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Most editorial shorts come dangerously near infringing upon the copywrights of either Aesop or King Solomon.

Thumb twiddling is about the only thing some people ever do to keep the Devil from finding their hands idle.

Cigarette smoke makes a thin screen to cover a girl's lack of sophistication.

Man's inventive genius has not been able to top the feel of thrilling freedom that comes from a sailboat ride.

Some people used words to whittle down those whom they envy to their own size.

Don't ask a man for his honest opinion about something unpleasant and expect to get it.

Government employees probably will not quarrel openly with President Roosevelt over the changed Thanksgiving date, so long as he doesn't decide to eliminate this holiday altogether.

## Local Museum

From time to time we have suggested in these columns that a museum would be a wonderful attraction for Southport visitors and we have urged its establishment.

In the past we have thought of the museum only in the light of its use in preserving things of historical significance; and we still contend that there are plenty of reasons why these things should be saved.

Now, however, we turn our attention toward another interesting feature of the proposed exhibit—that of unusual specimens of marine life.

In the first place, most of the folks who visit here aren't familiar with more common species of the denizens of the deep; so our proposed museum exhibits would include shrimp in their natural state, various kinds of fish and crabs and other forms of marine life.

But where the marine branch of the local museum really would be outstanding would be in the possible collection of unusual specimens. Last week the capture of a carrier shark was reported; shrimp boats frequently bring in sea-horses; last year someone brought us a lamprey eel; and we have seen one cow fish that was taken locally.

These are only a few things that would give Southport a head start on all other sections of North Carolina in the outfitting of a complete marine museum.

## Balanced Farming

Regardless of the outcome of the proposed referendum on tobacco control, farmers of this section should plan toward a live-at-home farm program.

There is nothing in the world impractical about this idea, for the soil and climate of our territory is about as versatile in its productivity as it is fertile. For a farmer who follows a planned schedule of food production there will be few trips to town for groceries during the course of a year.

Garden crops are the backbone of the program, supplemented by poultry, cattle and hogs. Ask your wife to sit down and plan a well-balanced Sunday dinner that will exclude any store purchases. You'll find that she not only will be able to give you a tempting menu, but will be able to offer tasty dishes of your choice.

The idea of this editorial, of course, is not new. It has been preached to us over and over. Yet year after year our farmers go ahead and lay plans for a cash crop that will take all their time and labor. Most of them, from force of habit, set aside some fertile corner for a vegetable garden. What they neglect to do, though, is to get serious about making food production an important part of their serious bread and meat.

farming operations. It is the aim of a farmer to make a decent living for himself and his family from the soil. The surest way to do this is to plan first to live off farm produce instead of being forced to take the returns from your cash crop to pay for your

## Fine Edition

The Hertford County Herald's 88-page historical edition has just come to the editor's desk.

An excellent publication at all times, the Herald outdid itself with this edition. Well-planned and well gotten-up, the issue tells a graphic and illuminating story of the growth and development of a progressive and rapidly growing town and community during the half a century from 1889 to 1939.

It holds its interest throughout from Page 1 through Page 88. Even a person unfamiliar with Ahoskie and Hertford county can find much in the historical edition of the Herald to interest him.

Parker brothers and other members of the Herald staff are to be congratulated upon such a fine edition.

## Fellow Travellers

A person not the least psychic can discern a great deal about the nature and character of a fellow traveller on the highway.

Travelling at night, what do you know about the fellow who refuses to dim his lights, after you've signalled him for it?

First, you know he is selfish. Else, he would not try to hog the visibility of the road with his own blaring headlights.

Second, you know he has no thought for the rights of others, else he would not endanger the lives of other motorists who run the risk of wrecking in the face of blinding headlights. More than one accident has been caused because of oncoming lights which were too bright.

Third, you know he is a reckless leech, who has no consideration for the lives of his own passengers or the lives of others on the highway.

In short, you know that a motorist who won't dim his headlights after the other motorist has called for them, is just a low type human being who should not be allowed to drive a car.

## Wildcat Schemes

A Whiteville business man the other day voiced a sympathetic understanding for the more gullible of tobacco farmers who sometimes fall victim to nefarious schemes to fleece them out of their year's earnings.

He explained that a few of the farmers of the county, though by no means all of them, when they get their ready cash all at once, it seems right much money at that time.

After a year of almost frugal living, they are easy prey for any wild-cat scheme which comes along, and soon, their year's work has been virtually taken from them.

What we would warn is that while the money which is in the hands of the more gullible farmer now seems right much to him, when strung out over a year, there isn't any too much there.

So be on the watch-out for catch-me-eye propositions which are designed mainly to fleece the gullible of the tobacco farmers out of their hard-earned cash.

Many towns have as many quacks in them as a good sized duck.

Early in the morning, many a farm is covered with the dew and a first mortgage.

Our idea of a pointed story is not one which tapers off to nothing.

Some alleged bridge players are good at playing no trump. Others are good at playing no game.

Maybe the reason there are so many Scotch immigrants to U. S. is because they know it is a free country.

A lot of people seem to operate in reverse very well. They know how to back out of an honest obligation.

Why don't European nations start playing tag. It's just as much fun and a lot less dangerous than playing war.

An old windbag, you'll soon find out, may be found forever blowing about something.

The fellow who invented the saying: "Proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof" just loved pudding.

