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Snobbery sometimes hides behind a cloak of shyness.

Courtship consists of a man chasing a woman until she catches him.

Whiskey and salt water do not mix any better than whiskey and gasoline.

Despite repeated postponements, the school schedule apparently is as well along as farm work.

Some folks like beans better than they do peas because they aren't so bad about rolling off their knife.

Funny, but the only kind of business some people seem willing to indulge in remains monkey business.

The weather in Southport this winter surely has been nothing to brag about, unless we content ourselves with saying that it has been better here than in other sections of North Carolina.

### No Excuse

There is no excuse for the unenviable record of Brunswick county in making it necessary for Mrs. Lou H. Smith, county nurse, to report two cases of diphtheria to the State Board of Health since the first of January.

This disease is one of the most dangerous menaces to the health of children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. Inoculations against this disease may be obtained from your family physician, or from the county nurse. Through personal contacts and newspaper articles, Mrs. Smith has sought to impress parents with the importance of having their babies immunized against diphtheria. Act now before it is too late.

### Short Epidemic

News that the influenza epidemic, which led to the quarantining of Camp Sapona, has about died out will be welcomed by residents of this section. No person feels very safe when flu is prevalent in the community.

The fact that no cases of pneumonia developed during the epidemic at the local CCC camp is a tribute to the fine work of Dr. William Doshier, camp physician. At the first appearance of symptoms of this disease, the men were put to bed and placed under medical care. The efficient manner in which the situation was handled accounts for the speedy end to the epidemic.

### Spring Gardens

The beautiful spring weather during the first part of this week caused many residents of this county to begin thinking of planting their gardens. Small plots in the back yards of those who live in town are being broken, lined off in rows and early garden seed planted.

A good garden is a valuable ally to the food budget of the average family, so farmers are pausing in their field work long enough to break up a garden and plant it in time for early vegetables.

Whether gardening is a hobby, or whether it is a matter of supplementing the family food supply, rich dividends in pleasure and profit await the gardener.

### Correspondents

The State Port Pilot is very fortunate in having several correspondents who faithfully report the news from their community each week.

Miss Blanche Phelps, of Exum; Mrs. J. L. Henry, of Winnabow; Mrs. J. A. Russ, of Shallotte; Miss Lucille Sellers, of Supply; Jesse Lewis, of Bolivia; F. H. Williard, at the county home; and Norwood Brooks, at Seaside, have been our standbys. Others have sent in news at irregular intervals, and their contributions are always welcomed.

Those of you who live in the same community with any of these correspondents can help make their weekly news letters more interesting by calling their

escape them.

If your community is not represented in our news columns, select someone to do the reporting and send in items of interest. It is the purpose of The State Port Pilot to serve every section of Brunswick county.

### Short Passes

The editorial page may seem a strange place for second-guessing by a basketball fan, but this sport is the chief interest of Brunswick county boys and girls at the present time.

The regular playing season is drawing to a close, and players on every team in the county are looking forward to the Brunswick county tournament and the Star-News tournament, the latter to be played in Wilmington. Already, favorites are being picked to win the county championship; and observers say that there is a good chance that Brunswick county teams will have a lot to do toward deciding the winner of the Wilmington tournament.

We have had several games between the high school teams this season, the most recent being the boys' game between Southport and Bolivia Saturday night. For sheer fight, that game has few equals within our memory. There were ten boys on the floor that night scrapping every second for possession of the ball, to make points that would place their team in the lead.

The spirit was there, and the game was close; but either team could have won by a 20-point margin had it boasted a smooth working passing attack.

The two indoor courts in Brunswick county are comparatively small, and every time a long, looping pass is attempted there is immediate danger of losing possession of the ball. On several occasions Saturday night the ball changed hands three or four times during mad scrambles which included no skill in ball-handling.

Since every team in the county is more or less guilty of poor passing, this factor may not change the result of the Brunswick county tournament. It is when our players face strong opposition in the Star-News tournament that the real difference will be shown.

You don't need an indoor court to practice passing, handling the ball without fumbling, working the ball down the court until it is within easy scoring range. It does take patience and hard work, but there's a county championship, and maybe greater laurels, in it for the team that will master the art of passing.

### Household Dangers

Your kitchen contains everyday materials potentially as dangerous as dynamite!

This was demonstrated recently in an apartment house, when a tenant decided to bake a cake. In gathering together the ingredients, she discovered that the flour, which she had poured out into a dish, contained bugs. She stepped over to the incinerator, the shaft of which ran up past all of the apartments, opened the door and emptied the dish.

As she closed the door, a volcano seemed to erupt. A terrific explosion shook the place and a sheet of flame swept from the shaft into the kitchen, disfiguring the girl for life. The doors of the incinerator shaft were torn off in all apartments and great damage was done on each floor. Several persons were sent to the hospital. And yet, only a small quantity of flour was emptied into that incinerator—perhaps a pound and a quarter!

