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Some men keep their wives at home all the time so they won't have a chance to find out their husbands aren't really the smartest persons in the world.

The only reason some people ask about your health is so they'll have a license to tell you about their's.

No wonder infants indulge in baby talk. That's all they hear until their new wears off.

There's no hope of making automobiles fool-proof until the human element is entirely eliminated.

A hen with one biddie clucks just as anxiously as does the one with a flock of chicks.

A man who cusses too much is like a writer who secures emphasis only by underlining words and putting them in quotations.

New Features

Today two columns make their bow.

Of chief interest to the ladies will be: "The Lighter Side of Life," by Our Helpmate. Faced with the complexity of chronicling the social activities of a town with eight bridge clubs with constantly overlapping membership, refuge has been sought in the informality of a column. It isn't a success if the readers do not like it; so let us know.

We don't want The Pilot to seem to run too strongly toward columnization, but we feel that so far the county readers have been sort of left out. "Just Among The Fishermen" is primarily for sportsmen and fishermen; "Not Exactly News" has a strong local complex; and "The Lighter Side of Life" is designed for the ladies.

So for our latest appeal to county-wide reader interest we present "Political Pot-Pouri." There never was a commonwealth in which there is keener interest in politics than in Brunswick county. We fear that we will be walking on thin ice, but we are hoping to keep up interest and to keep down controversies.

Hints will be helpful, so if you like these new columns, tell us; if you do not, tell us why.

Putting Up A Fight

We sincerely hope that the recommendation of Col. J. W. Harrelson, dean of North Carolina State College, will not be the last word in the selection of a suitable location for a nautical school for the coast of our state.

The nautical school idea was conceived by R. O. Johnson, then commander of the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, and was, at his instance, introduced and passed at the 1939 session of the North Carolina General Assembly by Senator S. B. Frink and his able colleagues from New Hanover and other nearby counties.

Col. Harrelson was named chairman of a commission to investigate the possibility of establishing such a school in our state as a nautical branch of the Greater University. Last week according to news reports, he appeared with a delegation from Morehead City before the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries and asked that the Nautical School law of 1900 be amended to include the port of Morehead City.

W. B. Keziah, always on the alert that this section shall not be robbed for the benefit of any other region, promptly went into action, and although the contents of his letter to Col. Harrelson have been given pretty wide publicity, we are reprinting it:

"I have not been keeping track of the nautical school matter. So I was rather astonished when I read press dispatches that you were in Washington, advocating Morehead City as the location for the school. I was still more astonished when you frankly came out and gave your

reasons for championing Morehead City, and that before anyone asked you the whereof.

"You say (Note the quotation marks; I put them there, but the words are yours):

"I went to Washington and appeared on Tuesday before the house committee on Merchant marine and fisheries and asked that the Nautical School Law of 1900 be amended to include the port of Morehead City. I know that you and possibly the most of the people of your section would prefer to have Southport or Wilmington designated. I tried to look at the matter in a disinterested way and recommended Morehead City for the following reasons:

"It is nearest the center of the North Carolina coast line; nearest the center of the North Carolina link of the inland waterway; the state has the headquarters of its fisheries division there, and the state maintains a fleet of small craft there, and the wharves are nearer to the sea than is the case at any other port in eastern America."

"May I state, regarding your above reasons: Morehead City is nearer the center of the North Carolina coast line—What of that; why did you not go on and state that Morehead City was also in the Hatteras hurricane zone? And why did you not add that Wilmington and Southport were 75 to 100 miles nearer the center of North Carolina population and industry than Morehead City is?"

"Come to think of it, I am rather interested in your whole line of argument, coming as it does from a state-paid man. I feel that you and I can get up a rousingly interesting debate in the open forum of the state newspapers on the subject: The advantages of Morehead City, by J. W. Harrelson vs. those of Wilmington and Southport.

"Such an open forum discussion will be extremely interesting. You, speaking as a North Carolina State college man, whose services are paid for by the state will be in a commanding position to present the advantages of one North Carolina community against another. I may be executive secretary of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, but in this matter I will be just plain Bill Keziah, ready at all times to treat people in a friendly way and equally ready to stand up and slug any and all who try to discredit the lower North Carolina coast."

We believe that Mr. Keziah is eternally right in his denunciation of this stand taken by Col. Harrelson, and we think that it is to the interest of everyone in this section of North Carolina to scrap for the location of the Nautical School either at Southport or Wilmington. It is high time that our section be delivered of its role of "Ugly Duckling" in the political pageant of our state.

