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Most big arguments are over little things.

Time flies, and its fly time again.

Most of the time when a person asks you a question he is only seeking confirmation of his own previously formed opinion.

Let's do our part to change recklessness to wrecklessness.

One thing is sure: Dun and Bradstreet doesn't base a man's financial standing on the model automobile he is driving.

Modern youth is ambitious, all right; but instead of wanting to climb the ladder of success they are waiting around for the elevator.

We never like to be the first one to start laughing nor the last one to stop.

When you've talked your way into a corner about as good plan as any is to turn around and face the wall.

What Do We Want?

We were talking to Highway Commissioner A. F. Powell, Jr., last week and the matter of paving the River Road came up for discussion.

"In my opinion," he said, "the paving of highway No. 130 is the most important project in your county and I want to see that road paved all the way from Whiteville to Shallotte."

We told him that this, too, was our No. 1 road project; but the river road is our second concern.

"What is the sentiment of the people down there," he wanted to know. "What do they want?"

"The one's we've talked to want it paved," we told him.

"You'll be asking us to ruin the beauty of a mighty pretty drive," he reminded.

Then we gave him our impression of the importance this road can be in the development of a large area of Brunswick county.

"I'd like to know what the people down there want," was his parting word.

And we are passing this information along to our readers for what it is worth in making requests in the future.

No Taking Back

One thing we have a hard time convincing our readers of is that it is dangerous to play a joke on someone in print. Even in conversation there are plenty of times that some improvised witicism or jest doesn't click. Usually an embarrassing situation brought on in this manner can be smoothed over with an apology, or by assuring the offended party that no harm was intended.

But in print it is different. Something that may impress you as being hilariously funny if printed about some acquaintance of yours may strike him just the other way. And you are likely to find that it isn't always easy to worm your way out of a printed joke that backfired.

If we printed everything we received every week from all our contributors we'd have to spend half our time explaining our way out of situations that we had no part in creating, and there'd probably be numerous occasions when we'd have to fight first and explain afterward.

Girl-and-boy jokes are the most frequent, and for that reason we are forced to kill every girl-and-boy item that we receive, for in this particular we know that it is better to lean over backward in order to keep straight. Many harmless items must be thrown away just to be sure that one well meant but ill-timed joke doesn't break into print.

All this doesn't mean that we do not welcome news items, for we do. We wish there could be a representative column from every section of the county in each issue of our paper. But we believe that

there are enough church socials, revival meetings, reunions, births, deaths, marriages, illnesses, etc., to keep up public interest without resorting to printed practical jokes that are possibly damaging to one or two, amusing to only a few and disgusting to those of our readers.

No Economy

There is now every indication that the recent economy drive in congress was made of the same stuff of which all economy drives in recent years have been made—ballyhoo and buck passing.

This is a paradoxical situation. On the surface, as recorded by numerous polls and speeches, the public is all for economy. But public office holders, quick to accept the views of public opinion, are extremely reluctant to do more than talk about it. They know that demands for economy are only "skin deep" as far as the public is concerned. Their constituents back home, polls and speeches notwithstanding, still demand "free money" for this or that "worthy civic project." Economy is all right they say, in effect, so long as the fellow in the next state or the next county bears the brunt of it.

The next time you are tempted to curse the politicians in Washington for not pulling the drawstrings on the public purse, just remember this: The average public official won't buck public opinion. Therefore, until the public honestly demands economy and all of us are ready to grin and bear the resultant pinch, the country will have no economy.

Civic organizations, local politicians and business men who advocate economy on one hand and on the other beg like paupers from their representatives in the nation's capital defeat their own cause.

Old Adam Pops Up

(Atlanta Journal)

The educational experiment with the twins, Johnnie and Jimmie Woods, aged seven, has produced some perplexing results. For two years now Johnnie's schooling has been "scientifically conditioned" by Columbia University "experts," while Jimmie has gone the old-fashioned way. Jimmie is getting far the better marks of the two and is showing more initiative. In fact he is the "boss" of the family. At their birthday party last Tuesday the lads unbosomed themselves. Said scientific Johnnie, "I hate school!" Unscientific Jimmie declared, "School is swell. You have spelling, and words, and stories." Jimmie's great yearning is to "go out and falling in the mud," Johnnie's to "grow up to be the Prince in Snow White." We must leave it to experts to solve the riddle, though, frankly, we wouldn't give five minutes of Johnnie's and Jimmie's revealing chatter for a month of the pedagogic discourses.

Conscription

(News & Observer)

Resort of the English government to conscription despite frequent pledges of the Chamberlain government not to take that course is one of the most disturbing things that has yet happened.