What happened to cause this great and unexpected explosion?

As the powdery substance was thrown into the incinerator, it separated and many minute particles floated in the air, causing a dust cloud that exploded as soon as it came in contact with the fire at the bottom of the incinerator shaft.

Corn starch acts similarly under certain conditions. Accumulations of dust, such as are removed from vacuum cleaners or carpet sweepers, unless compressed into a matted mass, are also devastating explosion and will, in any event, cause a dangerous flash-back.

The way to avoid dust explosions is to keep the material in a compact mass. When disposing of dust, it should be put in a bag or wrapped up securely. Then there will be no possibility of its separating and forming a dust cloud.

As the majority of the thousands of deaths annually caused by fire occur in homes, this recommendation should be

## CAPITAL NEWS

Washington, Feb. 26.—Making forced collections from consumers of foodstuffs to pay for the political music rendered in the farm relief bill is a chore which the national legislative body cannot shirk. There is much lamenting over taxation at this season when 33 Senators and 435 Representatives are seeking renomination and re-election. The House is willing to keep the tax problem down to bare essentials as contemplated in financing the latest agricultural bounty plan, but a militant group of Senators want to open the door wide to an upward revision of income tax levies.

### TWELVE BILLIONS

Conscious of the fact that sometime within the next year or so fiscal policies must be revised to dig up about twelve billion dollars to maintain government credit, the Treasury Department is ready to submit suggestions to Capitol Hill. However, the rank and file of lawmakers are disposed to restrict taxes to immediate needs in order to play down the effect on the individual voter's purse. Nearly 48 millions were expended last year in administering tax laws. It cost \$1.54 to collect each \$100.

### LEFT TO CONGRESS

A general message on this subject is expected shortly. The President will presumably leave the entire matter in the hands of Congress. The House Committee on Ways and Means will call upon the Treasury Department for recommendations. This agency will submit a series of estimates as to revenue yields from which the committee may make a choice. Affected groups must be given a public hearing as to the consequences of special taxes. About five or six weeks will be consumed by the discussion in the Senate and House. At all times the music of the political pipers will go "round and round" as the executive and legislative branches of the Federal government dodge the responsibility for adverse public resentment.

### PENSIONS AGAIN

Beleaguered by insistent propaganda of a threatening nature, harassed legislators are hopeful that the current investigation by a bi-partisan House committee will make the Townsend plan agitators run for cover. A series of surveys show that few if any of the handful of legislators favoring the McGroarty bill believe it will automatically assure prosperity or security by paying pensions to all citizens over 60 years of age at the rate of \$200 per month. The idea is to disburse 20 billions annually and raise part of the funds by a sweeping two percent tax on all gross business transactions and levies on incomes.