MAKE OURS VANILLA

(The Christian Science Monitor.)

That sweet, pungent aroma which greets the nostrils as you pick up the morning paper may not after all signify a first crocus by the doorstep. It may be from the morning paper itself. And it may be anise, lavender, or eau de cologne.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat has published an issue containing a candy manufacturer's advertisement from which, in the phrase of Antony's friend, "a strange invisible perfume hits the sense." The perfume in this instance is oil of peppermint mixed with the green ink in which the copy is printed. Some years ago the New York American printed an advertisement similarly suffused with a new scent which a perfumer was introducing.

The hazards of trying thus to increase the power of the printed word at the opening of a political season are doubly serious. Suppose the playwrights who perpetrated "Of Thee I Sing" should decide seriously now to run "Wintergreen for President!" Would Byron's small drop of ink, . . . which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think, come at length to make them only sniff?

Whatever the answer, there is doubtless one man somewhere who wishes it had been peppermint ink he got on his hands when he was a boy. Then maybe he would be working in a candy store today instead of a print-shop.

WEATHER NOTE

(Cincinnati Enquirer)

The philosophy most comforting to us in weather of the kind we've been having this winter is the outlook of the insane man who enjoyed beating himself on the head with a hammer—because it felt so good when he stopped.

If you can't say for sure, it is probably an Easter hat.—Charlotte News.

A British lecturer says that Hitler hopes to colonize America. He must have heard of Hell, N. D., and Adolph, Minn.—New York Sun.

Just Among The Fishermen

By W. B. KEZIAH

"THE CODFISH lays two million eggs," we hope each bass lays one; we're tired of catching gobs of 'em, and Yaskell catching none.

JUST AMONG the fishermen it is known that minnows are no longer precious since the freshwater season closed on April first.

NOTHING like a closed season on fresh water fishing to make a lot of fellows refrain from lying about their catches, for awhile.

FOR THE present, at least, our cane fishing pole is about as useless as a bird dog, but the pole does not have to be fed daily.

PAUL McCOLLUM of Greensboro, here with us Friday in company with Charley Farrell, showed a great deal of expertness in handling his fly rod.

THE JOSEPHINE Marshall, former church boat, has been sold to the North Carolina Fisheries Commission. Information does not say whether or not she will go into the free party business.

CONTINUOUS inquiries indicate that the greatest interest ever known is being directed towards the Southport fishing this year. The whole coast of Brunswick is due for attention.

THANKS to Frank Sherrill for a good word to President Roosevelt via Senator Reynolds and Bailey, with regard to the Southport fishing and the genuine desire to have him try his luck on this part of the coast.

ALTHOUGH the open season for freshwater fishing will be on again May 10th, sporting spirits will be dampened by the fact that the mosquito and jigger season will come on at the same time.

BEN AMES Williams in the current issue of Colliers argues that a sportsman must have proper tackle in order to catch fish. How about the colored woman at Orton who caught an 11-pound big mouth bass with a pole and cork line?

WILLIAM Whitehead, New York actor, tells us he is coming to go fishing with us soon. Mr. Whitehead was here Sunday in company with Henry McMillan, Claude Howell, Misses Jessie Rheder of New York; Sue Calder, Helen McMillan and Elizabeth Pridden of Wilmington. We had a nice picnic on Bald Head Island.

THE folks who did not get any fishing before the freshwater season closed for 40-days can sympathize with three Salisbury men who spent all day Sunday looking for us with a clipping from the Greensboro News in their pocket. They aimed to outdo Charlie Farrell in catching 'em and are threatening to come back to Brunswick on May 10th.

MENHADEN fishing is getting underway the earliest we can remember. Skipper Reuben Guthrie piloted his Storm King off for the fish Monday morning. This early start and various other indications of interest in menhaden fishing at Southport is indicative of a greater development of the possibilities of this sort of fishing.

THE G-MAN (Chief of Police Lewis) reports disgustedly that he has to spend too much time trying to find us for some fellow who wants to go fishing or some gal who wants to go to Bald Head.

JUST as we expected, Postmaster Yaskell, who is also president of the chamber of commerce, hasn't a bit of use for us now that the freshwater fishing season is over. You watch and see him getting back into our good graces before it reopens on the 10th of May. Phooey.

