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Anyone who drives fast at night along a strange country road is a fool.

When a man loses his ambition he is like a car without a starter—he can't get any place because he can't start.

When you see a man driving a team of horses with their tails matted with cuckleburs you can bet you are looking at a poor farmer.

One reason that some people never get anywhere is that they continue to make the same mistakes day after day and year after year.

About the time that we begin to believe that people are smarter than they used to be we go to a fair and see the fortune tellers and gambling joints doing a thriving business.

This is the week that a lot of Brunswick county school children wish that report cards would get to be old fashioned so they would not have to take them home to their parents.

Birthday Celebration

The celebration held Saturday at Camp Sapona on the first anniversary of the establishment of Camp 427 of the Citizens Conservation Corps in Southport was one of the outstanding occasions of the year.

General Manus McCloskey, commander of Fort Bragg, was the honored guest and principal speaker. Before dinner the general inspected the camp and during the course of his after dinner speech he paid tribute to the work being accomplished here.

General McCloskey discovered Saturday what Southport citizens have known for sometime: That Camp Sapona is being conducted along those lines which President Franklin D. Roosevelt had in mind when the first CCC camps were established in 1933.

Need More Cows

Last week there appeared in The Pilot an article giving the unofficial figures of the 1935 farm census. We were particularly impressed with the fact that during the past five years the number of milch cows in Brunswick county has increased from 642 to 1,285—more than doubled.

A good cow is one of the foundation stones of a live-at-home program and no family in which there are growing children should be without plenty of milk and butter.

Two good years in succession for tobacco growers in this section have done much toward improving the financial condition of many farmers. The purchase with some of these profits of a good cow would be an investment that pays a daily dividend which every member of the family may enjoy.

Table Manners

There is no excuse for bad table manners.

No matter what may have been his early environment, any man who has enough intelligence to meet the world on equal footing can by observation discover what are the accepted customs of polite society at the dinner table.

Rules of etiquette are not to rob you of the pleasure of eating. On the contrary we have discovered that the right thing to do usually is the easiest.

For example, you may feel that you have been robbed of a measure of your personal liberty when informed that it is improper to eat with your knife. Actually, though, a fork not only has greater surface area but also eliminates the possibility of being cut. Or when cutting meat, it is possible to get results when

your knife and fork are clenched in your hands like twin daggers, but the same meat may be cut with half the effort when the knife and fork are properly held.

There are, of course, those who chew with their mouth open—a most disgusting habit. Invariably these people are unconscious of the fact for, if they were not, they would stop it. The next time you hear someone inhaling his soup or smacking aloud as he chews his food while his mouth is open take the "see yourself as others see you" test.

Good table manners may be acquired without help or suggestion and nothing is a bigger asset to a man who comes in contact with the public.

Real Fireworks

Last week it was our pleasure to visit the North Carolina State Fair. After a busy afternoon spent in looking through the exhibit hall and the livestock barns we went down to the grandstand for the free-act performance for the evening.

The climax of the fine two-hour program was a brilliant display of fireworks. Maybe it is just a hangover from the time when, as a kid, we looked forward every Christmas to a box of fireworks and a handful of sparklers, but we get a big kick out of a fireworks program.

We never saw a more brilliant display. Friday was children's day and it may be that the management was putting on an extra show for their benefit. The spinning wheels of vari-colored sparks, the bubbling fountains of colored fire and the storming of a toy fort by firework tanks shooting Roman candle bullets covered a large area within the infield of race track and their beauty held the crowd spellbound.

Then the aerial display began. Rockets boomed and whined their way upward into the heavens, where they burst with a bang that re-echoed between the earth and the sky and showered brilliant stars which set the upper regions aglow until they were absorbed by the inky darkness.

But while we were standing there we suddenly remembered the death-dealing fireworks which at that very moment were being staged in far away Ethiopia not to thrill, but to kill, helpless women and children just like those who thronged the North Carolina State Fairgrounds.

What a fine thing it would be if all wars were mock wars and all explosives were used to make fireworks.

