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A few farmers are so trifling that all they ever raise on their farm is a lot of Cain.

Every man should wear a mustache at some time, so people can see how much better he looks without one.

Many a young girl just has a lot of time and some kind of good lotion on her hands.

A simile: As blank as the expression on some very young men's faces when they're dancing.

The difference between an artist and an editor is, that if an artist doesn't feel like painting he doesn't paint, but an editor must go ahead and get out a paper whether he feels like it or not.

Temperamental people who blow up and go all to pieces usually manage to pull themselves together again when they discover that no one has paid any attention to them.

Lonesome Corner

We sincerely hope that the owner will decide to rebuild the Loughlin building which last week was destroyed by fire. The location is easily the most desirable in the local business district, and a new building is sure to attract tenants.

The corner has presented a rather lonesome spectacle at night during the past week as down-town visitors missed the late-burning lights in Jimmie-the-Greek's cafe.

"Little Coney"

We are glad to learn that members of the board of city aldermen already are making preliminary preparations for the establishment of a safe place for children of Southport to go swimming in the river this summer.

The place used last summer by the smaller children of the town was neither suitable nor sanitary. The older boys and girls went in down at the government dock. The rebuilding of "Little Coney" promises a more pleasant summer to Southport boys and girls of all ages, and to some of the older people who like to cool off occasionally in the river.

Have Patience

If during the next few weeks you fell inclined to criticize members of the maintenance department of the State Highway Commission for the bad condition of the roads, remember that these men are faced with a Herculean task.

Heavy traffic on roads cracked by hard freezes and washed by rains is adding daily damage to our state highways. Here in Brunswick county, the sand-clay roads in some sections have become almost impassable.

Again we remind citizens that they can help the highway workers, and speed up road improvement in their community by making minor repairs or improvements in the roads near their homes.

Bolivia Is Growing

One of the most active communities in Brunswick county is Bolivia. The business men there do a surprising volume of business trade during the course of a

Recently there have been several improvements made in the business section. Outstanding among these is the completion of the modern brick-front garage, new home of the Elmore Motor Co.; that building would be a credit to any community. A new filling station is being erected, and one of the old storage buildings has been moved off the main busi-

ness street.

For the first time in years, Bolivia citizens have their own practicing physician, who has been kept busy during the epidemic of influenza and pneumonia.

With the advantage of having one of the strongest consolidated schools in Brunswick county, Bolivia is one of the most promising localities in this section.

In Self Defense

Action of members of the board of trustees of the Brunswick County Hospital requiring all patients entering the hospital to make a deposit of \$2.00 was taken as a measure to improve the financial condition of the institution.

This requirement does not apply to accidents, hemorrhages or to other emergencies that require immediate action. We believe that there is no person in Brunswick county in need of hospital treatment who could not raise the \$2.00 entrance fee. This amount is credited to the full amount of the total bill.

In spite of the fact that the local hospital made a fine record during 1936; a glance at the books of the institution shows that many persons who were treated and dismissed never have paid one cent of their expenses. The new ruling by the board means that every patient must pay something.

The rule goes into effect on April 1st. Officials believe that this will be a great help during the present year in making ends meet at the Brunswick County Hospital.

Lasting Progress

The agricultural legislative situation is, to put it mildly, in a chaotic state.

The Supreme Court found the AAA unconstitutional months ago. Immediately Congress was deluged with new farm relief proposals. A bill, based on the Soil Conservation Act of 1935, has been passed—but many authorities, including some of the legal experts who helped frame it, are uncertain as to its constitutionality.

During depression much progress in farming has been made. Farmers have learned how to produce better crops on smaller acreage—they have gone ahead perfecting marketing machinery that gives them a fair break in dealing with distributors. Thousands of them have gotten a new understanding of such problems as the tariff and monetary standards, which vitally, if indirectly, affect agriculture's welfare.

This progress has come from a study of production and distribution of farm crops. It is the kind of progress that is lasting, and is not determined by the ebb and flow of political movements, or by the action of courts on legislation.

Death On The Highway

The Travelers Insurance Company has issued a book entitled "Live and Let Live". It deals, through statistics and graphic illustrations, with the traffic accident record in 1935, when 36,100 lives were destroyed by automobiles. It would be a great thing for the cause of safety if every citizen could read the booklet, meditate upon it, and act upon the lessons it gives and implies.

What caused serious accidents last year? As in the past, excessive speed was the undertakers best friend, accounting for 31 per cent of all accidents in which persons were killed or injured. A heavy foot on the accelerator smooths the path to the morgue.

Next came driving on the wrong side of the road, the cause of 17 per cent of the accidents. "Keep to the right" seems to be a laugh to many drivers.

