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Uneasy looks the face that wears a frown.

Even a sober second thought has been known to stagger a little.

There are two sides to every question, even if only one of them is right.

Some motorists never find out what is around the next curve until someone at the hospital tells them.

Things that people want to get in the paper is advertising, the things they want to keep out is news.

Police say that motorists are triple parking. Well, if there's not enough room in the streets to park, let'em use the sidewalks—pedestrians can crawl underneath or over the top.

Short Crop

Following a trip last week that carried us through several of the better farming sections of North Carolina, we are convinced that nature this year has taken care of any necessary curtailment of crops.

This is particularly true of tobacco, and it appears now that there should be a good demand for weed of fine quality.

Prunswick county farmers appear to have rallied quickly from the devastating effect of the drought, and the harvest and selling season holds great promise for residents of this section.

Don't Argue

Now that there is definite assurance of a project to hard surface another link in the Whiteville-Southport road, the question arises regarding the route to be followed.

Following a survey conducted last summer, the State Highway Commission has available facts and figures showing the most practical location of the proposed project. Their decision probably will be based upon these figures.

It is inevitable that some residents of the county will be disappointed that the road does not run by their door. Instead of being disgruntled because of this fact, though, they should lend their enthusiastic co-operation to having the project extended as quickly as possible in order that a paved road through their section may become a reality.

The completion of this road is going to open up new fields for many Brunswick county citizens.

One Reason

Quite a number of people have manifested surprise over the strong race George Ross Pou made in the first primary. The Lumberton Robesonian gives this explanation:

"George Ross Pou, who defeated two opponents for the office of state auditor, was the only candidate for a state office other than governor who used advertising in county papers as the chief means of reaching the people during the campaign, and he says that 'the results speak for themselves.' They do, eloquently. Major Baxter Durham and some little known man from Asheville relied upon personal letters and contacts. Major Durham had held the office for some 20 years, prior to that worked in the auditor's office and was well known all over North Carolina."

Tourist Industry

With their hearts and souls wrapped up in dreams of industrial development that would see the beautiful Southport harbor used as the base of great shipping enterprise, residents of this section have

for years been overlooking another industry just as great.

The tourist business is one of the five greatest in the world today. Each year billions of dollars are being spent by travelers and vacationists as they seek out new pleasure spots. Any section which offers cool summers, warm winters, the broad Atlantic ocean in the front yard and a paradise for sportsmen of all kinds in her surrounding territory is rich in her possibilities of development.

As matters stand today, Southport's harbor development is far ahead of her ability to attract and properly entertain tourists.

This is inexcusable, too, for there are facilities here now for tourist homes and small hotels. There are a dozen families in town whose weekly income can be comfortably increased by providing one or two attractive rooms for visitors. In western North Carolina practically every attractive home along the road has a neat sign in front announcing that there are rooms for tourists.

The number of visitors annually to Southport is limited only by the ability of the town to take care of them. Increased facilities, and proper advertising, will make our town one of the most popular vacation spots on the Atlantic coast.

Sawmill Fires

It seems a bit ironical that the business whose very existence depends upon the protection and cultivation of our forest resources should be the greatest menace in this direction.

Recently when forest fires took a huge damage toll in this county several of the most damaging blazes were started at sawmills. To make matters worse, lack of intelligent co-operation on the part of mill operators was a contributing cause.

Sawmills are moved into new locations and begin operations without first burning off an area about the mill to prevent fire from starting in the undergrowth. Work begins, and the tall smoke stacks belch out their smoke and sparks that fly about for several hundred feet. No spark arrester is provided.

Finally, when a small blaze is sighted, no effort is made to put it out because the mill operators are too busy.

Unfortunately, the legal weapons with which to combat criminal carelessness of this kind are limited. Public opinion will have to do the trick, until proper legislation can be passed.

Personally, we wouldn't lease a timber tract to a man who had permitted fire to escape from his last mill site and damage forest area for miles around. We would be afraid that he might do the same thing to us, and ruin our prospects for a future crop of trees.

If the sawmill operators are too imprudent to help insure the future of their business, then it is up to the land owners to help impress them with the value of being careful about forest fires.

Show Them No Mercy

For the third consecutive year the crime of arson has decreased in the United States. And, the report adds, "Not only has the number of incendiary fires decreased, but there has been a marked lessening of such fires resulting from organized or professional criminals."

The arsonist is justly termed the most despicable of felons. He is also one of the most dangerous; no man's property, no man's life, is safe when he operates. The nation's arson bill still runs into many millions of dollars annually—to say nothing of the infinitely more important "bill" of burned and cremated bodies the arsonist leaves behind him. It is the duty and the privilege of every citizen to fight him.

The splendid success that has so far been achieved in battling arson has been well earned. Many units of government have passed the model arson law suggested by the National Board out of its long and broad experience with this type of crime. Prosecuting attorneys have shown the utmost willingness to pursue the arsonist until he is finally convicted. Courts have meted out the heavy punishment the crime deserves. Other bodies, public and private, continually carry on investigations of suspicious fires, keep records of known arson rings, and produce evidence that would otherwise be unobtainable.

Every state and community should do its part in stamping out arson. The public should demand that this be done—and it should co-operate in every possible way with the authorities. The arsonist has no mercy—and he deserves none.

Waterfront

By H. W. Hood Jr.

Wind—Winds have been blowing from the southwest almost constantly for five weeks now, despite expectations and predictions that they would have changed long before this. At times the river has been decidedly choppy and outside things were even worse, fishing boats often not being able to make their trips.

