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The only thing athletic about some people is their feet.

The first swing tune we heard about was "Hang John Brown To A Sour Apple Tree."

With a Tommy Dorsey dance going on in Durham last week-end we'd say that the group of Duke students who visited Bald Head Island really were in quest of knowledge.

Greatest drawback in holding public office as we see it is the necessity for keeping most of the people fooled most of the time.

We're in the printing business, but we've never been able to figure out how to make as much profit from a roll of paper as our butcher does.

It is easy to understand where the word 'bully' got its first syllable.

You can't beat the heat with your best clothes on.

Freedom of speech doesn't give you the right to say things you should know better than to say.

Love and admiration are to be more highly respected when not cheaply displayed.

### Memorial Hospital

There was never a thing more fitting than that the name of the Brunswick County Hospital should have its name changed to the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital, and the simplicity and dignity with which the change was made Friday afternoon would, we believe, appeal to the good taste of the man in whose honor the ceremony was planned.

There was no large crowd of the curious, but only a gathering of his true friends, and friends of his family; and not one word was uttered but was spoken with earnest meaning.

No tribute was read to express the high regard in which Dr. Doshier was held by fellow-members of his profession, for none was needed. They were there in person at the unveiling of a tablet erected in his memory, paying silent homage to a fellow physician whom they loved and respected.

### The Bible

In these days when democracy is being forced to take stock of her resources, lovers of human freedom will read with encouragement the releases from the annual report of the American Bible Society.

Even in the face of the dictator's edict the Bible out-sold Mein Kampf in Germany last year by 200,000 copies. Latin America for whose trade and friendship dictators are strenuously bidding has a hunger for the Scriptures that is apparently insatiable.

China with all her appalling needs bought more complete Bibles from the Society than ever in her history. Japan likewise increased her purchases by about 10 per cent over the year before. Meanwhile the Scriptures moved into a dozen new languages in 1938, bringing the total number of tongues in which some part of the Scriptures have been translated to 1021. It is now conservatively estimated that nine-tenths of the people of the world might hear some substantial part of the Scriptures read in their native tongue. No book in the world even faintly approaches this record. As long as this continues human freedom has a great ally.

### Help Your Forest Warden

County Forest Warden Dawson Jones was in to see us last week with a

grave concern weighing heavily upon his mind.

"I know it is a busy season," he said, "but we've had two or three fires lately that did considerable damage simply because we couldn't get help in putting them out. The citizens of the county have taken the attitude that me and my helpers are getting paid to fight fires and that they are going to leave it strictly up to us."

We see the side of the farmer who is up to his neck in work and we know that at this season of the year there seems to be an endless number of jobs of day-before-yesterday importance. But we believe that in the long run the dividends from a few hours fire fighting will be greater for the farmer than from any other source.

Here's the reason: At this time of year it takes a good, strong fire about 10 minutes to kill a growth of young pine trees that it required 10 years to develop. Ask some of your neighbors who have been selling cord wood, pulp wood, poles and timber about their returns and you'll see that in killing off a stand of 10-year-old trees you have destroyed one-fourth of the value of one of your best paying crops.

Nor does the fire necessarily have to be on your own premises for it to be your moral obligation to help bring it under control. There is the selfish angle that any uncontrolled fire might conceivably spread to your place; but there is the more commendable attitude of being a good neighbor in helping your fellow get his ox out of the ditch.

### Use Our Cotton

If the well-timed advent of tobacco had not saved the Brunswick county farmer from the unseemly plight of the average American cotton farmer, we shudder to think of the difference in our economic status as it might have been and as it really exists today.

There can be little doubt that during the hectic days which followed cotton's hay-day twenty years ago, only tobacco saved the Brunswick county farmer from virtual ruin. As it happened, about the time that cotton struck the bottom, tobacco was gaining yearly as a money crop among the farmers of this county, thus giving them a means of escape from ruin.

Yet other sections of the country and other sections of North Carolina were not nearly so fortunate. Many parts of the country have known little but depression since cotton ceased to reign supreme in the agricultural realm.

Observers tell us that the world demand for cotton has slumped which explains the present low prices of eight or nine cents. Many of the world markets which previously patronized the United States have, so we are told, ceased to use American cotton.

In America itself, where cotton once furnished one of the principal requisites for milady's wardrobe, today a great deal of it comes from the silk imported from Japan and China. America itself cannot shirk the responsibility for part of the present dilemma of the cotton farmer, because its domestic use of the staple has proportionately decreased in the past quarter of a century.

We see a great need for a national "live-at-home" movement. The idea of "American isolation" is growing. Let us use more of the products which we grow at home, let the fashion experts bear that in mind when decreeing what next year's styles shall be.

### Shrewdness

(The Richmond County Journal)

Many members of the local Rotary Club, attending the District meet at Pinehurst last week, no doubt heard the address by John Temple Graves, Birmingham, Ala., newspaper editor, in which he said:

"We (the South) may or may not like being called a number one economic problem, but shrewdness suggests that we let ourselves be. For such a problem is entitled to number one consideration from tariff makers, number one fairness from makers of freight rates, number one freedom from discriminatory taxes on cotton seed oil, and number one caution in administration of the wage and hours laws less they destroy wages rather than increase them.