IT GIVES us a pain in the neck to have to protest at things every once in awhile. All the same we will have to write Walter Davenport and kick because the illustrated fishing map in last week's issue of Collier's did not show any fish off the coast of North Carolina.

BOB THOMPSON, formerly private secretary to Governor Hoy and now State Publicity Director, was with us part of this week. He assures us of his personal attention to Brunswick county fishing this year.

POSTMASTER Wilbur Dasher of Wilmington, Postmaster Yaskell of Southport and the secretary of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce had a warm argument at the post office window one day last week. The chamber of commerce secretary contended that Wilbur was no good as a fisherman except in the fall months. He extended his argument to include Congressman Clark, who "ain't worth worth a dang except to go negro fishin'," with a cane pole.

WHEN John Marshall, editor of The Wilmington News, got warm on the subject of having President Roosevelt to come to the Cape Fear to go fishing, he had a pretty good idea.

Grandmother: "If you wash your face I'll give you a piece of candy. And if you wash behind your ears I'll give you two pieces."

Smart Grandson: "Maybe I'd better have a bath."

Customer: "Do you give a guarantee with this hair restorer?" Barber: "Guarantee, sir? Why, we give a comb!"

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 5, Leland 4-H club meets at 1:30 p. m. North West H. D. Club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Mable Williams.

Monday, April 8, Bolivia 4-H club meets at 11:40 a. m. Bolivia H. D. club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Melvin Smith.

Tuesday, April 9, Shallotte 4-H meets at 11 a. m. EXUM H. D. club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Bruce Edwards.

Wednesday, April 10, Waccamaw 4-H club meets at 11:10 a. m. Ash H. D. club meets at 3:30 p. m.

Thursday, April 11, Lockwoods Folly 4-H club meets at 10:45 a. m. Mt. Plagah H. D. club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Alford Brown.

DO YOU LIKE YOUR HOME? Is your home a cheerful, convenient, attractive place, or are there features about it that you would like to change?

Let's imagine yourself living in a land of make-believe when the fairy god-mother visits you, with her wand and magic words, she will make the three changes in your home which you request. Viewing your home with the critical eyes of a stranger what three improvements would be most desirable?

From dreamland back to reality, from the ability of the magic wand to your own ingenuity, what home improvements are within your power? Do you agree that the influence of the home is the strongest force in the life of an individual?

One's home and its surroundings tell a story to the passer-by. By this picture the family is judged. One's first impression of the kind of family that lives in a house is gained from the conditions of the buildings and grounds. The yard is the setting for the picture made by the house and out buildings, along with the trees, shrubs, and flowers, and no family can make their home-picture attractive without considering these.

Doctor Seaman A. Knapp said, "The home should be a place of beauty so attractive that every passing stranger inquires—'who lives in that lovely home?'" the house is of minor consideration—the gorgeous setting of trees and shrubbery hold the eye."

The improvement of the home and its grounds should be a co-operative project with father, mother, and children making the plans and taking a definite part in carrying them out. Each may make some personal contribution—cleaning up rubbish, improving the grounds, repairing the home—and who knows but what your friends will think that the fairy god-mother has visited your home? Did you answer our first question, do you like your home? If your answer is negative, who is to blame?

STORAGE SPACE Since the homemaker spends a great part of her time in the kitchen, it is of major importance that her kitchen storage arrangements and working facilities be arranged to give the greatest efficiency and convenience.

The first step in planning kitchen storage is to decide on the amount and location of work space required. The kitchen arrangement may include cabinets, or "reach-in" closets and pantries, or "walk-in" closets. Where the kitchen is planned to minimize the amount of walking in the routine tasks, the cabinet is popular, particularly if the kitchen is used only in the preparation and service of food. However, where the kitchen is used for many processes or where there is an unusually large amount of material to be stored a pantry is preferred.

The approach of the canning season will present a serious storage problem in many homes. Certain food products require storage space that is cool, dry, ventilated, and frost proof. Large amounts of long-keeping fruits and vegetables require a moist atmosphere and should be kept elsewhere. This brings up the question of a food-storage room which should be readily accessible from the back of the house and from the kitchen.

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

RECITATION DECLAMATION CONTEST

The annual declamation and reading contest for the grammar grades was held Friday morning March 22, in the high school auditorium. The winning contestants and their pieces were: Betty Todd Corlette, "Scratch, the newsboy's dog," and Jimmy Hornsby, "Youth Aflame." The second places were won by Doris Lee Swan, reciting "Gumfishes," and Louis Newton, "Faith and Courage."

