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One thing sure, if you go down in life, you're not very likely to go down in history.

About the only thing the Italians will ever be able to lick is a candy sucker.

The silk shortage in the United States States is likely to bring out some cold, bare facts this winter.

Some of the stories put out by the Nazi Propaganda Ministry are not merely tall stories—they're skyscrapers.

But things could be worse—you could have to pay tax on your outgo instead of your income.

It's so hard to swat a fly on the wing, wonder how the guns ever get a fast airplane!

Better Not Shoot

The following clipping handed us by a local bird lover is hereby called to the attention of local youngsters who own rifles:

"Shooting robins, bluebirds, catbirds, woodpeckers, and other song and insectivorous birds is a Federal offense, subject to a maximum sentence of \$500 in fines, six months in jail, or both, according to officials of the Fish and Wildlife Service Department of the Interior.

"Aside from the fact that song birds make a garden or farm more attractive," a government official explains, "the birds are economically important."

"Many of the birds are beneficial because they eat insects that otherwise would be injurious to plants and crops.

"Birds may be given credit for being one of the greatest controlling factors in limiting the development of insect pests and in preventing many disastrous outbreaks," says your government.

Where Thrift Begins

The easiest way we know to gain a false idea of prosperity is to have a lot of money on your person or in the bank and forget or ignore the debts you owe. And that leads us to make the observation that thrift does not consist of hoarding somebody else's money.

We say this because we know that there are cases right here in this county, among people we know and have been led to respect, where the apparent prosperity of the individual is based upon his failure to pay his honest debts.

Now, in most instances when a man loses a loan or an account, he actually loses more. Many times he loses a friend or a customer, or both. A man can bluff and bluster his way along before the people who do not know the flimsy foundation of his financial structure, but before an evaded and put-off creditor his nerve fails him.

We've said before, but it will stand repeating, this fall is a mighty good time to square up old accounts and to get your credit in shape for another time when you will really want it to be in good working order.

Hostesses Needed

It now appears that groups of soldiers will be camping in and about Southport off and on all this fall and winter, and if the hospitable efforts of citizens of this place are to be fully successful then some sort of organization must be set up to be in charge of entertainment.

First, and most apparent need at present, is the necessity for a group of hostesses to supervise local dances, and trips made by local girls in army trucks to and from dances at nearby places.

Mention of chaperones and hostesses does not suggest that dances for the visiting soldiers are to be robbed of all their fun for the boys. That is disputed by the reaction of the visitors at the two dances held in the Army-Navy club building.

There are two kinds of fun: The type

that is good, clean, wholesome; and the kind that is not. The army, although its present personnel is probably of a higher type than at any time in the past 20 years, is comprised of red-blooded, normal men and boys, everyone of whom is a human being. Conditions surrounding our local efforts for their entertainment will be just what we make them.

Freedom Of The Seas

The thoughts of many Americans who listened to the President's address of September 11, turned back more than twenty years. In long ago 1917, President Wilson laid down his famous doctrine of freedom of the seas—a doctrine that held that any cargo ship of any neutral nation was entitled to travel the oceans of the world without molestation. That, basically, is the doctrine that President Roosevelt is holding to now. It is the doctrine which was one cause of our entry in World War II. And, in the opinion of many authorities, it is the doctrine which is likely to lead us into active shooting participation in World War II.

Mr. Roosevelt has gone farther than did Mr. Wilson. He holds that the presence of enemy submarines and surface raiders in waters considered essential to American defense and security, will be considered prima facie evidence of the intention to attack. Just what these essential waters are is not defined. It seems to be the President's position that in modern war it is impossible to establish fixed geographical boundaries beyond which vital interests do not extend. It is, at least, certain that the President considers the North Atlantic, where German warships are most active, within the sphere which this nation will defend. That means that American warships may convoy merchant shipping clear into British ports—and that any hostile vessel encountered may be fired upon and sunk, if possible.

The order to carry this policy into effect has been issued under Mr. Roosevelt's immense powers as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the United States. And now this country is wondering just what to expect. The logical thing to anticipate is more—and more important—incidents of the sort that occurred when the U. S. Destroyer Greer encountered a German submarine. The position of American naval ships is no longer made public, but it is generally believed that we have a major concentration of floating gun power roving about the Atlantic. The Atlantic fleet will shortly be substantially bolstered by the addition of new battleships and cruisers which have left the ways and are being outfitted—the great man-of-war North Carolina recently successfully underwent her firing tests and is now in commission. There is little question but what the American Navy is today the most powerful on earth. And there is little question any longer but what it will be used to the limit in attempting to win the Battle of the Atlantic—a battle whose field of action is the Atlantic ocean, and whose greatest activity is found in the 800-odd miles of blue water which lie between American-occupied Iceland and the British Isles.

