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 Tact is the skillful handling of half-truths.

There is another and dangerous kind of war boom that does not come from the throat of a cannon.

A fire caused by carelessness is just like a man who hits a home run in a tight game and fails to touch all the bases.

There are people without horse sense who nevertheless possess equine characteristics.

Some people apparently believe that the primary function of the nose is to be stuck into everyone else's business.

The man who loafs around and waits for a break seldom is in very good shape to take advantage of one when it shows up.

There are some for whom the word "tolerance" implies a compromise with sin.

**Hitler And Peace**

Even as Germany prepare to launch her first major offensive on the western front it is obvious that Hitler wants peace.

Excerpts from a following Charlotte News editorial, however, point out the conditions upon which the German Fuehrer would like to see hostilities cease:

That Hitler greatly wants peace there is no reasonable doubt. When Mr. Goering said recently that Germany was winning the war, he was only whistling to keep his courage up, just as he was when he said he did not fear the American planes the British and French are buying and will buy in the United States. And it is easy to understand why he had hastily to add, "Please, gentlemen, that is no joke," after pleading as the excuse for Germany's failure to start a Blitzkrieg in the West, that "we are humane."

"The American reporters, remembering Guernica, remembering the reports of the Ambassador, Mr. Biddle, and Julien Bryant, the American photographer, of Polish peasant women and children deliberately massacred in open fields, must have been unable to restrain a derisive smile.

"Fact is that Mr. Hitler has already suffered stunning defeats. On the diplomatic front Turkey and Italy have been lost — a thing which at once testifies as to whom they expect to win the war and makes the Allied victory far more certain. And Russia, while still playing both ends against the middle, remains entirely cold to the German demands for promises of military aid—proceeds to take increasing advantage of Hitler's position in the West to draw her ring tighter and tighter around him in the Baltic and the East—to make his dream of an eastern empire impossible.

"On the sea, he has inflicted damage on the British but not enough to make any serious difference, unless he can greatly accelerate the tempo—which does not seem probable. And on land, he has missed his great opportunity to strike in the hope of winning by words—must now wait until Spring when the odds will be far more heavily against him.

"If there were the slightest prospect of any reasonable and lasting peace in Europe, with Hitler at the head of the German Government, every sane nation on earth would be bound to use the last ounce of its energies in bringing it about. But, in spite of his desperate need for peace, all the evidence suggests that he still is willing to talk peace only on his own dictated terms, demands to keep Poland and Czechoslovakia either as outright possessions or puppet states and to be set down as the victor. And all the evidence suggests, too, that he wants peace now, not for itself but simply as a breathing spell in which to get himself into position to make new demands and renew the conflict under conditions more

favorable to his purposes of conquest.  
 "So long as Hitler and the Nazi system last, there is little chance for any real peace in Europe or any settlement on the basis of justice. For Nazism is, in its essence, a system under which the whole German nation is organized under the barbaric pattern—turned into a military camp for the purpose of ever extending conquest abroad, either by arms or by planting sedition within the borders of the victim nations."

**Comes The Roll Call**

This week there begins in earnest the annual Red Cross Roll Call for the Brunswick County Chapter and there are many of us who will feel our obligation to aid in this cause.

There are other potential Red Cross members who are holding back with the question "What has Red Cross Done?"

Well and good. It is a credit to our intelligence that we want to know what comes of the fund to which we make annual contribution; it surely is our right to know.

A field worker visiting here recently told us that during the past fiscal year in Red Cross activity within the United States relief had been given to sufferers in 153 disasters. One of these was the New England tornado; another was the Charleston storm; while a third was the cyclone which struck at Windsor last year.

These scenes of trouble are close enough home for us to remember that relief was necessary and that we are not far removed from the location of these disasters.

We contribute to the Red Cross hoping that none of the money which goes into the National Headquarters treasury will ever need to come back into our community; but we make these contributions without knowing, sure only in the knowledge that the money will be wisely spent somewhere to relieve the suffering of humanity.

**Socialized Medicine?**

Six million people in the United States this morning are sick. Two out of five of these six million cannot afford medical attention.

That simple statement cries out in eloquent language. The two and half million people who although ill are going without medical attention constitutes a condition which does not contribute to the most wholesome standards in this America, "land of the free" in which we live.

Two courses seem open to those who would rectify this condition. The first solution on the surface seems the easier, and lies in socialized medicine. That proposal has met with widespread opposition.

If socialized medicine is not to bring the needed medical attention to the thousands who are going without because of inability to pay, then the government of these great United States should seek to pursue the other course; That of giving the men and woman in this lower bracket class sufficient livelihood to pay for medical services.

The "horse and buggy" doctor has been made the goat for many years. Great humanitarian that he is, he will not refuse to answer a call simply because John Jones can't pay him. His heart full of sympathy and more of a humanitarian than a business man, the country doctor for years has been a symbol of mercy in this America of ours.

Be that as it may, such a condition should not be forever allowed to continue. The proverbial county doctors should be protected even as much as the sick who are unable to pay them.

Will socialized medicine remedy these two conditions at once? Unfamiliar with the intricacies of how such a plan would be worked, we would be unprepared to pass an opinion on this proposal now, but this is a problem which sooner or later the American people are going to have to face and solve.

Judging from some of the typewritten letters we get, there are a lot of dashing people in this world.

The pointed question is the one which makes you prick up your ears, most likely.

But after all, isn't professional flag waving better than the waving of guns against neighboring countries?

The world would have been a much happier one if Hitler had waited for just one more glass of beer in Munich Wednesday.

**Just Among The Fishermen**  
 BY W. B. KEZIAH

**WIDEN CREEKS MOUTH**  
 Someone has advanced the idea of a flood control project to widen the mouth of Town Creek and thereby save a great area of farm and timber lands from the potential yearly damage from floods.

Town Creek is a tidal stream for many miles inland. It also has an extensive watershed. During floods the rising tide, flowing inward through the narrow mouth of the creek, dams up the flood waters and adds to them. The result is that all of the tide waters and the great volume of dammed up freshwater cannot escape into the river through the creek mouth while the river tide is out. A bit of dredging for flood control on Town Creek is a matter well worthy of consideration.

**SOLICITORS FOR RACKETS**  
 It seems that all towns are afflicted with solicitors more or less. Some of them more than less, all suffering annoyance and seeing no good accomplished by the armies of traveling schemers with rackets to put over under the auspices of some organization that is deluded or willing to see the business interests and townspeople subjected to annoyances for a 25 or 40 per cent of whatever the racketeer can rake in.

In Whiteville last week we were struck by prominently displayed window cards, stating that the store or business did not permit soliciting for advertising for plays, programs, contests, etc. The cards were signed by the Whiteville Merchants Association. Strikes us as a good idea. The program advertising stunt never was worth a hoot to the business man who paid for it rather than be accused of niggardness. He recognizes it as a racket, a tax that he must pay and most of the money going, usually, to some female gangster from out of town. Baby contests appear to be the latest forms these rackets have taken at Southport. They create more ill feeling than anything else, but are lucrative to the racketeers. We would suggest that Southport business people follow the lead set by the Whiteville Merchants Association.

**BIRD SEASON OPEN**  
 A New Yorker here last week asked us how were the birds. He was advised we had not tasted them yet as the duck and goose season only opens today and the season on quail does not begin until December 1st.

Nevertheless the inquiring visitor was advised that the birds were apparently fine. Reports indicated (and the season is opening today) that there were five times as many ducks along the coast of Brunswick as during previous years, and the birds have been appearing to be well nourished, fat and juicy. Just as soon as the first good duck hunting weather comes along, we will be able to write this New Yorker and others that the birds are fine.

**SUMMER-TIME FRIENDS**  
 From Washington from our old time friend Col. Wm. T. Chantland, comes several pages from the fishing dictionary published by the Pflueger Tackle company. The pages illustrated and gave much information on several of the big piscatorial beauties that were taken at Southport the past summer and fall.

For instance, there was a picture of the great barracuda, common here and with the largest taken here weighing 48 pounds. The dictionary classified this fish under the various names of piedad, seat tiger, Florida barracuda. It was credited with great fighting ability and was often referred to as a fighting fool. Its geographical distribution was given as being from Brazil through Florida and as far north as Charleston. Another beautiful local fish in which we now have more information, thanks to friend Chantland, is the Wahoo, also known as the peto, guarpuco and queen fish. Harry Lustine of Washington, a member of one of Colonel Chantland's parties to Southport this summer, caught a beautiful 50-pound wahoo. The fishing tackle authority placed it as being geographically distributed from the West Indies to the east coast of Florida.

**SHORTS**  
 One reason why the boats of the North Carolina Navy never made port at Southport the past summer is that they were all supposed to be serving as midwives at the Birth of a Nation.

We have been using the same typewriter for twelve years. Last week the dealer in the machine asked for a testimonial. Anxious to oblige, we gave him the following: "We have been using one of your typewriters twelve years, and now we are worn completely out."

**Shalotte SCHOOL NEWS**

**CLASS OFFICERS**  
 The Junior class met on Wednesday, November 1, for the purpose of electing class officers. The officers elected were: Sigmund Swain, president; Eldridge Ludlum, vice-president; and Rodger Bellamy, secretary and treasurer.

At the suggestion of our class teacher, Mr. Gatlin, we decided to sell refreshments at all home basketball games. This plan worked very nicely at our first game this year.

**WAMPEE vs SHALLOTTE**  
 The Shallotte teams played their first practice game in the form of a doubleheader with Wampee Thursday night, in the Shallotte Gym. Wampee boys and girls were victorious. Since it has turned cool, there seems to be a renewed interest in practice and we are hoping that our teams will improve greatly in the next few weeks.

**APPRECIATION**  
 The Shallotte high school wishes to express appreciation to the Baptist Singing Convention of Brunswick county for the nice Bible they awarded us.

**MATH NEWS**  
 Most of the work that has been done in Advanced Algebra so far is only a review of what we had in the first years of high school. We are now adding, subtracting, dividing, and multiplying fractions. There are about 16 pupils in this class which makes it possible for more time to be given to each individual pupil.

