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Guard Against Fires

One of the most valuable crops being produced in this county is pine timber, and regardless of whether you own one foot of land on which one single tree is growing, you have an interest in seeing to it that our forest areas are protected from fire.

We mention this because we are now approaching the season when the greatest toll is taken from our woods through fire,—most of which have been started through carelessness.

We find it a very pleasing sight to see growing pine trees on lands which once were burned over and wasted, and one of the most important places where this improvement is reflected is on the tax books of our county.

Tremendous strides have been taken during the past few years in our forest fire protection program, but most of these gains can be wiped out in one bad fire season unless all of us cooperate with the forest wardens.

Want List

It's Spring again, and although there likely will be more days of bad weather before the month is out, it is a season when our people start to moving about and getting things ready for the summer.

This means preparations are being made for fishing and shrimping; for entertainment of summer visitors, both here and at the beach; and planting and planning in general for the future. And this is the season when it is good to have the influence of outsiders, of folks who can see the undeveloped possibilities of our natural advantages; things which we who have lived here for too long have come to take for granted.

Actually it should require no visitor to point to some of our most apparent needs. These include more and better places for the entertainment of tourists and vacationists, with particular reference to rooms for rent and places where meals are served. Also included is a need for docking space for visiting pleasure craft, both the kind which soon will be on their way northward from Florida and the kind which upstate owners might wish to have based here throughout the summer.

There is need, too, for more guides who cater to sports fishermen, particularly in connection with inside trips which requires less time, less money and which are less likely to result in seasickness. And in this same connection there appears to be an opening for the operation of sight seeing boats trips.

All of these things offer an opportunity to those who seek some pleasant, profitable local employment; and all of them will help make Southport and this area a more interesting place for summer visitors.

The Safety Triangle

The "ternal" romantic triangle has long been a favorite theme of movie thrillers and popular novels. The so-called "other man" and "other woman" have caused millions of heart throbs in American life.

But this is a more serious story about another kind of triangle—about the "other man" who disrupts traffic safety instead of homes, who causes auto accidents instead of broken hearts.

The "other man" is seldom involved in an accident himself. But his carelessness and negligence cause tragedy to others. One night a North Carolina motorist was driving along the highway. Perhaps he was on his way home. We will never know—because no one

can tell who he was or where he lives. **MAYBE THAT MOTORIST WAS YOU.**

Chances are, this motorist was not a cruel man. As he drove along the highway, he harbored no evil intentions toward his fellowman. It was perhaps just forgetfulness that caused him to neglect to dim his lights as he approached an oncoming car. Perhaps he remembered and was sorry the very minute he met the other car. As he passed he heard nothing unusual—he saw nothing strange. He drove on into the night toward his unknown destination.

But behind him, tragedy had struck swiftly. The driver of the other car, blinded by bright headlights, failed to see a pedestrian on the roadway in time. He did his best to stop, but it was too late.

As the frightened driver stepped out of his car and stood over the crumpled figure of the pedestrian, the "other man" drove swiftly away, completely unconscious of his part in the tragedy.

Sometimes, however, the "third party" is present to witness the horror which he causes. Such was the case with the driver who entered a well-traveled highway without stopping. He had entered the highway in that very place a thousand times before. At first he had stopped. But as he grew more accustomed to the intersection he satisfied himself by making so-called "rolling stops." On that particular day he made no stop whatever.

How was he to know that on that day of all days a hurried businessman would be driving past!

As he entered the highway, he saw—and stopped. But he was already half-way across the road!

The businessman saw the vehicle blocking the right lane in front of him. He swerved sharply to the left, and his driving skill was such that he passed the obstruction successfully. But coming up from the other direction was a large truck. The businessman tried his best to turn back into his own lane in time, but he failed. He died in the resulting collision.

As we have said, the third man in this "safety triangle" is not necessarily cruel or vicious—just careless. Each one of us has in himself the potentiality of becoming a guilty third party to a traffic mishap.

Supreme Test

We witnessed the rise and fall of the League of Nations which was brought into being to create security for the world. More recently we built our hopes around the United Nations. We have not abandoned hope for the UN, but our faith has been sadly shaken by the dilly-dallying over the Palestine question.

The Smithfield Herald discusses this situation with such clarity that we pass the editorial along to our readers:

"Several weeks ago the decision to partition Palestine was hailed as the first bit of sunshine to pierce the dark clouds that have enveloped the United Nations since the Charter was adopted at San Francisco. Russia and the United States had reached agreement on a major issue and that was news.

"Just as the decision to partition the Holy Land was a shot in the arm for the UN, failure to enforce that decision will be a terrific setback for the international organization. And it is apparent that the organization cannot stand many relapses and still survive as an instrument for winning the peace.

"The veto power held by the major members of the Security Council has been called the principal weakness of the United Nations. And Russia, most frequent user of the veto, has borne the brunt of attacks against the right of veto and its nullification of UN decisions. But on the Palestine issue, it is the United States that threatens to make the partition decision meaningless. The American attitude on enforcement of partition is as damaging to the UN as any Russian veto or decisions reached in the Security Council.

