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Some people look harder for alibis than they do for remedies.

A satisfactory trade is to stick a man who thinks he's sticking you.

A lot of people who don't own a grind organ are engaged in monkey-business.

Its hard to get a man who'll pay you to owe you, but its often harder to get a man who owes you to pay.

The top is usually a very narrow space, and he who gets there and stands still is likely to be nudged off by someone else who is trying.

**Publicity Man**

Nobody can ever say that Southport and Brunswick county failed to get their full share of the benefits from the state advertising program, for few sections of North Carolina have been more thoroughly pictured and publicized.

Bob Thompson, director of the advertising program, was here for the weekend and, among other interesting shots, made a complete picture story of a marsh hen hunt. Release of these pictures upstate may bring about the popularization of a sport that could bring many sportsmen here each fall.

But the important thing about the co-operation being given this section by the department is that whenever a call goes out for Thompson, or for Bill Baker, the photographer, one or the other usually shows up. Of course, considerable credit for this state of affairs is due W. B. Keziah, secretary of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, for the state officials know they can depend upon his able assistance and co-operation in all things designed to popularize this section of Carolina.

**And Sudden Death—**

Five minutes after they had climbed into their automobile Saturday night and headed out toward the Sawdust Trail a wide-eyed herald was back down town to report that Bert Marlowe and Albert Rogers were dead. Two clean, sober citizens of this community snuffed out in the twinkling of an eye.

Seldom before has death stabbed with such terrifying effect into the very heart of this community, and there is a sobering thought for all in the realization that it might just as well have been you, or us, or anyone else of our acquaintance.

The first shock over, and with the realization of the full import of the tragedy, Southport people, as is their want, were quick to bring their sympathy and aid to the bereaved. Touching, indeed, were the wreaths from members of the crew of the menhaden vessels, John M. Morehead and W. P. Anderson that were sent by the men as a final tribute of respect to their respective ship's officer. Marlowe was quartermaster on the Anderson and Rogers was engineer on the Morehead.

**Conservative Note**

There is evidence that your 1940 tobacco farmer is not the same lavish spender that his recent predecessors have been—the ones that helped to change the tobacco marketing towns into a carnival scene for a brief period each fall.

Most of the money that has been spent from this crop has been used to pay off guano notes and store accounts. That part which belongs under the head of current spending has been done with established merchants and business men.

Conservatism is definitely the trend of these men who find themselves gravely wondering what the immediate future holds in prospect.

And we've no quarrel with conservatism so long as there remains a distinction between this and stinginess. There is nothing in prospect that justifies our farmers reverting to a program of being

penny wise and pound foolish. A good rule this fall is to provide adequately for your normal needs, but do your trading with men and business places you know and in whom you have confidence.

**U. S.-British Relations**

The Jackson News has some timely comment on the friendly relations between U. S. and Britain:

"In 1832 Thomas Jefferson wrote to President Monroe: 'Great Britain is the nation which can do us the most harm of any one, or all, on earth; and with her on our side we need not fear the whole world. With her, then, we should most sedulously cherish a cordial friendship.'"

"Former President James Madison, to whom President Monroe referred Mr. Jefferson's letter, wrote:

"With the British power and navy combined with our own, we have nothing to fear from the rest of the world.

Then, as today, Britain was standing alone against all Continental Europe, leagued in the so-called Holy Alliance. The threat of European domination of South America and ultimately of this nation was as imminent then as now. Therefore, with Britain's complete acceptance and assurance of co-operation, President Monroe promulgated the doctrine which still bears his name.

"Today, as then, the co-operation between the United States and Britain is close. Americans realize that if Britain's navy falls into enemy hands, nothing will stand between us and the dictatorships of the Continent.

"So the President has made an agreement with Canada for mutual defense, Britain has agreed to lease to our nation air and naval bases on this side of the Atlantic, perhaps as repayment of our World War loans; the plan for selling Britain 50 of our destroyers, as we have already sold Government airplanes, has come to a head.

"History is being made before our eyes."

**Shears And Paste**

**MORE TRUTH THAN COINCIDENCE**

(Christian Science Monitor) A shortwave news broadcast from London was bringing reports of disaster and casualty. After a few minutes of this, another program evidently American, consisting of popular musical numbers, became clearly audible above the commentator's voice.

A turn in the score of the musical program brought about one of those rare, unexpected occurrences which often make us pause and think. The commentator's unhappy report was now coming into the United States, unknown to him, of course, with a strange obligato—a woman's voice singing George Gershwin's familiar tune. "It Ain't Necessarily So."

Back and forth those two tossed their voices out upon the ether. "German raids on Britain were claimed to have done considerable damage today" . . . "It Ain't Necessarily So" . . . "Three ships were reported sunk today by the Nazis" . . . "It Ain't Necessarily So." . . . Starvation faces millions of Europeans unless the United States can send food" . . . "It Ain't Necessarily So."

Amazing battledore and shuttercock! Was it a coincidence? Certainly it wasn't planned. But what volumes of truth were in the incident!

No evil report is "necessarily so," however authoritative it may seem or sound. Readers and listeners in America and elsewhere now know well that threats and exaggerated reports of damage done or intended constitute one of the weapons of this present warfare in the world, and that this weapon gains effectiveness only from the credence given to blatant lies or fear-filled whisperings.

But beyond this there is an area to be dealt with in which the accounts of destruction are accurate to the human, material sense. This blight and its accompanying mental anguish are not healed by merely turning away but rather by rising above and overcoming the physical-sense testimony. This is done by conscious, active remembrance and faith that God, good, reigns over all the earth and is mightier than the thunderings of hate and violence.

The disciple John, who lived closest in the affections of Jesus and understood most clearly the Master's teachings, wrote many years later, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, for many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Goodspeed translates that word "spirit" as "utterance." Surely the writer meant to advise men to check the veracity of reports, assertions, and suggestions not alone by human standards of reliability but also by whether the reputed circumstances would be true of the universe in which God, good, is the only real and eternal power.

**Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire**

By James Prosper Mintz

What other gift of nature is of more use to man than the great forests which she has so lavishly flung throughout our land and country? What other one thing has played the part the forests have in man's progress down through the ages? And what is more beautiful, more godly, and more dear to man, and closer to Mother Nature than the forests are? There can be only one answer, and that answer is simply; "nothing."

When nature gave us the forests she gave us a great combination of gifts. For not only did she give us the beautiful trees and vegetation, but also

James Prosper Mintz, Waccamaw high school senior, wrote today's prize winning essay. He is the son of Mrs. Rudy Mintz of the Exum community. He says that he really believes in forest fire prevention, because he's had an opportunity to observe the good that it does. His pet hobby is drawing and he has developed quite a reputation as a cartoonist.



the great out-door family, which we call wildlife. This includes the birds, the fish and the fourlegged creatures of the forests. And all are so essential!

Long before the coming of iron into the life of man, he fashioned practically all his tools and weapons from wood. Too, on down through the ages of his advancement wood has been an essential need. To-day it is just as essential as it was when man was young. Without it we would not enjoy the luxuries that we do. Thousands of useful articles, and our homes as well, would be taken away from us without wood; and we would be set back to the starting line again. But the loss of these would not be the greatest calamity; yet, it would be the awful significance of the loss. For then we would know that our magnificent forests were no more, and man had reached the finish. James Oliver Curwood has said: "Human life is absolutely dependent upon wildlife and forests. Without these things we would become extinct as a race. If all vegetation, all wildlife and all forests should disappear to-morrow, the human race would become extinct upon the face of the earth within one year."

With all probability of this being true, it is our divine duty to safeguard our wildlife and our forests; protecting them from their natural enemies as far as possible, and preventing such a horrible thing from even hinting at becoming a reality.

We have but to look around us to see the usefulness of wood. Our homes are perhaps the best example of this. They are essential for life, for they fill our need for shelter. The household articles and furniture are of wood. They fill our needs for comfort. There are thousands of other things too numerous to mention which affect our lives greatly, and they in turn are affected either directly or indirectly by our forests. For this reason we should protect our forests from fire.

Wildlife, the great out-door family of the wild, is a great asset to the welfare of man.

The birds alone do a world of untold good. Each year they aid the farmer in ridding his fields of insects and other pests that would destroy his crops. Each year the birds are marked prey for the guns of sportsmen and hunters. And always they are man's little co-workers in his battle for the forests. For food they hunt worms and insects that blight and kill the trees and vegetation. In this way alone their value is unestimatable; for without them our forests would die out in a very short time, indeed. And surely we will not let the homes, the breeding places, and the eggs and young of such valuable creatures go up in smoke!

And like the birds, the fish and animals are also of great service to man. They too, provide excellent food and a great sport for him. With the welfare of men dependent upon the welfare of the forests, we must see that they are protected from fire.

The forests are of the best of all nature's soil binders. The fine net work of roots beneath the ground covers and binds the soil and helps hold it in place, thus preventing erosion. The fallen leaves on the trees acts as a canopy and prevent the rain from beating down upon the soil. The decayed leaves and twigs and needles, easily absorb the rain

**YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS**

**SCHEDULE**

Friday, September 20, Boons Neck Club will meet at 3:00 p. m.

Monday, September 23, Shalotte Club will meet at 3:30 p. m.