"The South can contribute to the nation by demanding its rights in these respects by undertaking all and accepting all that will make it prosper, and giving a great new market to America, represented by its potential purchasing power."

Shrewdness probably does suggest that we let ourselves be the economic problem number one, but Southern pride suggests that we tell those Yankees that Dixieland is the best land of all.

The way some people handle the English language, you'd think they were afraid of leaving fingerprints.

## Just Among The Fishermen

### BIG BLACK DRUM

Mrs. Frank Mollycheck hooked and landed a 10-pound black drum at the Quarentine Station here Saturday. This was pretty large for this variety of fish. It was entered by Mrs. Mollycheck to compete for one of the New Hanover Fishing Club prizes. She and several other Southport ladies are members of this organization.

### MANY INQUIRIES

Seven inquiries regarding fishing were received in one mail Monday morning by your columnist. Half of these were from out-of-state people. One of the interested parties inquired further with relation to being able to purchase a home here.

### DOING WELL IN S. C.

A number of Southport shrimp trawlers are now operating at Rockville, S. C., below Charleston. Reports from these boats indicate that some of them did very well last week. The highest individual return for the weeks work, so far as is known, was \$140.00.

### NO RESIDENT LICENSE

Two different local citizens have inquired this week if they had to have a license to go freshwater fishing. It may therefore serve as a measure of information to state that no license is necessary for citizens of Brunswick desiring to fish in the waters of Brunswick. In some few cases lands are posted and in such instances the permission of the land owner must be obtained before one can fish on his land. For saltwater fishing there is no closed season at any time and both residents of the state and non-residents may fish without a license.

### FISHING PRIZES

In addition to the long list of prizes offered by the New Hanover Fishing Club, most of which are open to competition for any of the several hundred club members, the Charlotte Observer in cooperation with several Charlotte firms is offering many valuable prizes for unusual fish and catches made here and at other points in the state. It is probable that a weighing station will be established here this week. Entry blanks may be obtained from such stations or by writing the Observer.

### HE'S COMING BACK

Haiden Asham Sabin, interesting young Turk who is a student at Duke University, intends to come back to Southport this summer and go fishing. Young Sabin is sent to Duke by the Turkish government to study agriculture, more especially tobacco culture and marketing. During the past year he has been the subject of many newspaper and magazine articles and pictures. Here with the Explorers Club of the University the past week he became much interested in Southport. He struck up a warm friendship with several local people. Art Miller of Bloomfield, N. J., and H. B. Hadde of Detroit, Mich., are also coming back to go fishing.

### "SLIM" SEEMS TO LEAD

Since the freshwater fishing season reopened last Wednesday there have been plenty of Southport sportsmen going out to try their luck. Judging by the slowness with which these fellows have been giving an account of themselves, nobody has had any great luck. C. W. (Slim) Osborn lays claim to several 3-pounders among the big mouth bass. For a wonder, the Southport postmaster has not been fishing since the season opened. At least not until the time this is written. Dawson Jones also denies he has been fishing.

### ALLIGATOR FISHING

While the Explorers Club of Duke University was here a party of the young men and women were taken to Orton Plantation one night by your scribe for an alligator fishing trip. Churchhill Bragaw was master of ceremonies with Mr. Wallace as assistant. They fished or hunted for alligators until 2 o'clock in the morning. They saw and got close to dozens of the reptiles but the wind was blowing a little and they (the gators) were nervous, each time when a wire nose was about to be slipped over the head of one of the saurians he would quietly dive in the water out of sight. The trip was exciting but was a failure, so far as catching alligators was concerned. The day when the young people were to return to Duke they went back to Orton and got about a dozen baby alligators, which they took home with them.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, May 17—It seems doubtful that Secretary of State Hull's views on neutrality before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will change the picture much. The Administration would like to have this controversial issue washed up at an early date to pave the way for a quick Congressional adjournment. Just now it is clear that the Senate itself is confused as to the proper course in international policy-making matters. The drift is toward making neutrality the last order of the day before quitting for the season. No existing plan could muster enough votes to put it across—a situation which suggests that a compromise formula must be devised to run the Senate blockade.

While taxation is admittedly a complex matter requiring careful consideration, the legislative and executive departments are handling it like a "hot potato". Both sides are doing so much talking for public consumption that it is difficult to determine what they really have in mind. The fact that political factors impinge on tax questions makes the White House and Capitol Hill reluctant to settle down to the business of framing a program. Oddly as it may seem the main agitation for revision of the tax structure comes from Congressional quarters, as business men long ago abandoned hope for legislative action.

The word has been passed that a militant House group is prepared to take the ball away from the Administration in an effort to speed industrial expansion, reduce unemployment and increase the standard of living. It is generally recognized that the revenue issue must be settled at this session as veteran politicians are opposed to tinkering with this subject in an election year.