Fishing—Surf fishing is never very good during the month of July, nevertheless W. H. Coffey, of Pinehurst, and a companion landed five large drum on the point at Bald Head one afternoon last week. The largest one weighed twenty-five pounds after being dressed.

Expert—Fisheries Commissioner Jos. L. Stone of Greensboro sprung a new one to most of the local fishermen while he was here one day last week. Mr. Stone says he is the champion sheepshead fisherman of North Carolina and that once in two days he caught seven hundred pounds of the fish at Nags Head. The interesting point about sheepshead fishing, according to Commissioner Stone, is that they do not eat the sand fiddlers that are used for bait. They merely crush them with their jaws in the manner that a man steps on an acorn on the street to hear it crunch.

Transfer—Captain W. E. Bellamy and his dredge the Henry Bacon will probably be sent to Savannah, Ga., sometime in the near future, according to statements made by the U. S. Engineers office in Wilmington this week. The vessel will probably be kept at the Georgia port for six months. Captain Bellamy is a resident of Southport and many members of the crew of the Bacon are residents of Brunswick county.

Scraping—Too rough to go fishing anyway, the menhaden boat Captain has been using the past two days to stay on the railway and have the barnacles scraped off its bottom. She was scheduled to resume fishing this morning, weather permitting.

Southbound—Treeking southward this week went a couple of small menhaden boats from Morehead, lured by reports that there is good fishing in Florida once again. Most of the big boats that went to Florida last winter went back north a month or so ago with a tale of poor fishing behind them.

Demolished—Nobody shed any great amount of tears when one of the old buildings of Captain Bonner Bussells, used as a fish house, on the water front, tumbled down one night the past week. They were planning to tear it down anyway and, reports say, build a better one.

Shipshape—After being decommissioned for several days while a new engine was being installed, the Pilot boat R. R. Stone is back in the service of the Cape Fear Pilots and ready for any of the quick trips that the men are called out on. The D. H. Penton had to do double duty while the Stone was out of commission.

Preparations—Ben Gray, one of the largest fish and shrimp buyers here during the summer and fall months, was in town Monday from his home at Morehead City. He was making preparations to open up for this season's work.

Lightning—Mindful of the fact that lightning strikes in high places and having seen this demonstrated several times in the past, the Cape Fear Pilots usually forsake their office for other quarters during thunder storms and they were called upon to do this twice the past week. In addition to the members of the association who are stationed at Wilmington, the following Pilots live in Southport and may be found at the local office when they are not off duty: Captains Harold St. George, Thonie St. George, Bonner Bussells, J. I. Davis, Fred Willing, Robert Thompson and Bill Styron. Harry Weeks, engineer for the Pilots since nobody knows when, can also always be found there when he is not taking them out to meet some ship.

Open—Stewart house is again open but only temporary. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Skinner, of Kentucky, who now own and use this famous old hostelry as a summer home, are spending a few weeks there.

BACK IN CAMP

Lt. Carlisle King returned Saturday to resume his duties as educational advisor at Camp Sapona following a two weeks course at State College, Raleigh.

By PERCY CROSBY

When There's a Boy in the Family



Last Call for 1935 Taxes

The last call for payment of 1935 taxes is being made. Advertisement of the 1935 delinquent tax list will begin in the August 5th issue of this newspaper. All property upon which taxes have not been paid before Monday, August 3, will be advertised. No names will be removed from the list after advertising has begun.

PAY YOUR 1935 TAXES NOW AND AVOID EMBARRASSMENT

I will follow this schedule in making a final round:

MONDAY, JULY 27

H. O. PETERSON'S STORE—9:00 until 10:00 o'clock A. M.
PHOENIX POST OFFICE—10:00 until 11:00 o'clock A. M.
LELAND—11:00 until 12:00 o'clock A. M.
G. C. LEWIS' STORE—12:30 until 2:00 o'clock P. M.
C. T. ROBBINS' STORE—2:00 until 2:30 o'clock P. M.
J. L. HENRY'S STORE—3:00 until 4:00 o'clock P. M.
BOLIVIA—4:30 until 6:00 o'clock

TUESDAY, JULY 28

SUPPLY—(KIRBY'S STORE)—8:00 until 9:00 o'clock A. M.
W. H. VARNUM'S STORE—9:30 until 10:30 o'clock A. M.
J. M. ROACH'S STORE—11:00 until 12:00 o'clock A. M.
W. E. TRIPP'S STORE—1:00 until 2:00 o'clock P. M.
GRISSETTOWN—2:30 until 3:30 o'clock P. M.
HICKMAN'S CROSS ROADS—4:00 until 6:00 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

LONGWOOD—8:00 until 9:00 o'clock A. M.
ASH POST OFFICE—9:30 until 10:30 o'clock A. M.
J. D. BABSON'S STORE—11:00 until 12:00 o'clock A. M.
FREELAND POST OFFICE—1:00 until 2:00 o'clock P. M.
E. A. EVANS' STORE—2:00 until 3:00 o'clock P. M.
EXUM—(BENNETT'S STORE)—3:00 until 4:00 o'clock P. M.
MAKATOKA—4:30 until 6:00 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, JULY 30

AT THE COURTHOUSE IN SOUTHPORT ALL DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 31

W. D. LEWIS' STORE—2:00 until 3:00 o'clock P. M.
HOLLINS' STORE—(Lower Bridge)—3:30 until 4:30 o'clock P. M.
HARRELSON'S STORE—5:00 until 7:00 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

SHALLOTTE—4:00 until 7:00 o'clock P. M.

S. K. MILLIKEN

BRUNSWICK COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR