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Politicians have about cut out this baby-kissing business—except where the babies are over 16 years of age.

People in small towns are given to small talk.

A person who keeps quiet in order not to show how dumb he is really isn't so very dumb.

The chest that swells with pride of victory may also be deflated with defeat.

Love keeps you from seeing yourself as others see you.

Husbands keep their wives fooled by telling them only the revised version of their arguments.

Some people are too proud to stick anybody except their friends.

Last Chance

If you are a student in one of the Brunswick county schools and have not yet completed an essay on "Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire," we suggest that you sit right down this week-end and write one.

The contest doesn't require long hours of painful pensmanship; the word limit is 500 to 1500 words. You will not have to do a lot of tedious research; what the sponsor wants is a collection of expressions from Brunswick's young citizens regarding the forestry protection program.

County Forest Warden Dawson Jones has gone to considerable trouble and expense to raise the prize money of \$100.00 that is being offered. His only hope of reward lies in the educational effect these papers will have on the public, so do your part to help keep interest alive in the forestry program, and give yourself an opportunity to win a big cash prize.

Mean Business

Two weeks ago we printed an article in which County Agent J. E. Dodson announced a schedule for giving farmers who intend to comply with the soil conservation program during 1940 an opportunity to sign a copy of their farm plans.

As we understand it, this is being done for the sole purpose of giving the county agent's office an index from which to work. There will be no effort to govern or control the farms beyond the provisions of the soil conservation agreement.

At any rate, this much is clear: No man who fails to submit his farm plans will be eligible for a soil conservation payment check for this year. This word is being reiterated for what it is worth to the farmers.

Horse Show

For a small group of local horse lovers, at least, the Cape Fear Horse Show in Wilmington was intensely interesting. High spot of the four-show performance, so far as Southport people were concerned, was the spectacular victory scored Friday night by Cherry McDonald, the Fergus' mare, with Brother Christian in the saddle.

His victory ride was all the more impressive when you remember that a year ago he had never ridden a horse; and up until last Friday he had never seen a horse show.

And talking about the show itself, this year's event topped all previous performances. It was run in truly big league style, and our neighbors up the river deserve a lot of appreciation from the sportsmen of Eastern Carolina.

Five Problems Of The Rural South

Some months ago the U. S. Department of Agriculture employed J. W. Firor, Georgia agricultural economist, to travel

over the South and ask questions. As a result of his investigation Prof. Firor, writing in The Progressive Farmer, lists the five leading problems of the rural South as follows:

- (1) The lack of farm income.
- (2) The relation of farm population to our farm resources.
- (3) The lack of modern marketing facilities.
- (4) The conservation of agricultural resources.
- (5) Price relationships between what the farmers buy and sell.

With reference to the fifth problem Prof. Firor has this to say:

"Some tell us that in the long run supply and demand will always make the price. But prices are influenced by many things. Value of money—the purchasing power of money—is not fixed. Some prices are fixed by monopoly or governmental regulations. Cotton and tobacco prices are greatly influenced by the state of export trade and foreign commerce in general. In the past, half of our principal cash crop—cotton—has gone to foreign customers; the South also has about half America's farm population. Hence the regular job of one-fourth of the farmers of the United States has been to work for foreign countries.

"Pay these workers get depends on the goods foreign people send us. To work for foreign people and then put up barriers that prevent their returning the work does not make sense; yet this we have been doing. Many people in the South are opposed to efforts that would increase international trade and yet are asking for better foreign markets for their cotton and tobacco. Some people in the South preach 'national self-sufficiency' and demand higher prices for cotton and tobacco.

"In conclusion, I should like to call special attention to a firm conviction. The time has come in the South when many people must give long and serious study to these five problems and long and serious efforts to solve them, or only luck will prevent us from experiencing more difficult economic situations than we had in 1932."

Some people can make more cracks about their neighbors than a brick can make in a plate glass window.

The reception we get in radio recently is about the same a tramp would get at a snooty party.

To preserve your self-respect, you must be careful that you aren't canned, it's been in our observation.

Too many people are willing to lay down the law—and never pick it up again.

Maybe the reason a lot of people have such long necks is because they are always sticking them out.

Now it looks like the soil or dirt conservation program might be extended to the political field.

If your ears begin burning either your friends are talking about you or you're being given an elevated "hot-foot."

THE UNFRIENDLY FINNS

(The Charlotte Observer)

The Soviet premier, Molotoff, seems to have been sitting at the feet of the Gamelals of intrigue and deceit, one Hitler, for his learning.

Speaking to the Supreme command of Russia affairs a few days ago, he was undertaking to give an account of the war with Finland.

It was the "unfriendly attitude," he said, of the representatives of Finland last Fall which forced the "decision to the field of war."

Thus, of course, seeking to justify the Russian invasion by throwing the blame upon the little country of the Finns and the unfriendliness of their representatives when Russia demanded that ports, possessions, fortifications and whatever else Russia wanted be ceded without the necessity of self-defense on the part of the little country.

