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Our 'Stock Market' Report

The other day we had a visitor to pick up a copy of The Pilot, cast a critical eye at its 6-page brevity and ask us cynically, "Where is your stock market report?"

We have been thinking about it since and what we should have told him was:

"The kind of 'Stock Market' we print is one that you wouldn't understand. We have few men of wealth, so news of the New York Stock Exchange really is of no great service to our readers. The kind we print is a detailed report of fishing catches, print them with the idea that people who love fishing will read about these successful trips and will want to make one themselves. A 'bullish' market for us consists of good prices being paid our tobacco farmers for their tobacco, and we devote a good bit of space reporting this good news. A 'flood of buying' in our section consists of the sale of a home or perhaps the sale of a beach cottage or even a beach lot."

"Our mind never works fast enough for us to say the right things at the right time, but we might well have added that "We try to print the news of and for our readers that the city newspapers are too big and too busy to bother with."

Excursion

The people who made the excursion to Manteo during the past week-end gave such a favorable account of their trip that they made everyone with whom they talked sorry that he was not along. From all accounts it was a pleasant experience which all of them long will remember.

Primary objective of the trip was a visit to the pageant "The Lost Colony." This historic production is one of the truly great events of our time, and we believe that the day will come when North Carolinians who failed to see it will regret that they neglected the opportunity.

For the majority of persons who went to Manteo on the W.B. & S. excursion this year and last the trip would not have been possible had it not been for the special arrangements made by the bus company. Just as important perhaps is the fact that in no other manner would this trip have been so thoroughly enjoyable.

Which reminds us to say once more that among the finest services being rendered by the W.B. & S. Bus Lines are these special side trips which open up new worlds of interest for many of our citizens.

The Last Home Run

He smacked out 714 home runs in a brilliant 22-year career on the diamond and reached the baseball heights when he swatted 60 round-trippers in a single season. Both are marks that have never been equaled. And even if someone comes along to surpass these records, he will in no sense dim the memory of the one man who made the nation forget the Black Sox scandal and sent the national pastime onward and upward to greater glories.

All sports fans remember that day in the World Series when the Sultan of Swat stood at the plate and pointed a finger at a spot in the distant reaches of the ballpark and then a moment later blasted one of Charlie Root's pitches over the fence where his digit had directed the eyes of baseball enthusiasts present on that occasion. On Monday night, the Grim Reaper pointed a finger at a distant Valhalla and Babe Ruth made that last home run. There'll be fans over there to welcome the king of four-basers at home plate.

Keep It Alive

One of the projects for the Southport Woman's Club during the coming year will be to make a study of the Public Health picture as it affects Brunswick county and to discover if it is possible to work out plans which will give us a full-fledged health department working in cooperation with the State Board of Health.

It may well be that nothing ever will come of this study. On the other hand, something might. When women set their mind to accomplish some objective, frequently they are hard to stop. If enough of our people get behind this project, we believe that something good may come of it.

The Farmer's Stake

An ever-recurring question to the farmer is "What is my stake in world trade and what will happen to my increased production when the Marshall Plan and ECA are concluded?"

Claud L. Scroggs, associate editor of Southern Agriculturist and well-known agricultural economist, has this to say in the September issue of that magazine:

"If farmers buy, they must also sell; if they sell, they can then buy."

All this buying and selling includes products we must sell to other countries and items we must buy from them if they are to pay for their purchases from us. This means, then, that we must not upset our place in World Trade as established by our Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act. This Act was extended for only a year by the 80th Congress, instead of the usual three, and the powers of the President to make agreements and lower tariffs were cut. Could this be the beginning of the upset we fear?

We learned the hungry way what happened when our high Smoot-Hawley tariff act was passed and we couldn't sell our surplus products to other nations. It is imperative that we not learn the lesson all over again at the conclusion of Marshall Plan activities.

As farmers, we must produce to make money. And to keep our markets ready, we must allow other nations the same important privileges as we demand for export of our products.

Let There Be Light

Most candidates for political office are a pretty decent sort and there's usually plenty of grey matter among their supporters. But their antics and their statements in campaign days are often amusing.

The News and Observer of Raleigh this week jumped all over Senator Taft for refusing to pass up normal procedure on Cabinet appointments and thus confirm Maurice Tobin of Massachusetts as Secretary of Labor on the final day of the Senate session.

If it was so important that Mr. Tobin be confirmed, what was President Truman doing during the two months after Secretary Swellenbach's death? How come it was necessary for Mr. Tobin's name to be sent to the Senate on the final day of the session? It seems reasonable that Mr. Tobin could have been persuaded to accept the appointment a month earlier.

The handling of the Tobin appointment was very similar to the case of the man who rushed into the newspaper office 10 minutes before the deadline and insisted that his story had to appear that day, and the editor found that this rush story only happened a month earlier.

Lesson From Experience

The most effective law enforcement agency created in recorded history is the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No comparable group of manhunters is known anywhere or at any time. But FBI agents do not go throughout the country operating in gaily-bedecked uniforms and in pink or baby blue automobiles.

If FBI agents went hunting the nation's criminals in gold-plated cars, there is no doubt that the fleet of foot would take advantage of the foreknowledge that "G-Men" were in the neighborhood. They should not be forced to operate under such a handicap. Neither should State Highway Patrolmen be required to go hunting for criminals of the roadways in tell-tale conspicuousness.

Earthquakes occur on the average of every 14 1/2 hours, a major earthquake every 6 1/2 days.

Call Meeting of REA

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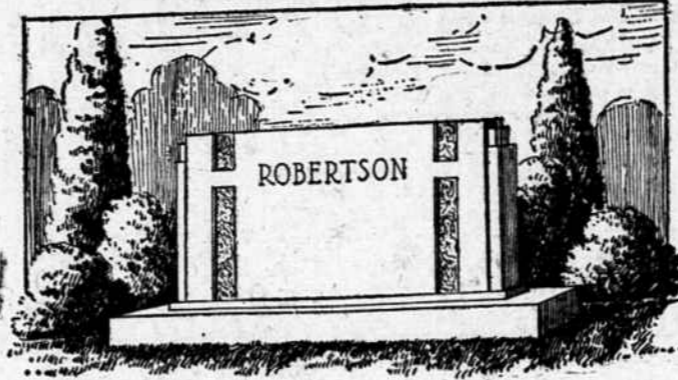
possible, they are urged to send their proxy.

EXECUTIVE VISITS

oroma like the one I saw there, the vast undeveloped sand highlands and high river banks, all covered with myrtle bushes were worth going much further to see."

Mr. Price was surprised at one thing he found on the coast. He

could not understand why the government had not provided any deep water channels between the ocean and intracoastal waterway for the hundred miles between Southport and Georgetown, S. C. "With five million people in the two great commonwealths," he said, "they should have inlets that will permit boats of commerce to go and come in safety between the waterway and the ocean. I think that the North Carolina and South Carolina Congressional delegates should unite to demand inlets between Southport and Georgetown."



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