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### Quail Story

A fellow we know who loves hunting was driving along the highway the other afternoon when he saw a mother quail trying to herd her brood across the road in front of his car. In deference to the quail mother's anxiety, he stopped his automobile and observed the proceedings with considerable interest.

Another auto loomed up from the other direction, and a signal from our friend brought this traveler to a standstill and soon the driver was a second interested spectator.

Then came a third car, bound somewhere in a hurry. A signal failed to stop it, and the driver pulled out to the shoulder of the road to plow past one of the parked machines and right through the grass into which the mother bird had hustled her youngsters. No doubt, a good part of her brood was killed.

There's no particular moral to the story, unless it is to point out that the hazards which beset our quail population are many and far reaching.

### No Cause For Envy

Occasionally we have heard someone say, "Boy, you should see what those fishboat men made this week"; or we have overheard a remark "Those shrimpers are getting rich." Well, things like the weather last week quickly mess up the seasonal occupation of these men, and leaves little cause for envy on the part of their fellow citizens, most of whom make their living easier.

From last Tuesday through Sunday there was a strong breeze which whipped up the waters off-shore to a point that fishing and shrimping operations were practically useless. Coming at a time when men engaged in these occupations have been having very good luck, this was cause for discouragement.

This week the weather is better, and these men who wrest their living from the sea are back at it. There will be more good catches, and more words of envy; but the men who make their money from fishing and shrimping earn their livelihood the hard way.

### Each In His Own Turn

We venture the guess that there are more projects for road improvement in progress in Brunswick county now than at any time in the past. While this does not mean that every road for which improvements are needed or wanted is receiving attention, it is a very hopeful sign that eventually all of these needs will be met.

Not only is there a lot of road work in progress at this time, but there is prospect for more within the predictable future. When it comes, there should be a general feeling of appreciation that we have received these benefits, and there should be no spirit of spite and envy, which are attitudes that have cost us recognition of worthy projects in the past.

It is the old attitude of "live and let live." It is alright for all of us to prepare our requests and to present them as favorably and as strongly as we can before the proper governing bodies. But when decisions are made and contracts are let, even though they fail to include work on the projects we believe to be most important to us, the right thing to do is to be glad that some place in our county will have the benefit of improvement, and wait for our own turn.

### John J. Pershing

A long and brilliant career came to an end Thursday when General of the Armies John J. Pershing was called to his reward. A man who might have been President had he chose, Pershing stood on his record as a soldier and responded to the calls for civic duty brilliantly. Further than that he would not go. He preferred to leave politics to those trained in governmental affairs.

No finer tribute could have been paid the General of the Armies than that which a First World War sergeant suggested at last week's meeting of the Whiteville Rotary Club. Joe S. Mann, now president of the local civic organization, asked that all Rotarians stand for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of his former commander. The Joe Manns all over the nation respected John J. Pershing.

### Juvenile Crime Breeders

An increase of violence in juvenile delinquency has gone hand in hand with the increased distribution of comic books featuring murder, torture and other violent crimes, declares Dr. Frederic Wertham in The Reader's Digest for August. Dr. Wertham is director of the Psychiatric Service of Queens General Hospital and of the Lafargue Clinic, New York. His article is condensed from The Saturday Review of Literature.

From his own clinical studies and those of his associates, Dr. Wertham cites the case histories of several crimes of violence recently committed by 'teen-age youths. Ranging from the beating and hand-cuffing of a four-year-old girl to the stabbing of a boy, each of these acts is traced by Wertham directly to the child criminal's addiction to comic books.

Many other juvenile crimes point to the comic-book influence, Wertham insists. A 17-year-old killer left a note signed "The Devil"; three 16-year-old boys killed a 14-year-old "for revenge"; a 13-year-old Chicago boy who murdered a playmate told his lawyer he read all the comic books he could get. Typical was the recent killing of a policeman by a New York youth. "Is that crime so astonishing," Wertham asks, "in view of the comic-book cover showing a man and woman shooting it out with the police, to the accompaniment of 'We'll give those flatfeet a bellyful of lead?'"

Refuting the arguments in behalf of the comics, Wertham contends that they do not represent the natural choice of children, as their defenders say, for no other books are on sale at 10 cents in candy stores and at newsstands. That they are not educational is evident by their distortion of the classics. Yet many school children have confided to Wertham that the book reports they write as homework are based on the comic-book version of a classic, "so they won't have to read the original."

