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There's more than an "s" between a pet and a pest.

At some persons, the closer you look the less you see.

No cold has reached its worst stage until the victim is unable to find a dry spot on his handkerchief.

Best recipe we know for fruit cake is to keep adding fruit and nuts until either your ideas or your funds become exhausted.

If scorners had to stand up to do their scorning they might be less inclined to devote so much time to it.

Dry And Dangerous

Despite the fact that an earlier report indicated that there were more birds this year than in several seasons past, hunters say that few birds have been found.

And while not unkind of this bad break for the hunters, we want to remind our sportsmen that this is a far more serious condition as it affects the County Forest Warden and his fire control program.

When a forest fire breaks out, countless hours of back-breaking work is in store for the forest wardens; landowners must stand by and watch the fruit of several year's forest development melted away in smoke and flame; and the hunter has lost, too, because game does not inhabit burned over areas.

ZZzzzz

That funny looking series of "Z's" you see up there is our way of interpreting in type the shriek of a siren, a warning note about which we have a feeling that few of us are very well informed.

The thing that brings up this matter is the fact that last week a serious accident was narrowly averted when an automobile turned slowly across an open highway down which a screaming ambulance was rushing a seriously injured patient to the hospital.

The driver of that automobile didn't know that any vehicle with a siren not only has the right-of-way, but other travelers are supposed to pull aside and give them the entire road.

Only three types of motor cars are permitted by law to operate a siren. One is a fire wagon, and those of us who live in rural districts know very little about the traffic jams that they avoid through this means.

When one of these whining notes blares forth the thing to do is to pull over and find out what is the matter. If it is a fire wagon or an ambulance you will be quickly left to go about your business, and if it is the law the sooner you stop and face the facts the better off you will be anyway.

Restoration

A review of the new pamphlet published to advertise the beauties of Orton has set us dreaming.

One of the pictures included in this attractive folder is of the ruins of Old St. Phillips Episcopal Church, and in the explanatory note about the building is the information that services were first held there in 1740.

This means, of course, that next year will mark the bi-centennial of that historic house of worship, and our reverie has to do with the possibility of an authentic restoration of St. Phillips.

One good dream brings on another, so once the restoration of the old church has been added to our air castles we find ourselves mentally toying with the idea of having Old Brunswick Town authentically duplicated. The historical background of the place fully justifies the idea, and since the early settlement there was never made along pretentious lines, there would be no prohibitive cost involved such as was encountered at Williamsburg, in Virginia.

And, if we may dream out our dream, we'd like to add Orton Plantation to the set-up, North Carolina's oldest Colonial plantation being operated exactly as it was two hundred years ago and more by its earliest owners. There could be slave quarters for the workers, a rice field could go once more into cultivation and at least one big cotton farm could be operated just as cotton farms were run in years gone by.

It is anti-climax to point out the tremendous possibilities for drawing tourists to an authentic historical restoration like this.

Book Of Freedom

Bible Society never chose a more timely theme than this year's "The Truth That Makes Men Free." Freedom is in greater jeopardy today than ever in the lifetime of living men.

And where lie the sources of these liberties? Whenever we speak of the origins of our American nation we should go back not one hundred and fifty years to the adoption of our Constitution but three hundred years to the founding of the colonies.

The result is an America whose roots are in one book. That book is a symbol of truth and justice in her courts of law. Its teachings have been embodied in innumerable cultural and philanthropic institutions whose aim is to foster equal opportunity for all, understanding between groups of varying origin, international or interracial movements and the like, whose common interest it is to cultivate and secure the freedom of every man.

Thomas Marshall when he was Vice-President, once said, "If I were to have my way, I would take the torch out of the hand of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, and in its stead, place an open Bible." History would support such a substitution, for it has been from the Bible that America has learned that the humblest man is a priceless child of God and that every man's opinion in matters relating to the common welfare has in it the bugle call of sovereignty.

In the midst of a world of disappearing freedoms, America is still free—gloriously free. Behind her lies a book, still her best selling book. Has not America a clear mission to the world—to see that this book, now available in all the principal languages of the world, is made available to nations of men?

Just Among The Fishermen

BY W. B. KEZIAH

FRANK'S BOYS

A couple of nice looking young Statesville men spent part of the past week here deer hunting. On their first day they approached their columnist and introduced themselves as Frank Johnson's boys. Now we are pretty well acquainted with Frank, with the Missus and the two boys that compose the Johnson household.

"Oh," said one of them, "I meant we work for Mr. Johnson. He is such a fine fellow that all of his employees invariably speak of themselves as being some of his boys. We were not trying to pass ourselves off as part of the actual family." This altered the situation.