Cars not having the right of way caused 15 per cent of the accidents. Their drivers saved a second or two—at the expense of life and health.

Fourteen per cent of the accidents occurred when cars drove off the roadway. Many causes may enter into this type of accident—and drunken drivers, which seems to be on the increase, is among them. A substantial portion of motorists must be taught, no matter how roughly, that alcohol and gasoline make a poor mixture.

Reckless driving caused 13 per cent of the accidents, with the remaining 10 per cent laid to miscellaneous causes.

Think over this list. How often have you been guilty of one or more of the violations listed? Sure, you got away with it last time—but remember that next time you may not be so lucky.

CAPITAL NEWS

Washington, March 25—Early adjournment of Congress seems unlikely as complexities over taxes and relief develop hourly. Questions as to the legality of Treasury proposals for raising revenue have cropped out in the House Ways and Means Committee so that a hasty passage of new revenue laws is not desirable. Public hearings which will permit taxpayers to criticize the tentative tax measure are scheduled for this week. Back of the scenes is a struggle between practical politics and the need for a bill which will stand under court tests. The President's absence from town leaves the problem squarely in the laps of the solons and Treasury experts.

The political pot is boiling anew with the pending Senate investigation of the Works Progress Administration patronage policies. An inquiry of this sort will inevitably disclose petty political favoritism and provoke immeasurable reaction in various localities. While the troubles are harassing the present Administration, sober-minded Republicans have problems of their own. The feeling prevails that over-zealous campaigners for the Presidential nomination aided by anti-New Deal groups have been wasting valuable shot and shell. It has dawned on these mature minds that much of the finger-pointing has been too early in the game for strategical purposes. Therefore, word has been passed to hold the tongue in the WPA investigation for a few weeks so that the political capital may not be dissipated before the June conventions.

There is considerable snickering in official life at the pathetic spectacle given by the Senate Lobby Committee in whitewashing their erring brethren. It seems that the inquisition dragged a Senator and handful of Representatives under the muckraks. Instead of treating their colleagues with the brick-bats used on other witnesses, the inquisitors handled them with gloves. The pitiful effort to show that others than lawmakers are rogues has indicted the probers in the public mind as having completely abandoned fair play. The current quiz would probably make more progress if it were not a lop-sided procedure by which critics of the present regime were singled out for grilling on the inquisition rack. Hopeful of postponing a marked conflict with the judiciary over authority to raid private papers, the committee reaches into the grab-bag for notorious public utility agents who are particularly vulnerable and excite little sympathy from the average citizen. Conservative Democratic chieftains are honestly concerned that these high-handed tactics will provide color for Al Smith's charges of Soviet methods.

While emphasis was placed on the floods which devastated industrial and residential areas in Eastern states, little mention was made of the farms in the pathway of swollen streams. The distress of rural areas is not easily measured, as the ultimate effects of floods on soil fertility and erosion require months to evaluate. The disaster which swept the Eastern area will effect the allotment of Federal funds. The pre-flood assignments of money were scanty, but tragedy has changed the views of those holding the purse-strings. Engineers are replacing politicians the necessity for practical relief measures.

The House has been marking time on legislative matters to give committees time to amend bills. Few highly controversial measures are emerging in their original shape. For instance, the Walsh-Healey bill to impose certain N. R. A. conditions on all business firms selling commodities or services to the Federal government has been snagged with changes on the House side. The bill dealing with ship subsidy seem hopelessly snarled as two government departments quarrel over jurisdictional questions.

What was originally a legislative measure designed to curb chain-store systems to the benefit of the independent dealer bodes fair to exercise a far-reaching effect on prices of other goods which reach consumers. There is a small but powerful group in Congress which delights in any "anti-business" movement. Coincident with the drive against multiple stores comes a campaign to eliminate base prices which have become an important part of the industrial fabric. Confronted with potential threats of laws which would revolutionize proven business practices, industrial spokesmen are not at all embarrassed by President Roosevelt's

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veiled criticism of failure to put men and women on payrolls. Seasoned Democratic campaigners have urged soft-pedaling these policies which keep employers and employees on the anxious bench. These political warriors are conscious of the need to break down a growing idea that most of the legislation enacted by Congress is futile and likely to be discarded by the courts. This attitude is probably culti-

vated by Administration critics, but it is reaching proportions regarded as menacing in a campaign year.

ATTEND MEETING

Miss Marion Smith, county home demonstration agent, attended the silver jubilee celebration of home demonstration club work in this state Friday night at the Carolina hotel in Raleigh.

TO ATTEND MEETING

Frank Sasser, director of public welfare for Brunswick county, Miss Mary Ruth McQueen, has assisted, Mrs. Helen Sneed and Miss Dorothy Swain will attend the Southeastern District Welfare Conference in Burgaw Thursday.

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