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The March wind doth blow — and so do the politicians.

If the world is growing worse it may be partly because of our presence in it.

It is easy to have conscientious scruples when they are profitable.

Our self esteem averaged with our reputation is usually a fair estimate of our real self.

Tell the truth and shame the Devil—also surprise him.

When some folks discharge an obligation you can hear the report for miles around.

When you see a man with a bee in his bonnet be careful that you are not the one who will be stung.

Chief difference between an actress on the stage and a woman not on the stage is merely a matter of here and there.

Clean-Up Week

This is clean-up week for Southport, and if our town is to present its fairest face for Easter, each of us must do his part to beautify his premises, clean up vacant lots and otherwise remove unsightly rubbish.

The occasion will be a success, we believe, if we will make a list of the things we have been putting off about fixing up our yards and get them done before Saturday.

Essay Contest

Once in a blue moon there comes along a proposition that appears to be a winner for everybody concerned—not merely for the promoter—and the essay contest announced last week by County Forest Warden Dawson Jones appears to come under that heading.

In the first place, the topic, "Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire," is one of vital interest to Brunswick county, hence to every resident. Ninety-two percent of the total area of the county is timber land, and there are few of us who fail to reap benefits from the forests of our section. It certainly behooves every citizen of the county to do his best to control useless waste of our forest resources through forest fire.

It is the business of the Forest Warden and his associates to encourage the protection of our woodland, and in promoting the essay contest this subject is sure to be discussed in many classrooms and homes of the county. The job of this department is largely one of educating the people to the importance of protecting our natural resources; and the contest in which the children participate will drive home this lesson.

Finally, we think the prize list being offered is extremely liberal. It gives four children in each school an opportunity to win cash for their efforts, and there are separate contests for both the grammar grades and the high school.

It is a fine idea and a good contest, and if we were a student in a Brunswick county school we'd already be writing our paper.

School Athletics

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of the State department of education and president of the North Carolina Education Association, speaking before the latter group in annual meeting in Raleigh during the week-end, charged that athletics is being emphasized too much in both our high schools and colleges in North Carolina.

To which the Charlotte Observer is moved to comment: "But while this is strictly the case, sports are not being emphasized beyond the demand of the public, and so long as this is the situation, the schools and colleges may be said to

be more sinned against than sinning in indulging in this form of campus diversion. The proper place for athletics in an educational system is one, of course of physical development of the students."

The News Reporter takes the view of the situation that athletics should be worked into the college or high school schedule so that it should offer no conflict with classroom studies, but that the physical development of the student is just as important as mental development, and that the one generally reacts upon the other. If you take a student who gets plenty of exercise and is developing physically as well as mentally, you find generally that you have a happy combination that makes for one of the best type of citizens.

Plenty of exercise, furthermore, contributes greatly to the mental faculties, it is our opinion, and should render the student more keenly alert than if he were not subjected to physical training.

A fine sense of sportsmanship which a student gets, on the basketball court, on the gridiron or baseball diamond, certainly prepares him to play fair in the game of life, and gives him a sense of sportsmanship and clean, fair play which generally follows him through life.

At the same time, one phase of the situation may be overemphasized as easily as the other, and we think that the happy solution would be a balanced program of classroom and athletic activity together.

Seems Wise Suggestion

Senator Bailey may have struck on a likely solution of the tobacco farmer's present dilemma in asking for a study of the possibility of marketing American tobacco in the Latin American countries. Accordingly he has asked Congress to appropriate \$50,000 with which to make such a study of ways and means of promoting such sales.

With the sudden cutting off of the British markets, Columbus farmers have been left without a market for about one-third their tobacco.

North Carolina and other tobacco growing areas should not take this thing without making an honest effort to better the situation. Perhaps some plan can be devised whereby the Latin American countries will purchase our tobacco. At any rate, it seems worth investigating.

Hard luck is something that gets the blame for a lot of mismanagement.

Those smiles aren't signs of approaching spring, but the departure of income tax days.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

This is clean-up week, and the first poster we saw was the one Robert Marlowe had on display in the window at Ruariks . . . It has been a long time since we had a feature article to attract more wide-spread interest than the one written for us last week by Norwood Brooks . . . Mr. Sammie Clemmons was in the office Monday and said that for 53 years he engaged in beach fishing during the fall along the coast of Brunswick.

Master Mickey Rooney comes to town Monday in what is just about his finest role—barring the Hardy series. This time he co-stars with Judy Garland in "Babes In Arms," one of filmdom's finest recent hits. The Amuzu has manipulated a consistently high standard since it reopened several weeks ago.

The Jay Bee band lost two men but gained an extra instrument for their last engagement. Bill Courtney not only did a swell job on the saxophone, but doubled on the clarinet for several numbers. Bandleader Finch laid aside his own sax on several occasions and caressed the strings of his banjo. Nothing wrong happened that a little practice together wouldn't fix.