Mr. Roosevelt is holding fast to the idea that nothing should be done which will reduce government income from taxes. He does not subscribe to the view that lifting the tax burden would stimulate trade that the revenue would eventually be higher. The Brookings Institute just completed an impartial study, which intrigues many solons. This report points out that "even if there should be, immediately speaking, a considerable net reduction in tax revenues, the gains resulting from the stimulus to the expansion of private enterprise would, in the near future, much more than offset any probable revenue losses". A majority of the House Ways and Means Committee is apparently determined to sit all summer if necessary to obtain essential alterations.

With a strong Congressional sentiment developing for marked changes in relief set-ups, the first official estimates of income that have ever been prepared for each of the 48 states will probably be used in the oratorical barrage at Capitol Hill. The Department of Commerce analysis was made public Monday, May 15 providing a reliable measure for the flow of wages, salaries, interest, dividends, net rents, royalties and other income to individuals representing the closest approximations there are of the purchasing power of the residents of the several states. The data will be considered a boon to enterprising sales managers who have been harassed for years by contradictory figures. The working class as represented by wages and salaries accounted for between 50 and 65 per cent of income payments in 1937 in most states.

The average income per man, woman and child resident in the United States was \$547 in 1937, which equals approximately \$2,200 per family of four persons. Twenty states and the District of Columbia recorded higher per capita incomes in 1937 than the national average per person and the other 28 states showed a lower figure. There were 4 states (Delaware, Nevada, New York, and California) and the District of Columbia in which the incomes per person in 1937 were more than 50 per cent above the national per capita. At the other extreme, there were 4 states (Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, and South Carolina) in which the average incomes were less than half the national level. If the present plans for transferring the relief cost burden back to the states succeeds, the various state legislatures will presumably utilize this latest Federal study of incomes.

An official study on residential building by the National Resources Committee just made public expresses concern over the slowness of house builders to take advantage of the technique in fabrication of houses. It is admitted that this delay has caused "a moderately rising long-time trend in the prices of building materials, accompanied by a much steeper trend in wage rates in the building trades, resulting in a substantial increase in building costs during the past two or three decades." What they neglected to state was that every builder has met resistance from union labor whenever he attempted to share any technological developments by cutting down the labor

## But It's True



ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS THE ONLY PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ATTENDED CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY WHILE HE WAS IN OFFICE—ALTHOUGH HE WAS THE ONLY PRESIDENT WHO WAS NOT A CHURCH MEMBER...

DURING THE TIME SHE WAS QUEEN—MARY OF SCOTLAND ATE ONLY ONE MEAL EVERY TWO DAYS...

The CANARY WHICH SPEAKS ENGLISH—BELONGING TO ISRAEL BEN OF LISBON, PORTUGAL...



The canary has the same power of speech that is to be found in many crows. As far as is known Bon pet is the only canary that has ever been taught to talk. It was trained by a United States man.

## NOT EXACTLY NEWS . . . By Gene O'Brien

Even a good col'm will come in for criticism. "Soda Joker" Jorgensen complains about a recent statement that the town's worst drunks have lived on Dry street since his family is the only resident. After looking up the statement we find that it read, ". . . and some of the worst drunks have been SEEN on Dry Street."

Some of these radio comedians pull 'repeat' jokes so often they might well be nicknamed, "Little Sir Echo."

A line used after the Derby talk in last week's issue stated that none had won the Derby yet. In this case we meant the plug hat . . . And speaking of the Derby, the real Kentuckians and people in the 'know' pronounce it as spelled and not as the English-Derby . . . In the article written by Carl Goerch on this county he mentioned the folly of Lockwood. The March 9th col'm carried this same oddity! . . . Question: What important event transpired on April 28th, 1889? Answer:

Modern civilization received its woe back since the Civil War—a son was born man peasants. After his seventh arrest in he was made Captain in the army of Kaiserhelm. After the World War he wormed his way into the German leadership where he remained while a partner in crime, Il Duce, his iron hand over the Mediterranean area Italy. While he and his fellow fugitive, psychopathic brag and bluster over their territory, the western world of America worried about how to preserve their people rather than destroy them. Only a person completely cover up and build up a false feeling of . . . The local troop of Boy Scouts last week on a camping trip that will last several days. Their enthusiasm grows continually. McCall has made a neat job out of this which now assumes the proportion of a rather than a task.



## How Donkeys Became Asses

ONCE upon a time a great prophet addressed a herd of donkeys: "What would a donkey require for a three-day journey?"

"Six bundles of hay and three bags of dates," they replied.

"That soundeth like a fair price. But I have for only one of you a three-day journey, and I cannot give six bundles of hay and three bags of dates. Who will go for less?"

Behold, all stood forth. One would go for six bundles of hay and two bags of dates, another for three bundles and one bag. One especially long-eared donkey agreed to go for one bundle of hay.

Spake the prophet: "Thou art a disgrace to the herd, and an ass. Thou canst not live for three days on one bundle of hay, much less undertake the journey and profit thereby."

"True," replied the ass, hanging his long ears in shame "but I wanted to get the order."

And from that day to this, price cutters have been known as asses.

—The Illinois Editor.

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