It indicates very clearly that the present British government is convinced that the present tension in Europe will last for some time to come. And such tension cannot last indefinitely without a snapping somewhere that will plunge most of the civilized world into war.

The move also indicates that the Chamberlain government is convinced that the temper of the British people is now such as to support a step heretofore vigorously resisted except in time of war.

The Prime Minister's answer by opposition members of Parliament to the charge of repudiation of a solemn pledge is also most significant:

"I believe that when people have had time to consider the circumstances in which we are living, they will agree with me that they cannot be described as peace times."

As long as the British government feels that way, those who hope for a continuation of peace will be forced to mingle fears with their hopes.

The question that concerned an apprentice in former days was "How"; the question of the modern apprentice is "How Much?"

Watches are round objects which after-dinner speakers take out of their pockets, lay on the table, and promptly forget.

Another problem for Mr. Wallace is to prescribe some remedy to control the jitters which are sweeping the country.

Just Among The Fishermen

FRESHWATER AGAIN

The freshwater fishing season opened again today and it is very likely Fessor Stone, Cap'n Myers, Cap'n Bussell, "Slim" Osborne or Postmaster Yaskell will be coming around with the tale of catching some big mouth bass or string of goggle eyed perch before this week is over. When it comes to big mouth bass it can be said that Brunswick county leads all of the state. The biggest fish, so far this year, has been the 8 1/2 pounder that was caught by Edwin Harrelson seventeen years old. Incidentally it may be said that the story of his big bass went all over the country from Maine to California.

OUT IN THE GULF

We see by the papers, and also by a letter, that Bill Sharpe, Publicity Director for the State Advertising Bureau, is sending forth press releases on the barracuda being out in the gulf stream off Southport. Bill has put in a demand for pictures of good catches of these fish and the names of the sportsmen making them. He aims to give Southport some good publicity this year with regard to the barracuda. Incidentally this seems to be the most northern point at which these fish are taken.

WILL BE HERE OFTEN

Doc Summers, pioneer in gulf stream fishing at Southport, will be here often this summer, according to his favorite boatman. For three years Doc and Cap'n Hulan Watts have been consistent visitors to the gulf stream and when they go out it may always be taken for granted that they will bring in a catch of big fellows in the way of barracuda, amberjack, dolphin, etc. Doc does not take many companions on his trips. Two or three are the limit. It is hoped that whenever possible parties bound for the gulf stream will contact your columnist and take a bundle of newspapers and other reading matter out to the men on the lightship at Fryling Pan.

MACKEREL RUNNING

A party from Castle Hayne fishing here Sunday with Captain Hulan Watts made the first mackerel catch that has been reported to this department. The big spring run of these fish will be on at any time now and they add a lot of excitement to the local sport fishing. The Castle Hayne fishermen were A. Sandey, B. Van Bavel, J. Ganytruk, Pete Braak and Peter Brocock. Counting all sorts, they brought in about 250 pounds of nice fish.

CATCHING SHEEP HEAD

Almost any day now sees quite a number of folks gathered on some of the docks, engaged in the slow sport of fishing for sheephead. It seems to require quite a lot of skill and patience to catch one of these fish. Some sportsmen appear to be able to take them with ease and in other cases there is just no luck. The largest specimen we have seen thus far was a five pounder, caught one day last week.

CALLING AGAIN FOR STUFF

Repeating a call made last week, Bill Sharpe, State Publicity Director, wrote again Monday asking for reports of unusual catches of fish, the names of those making the catches and pictures whenever good clear prints of such are available. The stories go to many states outside of North Carolina and constitute valuable publicity for Southport and Brunswick county. With this fact in mind the Civic Club secretary asks for data on all good catches of fish made anywhere in this county. When you make an unusual catch write the Civic Club about it, telling who, what and where.

WANT LIVE ALLIGATOR

An alligator is not exactly a fish, but there is some relation and a bit of interest may be attached to the fact that the big fellow shot on the Southport waterfront last spring has his picture on exhibit at the World's Fair in New York, as a part of the North Carolina exhibit. The picture was made by C. J. Newton, using a small box camera. The print from the negative turned out so good that Bill Sharpe of the State Publicity Department had an enlargement made to be placed on exhibit. For this next Saturday and Sunday when some 50 camera fans are to hold forth on Bald Head Island for a night and a day we would like to have a sizable alligator, alive if possible. If it is not alive it is at least desired that the demise be comparatively recent.

A new potato planter, which comes in 1 and 2 row sizes and in both team and tractor styles, is designed to give better seeding

Personal

Mrs. J. A. Martin of Lumberton and Mrs. W. T. Martin of Raleigh were guests of Mrs. E. M. Hall on Monday.

Mrs. B. C. White of Sumter, S. C., is visiting her sister, Miss Elizabeth Murray.

Mrs. Lou H. Smith and her husband, Fred Smith, will spend this week-end with her mother at Alcolu, S. C.

Miss Margaret Watts is spending this week in Whiteville with friends.

Misses Marian Frink and Doris Corlette spent today in Whiteville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gill are spending a few days at Winnabow with Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruark visited her relatives at Delco Sunday.

Pearce Cranmer and E. R. Newton of Raleigh and H. W. Hood, state inspector of weights and measures, spent the week-end here with their respective families.

L. J. Hardee has returned here from Morgan City, La., and plans to engage in shrimping activities between here and Georgetown, S. C., for sometime.

Harper Vitou is spending some time here with his mother, Mrs. Annie K. Vitou.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Styron made a trip to Columbia, S. C., Sunday to visit Rev. A. H. Marshall who is a patient at the veterans hospital.

Mrs. L. J. Williamson is spending this week in Wilmington with her daughter, Mrs. Willie Hewett and is attending the cooking school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Sellers, at Supply.

Mrs. Wess A. Cock of Baltimore, Md., is spending sometime with her mother, Mrs. George Walton.

Mrs. W. S. Doshier has returned from Boston, Mass., where she was a patient for several weeks at Boston General Hospital where Dr. Doshier, her husband, is doing special study.

NEWS BRIEFS

OPERATION

Miss Ophelia Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moore, of Supply underwent an appendectomy Sunday at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

FOOT INFECTION

Howard Chance of Southport is in the Doshier Memorial Hospital with an infected foot.

AT WORLD FAIR

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Fergus left Monday morning for New York where they will attend the World Fair.

DOCTOR HERE

Dr. Nicholas Polites, house physician at James Walker Hospital, Wilmington, is looking after Dr. L. C. Fergus' patients while he is away.

RECEIVES HONOR

Elwood Mintz, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mintz of Shallotte, has been elected president of the Gospel Band of Louisburg College, where he is a ministerial student.

CONDITION IMPROVES

Mrs. M. R. Sanders is a patient at the Doshier Memorial Hospital but friends will be glad to know that her condition is much improved.

MRS. FRINK BETTER

Mrs. S. B. Frink is convalescing at the Doshier Memorial Hospital.

FOR TREATMENT

Reggie Piner of Southport is in the Doshier Memorial Hospital for treatment.

APPENDECTOMY

Mrs. Henry Todd of Supply underwent an operation for the removal of her appendix at Doshier Memorial Hospital Friday.

NATIVE HONORED

W. L. Simmons, well known in Brunswick county where he was reared and educated, was recently elected president of the Rotary Club at his home in Sanford.

MOVE

Mrs. E. R. Newton is moving this week from her home on the waterfront into the H. W. Hood home on Atlantic avenue.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lanier of Winnabow announce the birth of a daughter in James Walker Hospital, Wilmington, May 2, 1939.

IN LOUISIANA

Mrs. E. H. Arrington and children and Mrs. R. I. Mintz and daughter left Monday for Baton Rouge, La., to visit Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, Jr.

But It's True

Advertisement for Jack Johnson featuring an illustration of a man in a long coat and hat. Text includes: 'ALTHOUGH LUGS MAKES OF AMERICAN AUTOS HAVE BEEN PUT ON THE MARKET IN THE LAST 40 YEARS--THERE ARE ONLY 14 MANUFACTURERS MAKING A TOTAL OF 28 CARS TODAY...' and 'THIEFVILLE IS THE NAME OF A TOWN IN OKLAHOMA...' and 'IN INDIA PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO MARRY LEGALLY AT THE AGE OF FIVE...'.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS . . . By Gene O'B

After practically living with horses for the past two weeks I should be qualified to elucidate on the subject. For the benefit of late comers we offer this info . . . The local Riding Academy was officially opened this past Sunday and the rates are half the usual rental fee. Many visitors from various points have given praise to the horses. Right now there are three steeds for hire. The stables are located on the Supply road at the old Lewis Dairy. At least the western pictures will be appreciated more after a trial at riding . . . Some local man received a letter addressed to the "Fat Politician." Wonder who? . . . According to early reports there will be five menhaden fish boats operating around Southport this season. In addition to the two regulars, Morehead and Anderson—which is now under Thomas St. George. Mayor Ericksen will have the new Cuban boat and Captains Ruben and William Guthrie will work here . . . The Ericksen boat will have a capacity load of around 700,000 fish! . . . We are quite willing to donate a section each week to the disgust shown by the public over the European situation. Given two weeks to prepare a rebuttal and with the help of Propagandist Goebbles, Herr Hitler was unable to give an answer that would show him as anything but a heel. Since Col. Beck's short but fiery tongue lashing even the German people are beginning to see the real Der Fuehrer.