FIRST GRADE Members of the first grade are learning to tell the time and are making clocks. They are enjoying the books from the bookmobile and are making posters to illustrate the stories. They have made some attractive booklets which they call their bear books. DISA AND DATA It felt last week as if those

NOT EXATLY NEWS

Self-imposed dandelions for this corner for the misleading news that the local ork would have a dance last Friday. Speaking of orks, Dexter, our colored maestro, has gathered together a group of boys who are anticipating a dance soon. The brass is a little weak, but a solid rythm section is all of that. . . It's the race of Steam vs Sail in the saga of the sea showing Friday at the Amuzu and it's titled "Rulers of the Sea." Doug Fraimbanks, Jr., and Margaret Lockwood have the leads.

The idea expounded in the final paragraph of last week's colm has been met with general approval. Now all that remains is for someone to get hold of a good play—a rousing comedy or a good drama would serve nicely—and get behind local dramatists. . . Vicky Wells and her mother have just returned from a visit in Straits and declares that for good ole sunny weather she'll take the home town even before Florida, where she also visited last month.

In one Brunswick county school principal's office there is a box of baking soda sitting on the shelf beside the first aid kit. It certainly didn't come as part of that modern equipment, yet as a cure-all it probably outranks the other supplies. . . Southport's equine census which once reached 6 has now tumbled to 4; and there is a report that a New England riding school master may be here this week to see about buying three of these.

"certain girls" would be throwing snow balls instead of rocks. By the way, they have a rubber ball now.

The French classes seem to be really Frenchy. They are now making posters in French.

Ask Miss Ward to speak some French for you. And while we are speaking on French there seem to be a number of the girls of the lower classes who are very much interested in it.

We wonder what happened to the Glee Club all at once, after going along so nicely the whole year.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Tucker, and members of the local school board, Mr. A. P. Henry, Mr. Early Danford, and Mr. Ernest Gilbert are attending the state-wide convention of public school committeemen in Chapel Hill on Thursday of this week. We wish to congratulate the senior class for the splendid pres-

Miss Margaret Dozier is one of the most successful flower gardeners in town. . . There was a Guilford College professor here last week to see about building a cottage at Caswell Beach this summer. . . Magnolia Dairy soon will have grounds for its trade name. Several trees have been planted around the dairyma's house. And all the buildings out there look better since they were painted.

An experienced hotel man was inquiring about Long Beach this week. If he runs it all, he'll run it right. . . The new doctor moved to town Thursday and another one was here looking over the situation Friday. The lawyers better look out, or the M. D.'s will have them outnumbered. . . Hobson Kirby plans to begin work on an annex to his store before long. Important improvements have been made on the interior of the R. D. White garage.

There has been a noticeable improvement made in the up-keep of the river road in recent months—particularly on this lower end. Makes a nice drive to town nowadays. . . Ask your friends to come to see you, and take them to Orton sometime within the next 10 days. The azaleas are at their best, now.

Dick Doshier got along all right with his dog store improvements without any help from us, but if he wants a good suggestion, free, here he is. Get a good player victrola, keep the records fresh and up-to-date, and watch the shekels roll in.

Mrs. Todd went into a store to buy some spring gingham. "Are these colors fast?" she asked the clerk.

"Yes, indeed", he replied earnestly; "you ought to see them when once they start to run."

One Difference—"What," said the son, thirsting for knowledge, "is the difference between genius and talent?"

"That's easy," replied his father, the poet. "Talent gets paid a salary every week."

Customer: "I want to exchange this unbreakable doll."

Clerk: "Is there something wrong with it?"

Customer: "No; but baby's broken everything else in the house with it."

Navy Officer: "You can follow your regular trade in the navy." Recruit: "But I used to be a cowboy."

Navy Officer: "So what? You can be a cook and ride in the range in the gallery!"

Sweden has placed a tax on coffee substitutes.

Large advertisement for The State Port Pilot newspaper. Text includes: "We Are A CANDIDATE FOR YOUR POLITICAL ADVERTISING, CARDS AND PLACARDS. YOU TELL US—WE'LL TELL THE PEOPLE!! THE STATE PORT PILOT 'Your County Newspaper' SOUTHPORT, N. C."