OF GENERAL HELP

There has frequently been reference to the general benefit that would result from straightening and paving the River Road. There is no doubt but what both Southport and Wilmington will benefit greatly from such work.

But no one should get the idea that the benefit will all accrue to Southport and Wilmington. We do not mind admitting that we are a warm advocate of this road, but we want to advance here and now the contention that our advocacy is based on the belief that there will be great general benefit to Brunswick county.

Over on Bald Head island Captain R. L. Munn and Captain J. E. Pinner have a cooperative garden. There is no need of them having individual gardens since stuff planted by and for one family always produces enough for two.

COLLARDS

Three years ago they planted some collards in a corner of the garden and the present story goes to the effect that some of those collards, which they did not get around to eat the first or second year, are now about seven and one half feet in height.

The proposed Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce has a field for great usefulness open before it. There are few counties in the state with more possibilities for development than are to be found here in Brunswick. The way to start this development is to begin and carry on an everlasting plugging away to show outsiders what we have here.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

But no one should get the idea that such results can be achieved by organizing a Chamber of Commerce and then sitting back and cussing it out for all that it may fail to do. If we are to have a Chamber of Commerce that will succeed in its mission we must give it unremitting cooperation.

No HUNTING PERMITS Preferring to make a study of the game possibilities and to increase the present supply, if possible, Frank O. Sherrill, owner of Bald Head island, will not issue any permits for hunting on the island this winter. Recently, as result of considerable publicity regarding hunting on the island, Mr. Sherrill has been deluged with requests for hunting permits.

Your Home Agent Says!

SCHEDULE

Friday 15, 6 P. M. Boon's Neck Club meets with Mrs. Jessie Robinson.

Monday 18, 2:30 P. M. Town Creek Club meets with Mrs. Dan Johnson.

Tuesday 19, 2:30 P. M. Leland Club meets with Mrs. Joe P. Verzaal.

Wednesday 20, 2:30 P. M. Southport 4-H Club meets. 7:00 P. M. Bethel Club meets with Mrs. Orin Smith.

Thursday 21, 7:30 P. M. Winabow Club meets with Miss Pauline Lewis. 8:00 P. M. Southport Club meets with Mrs. Harold St. George.

A Tip to Poultrymen From Extension Poultryman, C. F. Parrish, comes this advice:—"It is well to remember that egg production will be greatly reduced and Old Man Winter will dip heavily into your egg profits if you permit the drinking fountain to freeze or the water to become so cold the birds refuse to drink liberally."

"Since 66 per cent of the egg is water and the supply of water greatly affects egg production, it appears that there is another profitable practice to employ in our drive to lick Old Man Winter, that of warming the drinking water for the laying flock."

"Where electricity is available, an electric water warmer may be procured and operated for a very reasonable sum. Farmers not having access to electricity, may use a homemade device that requires the use of an old tin tub, sand and a lamp. Sand is spread 1 inch deep on the floor over the area occupied by the inverted tin tub. Holes are made in the sides of this tub to permit the escape of fumes and the entrance of oxygen. There are also a number of heated fountains on the market that will operate on a quart of kerosene for about a week. All types are practically fireproof."

The Christmas Spirit We should not be sparing in our efforts to achieve the Christmas atmosphere. The woods offer us pine, holly, mistletoe, cedar, yopoun, hemlock, myrtle, galbriar, leucothoe, ground pine, bamboo, and other evergreen vines—veritable wealth of native material to give a festive note to our homes.

Decorations, inside and out should conform to and be in harmony with the architecture of the home.

The Christmas tree should always be the center of interest in Christmas decorative schemes. The mantle comes next to the tree as the center of interest at Christmas time.

An old Flit gun can be used to spray gold, silver aluminum, white paint, or whitewash. For garlands use rope, long vine stems, or picture wire as a foundation. Wreaths! What an opportunity for an artist. The circle, being endless, has always been a symbol of eternity. A barrel hoop or wire coat hanger makes a good frame for the wreath.

Other attractive decorations are: gilded pine cones, pine cones with a tiny white light in the center of each, clusters of painted seed pods, sweet gum balls, China berries gilded or painted, cranberries or popcorn strung for the tree, a basket of corn cobs or pine cones near the fireplace, ready to burn.

