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We haven't much use for the kind of man that waits for the bandwagon to get underway before he climbs aboard.

Some people put on a lot of airs just to keep others from finding out things they know about themselves.

Just as soon as a woman is sure she can hen-peck her husband she arranges to put on a public demonstration.

A lot of folks are good at having ideas—for someone else to put through.

We hate to pay 30 cents per pound for the generous folds of wrapping paper that are wound about the meat we buy.

Some men apparently believe that no meeting which they attend is complete until they have given long-winded expression to some of their own ideas.

It's spring, all right, when you get more pleasure from seeing a couple of little goats play in a pasture than you do from seeing eleven men batter eleven others in the fall over the possession of a square foot of pigskin.

**A Fitting Tribute**

A bill passed Friday by the North Carolina Legislature has changed the name of the Brunswick County Hospital to the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital.

This action meets with the hearty approval of Brunswick county citizens who know better than anyone else can know how much the man thus honored did in the name of humanity during the years that he was a practicing physician.

The establishment of a hospital here was the culmination of a lifelong dream for Dr. Doshier; it is a fitting tribute to him to have this institution bear his name.

**Greater Possibilities**

The more we hear about the Nautical School bill introduced by Senator S. Bun Frink the better we like the possibilities.

The latest of these is to have the school included as a part of the engineering department of N. C. State College, with the first two years of a four year course taught in Raleigh.

The encouraging feature of this is that Col. J. W. Harrelson, head of the State College branch of the University of North Carolina, has shown an active interest in the plan and has even gone so far as to propose that this course could be included in his curriculum for next year provided a suitable training ship could be made available by the summer of 1941.

Our immediate interest in this development is that it relieves the necessity of securing from an economy-minded legislature an appropriation of \$100,000.00 for the establishment of a training ship, and postpones that action to a time when a nautical course shall have already been taught for two years at State College.

More important, however, is the fact that immediately upon the adoption of this program North Carolina forges ahead as a pioneer in nautical training in the United States. The eyes of the entire maritime world will be centered upon this state to see what will be the result of equipping the future officers of our merchant marine with the equivalent of a college education.

**Park Proposal**

Four representative citizens from Wilmington met Friday night with a group of representative men from Southport to discuss the possibility of working together for the establishment of a national park at Fort Fisher and including therein most of the lands that comprise Bald Head Island and Battery Island.

The plan contemplates an extension of the highway from Kures Beach to Bald

Head Island, spanning Corneake Inlet by bridge. A hardsurface road would then be run the length of Bald Head Island out to the shore tip of Frying Pan Shoals, thence back by causeway to Battery Island and across to Southport by means of ferry.

Of mutual benefit to both Wilmington and Southport through such a development would be the attraction of a national park which included a place of great historic interest as well as a territory where tropical vegetation abounds. There is no doubting the tourist appeal of such a venture.

Of particular benefit to Southport would be the elimination of her status as a dead-end town, and a fine flow of tourist traffic probably would result.

Two main obstacles stand in the path of the project. The first is Frank Sherrill, owner of Bald Head Island, who may have perfectly good reasons for not wanting to see his tropical island turned into a peninsular. The proposition will be more sound when his will in the matter is known.

Second, and no less important, is the lack of confidence that our local citizens have in ideas that originate in Wilmington for the benefit of Southport. There can be no doubt in the minds of our citizens that every single step of the proposal will be carried through to completion if they are to lend their enthusiastic support.

**Poor Men And The Governorship**

(Charlotte Observer)

Congressman Lindsay Warren, who has been urged to make the race for Governor in 1940, answers that he owes money on his home, has three children to educate and, therefore, is not financially positioned to make a bid for this high and honored place.

The force of the argument of Mr. Warren is poignant.

Boiled down to a sediment, it would seem clearly to mean that a man who runs for Governor of North Carolina under the present system must either have a warehouse of wealth behind him which he doesn't mind using, or take a chance on going broke in the enterprise.

And that seems to this newspaper, as it ought to seem to every patriot, to be a nauseating circumstance in a democracy that purports to give every man an equal chance, even in office holding aspirations.

**Clean Entertainment**

We saw a dramatic performance the other night that made us wish that every person we know who thinks that movies are wicked could be present.

Its simple hog-and-hominy plot was harmless enough, but the lines were seething with slang and redundant with cuss words.

Nothing as cheap and disgusting as this has ever been offered our local movie-going public.