Despite all these book facts about horses, it took W. B. Keziah to diagnose the apparent reluctance of one of the town's saddle nags to take the bit. "Somebody slipped a frozen bit into his mouth one day this winter," he said, digging far back into his boyhood spent on a farm in Union county. "Here, hold the bit against his side till it gets warm and he'll take it." Sure enough, he did.

The last surviving rice field in Brunswick county was up at Pleasant Oaks Plantation where J. J. Ramseur had a crop year before last. He said recently that he might plant a small plot this year for duck feed . . . Speaking of Easter colors, how do you like the pastel shingle hung out by Attorney R. I. Mintz? How does the prospect for a four team softball league for Southport this summer sound? Games could be played every other afternoon in some convenient place—say the garrison. A live spectator interest is sure to develop, and at least 40 men and boys of the town would be participating in a healthy, vigorous recreation. . . . Up at Leland interest is centered in this year's entry in the Tide Water League that functioned so well last year. The Brunswick county entry won second half honors.

Just Among The Fishermen

By W. B. KEZIAH

HARRY LUSTINE, Washington real estate man, who caught the 52-pound wahoo on Frying Pan last year, has just been heard from relative to this year's fishing.

THE MAUDE and Mable is being fitted out with a bigger and faster engine and will carry passengers this year, including Gulf Streamers, according to report.

A WATCH over the inner end of Frying Pan by the Coast Guard will mean a lot to the commercial fisherman. The sportsmen will also have greater assurance.

INQUIRIES are coming in daily to the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce relative to the salt water fishing season. To us the year's outlook seems great.

ONE INQUIRER from Charlotte wants to bring 75 to 100 down for fishing each Sunday, coming Saturdays in buses. Hotel accommodations is the local problem.

JOHN FIELD, editor of Life Magazine, has sent us some beautiful local pictures with the compliments of the magazine. They were made by Wallace Kirkland.

CHURCHILL BRAGAW, with the best freshwater fishing in North Carolina in his dooryard, tells us he has not had time to go fishing any this year. Tough luck.

FOR GULF STREAM work the Watts boys will have two good boats available this season. With these and other boats the Gulf Stream at Southport will make news.

FISHING PARTIES like to remain together. This year, as last year, local fishing development will be handicapped by inability to handle the big fishing crowds.

LOUISIANA has declared a closed season on shrimp for the next few weeks. Cap'n Merritt Moore has come to his home in Southport during these enforced holidays.

BOATMEN are reporting plentiful flocks of seabirds. They are the boatmen say, feasting on menhaden just off Southport. No fishing is being carried on here now.

APRIL was the month when the record catch of sea trout was made at Southport. Fishing at the old wrecks of ships on Frying Pan shoals will soon be in order.

GOOD FISHING Extends all along the Brunswick coast. Why not send reports of exceptional catches and other matters of interest to the chamber of commerce.

FOR FIRST TIME publishers of fishing guides and northern sports magazines are writing in for news matter for their publications. This means good publicity.

CHANNEL BASS should be biting good on the Bald Head island point at about this time. Exceptional catches have often been made in late March and April over there.

THE UPPER reaches of Lockwoods Folly river have been and are affording fine sport to the early freshwater fishermen. Bass and jack predominate in catches.

PLANTING of oysters encourages the outlook for future winter work. Exceptionally good spring, summer and fall fishing is being anticipated.

POSTMASTER L. T. Yaskell failed to get a single bite Thursday. And fishing alongside of him we got 12 beautiful goggle-eye perch and lost seven more.

FRESHWATER lakes are still five to eight feet below their normal water level. This seems strange in view of all the rains since Christmas. Fishermen are puzzled.

CAPN' BILL Wells has about completed his new home with Mrs. Capn' Bill keeping a careful supervision of details of construction.

CHARLIE FERRELL Wiley Sholar, Oscar White, Henry Wooten and various and other Greensboro folks have sent individual and separate notice of an early visit.

HALF of windy March is gone without there being much in the way of winds. The time for the beginning of all sorts of fishing activities is about here now.

WHEN you are fishing for goggle-eye don't forget to use very small minnows if you are bent on bringing home a good string of the beauties for the kitchen.

FRESHWATER season closes for 40 days on April 1st. Only this and next week left. Plenty of saltwater sport will be going on by the time the season winds up.

WE STILL HAVE those proposed fishing piers at Long Beach and Caswell Beach very much on our mind. They will be a big attraction for sportsmen in this area.

BEAUFORT BOATS have been passing through bound for the spring Florida menhaden fishing. Many Southport colored fishermen are serving among the crews.

THE GREENSBORO NEWS Accuses us of being the author and maker of tall fish stories. Huh! Those fellows just don't know anything about the fishing in Brunswick.

TO CATCH the sparrow, you first sprinkle salt on his tail. For the fish, you catch him first and salt him afterwards. It makes all the difference.

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25: Shallotte Club meets at 3:30 p. m. in the Home Economics Department.

Tuesday, March 26: Lockwoods Folly Club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Carrie Mann Varnum.

Wednesday, March 27: Longwood Club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Lacy Bennett.