Tuesday, September 24, L. Folly Club will meet at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, September 25, Longwood Club will meet at 3:00 p. m. with Mrs. Ernest Stana-land.

Thursday, September 26, Bethel Club will meet at 2:00 p. m. Southport Club will meet at 8:00 p. m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Annual reports are due in October. Individuals may secure blanks from the club president. Individual home demonstration note books will be due in the agent's office November 1st. Members will please bring these to the October meeting.

and feed the water down to the mineral soil, where it joins the great underground water that keeps the earth watered and moist. Now what would happen if the forests were burned and the ground uncovered, and the soil left for the beating rains. The soil would wash down to the streams because there would be nothing to hold it. There it would clog reservoirs or be carried away to the sea and lost. Surely we do not want such a thing to happen; we want our soil instead. But if we are to have it we must conserve our forests; and therefore we must protect them from fire to save our soil.

Now lets us look on the brighter side of things! We know that recreation was once considered by some people as a luxury, but that today it is a necessity. We know that we should partake of some form of amusement and recreation each day. For not only does it provide rest and relaxation but it renews the vigor of our mental well-being. For the moment we abandon all thoughts of our business and worries. We forget our troubles and find that there is joy in living, that there is beauty in everything, and that the old world of ours is really something wonderful after all. And always in these little spare moments in which we revel, we go to Mother Nature. We find that when closer to her, life is sweeter; that we tingle with an inner-fire which makes us all optimists, and we dream of higher and nobler things. No grander place can be found for these moments of reverie and recreation than the forests. For there we find nature all around us in everything; and we are a part of it. Therefore we should protect our forests and prevent them from becoming a smoldering waste of charred and smoking ashes.

In the foregoing I have tried to show how wildlife, the forests and man are related. They are like a great chain, each being a link and each link dependent upon the other. By this I mean: without wildlife forests could not exist, because insects would destroy them; without the forests wildlife could not be, for there is where it gets its food and finds its shelter and protection. Man too, is dependent upon them for life, for he, without the forests and wildlife, could not have the three essentials of life. His food would be gone; shelter, almost none; and raiment impossible.

Thus we see we must protect our forests from fire in order to preserve life and promote prosperity.

**NOT EXATLY NEWS**

A lot of folks knew Monday that they did wrong to trade in their bathing trunks for a suit of red flannels during the cool spell last week . . . Free want ad dept.: Churchill Bragaw lost a pocketbook containing over \$100.00 and valuable papers last week in Wilmington. Finder please return to us—and we'll split the reward . . . Bob Thompson, director of the state advertising department, was only 18-years-old—well almost 18, then—when he joined the Marine Corps during the last war. Bob looks younger than the 40-years he admits to.

Southport furnished no debs for this year's debutante ball in Raleigh, but Brunswick had the boys. Two; count 'em. David Watson and Churchill Bragaw had their coming-out. A Life photographer was on hand and blasted away 483 times, so sometime soon we may have local representation in the famous pic mag . . . Sheriff Ganey says they're going to try to have a real baseball team at Leland next season. Well, Mister, that one you trotted out this year wasn't so bad in our book.

You never appreciate a friend until you need one, and George Floyd was our benefactor Saturday afternoon with a tow back from Bald Head island after a busted halyard had left us with a boat that wouldn't sail . . . And speaking of sailing, that little overnight cruise that Johnnie Simmons and Billie Willis took up to Wilmington last week didn't really get exciting—for them—until they got home. It seems that their elders had been more or less upset all night.

SPORT—In the hectic American baseball league the wise boys are wondering about the Chicago White Sox. At this writing the Hose have just won 8 straight and look hotter than a 29 Ford and sharper than jailhouse coffee. The guidance of Jimmy Dykes is the main factor. The pennant may go any of four ways right now. Charlie Wilkins, former resident, wrote last week that the Yanks were out of it—and at the time they were at their hottest. Any one with his long experience might be able to guess as near, but his info never seems to fail. Alf Anderson, a North

Carolina boy he's been boosting, goes to Pittsburgh Pirates next year for a try in the big time . . . Six man football talk is springing up again and something should be in order. Lingle, father of local education, says that before any progress can be made in that line we must first introduce it in other schools near by. As stands the nearest competitor would be too far away to merit the formation of a team. . . .

MOVIES and MUSIC—Ginny Simms, backed by the Kay Kyser band, puts a couple on the air this week that are her usual stand out. . . . a nose, we take "Tonight" as the better of the two . . . Glen Gray's "Jintown Blues" is a real oldie but can't compare with the same as recorded two months ago by Frank Trumbauer. Vivien "Scarlett You-Know-Who" Leigh and Robert Taylor star Monday nite at the cinema. "Waterloo Bridge," a well done little value about the cruelties of war and the power of love. The war isn't unusual but the wooing to win you . . .