**More Milk Needed**

Milk has been determined to be the most perfect food which is available today for man. Containing most of the necessary food elements, milk supplies the body with the vitamins, the carbohydrates and other essentials necessary to healthy and strong bodies.

Children especially who do not get milk generally suffer with malnutrition, eventually resulting in pellagra or any of the other kindred diseases perhaps.

Even with the knowledge of this fact, it seems amazing that in Brunswick county there is such a deficiency in the amount of milk produced. Figures show that there are some 300 less cows listed for taxation in 1938 than were listed the year preceding.

Comparative figures reveal that the 2708 milk cows listed in 1938 give the county one milk cow for practically every 15 persons, which certainly is not enough if every person in the county gets his proportionate and adequate quota of milk every day.

Of this number, there are certainly times when most of them are not milking, so the number actually remains considerably lower. In every conceivable view, Brunswick county needs more milk.

The fact that more milk could be obtained so easily leaves little room for excuses or alibis, because there's hardly a family in Brunswick county that could not have a good milk cow.

If the amount of milk in the county were increased through the medium of more milk cows, it undoubtedly would result in more efficiency and greater energy in the schools, on the farm, in every phase of Brunswick county life.

Successful men shouldn't wear out the heels of their shoes—they're always on their toes.

**Just Among The Fishermen**

**AN OLD ONE**

A few days ago someone sent this department a couple of Liars Licenses, all properly filled out or supposed to be. One was for our personal use, the other was for L. T. Yaskell and was duly handed over to him. Inspecting it, he called attention to the fact that the license placed his age at 49. He avowed he was only 40. "Oh," said a bystander, "it is easy to explain that mistake, if it is a mistake. They thought you were just an old liar."

**HARD TO UNDERSTAND**

When luck goes against a freshwater fisherman and he is returning home empty-handed, it is always hard for him to understand why he is bound to meet up with some small boy with a cane fishing pole on his shoulder and toasting a string on which there is the full day's legal limit of big large mouth bass, not to mention other sorts. The old adage about its being well to be prepared does not hold good in fishing. When you make a lot of preparation and start out in the highest of hopes you are likely to bring in nothing.

**PONDS WELL FILLED**

Recent rains filled nearby ponds to the brim for the first time in twelve months. Other rains during the fall and winter had merely given the watersheds a good soaking and left the ground in condition where it could not absorb much more water. So when the fairly heavy rains came about ten days ago the watersheds passed it all on into the ponds. The excess water is bothering the fishing for a short time, but will contribute to its being much better a little later on.

**OFFICIAL WEIGHING STATION**

The Southport Filling Station, operated by John Fullwood and George Thompson, has been designated the official weighing station in Southport for the catches of members of the New Hanover Fishing Club. Blanks will be kept on hand at the above place and fish caught by members of the club will be weighed and their poundage certified, in order that they may be entered in competition for prizes.

**AFTER HONOR HERE**

The biggest drum taken by any member of the New Hanover Fishing Club last season weighed 54 pounds. It was caught by George Hutaff. For this season the club is offering a hundred-dollar cash prize to any member who catches the biggest drum of the year, provided it weighs more than the 54-pounder taken by Hutaff. A local bet is that the beach on Bald Head island will provide the fish that takes this hundred dollars.

**BEFORE NOT AFTER**

A sportsman cannot catch a prize winning fish, join the New Hanover Fishing Club and then enter his fish. He must be a member when he actually catches the fish that he is entering for a prize. Membership cards or proof of membership must be presented at the weighing station where the fish is taken to be weighed and entered.

**GAME FISH SOON**

While black fish are the only salt water stuff that are now being taken with hook and line, local boatmen are looking forward to having the sea trout become active in a short time. March should result in some pretty good salt water fishing of some sort. Meanwhile, local sportsmen are getting a lot of forays on the big-mouth bass and other freshwater fish.

**HUGE DOLPHIN**

While Zane Gray is officially credited in the sport fishing magazines with having caught the largest dolphin even taken in any waters with hook and line, the 78-pounder taken by the crew of an oil tanker on Frying Pan shoals looks mighty good to us compared to the 63-pound Zane Gray catch. Affidavits can be furnished regarding the 78-pounder, which was caught with a piece of white shirt collar cloth as a trolling lure.

**HOW TO CATCH MINNOWS**

Get a strong wire hoop, cover it with mosquito netting. Run four small wires or two-foot pieces of string from evenly spaced distances on the hoop to center above it. With a few feet of string leading to a stout pole the trap can be lifted out of the water with the minnows, as soon as they swarm over it. This they will do if a few beef scraps or other good bait is attached about in the center of the netting. Traps like this are especially effective for catching small drum for bait.

**BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS**

**Present Play**

A good audience was present for the junior play, which was presented in the school auditorium on Friday evening. Many nice compliments came in to the juniors for their splendid performance. We are sure that such words were in order and we congratulate them again for their success.

**Junior-Senior**

The junior class is now making plans for the annual junior-senior banquet which is to be held March 31.

**English Club**

The senior English club held its regular meeting on Friday. The program consisted of anecdotes and humorous stories.

The 9th grade English club had a movie review for its program on Friday.

**French Club**

The senior French club program last week was on "Social Customs of the French" and a short review of periods of French literature.

Mildred Lewis, of Elizabethtown, formerly of Bolivia, and a member of the present junior class, visited in the school on Monday.

**P. T. A. Meeting**

The March meeting of the P. T. A. will be held in the school auditorium on Thursday evening, March 2. A very good program is planned and everyone is invited to attend.

The program, which is on "Safety" is as follows:

Devotional, Rev. J. R. Potts; business; introduction of speakers, Mr. Tucker; talk: "Safety," Lieutenant John Davis, Wilmington Police; "Highway Safety," Mr. Donald Hocutt, State Director Highway Safety Division; Open forum; singing by choir.

**LELAND SCHOOL NEWS**

The elimination contest of the debaters to take part in the county contest was held last week. The debates were very good and the judges found difficulty in making their decisions. Betty Lou Powell, Philip Dresser, Gertrude Mills and Mary Rouk were chosen to represent the school in the county and state debate contest.

**CHAPEL PROGRAM**

Mrs. Mark's 7th grade class had charge of the chapel program, last Tuesday. The program was concerning the birthdays of famous people in February. The program was greatly enjoyed by the students and faculty.

**INVITED**

Members of the senior class and faculty have received their invitations to the junior-senior banquet.

**ENTER TOURNAMENT**

Both boys and girls teams are making plans to enter the Star-News basketball tournament to be held March 16-17-18. Last year both teams made a good showing.

**NEARING FINISH**

The gymnasium is about completed. The workmen are busy adding a few finishing touches to the inside. We are very glad to learn that the floor is going to be sanded by a W. P. A. sanding machine.

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

We are very thankful to the school officials for the interest shown in playground equipment. See-saws and swings are being added to the playground, also a giant slide. Before the year is over we are expecting many necessary improvements made.

**STATE EXAM**

The senior class last Tuesday took the state-wide senior psychological examination. Much interest was manifested by the class and here's hoping they made a creditable showing for the school and for themselves.

**CHILD IMPROVES**

Little Otto Skipper who was recently hurt on the bus has recovered and is getting along nicely. No serious damage was done, his doctor reported.