German response to the President's speech was that Mr. Roosevelt was taking an untenable stand, and that under the rules of warfare, Germany was entitled to destroy, with or without warning, merchantmen carrying supplies to England. There may be some abstract logic in that Nazi position, but there is grim irony in Hitler's spokesmen talking about international law. Hitler has proven time and again that he observes the laws of nations when, and only when they suit his purposes. This is a war to the finish, and none of the combatants observe international statutes which were established long ago in times of peace.

Some are convinced that the full participation of the American Navy will definitely prove a solution to Britain's crucial supply problem. The English Navy is big, but it has sustained major losses and it must attempt to police most of the world. There simply aren't enough British fighting craft available to provide adequate convoys for the merchantmen that bring the sinews of war, along with the basic necessities of life, from the new world to the old.

There is little effective opposition to the President's position. The isolationists in House and Senate are becoming more and more in the minority. It is reported that Wendell Willkie will actively support GOP Congressmen next year who backed and voted for the President's foreign policy. America First Committee spokesmen have been talking to small, often unfriendly crowds. America hasn't been carried away with martial spirit yet, but that spirit is mounting.



Just Among

The FISHERMEN
BY BILL KEZIAH

Trout were reported as showing up good in the river and bays early this week. The last of this week and first of next should see about all of the available row-boats requisitioned to assist in handling folks who want to fish the river and bays while the trout are biting. Moonlight fishing parties should also be very popular during the next few days.

We are expecting our friend J. F. Bryant, purchasing agent for the Raleigh public schools, to be in this week with a party for the golf stream. Mr. Bryant is a native of New Jersey and has fished the North Carolina coast from end to end, deciding finally that Southport offered the best possibilities of any place on the coast. While he was visiting his folks in New Jersey this summer he was a self-appointed booster of Southport among the captains of the sport fishing craft at Beach Haven.

Although he is an ardent salt-water fisherman, Dr. S. S. Hutchinson of Bladenboro had never visited Southport for his favorite pastime until early this spring. Since that visit he has been back several times and is apparently liking things here more each trip. He is scheduled to come in with a party tonight for a try at the blues and mackerel out off Bald Head Island. Incidentally, it was on his first trip here that a member of Dr. Hutchinson's party caught the first sail fish of this season. They were out on the Torobol of Captain Victor Lance.

Last year when the officers and directors of the Outdoor Writers Association of America were here for a five day stay Charlie Farrell of Greensboro made a very interesting movie of some of the events. With the OWAA boys coming back and in more force just one month from now, Charlie is being invited to present himself and have that picture and his projecting machine along with him, as well as some more ready film. It is time for Charlie to show up down here, anyway.

Mentioning the fact that 50 of his friends had each purchased a dozen of his new booklets, Jake Wade, sports editor of the Charlotte Observer, said that his friends must be crazy. We happen to be one of the 50 that were mentioned but we are not yet admitting whether or not we are crazy. We believe that we will leave that for Jake to find out himself. In the meanwhile we have taken the liberty of inviting him down to join up with the gathering of Outdoor Writers of America when they assemble here on November 1st.

About twice every week someone or other out in Ohio writes us and asks all about the hunting and fishing and other things in Brunswick county. They are aiming to come down sometime or other. Invariably they tell us that Jimmie Stuber, International News man and member of the Ohio Department of Conservation and Development, told them of the wonderful trip he had here last fall and for them to write us. We understand that Jimmie will be here with all of his feathers on when the OWAA meets here just a month from today.

They say that the big drumplenty of them—are now biting like everything on the point of Bald Head Island. Here's hoping they keep on biting right through the month of October and for at least a while thereafter. Last fall, on November 3rd to be exact, a 36 pounder disregarded the prevailing bad weather and took the mullet of Dave Roberts of the Cincinnati Inquirer. Pictures that were made of the event are still in demand among newspapers and sports magazines throughout the United States. We are counting on Dave or some of the other boys getting a much bigger fish this November.

There is some consolation in knowing that the many fresh water lakes throughout Brunswick county are verging on being full of water. Three or more years with a big deficiency in the amount of rainfall had about dried up half the lakes with the result that many fine game fish perished. Until the rains set in a

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Shalotte, N. C. September 29, 1941

State Port Pilot Southport, N. C. Dear Harper:—

I am in favor of moving the Welfare office to Supply. My reasons are: Service to the most people at less cost, more convenient to the most people who use the welfare, the welfare workers will be nearer the center of population in which they have to work.

