre operator... That a few miles up the river from Southport on the left hand shore can be seen two old cannon nearly hid in the ground... P.S.—We would appreciate your letting us in on a few bits of backyard gossip on your next door neighbor... Here's hoping they can be used in this corner... Nothing too personal, you understand, just bits of this and that that not everyone knows about.



Girls
Are Like
Newspapers

- ★—They are Healthier and Stronger than they used to be
- ★—They have many type faces
- ★—They are worth looking over
- ★—Back Numbers Aren't in Demand
- ★—They Aren't Afraid To Speak Their Minds
- ★—They Can Make Or Break A Man
- ★—They Have Much Influence
- ★—They Carry News Wherever They Go
- ★—If they know anything they tell it

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