The author sees the mass production of comics seriously threatening the publication of good, inexpensive children's books. He estimates that 75 percent of parents are opposed to comic books, and charges that the "experts" who approve them are in the employ of the comic-book business.

Three U. S. cities—Indianapolis, Detroit and Hillsdale, Mich.—have acted against the sale of comic books deemed harmful to youth, according to the American Municipal Association. In Chicago, school children recently burned all the comic books they could collect and persuaded neighborhood dealers to discontinue their sale.

Production of milk per cow in North Carolina averaged 330 pounds during March compared with 286 pounds during February.

Small grains in the State are doing nicely and stands are better than average.

Sign on a newly seeded lawn at Wellesley College: "Don't ruin the gay young blades."

Some city people think most traffic accidents occur in the country. Some rural folk think city-dwellers cause most mishaps. Actually, 674 persons were killed on rural roads in North Carolina last year, while 162 met their death within city or village limits. So, around four out of every five deaths occurred in rural areas. Six out of every eight drivers involved in fatal accidents were rural residents, the motor vehicle department reports.

melon all by ourself. So we sent it over to Long Beach to Ted Robinson, associate editor of TIME magazine, who has a wife and five children.

For a long time our good friend Jesse Atkinson of Winnabow has been sort of peeved because we would not publish his pickling receipt. He claims it is the best in the world and we are willing to publish anything once—just once. Here is Mr. Jesse's superlative pickle mixture receipt: "One tablespoonful of salt to half gallon jar, one-third teaspoonful saccharine, one tablespoonful pickle spice, fill jar half full with vinegar, add water, seal and let stand four weeks."

When Dr. R. H. Holden finds us down at Holden Beach on a Saturday afternoon or night he takes us to Supply and puts us on a bus to Southport. If he misses the bus he brings us all of the 25-miles aroundabout way from the beach to Southport himself. Rose Marie Holden is

Dr. Holden's daughter. She was the Captain of the Shallotte high school girls basket ball team last spring, and most Brunswick folks know her. She is not hard to look at. Frances Bird is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Bird of Durham and Duke University, excepting during the summer time when they reside at Holden Beach. She graduated from Duke this spring. She is no harder to look at than Rose Marie. Well, Saturday afternoon Dr. Holden said to us: "You won't mind, will you, if Rose Marie and Frances take you to the bus, instead of me?" What amazes us is that Dr. Holden should have ever thought we would mind anything like that.

As soon as both can get a day off at the same time Soil Conservationist C. D. Potter is to take us on a tour of several farms in Brunswick county, places where they have permanent pastures and are starting such things. Mr. Potter says that a number of farmers are working

on the well established permanent pasture ideas. He believes it a good thing for this county. Livestock raising is one of the things we have been neglecting and the permanent pastures are a great aid in raising either milk or beef cows.

Clarence Griffin, editor of the Forest City Courier, visited us this week. We decided at once that an airplane view of him and Carl Goerch would reveal them as being identical in looks.

We noticed this week that Time still goes on despite the fact that Ted Robinson, one of its editors, is vacationing at Long Beach. About the time Time gets this Ted will be regaining his dignity.

Sgt. Alex Yates of Ashland, Ky., at Fort Caswell for three years during the first world war, writes us that he greatly enjoyed the trip he made back here in 1947 and the meeting with many old friends on that visit. He is in the real estate business at Ashland. Last year and also this year he says he was lucky enough to pick the winner in the Kentucky Derby. Sgt. Yates is a regular subscriber to this paper and enjoys reading of old friends.

Gus Travis Tangles  
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he would ever forget her, whatever she might be wearing. At this period Gus led a personally conducted tour to visit his 1937 model Chevrolet in which the Travis' with some aid from a trailer, journeyed down from Charlotte. "I tell you," he said, "we will be back here at Holden Beach next year." The interviewer was not sure whether Gus was speaking of just himself and the 1937 model Chevrolet, or of the whole family. So he let it go. "I hope I will see more of all

of you," said the interviewer as he shook hands, preparatory to departing. "No sir," said Gus, "when Mrs. Travis was modeling that bathing suit for you, you saw all of her you are going to see."

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