MISCELLANEOUS—The candid camera craze for so long, has at last secured a place. More photographers to be seen any afternoon than in a Turkish harem just opened to the British press. Some good boxes in the ground too. . . . A friend was kind enough to carry pigeons to Whiteville last week to have Sales Supervisor M. S. Smith and Mayor Jack Greer send messages to the Brunswick farmers. Hyatt, skipper of the Sea Gull, carried a pair to sea last week-end and a record of the catch was sent in. Now here is a little commercial. Inform your parties that these birds can be secured, cheaply, for just such a purpose. The bird should make a hit with the parties, it's hoped . . . To get back in the sport news: Don Watson, who slugs sodas for Watson's, baseball for Leland and bits of news for the paper, dropped out of all this next week and returns to ECU for more education. There's lots of football coming along in the next few weeks, so stop here for a breather.

**BURNS TREATED**

B. L. Bowen of Shallotte was given treatment for burns at Doshier Memorial Hospital Sunday. He is still a patient.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hawes of Supply announce the birth of a son, James Jackson, Jr., at Doshier Memorial Hospital September 14.

**ANNOUNCE BIRTH**

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williamson of Shallotte announce the birth of a daughter, Frances Victoria, at Doshier Memorial Hospital on September 15.

**State's Youth In Declining Prison Role, Says Ezzell**

**The High Percentage Of Minors among Arrests By Raleigh Police Twice As High As For State**

The high percentage of minors among recent arrests by Raleigh police is almost twice as high as it is for the county jail commitments for the state as a whole, according to W. C. Ezzell, director of the institutions division of the state welfare department.

"State department records show the criminal of today is older than he was a few years ago. Of the 28,000 persons incarcerated

in county jails in the four months from November, 1939 through February, 1940, two-thirds were aged 25 years or older.

"These figures are confirmed by the U. S. Census Bureau which reports that 17.9 percent of the jail arrests in 1936 were under 21 years old in contrast with 23.4 percent in 1927.

"State prison admissions also support the contention that it is not the younger people who are the heaviest contributors to crime. One-half the admissions for the fiscal year ended in June 1933 were 25 years of age or over. From then on the percentage of older persons gradually climbed up to 60.5 percent in 1938 with figures for later years not yet made available.

"The total prison population has increased steadily over a long period. Prisoners under 25 years old in 1933 numbered 7,269 as against 7,452 in 1938. In 1933 there were 7,289 over 25 years in comparison with 11,421 in 1938.

"These figures can be offered in defense of youth today and other statistics are available to indicate that the young people present not a greater, but a less serious problem.

"The number of persons under 16 confined in county jails has declined from 1,231 in 1936 to 784 in 1939. Children in detention quarters dropped from 1,221 in 1937 to 1,040 in 1939, and the state training school population has been lowered from 1,061 in July, 1933 to 894 in the same month of 1940."

**Classes Begin At Wake Forest**

Dr. Clyde Erwin, State Supt. of Education, Formally Opens 107th Session Of College With Inspiring Address

WAKE FOREST, Sept. 18.—The 107th session of Wake Forest College was formally opened Thursday with an address by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of education. More than a thousand students and several five members of the faculty were present at the convocation in the Baptist church auditorium.

Declaring his respect and appreciation for Wake Forest, calling attention to the fact that the College and the State public school system were both at about the same time, Dr. Erwin told the assembled students that their educational opportunities comes at a time when the country and the world face the greatest crisis in history. "The repercussions of battle abroad can't most be heard by us," he said, "and yet we live here in the midst of peace, under the shadows of those great democratic institutions for which this country was founded."

Through education, Dr. Erwin concluded, the youth of North Carolina and the nation has opportunity to raise its hopes and achieve high ideals and aims.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**SURGICAL PATIENT**  
Isham Hewett of Shallotte entered Doshier Memorial Hospital as a surgical patient last Wednesday.

**IN HOSPITAL**  
J. Walton of Bolivia was a medical patient Wednesday and Thursday at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

**BUILDING HOME**  
Work has begun on the new C. M. Crapon home on the waterfront next door to Mrs. Annie K. Vitou.

**OFF TO SCHOOL**  
Edward Taylor left Sunday for Davidson College, where he is a member of the junior class this year.

**NEW ARRIVAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Potter of Bolivia announce the birth of a son at Doshier Memorial Hospital on September 15.

**TONSILECTOMY**  
Richard Griffis, son of Patrolman and Mrs. Griffis of Southport, underwent a tonsillar operation at Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

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FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR—

Don't bother about writing long letters when the boy or girl goes away to school

Send The State Port Pilot

"Your County Newspaper"