In geometry we are learning to prove theorems. Since we have a small class, each person can prove a problem every day to see if he is learning the work or improving any. Everyone seems to be enjoying geometry even though other people had told us not to take it because it was hard. We came in the classroom to study and work, and as long as we do that we won't have much trouble.

**OUR JANITORIAL SYSTEM**  
 The pupils of the Shallotte School, wish to express our thanks to our janitor who has served us so well the first two months of school.

When we first started to school this fall our windows were washed and our floors were oiled.

Our auditorium is kept clean and our class rooms are swept before we enter them the next day.

Our janitor is never too busy to help us when we need him.

The teachers and pupils are cooperating with the janitor to help our school become neater and more attractive.

**HOME ECONOMICS**  
 The 8th grade home economics class of Shallotte high school has been taking a great interest in their work this year.

The first of the year was devoted to personal grooming. Every member was very enthusiastic in knowing how to make herself more attractive.

The home economics classes are now making smocks to be worn when the food units begin. Hobson Kirby is sponsoring a contest. The winner in the contest will receive the prize offered by Mr. Kirby. Mr. Kirby has kindly consented to let the class use the show window to display some of the smocks made in class.

Everyone is trying hard for her smock to be placed in the window.

We are also trying hard to improve our classroom, so it will look more attractive and be a better place for us to work.

**The Seventh Grade Activities**  
 In Miss Williams' room we have made a map of South America. We put all the products exported and imported and it is a good subject.

The class has built a table for our library books and magazines. We have brought magazines for the class to read. We are going to build a table for gold fish and to plant lilies around. Eloise Bellamy is going to give us boards and Robert Thomas is going to give us fish.

Friday before last we elected officers for two months. Every two months the officers will change. The following officers were elected: Glyn Leonard, president; Robert Thomas, vice-president; Billy Williams, secretary and treasurer.

In our room we have a bulletin board for current news. We put all the latest news on it. We have a board for all good work that the children do in school.

We have a place called History Through Pictures. When we finish one unit we draw a picture to represent that unit. This picture is put up and at the end of school we hope to have a picture drawn to represent our entire study in American history.

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS**  
 We the pupil's of the sixth grade of Mrs. Stone's room, are studying about Indians in geography and finding it very interesting.

In arithmetic we are studying decimals in subtraction, addition, and multiplying, division. Most of us find it very hard.

In language we are studying nouns, pronouns, proper and common nouns.

The girls are making some posters on which they paste wild flowers.

**--- NOT EXATLY NEWS ---**

We still believe that the best sentence of 1939 (we quoted it once before) was that one that figured there'd be no permanent peace in Europe until "Stalin's widow tells Mussolini on his deathbed that Hitler committed suicide shortly after attending Franco's funeral." . . . Even that break of news wouldn't stop all the talk of the Duke-Carolina game Saturday, and there probably will be a few locals sandwiched in among the throng in Durham Saturday.

Most of the local movie-goers will welcome Bing Crosby to the Amuzu tonight in "East Side of Heaven" . . . New contracts recently signed by the management promise bigger and better shows this winter . . . Reckon skating will turn out to be this fall's fad?

Bolivia moves forward as a prosperous little community with a new service station being erected by Bill Kopp across from Elmore Motor Co. Up the road a ways toward Wilmington is an attractive place being constructed by Jim Finch

. . . Long Beach this winter is answering a long-felt need for an oyster roast convenient for Southport. There are other good places in Brunswick, too.

They tell us that some of the boys on the dredge now working at Shallotte Point in the inland waterway can really keep them down the middle of the alley. If there is a bowling league organized here this winter maybe these boys would like to enter a team . . . Speaking of sports R. I. Mintz, State College grad, says that you can't prove by him that the Wolfpack isn't a good football team. He saw them Saturday against Duquesne.

If and when the United States goes to war there is a gang of cavalry recruits in the making around Southport . . . Personally, we'd rather wage war on man's feathered friends, beginning today with ducks and biding our time until the quail season opens on November 30 . . . And that just about empties both barrels for this week.

ing it every interesting in our studies.

**BOLIVIA**  
 Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor, Misses Anne Brower, Mae McClure and Daisy Belle Maulsby

attended the District Teachers meeting at Burgaw on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon and family attended the North Carolina Methodist Conference in Fayetteville on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Woodcock of Atkinson were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

About 7,000 facts concerning atmospheric conditions over the whole of the northern hemisphere are received daily by weather experts at the British Air Ministry.

**Help Yourself- Help Your School**



The boys and girls in Southport, Bolivia, Leland, Shallotte and Waccamaw high schools are working this week to obtain new and renewal subscriptions to The State Port Pilot.

For each subscription turned in they will receive 50-cents for the purchase of basketball warm-up suits or new uniforms. If one school obtains 100 subscriptions, a cash bonus of \$25.00 will be paid, making a total of \$75.00 for 100 subscriptions.

Help dress up your favorite basketball team, help the boys and girls safeguard their health during the coming basketball campaign.

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