**Winnabow Club Women Meet**

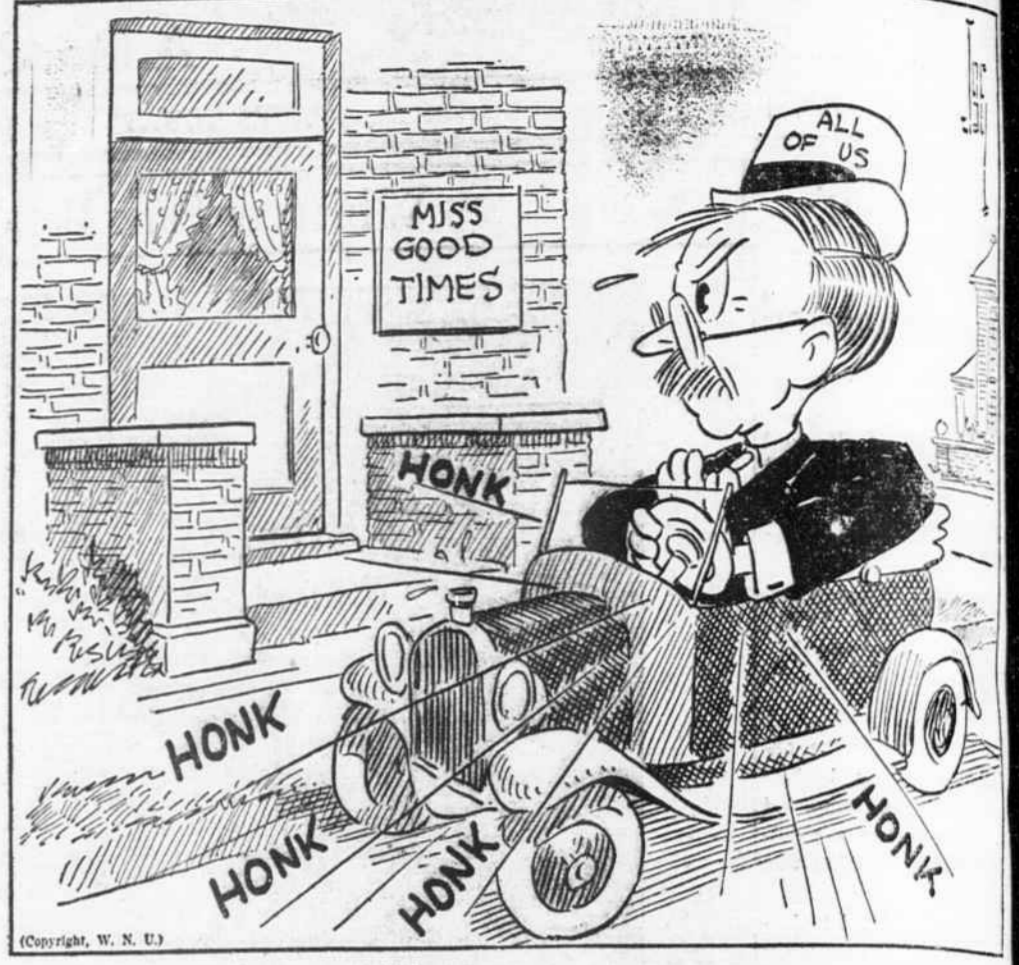
Mrs. E. W. Taylor was hostess to members of the Winnabow Home Demonstration club on February 16.

A feature of the program was a talk on home beautification by Miss Kate Johnson. Other interesting talks were made by Mrs. R. L. Sullivan on clothing and by Mrs. A. P. Henry on home management. The lesson for the month, "1939 Outlook For The Farm Family," was given by Mrs. Marion S. Doshier, home agent.

Valentine games were played and delicious refreshments were served by Misses Julia Taylor and Kate Johnson.

Those attending the meeting were Mesdames A. P. Henry, W. C. and Preston Savage, R. L. Sullivan, J. H. Mills, J. C. Potter, and Misses Julia Taylor, Josie and Bertha Reid, Mary Maulsby, and the hostess, Mrs. Taylor.

**Just Like a Woman to Keep a Fellow Waiting**



**NOT EXACTLY NEWS**

It is not generally known, but the main part of the Orton mansion was built of brick and stone, two feet thick, in 1725. The thick walls were for protection against the flaming arrows of the troublesome Cape Fear Indians. . . . A Spanish expedition once captured and held Brunswick, near Orton, for a short time. . . . The hardy settlers of the lower Cape Fear quickly routed them out. . . . Cotton was first introduced into the United States when seed was brought to Town Creek township in this county and planted near the old Governor Russell plantation. . . . From there the seed started on the rapid distribution throughout the south.

When Fort Fisher fell on January 15, 1865, Orton Plantation lay in the path of the invading Federal armies. The only thing that saved the mansion from being put to the torch and destroyed was that it was needed as a hospital for federal soldiers who were suffering from small pox.

Many victims of yellow fever are buried in the old Southport cemetery. . . . Many people died of this disease in Wilmington before and during Civil War times. . . . It was usually brought in on ships coming from Nassau. . . . The block on

which the Brunswick Inn and other buildings now situated once was entirely surrounded by an eleven-foot brick wall, surmounted with broken bottles. . . . This formed a sort of pen in which slaves were kept after being unloaded from ships at Southport. . . . From here the slaves were carried to various markets. . . . The lower part of this brick wall still stands around the greater part of the block.

The Wilmington-Brunswick and Southern Railroad was the first road in North Carolina to use oil burning steam engines. . . . This type of engine was adopted because the road suffered from so many damage suits growing out of allegations that sparks from the wood and coal burners set the woods on fire. . . . Although some historians have always given credit to the Boston Tea Party for being the first armed resistance to the British Stamp Act, it is just as officially claimed that the first hostilities actually happened at Russellborough, where Governor Tyrone had his palace. Russellborough is less than a mile from the Orton Plantation in Brunswick county.

Charley Hewett was traveling representative for a New York wholesale fish house for the greater part of his life.



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