Thursday, March 28: Bethal Club meets at 2 p. m. with Mrs. Katy Cox. Southport Club meets at 8 P. M. with Mrs. Annie K. Vitou.

Friday, March 29: Boon's Neck Club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. W. E. Bellamy.

MARCH REMINDERS March is the month for checking up on goals, analyzing the canning budget and planning the garden accordingly. Garden leaflets are available for each person and our efforts should be redoubled in making year-round gardens a reality.

SERVICE CLUB BANQUET A banquet is scheduled to be given Tuesday evening, April 2, at 8 o'clock at Bolivia lunch room for the purpose of reorganizing the County Service Club.

Bolivia Home Demonstration members will prepare and serve the meal with Mrs. Melvin Smith as chairman. Recreation will follow.

Boys and girls that are seniors or who have finished school, and young married couples, are eligible to join and are invited to do so at this time.

Monthly meeting of the club will be held at night for the benefit of working persons. The topics for discussion will be chosen by the group as will the speakers. Recreational features will constitute a portion of each program.

The chairman wishes to have a final check on the number planning to attend in ample time to prepare favors, the menu, etc. Banquet tickets may be purchased until March 27th from any of the following persons: Pauline Lewis, Winnabow; Mary Alice Lewis, county agent's office, Supply; Jack Dodson, Ash; Any of the 4-H Club President's at high schools; or the home demonstration agent, Southport.

STORAGE SPACE "Storage space often presents a major problem in many farm homes," states Mrs. Doshier, county chairman of the Better Homes Campaign.

The closet should have sufficient natural or artificial light for its contents to be easily seen. If the light from the room is not sufficient, no electricity available,

this can be accomplished by the use of a flashlight hung on a cord and tacked just inside the door.

Sliding doors may be used to save space in the room or to make the contents of the closet more accessible. Doors to walk-in closets should fit tightly at the bottom to keep out dust.

A cabinet with horizontal shelves is very satisfactory for shoes, since it can be converted into many other uses, particularly when the closet is rearranged to meet children's needs. Mrs. Doshier states. Tilted shelves or racks require less floor space than horizontal ones, but lack the advantages of convertibility. Drawers or trays are more convenient than shelves for the storage of folded clothing. The rod on which to hang clothes should be placed high enough to allow six inches below garments hanging from it, and to permit cleaning the floor without disturbing the garments. Hooks should be placed as near the door as possible, never back of the rod.

TO PRESENT FLAG The D. A. R. of Wilmington will present a United States Flag to our school Thursday. They are planning a very impressive program. It is our desire for the R. O. T. C. Band to be with us at that time.

IMPROVEMENT The driveway to our school has been much improved. Pipes have been installed to conduct water to the ditches. This will add much beauty to our school. We are very grateful to the State Highway Commission.

CHICKEN SUPPER The basketball players and teachers were entertained at a chicken supper Friday night in the school cafeteria. They are very much indebted to Mrs. McMakin, Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Ganey and Mrs. Robbins.

HOLD CONTEST The literary society sponsored its contest Thursday night. The audience heard an interesting debate. Lillie Williams and George Thomas Rourk were presented lovely sterling silver metals for being the best reciter and declaimer. They will compete with the other schools, April 12th, for county championship.

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BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

SECOND GRADE

Second grade students are glad that we had the least per cent of absences in the grammar grades for the week of March 4-8. The third grade is getting ready for its chapel program which is to come soon. Pupils are also enjoying a bird study.

FIFTH GRADE

The fifth grade gave one of the best chapel programs of the year last Friday. The theme of the program was famous paintings, which were well portrayed by students.

The fourth grade will give a chapel program this Friday. They are planning to present an interesting phase of geography study.

CLASS BASKETBALL A tournament will be run next week at the activity period and noon hour to determine class champions in basketball. Practices for each class are scheduled for each day of this week. Cups will be awarded to the winners.

BANQUET PLANS Plans are being made now for the junior-senior banquet which will be on April 5. The menu is the "Gypsy Camp".

SEVENTH GRADE On Friday afternoon, March 8, we had a debate in our room. The subject "Which deserves the most credit George Washington for defending America or Columbus for discovering it?" Neither affirmative or negative won; the judges decision tied. Some of the members of this grade plan to enter the school exhibit.

The Bible is an all-time best seller.

REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Table with 2 columns: Meeting Name and Date. Includes Northwest, Town Creek, Smithville, Lockwoods Folly, Shallotte, and Waccamaw.

All meetings are scheduled for 7:30 P. M., and all interested voters are invited to attend. Township tickets will be discussed at these meetings.

F. L. LEWIS, Chairman Republican Executive Committee

NOTICE NOTICE

THIRD CALL FOR TAXES

I will be at the places cited below at the time designated for the purpose of collecting taxes. 3 Per Cent Penalty Begins on 1939 Taxes April 1, 1940. Pay Now and Save Costs!

Table with 2 columns: Location and Time. Lists various locations like Exum, Freeland, Ash Post Office, Longwood, Hickman's Cross Roads, etc., with corresponding times.

CHAS. E. GAUSE Tax Collector Of Brunswick County