Real Horrors

A few weeks ago readers of an important New York daily received a gruesome surprise. In an account of a serious automobile accident, the paper no longer confined itself to a bare and colorless statement of facts. Instead, it presented all the gruesome details, chronicling the mashed, oozing skulls, the compound bone fractures, and bleeding wounds of the victims. And it announced that it would continue this policy, in the belief that it would help bring public realization of the horror of automobile accidents, and assist in creating real public co-operation in making our streets and highways safer.

This is partly the result of the famed Reader's Digest article, "—And Sudden Death", by J. C. Furnas, which has received national attention. Mr. Furnas pointed out that an effective picture of motor accidents "would have to include motion picture and sound effects, too—the flopping, pointless efforts of the injured to stand up; the queer, grunting noises, the steady, panting groaning of a human being with pain creeping upon him as the shock wears off. It would portray the slack expression on the face of a man, drugged with shock, staring at the Z-twist in his broken leg, the insane crumpled effect of a child's body after its bones are crushed inward, a realistic portrait of a hysterical woman with her screaming mouth opening a hole in the bloody drip that fills her eyes and runs off her chin. Minor details would include the raw ends of bones protruding through flesh in compound fractures, and the dark red, oozing surfaces where clothes and skin are flayed off at once."

Horrible—nauseous—disgusting? Yes—but these details are not one iota too much so. They are part and parcel of thousands of accidents each year. Somewhere, at this moment, the gruesome scene is being enacted again. The New York newspaper, which is to do its best to give a true picture of major automobile crashes, has set an example that should be emulated throughout the country.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, Oct. 23.—Vacationists returning to find the doorstep cluttered up with dog and cat fights for broken milk bottles have an idea of President Roosevelt's home-coming. His desk has been piled high with problems ranging from settlement of feuds within the official family to vital matters of national and international policy. Mr. Roosevelt is expected to linger at the White House long enough to get a firm grip on public affairs before leaving for Hyde Park, N. Y., and subsequently to Warm Springs, Ga. The "spats" within government circles as to jurisdiction, power and appropriations are the natural outgrowth of divergent opinion. Patching these differences and directing the ship of state are just part of the official chores of the Chief Executive.

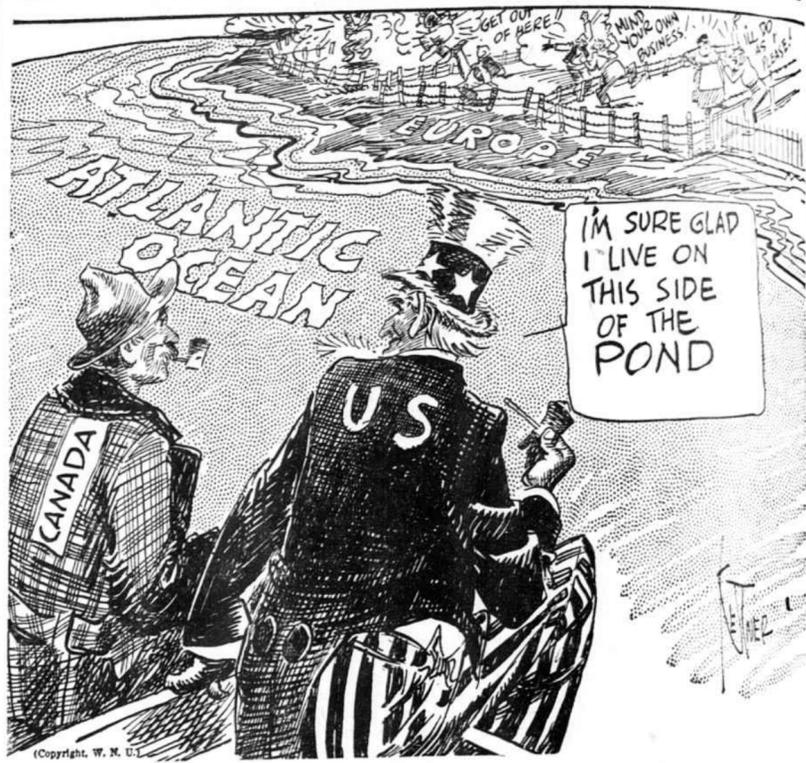
It seems certain that the Administration will take another fling at NRA under a new guise. Major George Berry, recently appointed Co-ordinator, has the unenviable task of attempting to reconcile business antagonism toward new legislative controls, keeping ambitious labor unions from upsetting peace overtures and at the same time tone down the antibusiness complex existing in various Federal regulatory agencies. Though only a very small percentage of acceptances have been received Co-ordinator Berry intends to sound assembly call for a two-day confab beginning next month.