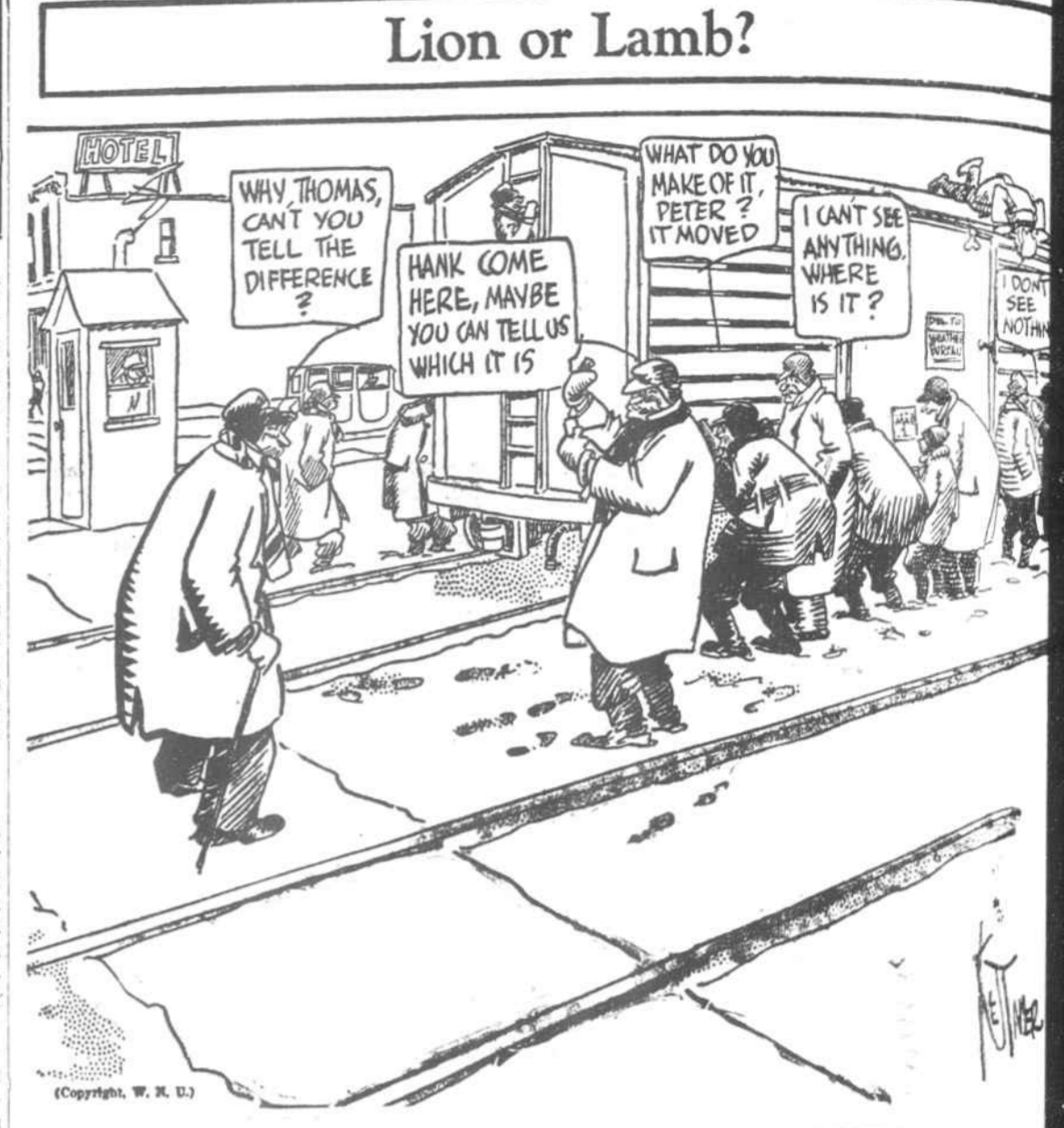
### POLITICAL ISSUE

The solons fully expect to develop racketeering of funds collected from prospective beneficiaries by the professional Townsendite organizers. They also anticipate that the expose will weaken the carefully built-up confidence of the contributors in their leaders through a misuse of funds and other questionable methods. A speech by Representative Blanton, of Texas, based on the alleged confessions of former Townsendite campaigners has been re-printed and distributed by office-holders not possessing sufficient courage to personally condemn the lobbying. The plan has no chance of enactment at this session, but it is bound to figure as an important local political issue this fall.

### SUPREME COURT

It is noteworthy that the hubbub over restricting the powers of the Supreme Court has subsided since the recent TVA decision. A caustic observer of things political compared the situation to wherein silence follows throwing the howling dogs a bone. Of course, no fair-minded citizen would consider that the highest tribunal lowered itself to such undignified tactics to stave off congressional war-parties on a hunt for judicial scalps. The TVA decision was actually narrowed down to the sale and distribution of electrical energy from one war-time project. What really worries the New Dealers and the industrial groups interested in the hydro-electric projects of the government is the things that the court left unsaid. However, both sides have taken occasion to blow up the issue out of all proportion to its real value as a political kite.

### ROBINSON BILL



name attached to a law which is national in scope. It is a fine bit of publicity especially valuable in a campaign year because adroit partisans find it possible to juggle the achievement before the public and increase the standing of the candidate. This political device accounts in no small measure for the success which has attended the Robinson bill to prevent price discrimination in favor of chain stores. Senator Robinson is the majority leader and not sure of re-election. His colleagues in the Senate are doing a neat job of "back scratching" as Uncle Joe in his capacity as leader helps them out with similar gestures. It is in the cards that the Robinson bill, regardless of its merits, will pass the Senate. Congressional leaders are applying pressure brakes

against serious consideration of other controversial subjects. There is a "gentleman's agreement" between the Capitol and the White House to keep such dangerous items out of the shore book for the session.

### Dates For Farm Week At College

The annual 4-H club short course, a week of fun, fellowship, and instruction for rural boys and girls, will be held at N. C. State College from July 22 to 27.

As the short course is brought to a close, Farm and Home Week, an educational vacation for farm men and women, will open and continue through July 31, according to an announce-

ment by Dean I. O. Scha State College.

Last year the short course Farm and Home Week was cancelled on account of the outbreak of paralysis over the State year it is hoped that the grams will make up for the appointment expressed by people who had planned to attend these events last year the dean said.

The beginning of the first of crushing soybeans for oil was begun at Elizabeth North Carolina, December 1915.

Starting with 300 baby last April, Askew Strickland Middlesex, route 1, Job county, made a labor income \$154.30. His expenses were income \$185.95, and investment gain, \$149.35.

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