I think you will hurt your paper materially in the county if you continue your opposition to the move through your paper. Yours truly Cornelius Thomas

Shalotte

SHALLOTTE, Oct. 1—Mrs. Bailey Russ of the local faculty is a patient at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, her many friends will regret to learn.

Mrs. M. A. Shelley, of Loris, S. C., is spending this week here with relatives.

Mrs. L. G. Hewett of Southport spent Friday here.

Mrs. Warren Swain, Misses Peggy and Annie Laurie Swain were Wilmington visitors Saturday.

Miss Annie May King spent the week end with her mother at Freeland.

Jimmy Lambro is able to be home after having been a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Dexter Matthews and children have returned to their home in Durham after spending some time here with her Aunt, Mrs. Lillian Oliver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Guy Womble and little son, Joseph Everette spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Holden.

few months ago it was painful to visit these great freshwater fishing places and note the unmistakable signs that many fine game fish were perishing as a result of the drying up waters. Next spring, thanks to the rains this year, should see much better freshwater fishing than was to be found this season.

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

When officers and men of the Anti-Aircraft battalion from Camp Davis were here last Tuesday and Wednesday they were surprised at the cordial reception accorded them by Southport people. One gesture that made a particularly strong impression was when Fred Stevens, manager of Magnolia Dairy, went by camp Tuesday evening and said that he had 48-quarts of milk he wanted to give to the soldiers. Roy Swain, in charge of the Southport ice plant, went out of his way to be nice to them, and his telephone was used as a sort of outside contact for the camp. Also making an unusual contribution to the entertainment was Dollie Evans, who loaned the player victrola from her place for use at the dance in honor of the visiting boys. She not only loaned the machine, but helped move it.

Brunswick county furnished its share of spectators to the record-breaking crowds that attended Cole Bros. Circus in Wilmington Thursday, and those who went made those who didn't go sorry when they came home with reports of the size and general excellence of the show. Throughout this stage of its present tour the circus has been overshadowed by memory of the Barnum & Bailey-Ringling Bros. outfit. Actually, Cole Bros. is one of the two largest circuses in the world, and it is only after seeing it that a circus fan realizes that anything that would make it larger would

in Burlington where they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith on account of the illness of their grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pridgen of Currie were visitors here Monday morning.

R. E. DeWitt and family of El Segundo, Cal. were visitors here Monday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Ottesson left Monday morning for Philadelphia, Pa., after holding a wonderful revival of 2 weeks at the Wayside Gospel Mission.

Miss Ethel Satterfield's mother and two sisters and another friend of Altoona, Pa., arrived Sunday noon to visit her and Miss Virginia Pope.

Rev. J. R. Potts of Penderlea was a visitor here Tuesday morning.

The Home Coming at Zion M. E. church Sunday was a wonderful day for all. There was a large number present and a delightful picnic dinner.

Exum News

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Russ and Mrs. Paul Tipton have returned

just be something else he'd be too busy to be. Thanks to publicity man Cornwall Spencer, the matinee crowd in Wilmington was the biggest of the season.

One of the best shows coming soon to the Amuzu is "Blondie Plays Cupid" It's on Wednesdays and Thursdays and features Arthur Lake and Penny Singleton as movie, radio and comics' famous Mr. and Mrs. Bumstead. . . . the current series of engagements for movie matinees at Lumina first it was swing (Cah Callaway) then it was sweet (Guy Lombardo) and Thursday night of next week it's sweet again. . . . a big shot of twenty years standing, will play.

You'd think that anybody who sees and handles as many fish as does Mr. Jim Arnold and family wouldn't have such a keen appetite for them. Mrs. Robert Maultsby (Adrea Arnold) was out waiting to buy some spots from Mack Cooker one day last week after storms had set down on fish production for several days. "We all starved for a mess of fish," she said. Although first night runs on pictures is without exception best from point of receipts the Amuzu, Manager Price Furples reports that on one picture recently he took in the same amount to the penny on the second night he received on the first.

to their home at Riverside, California, after a visit with them here.

Friends will regret to learn that T. R. Phelps is confined to his bed with paralysis.

Mrs. W. B. Edwards is recovering from a recent illness.

Ivan Bennett, from Fort Jackson, S. C., spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bennett.

Miss Opal Bennett has gone to Southport where she accepted work in the Doshier Memorial Hospital.

J. S. McKeithan continues at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Coney Helms and little son, Larry, and Mrs. B. L. Simmons, of Fort Mill, S. C., visited relatives here during the week end.

Mrs. W. C. Burney, of Lake Waccamaw, visited her mother, T. R. Phelps, recently.

A revival meeting will begin at New Life Baptist church here on Sunday night, October 12th. Rev. M. L. Mintz, pastor, will be in charge and Rev. Cade Deaver from Lauringburg will do the preaching.

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