Because of the growing hostility to processing taxes, the Secretary of Agriculture has made a clever play to offset possible Republican gains from this sentiment. In his public talks, Mr. Wallace has likened the processing tax to the high tariff, a cardinal tenet in the Republican articles of faith. Increased prices for bread has added another item to the living costs which tend to inflame consumers against government bounties. Mr. Wallace has warned farmer beneficiaries that Federal gift bags may be withdrawn just as tariffs are reduced to lower prices.

Candidates for Senate and Assembly posts in all states will soon face direct questions as to their attitude on relief problems. From 27 million to 30 million persons will be affected by the new Social Security Act when all the machinery is in operation. Various government agencies are now at work perfecting Federal policies in this new experiment for which great hopes are held out as to its ultimate effect of lessening the influence of the depression and relieving human needs. The Federal Social Security Board is handicapped in its organization work due to the filibuster of the late Senator Long, which presented authorization for expenditures. However, they have been able to function with a skeleton organization to such an extent that the first of an important series of regulations will be issued within a week or ten days. The bothersome task of collecting taxes necessary to meet the provisions of the new law are entrusted to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which is entirely separate from the Security Board. Actually three government agencies are required to administer the act, as the maternal health and child welfare sections are administered by the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor. The tax on employers for the unemployment fund begins January 1, while the taxes for the national old age annuity system do not become effective until 1937.

It is expected that bringing the states into line is one of the major problems of the Federal government. The new law specifically provides for Federal standards to which states must conform in order to receive Federal payments, which will amount to fifty percent of the state group levy. That politics will play an important role is due to the realization that eventually higher taxes will be enacted by various states in order to provide revenue to meet the commonwealths' share. Only four states have unemployment insurance, while 32 states have enacted old age pensions. In four of the states having unemployment insurance the employee is required to contribute a share, while in other states the worker is exempt and the burden falls exclusively on the employer. Both the state and the Federal government will have difficulty in keeping tabs on the transitory and seasonal worker, who works part time in one state and floats across the border to another creating confusion in registration. The preparedness program adopted by the national labor unions against the day when major legislation may be declared unconstitutional places a damper on Federal agencies, when one of the principal promoters of class legislation gets ready to throw in the towel as a token of defeat in judicial tests, the administrative

Neighbors—



groups are looking around for new avenues to their objectives. The Department of Justice is trying to speed high court arguments and rulings on AAA amendments in particular. The cost of running this agency is about a million dollars per day

and represents a heavy drain on the Treasury. The thought of new taxes for next year provokes shudders as it is the period of Presidential and Congressional elections. If congress is held in session until the Supreme Court passes on its previous acts, elec-

tioning by incumbents will be delayed.

If a whip won't make your mule go, you might try a little kindness. Maybe the novelty of the thing alone will startle him into activity.

Window Shopping

It may be countrified, but we really enjoy going window shopping. As we walk down the main street of a strange town we stop before all the best looking windows, and in our imagination, spend money lavishly for things we want.

Good merchants make it a point to prepare attractive windows in their stores. But knowing that not every prospective customer will see his store window, these merchants also run newspaper advertisements describing their merchandise. A well-written, illustrated advertisement gives the next best description.

Do your stay-at-home window shopping by reading

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