We suppose, after all, it would be called "unfriendly" if either an individual or a nation put up a fight when a big bully came around and demanded this-and-that, else.

Unfriendly to stand guard at one's own home and fireside when a ruthless plunderer forces his way in.

Unfriendly to show a spirit of self-protection when the rapist and burglar and assassin makes an attack.

Unfriendly to fight to the death for country and conscience.

Yes, Finland was unfriendly to the Russians.

As everybody else is who has the faintest trace of the principles of honor and courage in their bones.

Just Among The Fishermen
By W. B. KEZIAH

FRIEND Yaskell informs us he has a new trailer for the boat and when the season reopens he and I can go anywhere, except to the World's Fair.

SAM RAGAN Says in his sports column that we can turn out more tall fish stories in a day than any one else can in a year.

GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS has been editorially impugning upon our good character by claiming we manufactured tall fishing stories.

WE ARE looking for Frank L. Johnson of Statesville to come in on a fishing trip before long. He always brings us a supply of his advertising knives.

IT'S ABOUT time for Doc Summers of Charlotte to inaugurate his annual Gulf Stream fishing pilgrimages to Southport. Doc has fished more on Frying Pan than any other sportsman.

LAST SEASON the record catch of dolphin in the Gulf Stream off Beaufort was 52 in a day. Southport's record was 72 in half a morning, the sportsmen having to quit because of exhaustion catching these and other big fish.

WE BELIEVE that John R. Peacock of High Point holds the record for the biggest barracuda caught on Frying Pan. He usually brings a bunch of Washington, D. C. sportsmen with him.

THIS SEASON you will see sportsmen from about half the 48 states in the union, making pilgrimages to Southport for Gulf Stream fishing on Frying Pan shoals.

NO FISH tale this. Miss Alice Baldwin, Dean at Duke University, sent us word last week she was coming with her girls to see us this summer. When she came last year we fell in love with all the girls, especially Miss Baldwin.

FLORA McDONALD College girls, don't believe the story we told them about the ghost of Theodosia Burr Alston on Bald Head island. If they will send us the most marvelously beautiful girl they have at Flora McDonald, and if she will walk across Bald Head island alone with us at midnight, she will see the ghost.

ONE DAY last week the sea gulls ate up all the bread we had to offer and we had to send Mayor John Eriksen running an errand to buy some more.

ASSERTING he was an old man, that we ran him ragged, Bob Thompson, State Publicity Director, writes us, reproachfully, to advise that he had to go home from Southport last week and take to his bed.

THANKS to Senator Bob Reynolds for saying that President Roosevelt could not find a more enjoyable or more suitable place for fishing than Wilmington and Southport affords anywhere on the Western Hemisphere.

USING THE North Carolina Navy for the advancement of the upper coast and to discredit the lower is not in keeping with what we think annual legislative appropriations are made for.

REPORTS FROM officials of the fisheries commission are indicative that the shad season has been poor all along the upper coast. On the Cape Fear river it is described as having been good.

IN ADDITION to the offshore fishing boats, this season you may find some non-resident boats at Southport catering to Gulf Stream fishing parties. Four locally owned boats are already equipped or are being equipped for the Gulf Stream work. These are the Sea Girl of Southport, the E. M. Lewis, the Maude and Mable and Dr. Hyatt's boat.

HERE'S A BIT of appreciation to Donny Watts and Alfred Newton for standing by with their sport fishing boat, E. M. Lewis, to render every service in getting the Flora McDonald girls to Bald Head and back. All around cooperation results in visitors going home feeling they have been among friends and kindly treated.

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

HERE AND THERE
A drum, a drum, Macbeth doth come". The Seniors agree that Macbeth is here in all his glory.

The girls are making the most of leap year by asking the boys to go to the banquet with them.

The freshmen seem to enjoy their own little government.

The second year French class likes very much to read French stories. Why not? Especially when they are love stories.

MACBETH
The Senior English class is now studying Shakespeare's famous tragedy, "Macbeth". We are enjoying it very much and it is becoming more interesting every day.

FRENCH WORK
The senior French class is doing some very interesting work. They are reading a French story, "L'Abb'e Constatin"—In English it is, "Father Constatine". They are also making posters and maps and the writing is in French. It

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

SCHEDULE
Friday 12, Myrtle Head club meets at 2:30 with Mrs. Murray Long.
Monday 15, Town Creek club meets at 3:00 with Mrs. W. C. Woodbury.
Tuesday 16, Leland 4-H club meets at school at 1:30; Leland Club meets at 2:30 at the Club Room.
Wednesday 17, Southport 4-H club meets at 2:30.
Thursday 18, Winnabow Club meets at 2:30 at the old school building.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The County Council of Home Demonstration clubs, at its February meeting, voted to postpone the federation meeting and spring flower show until May 20th. This meeting was planned to be held at Shallotte school featuring the flower show, a picnic lunch and an afternoon program with Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, as guest speaker and director of recreation.

Members are asked to bear in mind the change in date and to plan to participate in this county-wide meeting.