This week's movie bill at the Amuzing by "The Three Musketeers," with the King Ritz Brothers and Don Ameche . . . Ne-can boast of few advertising agents as cap W. B. Keziah. He turns more public Southport and Bald Head than probably any publicizer in the country, in relation to speaking of New York, their custom of in the heart of the city has been shuttling the city within a city—Rockefeller Center are springing up along Fifth Avenue.

OUTTA THIS WORLD: Tommy Dorse for the legion of fans in Chadbourne on the tenth . . . Correction please, James Johnson not at Lake Waccamaw this summer. Ocean Drive . . . REPETITIONS: Hitler's at writing a book should be entitled, "I, The ple." . . . Famous remarks: 1933, Roosevelt shall reduce expenditures." Hitler: "We territorial claims to make." . . . The tell . . . Speaking of horses, Sonny Jimmons, owner of the last four Wood winners, saddles them himself. His first win the Derby, though, was Johnstown. Last urday was the 65th running and the post winner is \$50,000! Strangely, enough none won the Derby yet . . . John Boyd Fine written two more ditties that are destined "Hit Parade" as soon as they are printed brings us down to a slow trot where we

Winnabow News

Mr. and Mrs. George Richmon of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Smelser.

Mrs. Lee Kye and son, Ray, and Mrs. Gilmes Kye were shoppers in Wilmington Wednesday.

Miss Mary Taylor of Burgaw and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vines of Wilmington were visitors here Wednesday afternoon.

Misses Berther Reid and Julia Taylor spent Sunday at Kure's Beach with friends.

Mesdames E. R. Hufham and Fred Roache left Tuesday evening to visit Mrs. J. B. Smith in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hornsby of Bolivia were visitors here Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. George McIlvaine and son, Junior Smith, of Jacksonville are visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Lanier and family.

Earl Henry and Mrs. Arthur Ferguson of Niagara and Miss Williams of Orange, N. J., arrived Wednesday to visit Mrs. T. W. Henry and family and to attend the nurses graduation Thursday evening in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zibell, Misses Hansey Williams and Rebecca Tharp, Woodrow Sullivan and Miss Gertrude Maulsby and Ed Maulsby also attended the nurses graduation.

John Bridgeman and M. W. Devine of Wilmington were visitors here Thursday.

Miss Minnie Payne of Wilmington was a visitor here Friday.

Miss Catherine Linart of Wilmington visited Mrs. J. L. Henry Saturday afternoon.

G. R. Foulke spent Wednesday in Santee, S. C.

Mrs. Nellie Walker is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Ball, in Hamlet.

Whiterville Boys Visit Bald Head

Solicitor Lee Greer of Columbus county and his undefeated high school boys boxing team spent from Thursday until Sunday afternoon on Bald Head Island fishing and swimming.

The boys, 15 in number, made the trip to and from the island in rowboats. They had a bit of stiff work combatting the tides in the river. This trip was one that Mr. Greer has had scheduled for sometime. The boys were all in their teens. They said they had a great time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Smelser and Mr. and Mrs. George Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Miller in Kelly Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gill and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor of Southport visited Mrs. D. R. Johnson Monday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Burnett of Wilmington is visiting Miss Gertrude Maulsby.

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Home Coming To Be Observed

Home-coming day will be observed at Sharon Methodist church on Sunday, May 14, and all members, former members and friends are invited to present.

A Mothers Day program will be presented by the D.D.S. Sharon churches. Services begin at 10 o'clock. Rev. Phillips, the pastor, urges attendance.

Scientists Are Visiting

The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., sent a party of its experts here yesterday to study of the animal life in Brunswick, especially at Bald Head. Two additional men are to arrive Friday from the same institution.

The men here are Watson Rygo and Greg Rohrer. They are traveling in one of the Smithsonian field trucks and complete camping layout. Plans of the Southport Civic Club are for them to be joined by other scientists here Saturday and to go to the island for a few days.

HOSPITAL GIFTS

Friends of the Doshier Memorial Hospital are urged to visit institution on Friday, when National Hospital day, will bring gifts that will be of great value there. The following list of gifts is suggested: cases, sheets, towels, wash bureau and tray covers.

Further improvements on cotton harvester have brought a point where it has had 97 per cent of the cotton seven varieties at College Station, Texas, and 98.8 per cent from 13 varieties at Lufkin, Texas.

Chastity is the cement of civilization and progress.—Mary