## Just Among The Fishermen

BY W. E. KEZIAH

### KNEW HOW TO FLOW

The other night, while they were marking time waiting for the weather to become favorable for fishing, we advised W. T. Powell and his companions from High Point and Siler City that they were mighty good sports for country boys. "Oh, yes," said Mr. Powell, "all of us know how to flow." Mr. Powell's companions were John R. Peacock, of High Point and F. J. Boling of Siler City, all of them pretty well known in the business world and all of them great admirers of Southport. Any one of them will tell you that before long Southport will be well on its way to become a great industrial and terminal city; and this without benefit of politicians.

### RIVER FISHING SOON

Mrs. Frank Mollycheck brought in a pretty speckled trout last week and caused us to recollect that it won't be long now before there is some very fine trout fishing in the bays bordering on the Southport harbor. Mrs. Mollycheck got her fish in the river. About the time of the full moon the last of this month and also during the same period in September, October and November the river will be swarming with trout and the process of taking them will require nothing much more elaborate than a rowboat, a hook and line. The best fishing naturally comes at high and low tides.

### THEY READ THE PILOT

The fact that sportsmen all about the United States read The State Port Pilot was brought home to us Sunday morning. It will be remembered that when last week's paper was mailed out Thursday it carried a little item in this column relative to barracuda being edible. Our friend, John R. Peacock of High Point, claimed they were alright to eat and we agreed with him. Well, Sunday morning we had a letter from Col. Wm. T. Chantland of the Federal Trade Commission in Washington. He said: "About the edible quality of the barracuda, I want to advise that on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, they pay highest price for barracuda and king mackerel as the preferred food fish. To prove up on their claims a Washington party to the Virgin Islands, I being one of that party, tried out the fish. We ate them boiled, broiled and fried. They were excellent".

### MAYBE COMING

Each year a beautiful fleet of five sport fishing cruisers, all equipped to the last degree with fighting chairs, outriggers, twin motors, marine telephones and manned by competent skippers, make a brief stop at Southport on their way to Florida. These boats are the Caliban's 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. It may interest folks who are interested in the Southport Gulf Stream fishing to know that all five of the Calibans may possibly show up at Southport at any early date to demonstrate, for a few weeks at least, that there is real fishing off Southport. They expect to go further into the Gulf than any boat has ever gone. They are going to show that Southport has plenty of marlin in addition to being exclusive barracuda territory. Captain Walt Willis of the fishing and hunting information bureau in New York has delegated Captain Roy Merritt, owner of the Caliban, to demonstrate something at Southport.

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## Shalotte Village

Elbert Milliken and daughter, Norman, of Wilmington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Milliken.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Frink and children, and Mr. D. W. Jones, Mrs. Bert Auger and Mrs. William Usher visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Frink Sunday afternoon.

Bert Williams returned to Raleigh after spending the weekend with his wife and daughter. G. H. Caison was a Wilmington visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Frink and sons, Donald and Darald, and Mrs. Bert Auger made a business trip to Wilmington Saturday.

Mrs. William Usher has returned home after spending a few days with her parents in Chadbourne.

Friends and relatives of Mr. Hilton Todd are very sorry to learn she is ill at the present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Worthington returned to their home in Henderson after spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sellers.

Roger Williams of Southport visited his parents here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Hewitt of Southport visited her parents here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Leletha Parker and Miss Ada Ruth Gore visited at the home of Mrs. Albert Williams.

## Striped Town News

F. W. Hewitt and son made a business trip to Wilmington Saturday afternoon.

Friends of Miss Callie Cumbee will be sorry to know that she is ill at the Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lary Gray and children visited Mrs. Gray's father, J. W. Blanton, Sunday.

The folks of this community are very busy getting their tobacco ready for market.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Lary Gray and

children, F. W. and Frances Hewitt, enjoyed an oyster roast at Boone's Landing Sunday.

Jim Lanbro, Grover Holden and Oddie Lehue made a business trip to Wilmington Friday.

Friends of W. E. Robinson are sorry to know that he is sick.

Rev. Robert Carter will fill his regular appointment at Chapel Hill Baptist Church Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody is welcome to attend. Rev. Carter and Rev. B. R. Page will begin a revival meeting Sunday night.

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## Special Notice

The City of Southport hereby gives notice that on September 1st, the city will begin to levy on all personal property.

Therefore, we urge everyone to pay his taxes before that date in order to save embarrassment and needless expense.

**E. R. WEEKS,**  
 CITY TAX COLLECTOR.

## Taxi Driver Held On Robbery Count

Willie Ward, Taxi Driver Of Whiteville, Is In Bladen Jail On Complaint Of Richlands Farmer

Willie Ward, Whiteville taxi driver, is being held in the Bladen county jail at Elizabethtown on charges of highway robbery after James Brinson, Richland farmer, complained to authorities that he was held up at the point of a pistol and relieved of \$160 Tuesday night.

Ward failed to post the required \$500 bond for his appearance at the September term of Bladen superior court.

Brinson, authorities said, today authorities at Elizabethtown that he sold tobacco on the Whiteville tobacco market Tuesday, and had about \$180.00 in his pocket.

He said that Ward and two women picked him up, and doped him, and at a point near White Lake, took his money.

## DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU

Play safe by DEPOSITING YOUR Harvest MONEY in a checking or savings account. Those from a distant community should take their tobacco checks to their local bank or exchange the major portion of them for our Cashiers Check. If checks are stolen or lost payment can be stopped and duplicates issued.

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