"Just how does the United States rationalize its present attitude? We say we are for partition, which would give part of the Holy Land to the Jews and part to the Arabs. But we say we cannot join other nations in using force to implement a political decision, and partition is regarded as a political decision. By hairline reasoning we say we can only participate in the use of force "to keep the peace." It is argued at the State Department, where from the start there has been considerable hostility to the Truman policy of supporting partition, that if we use force to enforce the partition of Palestine, we could also use force to enforce partition of China or Iran or South Africa.

FOREST WARDEN

(Continued from page one) starting fire at times when they and cigarette, or by purposely may sweep out of control. The forest fire authorities and a lot of land owners will appreciate it if reports are phoned or sent the nearest fire tower when and wherever a bad fire breaks out.

SUPPORT OF RED

(Continued from page one) the most unselfish of American good neighbor causes. "The Red Cross has demonstrated our American way of life again and again through its voluntary services to unfortunate people throughout the world," Charles W. Armstrong, president, Kiwanis International, declared.

Brig. General Benjamin O. Davis termed it a great privilege to express his approval of the Red Cross.

Other endorsements from Negro groups included church leaders and the National Urban League. C. A. Barnett, speaking for the Associated Negro Press said, "The Red Cross deserves the utmost in support."

As spokesman for large farm and rural groups, Allan B. Kline, president, American Farm Bureau Federation, asserted that for more than three generations the Red Cross has served humanity magnificently in times of tornado,

fire, flood, and pestilence. The people of Texas City, stricken by disaster last year, urged support of the Red Cross through Mayor W. C. Steed.

The National Fraternal Congress of America stands 100 percent behind the Red Cross program, according to T. W. Midkiff, president, while Charles P. Taft, head of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, declared "its unique contribution to human welfare deserves the support of every American."

Earlier this week organized labor, through national officers, gave full backing to this year's campaign for \$75,000,000. The campaign, which will continue from March 1 through 31, will be officially launched in a broadcast over major networks by President Truman Sunday evening, Feb. 29, at 10 o'clock EST.

Southport Girls, Bolivia

(Continued from page one) representative, D. D. Haskett. The chief objective is to stimulate interest in making good on free shots during contests, a department which sometimes appears to be much neglected. Mrs. Haskett, an ardent sportsman, wanted to do something which would encourage the boys and girls in this department, and has made these trophies available to winning contestants without cost.

The finals for the girls will

be held on Friday night and will be run off between games. The boys finals will be run off Saturday night. Much interest has been reported by the principals in this contest.

POST OFFICE AT

(Continued from page one) was later also adopted by the town, has been dead a good many years. His widow, Mrs. Peter Cox, is still living and enjoying fine health although she will be 95 years of age on the 16th of next August. Despite her age, Mrs. Cox cooks and washes the dishes, does household chores and works in her garden.

Mrs. Cox has 7 children; 24 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Local Fish Factory Is

(Continued from page one) from getting around. Easily removable ice pens will solve the unloading problem of the shrimp trawlers. Another year will find plenty of the boats able to quickly change from shrimping to food fishing operations and from that to trawling for menhaden.

WELFARE OFFICE

(Continued from page one) her department has no fund from which to provide clothing in cases of this kind. "It is a matter where donations from more fortunate homes can help prevent a lot of suffering and hardship," she declared.

"If any of our more fortunate people have used clothing which they are willing to donate, we shall be glad to see to it that it is given proper use. Or perhaps some of the merchants have old

stock which they wish to move. We shall be very happy to have any good, usable articles which may be included in this group of merchandise," she concluded.

GRADING STARTS

(Continued from page one) farmer, stated Monday that the heavy rains Sunday had prevented the start of work on this pro-

ject thus far. **WITH SUBMARINE GROUP** Dillard H. Price, machine mate 3rd class, son of Mr. Mrs. F. D. Price, of Southport now serving with Submarine Group One, Texas Group of Atlantic Reserve Fleet. He is gaged in inactivation of surplus Navy ships.

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**	7:00 A. M.
7:00 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
*1:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

*—These Trips on Saturday Only.
**—This Bus Leaves Winnabow at 6:10 Daily.

— SUNDAY ONLY —

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
10:50 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.



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Notice

OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION and REVIEW

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1948

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 1105 of the Machinery Act, Public Laws of 1939, a meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review will . . .

**BE HELD ON THE 15th DAY
OF MARCH, 1948—**

The Board shall, on request, hear any and all taxpayers who own or control property assessed for taxation in the county with respect to the valuation of such property or others; and shall perform such other duties as required by the Machinery Act with respect to assessing and listing property for taxation.

No notice will be mailed to Taxpayers except in case of an increase in valuation of property.

W. P. Jorgensen
TAX SUPERVISOR
Brunswick County