Beautifying mail boxes is a way to make a home more attractive. This may be an individual project for "Better Homes Week".

The box should be 4 feet from the ground and should have a bracket to support the box. An attractive way to beautify this part of the premises is to paint the post white and plant a vine, climbing rose, or shrub at the base. If it is a climbing plant it should be kept trimmed so that the owners name is visible to the postman.

Very often it is unsightly to see five or six mail boxes stationed at a cross roads and placed on standard of different heights. It would certainly improve the appearance of these boxes if two posts were used with a plank across the top to support all the mail boxes. Vines or shrubs around these boxes would greatly improve their appearance.

Names should be painted evenly and clearly. A little varnish mixed with the enamel will prevent it running.

Look at your box! Doesn't it need attention?

is being enjoyed very much.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

At our regular chapel program last Thursday the second grade students presented a play entitled "Safety Hill". It definitely showed how the use of some of our health rules will help us and it was enjoyed by everyone present.

SCHOOL EXHIBITS

The first grade is now making farm exhibits for the contest at Bolivia. They have also made clocks and learned to tell the time of day. They are holding a contest among themselves. A prize will be presented to the pupil who reads the most books from now until the end of the school year.

PICNIC

The fourth and fifth grades went on a delightful picnic Wednesday and enjoyed it very much.

PLAN PLAY

The fourth grade will be in charge of the chapel program Thursday morning at 10:15 o'clock. They will present a one-act play entitled "The Road To Happiness."

ANNUAL CONTEST

Last Friday the annual high school recitation and declamation contest was held in the school auditorium. Those taking part were Doris Price, Annie Margaret Watts, Doris Smith, Lara Lee Drew, Lula Marie Swan, Helen Evans, Theron Price, Henry Smith, Clarence Lennon, and Marcellos Cox. The winners were Lara Lee Drew and Marcellos Cox taking first place and Doris Price and Henry Smith taking second places. Those winning first places will compete against representatives from the other schools of the county at Bolivia on April 12.

Winnabow News

Misses Mary Elkins and Esther Shipp of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richaman Thursday afternoon.

Lindsay Skipper of Rocky Mount spent last week end with his mother, Mrs. Lila Skipper.

Mr. and Mrs. Vonnice Hickman of Wilmington visited Misses Satterfield and Pope Tuesday.

Miss Judy Foulke returned Tuesday to resume her studies at the Cathedral school in Washington, D. C., after spending the spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Foulke.

R. F. Lewis of Woodleaf was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. G. C. Edge of Wilmington spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richaman.

Phil Bergman of U. S. Army service, Fort Bragg, spent Wednesday and Thursday with his mother, Mrs. E. F. Bergman.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco of Southport and Mrs. Plaxco's mother, Mrs. Miller, of Richmond, Va., were visitors here Wednesday evening.

D. L. Hickman and family spent Sunday in Tarboro. Mrs. Hickman remained to spend awhile with relatives.

--- NOT EXATLY NEWS ---

The Senior's annual play came off last night with a smooth performance from the whole cast. Buster Northrop and Doris Coriete had the leads in the mystery of "The Haunted Schoolhouse" . . . Our new col'm of the society page made its bow last week and is a big improvement over the old form of social reporting . . . The postoffice has become the dread of all light bulbs. It's said that the slamming of doors, etc., burns out about one perweek. Here's an opening for the GE to put a factory site in town.

Cherry and Brother brought home the bacon for Southport in the Horse Show. Any one needing medical service the following morning couldn't have found a more genial Doctor this side of Kildare . . . For tales on traffic incidents, L. T. Yaskell exceeds his fish-story reputation . . . With the Azaleas in bloom Orton stories and ads are to be found in many periodicals . . . "The Under-Pup" is offered for the week-end entertainment at the Amuzu. In the starring role is Gloria Jean, singing star being groomed to take over the Durbin roles. From this first offering she fulfills her task very well . . . The Katzenjammer kids lend a hand with their musical and slapstick tactics.

Enthusiasm waxes hot in the effort to get the President here on one of his famous fishing trips . . . The golf bug has bitten some of the younger set, and makeshift greens are being put into flourishing use. At present it's a two hole course with the game following back and forth between the two. A dozen or so are going through the qualifying stage and plan a tournament of some sort for the week-end. Any one may enter that sort of a round of this game . . .

Now it's a pickett fence on each side that adds to the appearance of the Plaxco property . . . Warren Wilson, nephew of Hook Moore and well known here, won the Southern Conference heavy weight boxing title for Clemson College this year. He's a mainstay of the pitching staff this spring . . . Mac Moore has been making steady improvements on his residence at Supply.

Sounds like parents can get an idea of what their children do in school if they attend the school exhibit at Bolivia Friday and Saturday. . . . Fredere's hounds haven't hit the front page so often this season, but they're still plenty good in a fox race . . . They say that Miss McMurray is doing a lot of good with her social work at St. Andrews, Episcopal Church at Calabash.

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