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LELAND SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR PLAY

Thursday, Dec. 14, the junior class of Leland high school will present their play, "The Call of Youth" in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The cast of characters are: Irene and Marion—girl friends of Eileen, Bernice Peterson, Flora Biggs; Avery Peyton, secretly in love with Eileen, George Thomas Rourke; Belinda, Eileen's colored "mammy"; Elizabeth King; Hester Moore, secretly in love with Avery, Emma Lee Williams; Mr. Lyndon, Eileen's father, Philip Dresser; Dr. Lang, dear friend of the Lyndon's, Cecil Lowe; Tom Griswald, in love with Eileen, Paul Robbins; Eileen Lyndon, in love with Avery, Lillie Williams; Lydia Boone, jealous of Eileen, Adarene Skipper; Aunt Amanda, Mr. Lyndon's sister, Ethel Douglas; Cousin Lulu, wants to be in love with someone, Sylvia Bordeaux; Robert, Tom Griswald's adopted son, Roy Hall; Anita, Eileen's daughter, Elnora Ganey.

The juniors promise an evening of good, clean, wholesome fun for only a small admission of 10 cents to students and 20 cents to adults. And who knows—you may win the fruit cake that they are giving away!

SELECT DIPLOMAS

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

It looks like Tennessee and Southern Cal. in the Rose Bowl. The latter's tie with UCLA was a honey and of course Johnny Butler could be expected to come through for Tennessee. Severin and McFadden made the AP all-American which is generally considered the truest. In fact they covered it so well we won't voice an opinion... Kay Kyser is scheduled to play for a dance at the premiere of "Gone With The Wind," which will also be included in his weekly broadcast... I've heard Marion Frink intends giving a shindig on the 29th. Pretty snazzy affair it's said... The riding fad once so rabid is again drawing interest after a slight cooling. Maybe it's the Western movies... Speaking of movies reminds us that the down-to-earth Jones Family is on in "Quick Millions," good home spun entertainment and that the Indian sensation, Sabu, is once again the Elephant Boy in "Drums," also starring Raymond Massey... Gloria Jean takes over the teen-age roles that Deanna Durbin is graduating from. Her rendition of Annie Laurie in "Under-

pup" will compensate many a Scotchman for the price of admission... Bayer's Album and the Hour of Charm are offering stiff competition. Chase and Sanborn on Sunday eve... Service broadcast is another program that lovers can't afford to miss... The views of Amos and Andy concerning propaganda are somewhat score a direct hit when the truth is known... A swing and sway affair is being put on by GW MacGlamery at his Waterfront Cafe... A small cover charge. There won't be free for spectators when the swinging begins... David Watson will wear an ECTC uniform for basketball season starts. They're counting on for baseball, too. The Dolphins except to get full swing soon with possibly a game at Longburg. That's all except this—Will Rogers, the greatest of all comedians, once said, and he was kidding: "I never met a man I didn't like" men and nations followed his system more closely recovery might turn that corner.

The seniors met Thursday in their home room to select their diplomas. After much discussion they decided on one of the very popular ones and are pleased with their decision. They are now looking for their calling cards which they expect to receive before Christmas.

NEW FURNITURE Our school is the proud owner of a new suit of furniture for the stage. The suit includes a settee, three chairs and a table to match, an end table, a nice foot stool and some very nice sofa pillows. We are glad that we now have sufficient equipment for putting on an entertainment, without borrowing. But we are very grateful to Mrs. R. C. Holmes for the use

EXPECTING RINGS The junior class, who, sometime ago, selected their class rings, are now looking for them. They are expected soon.

SOCIETY POSTPONED The O'Henry Literary Society has been postponed from Monday, its re-

regular meeting time, until Friday. This arrangement was made in order to avoid a conflict with practice of the juniors before their play on Thursday.

TERM PAPERS The senior class has been busy for the past two weeks writing their annual term papers. Such subjects as deal with physics are their themes. Some of these are: Navigation in the Light, The Telephone, The History of the Airplane, Electricity and Magnetism, and Steel. The papers are in before the Christmas holidays.

TAKE FIELD TRIP Mr. Wheelock took his class on a field trip last Tuesday.

Gifts TO INSURE YEARS OF HAPPINESS Furniture Presents Endure For Many A Christmas To Come! When you give furniture, you're making a wise choice—for furniture gifts endure, adding charm and coziness to the home for many years. Let furniture answer your "WHAT TO GIVE" question! Buy on terms to suit you! Below we show two of our most popular numbers in lounging chairs designed for male comfort and real relaxation! Many more styles, equally good values, await your inspection! Chair and Ottoman \$24.50 Occasional Chair \$3.95 up Walnut Veneer Cedar Chests \$16.00 up End Tables 79c up A Gorgeous Group Of Table Lamps 97c UP TODD Furniture Co. WILMINGTON, N. C.