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When a man goes deer hunting, he does the shooting; when he goes deer hunting, he sometimes is shot at.

The visit here last week of the Fort Bragg battery recalled for Southport residents the good old days when Fort Caswell was occupied.

That press dispatch last week from Morehead City saying that the Modoc was the largest vessel to enter the port since dredging of the channel was complete surely damned that project with faint praise.

If Fire Strikes

When fire strikes, be calm, if you value your life!

Should your clothing become ignited, drop to the floor and roll into a rug or blanket. That will cut off the supply of oxygen and smother the flames. Thousands of people, insane with panic, have run, thus fanning the blaze—at the cost of their lives.

If you are in a public building when the fire alarm sounds, remember the old adage: "Walk, don't run, to the nearest exit." A legion of lives has been unnecessarily sacrificed to panic-stricken mobs in theatres, hotels and similar buildings.

If you awaken at night and smell smoke, Don't Open The Door! That is vital—to open the door may permit superheated air and fumes to enter and smother you. First place your hand on the door to see if it feels hot. If it is cool, open it very slightly, with your face averted. If you feel "fire-pressure" against it, close it at once and seek another means of exit.

Even as 90 per cent of fires can be prevented through the exercise of simple precautions, so can ninety per cent of the lives now lost in fires be saved—if we don't get excited. Knowledge of a few rudimentary facts, such as those given above, plus presence of mind, make the best life saver of all.

Fire may break out in your home, your place of business, in a building or theatre you are in, at any time. When it does, keep calm, think, and then act!

World Series

Weather, crops and politics will be crowded into the background of conversation topics during the next week as the annual baseball classic, the World Series, is played in New York City.

Football may be the first love of the college boy, and of the recent graduate, but for the vast majority of American sports fans baseball still reigns supreme as the national past time.

Already speculation is rife as to whether Carl Hubbel, ace left hander of the Giants, will be able to throttle the murderous attack of the Yankees; or whether the "hot" streak of the national league entry, which has swept them from the second division to top place since the middle of July, will extend through the series.

There is no need to feel sorry for either team, for each will have its loyal supporters. If you don't think so, join any crowd you see standing around a radio loud-speaker any afternoon this week.

Be Careful

With the opening of the hunting season Thursday for deer, bear and squirrels, there are two things that we want to remind hunters to be careful to avoid.

All the pleasure you have ever derived from hunting will be immediately wiped out for you the first time you are responsible for the death of a hunting companion. Too, there is always the possibility of being killed by your own gun. Sensible

precautions against hunting accidents will help make the season happier for everyone.

Each year hunters receive credit for starting many forest fires. There is no fraternity which should be more interested than the hunter in preserving the home of wild life. Be careful this fall and winter to see to it that no carelessness on your part results in a conflagration that may burn over several hundred acres of land.

Keep A Cow

Every farm family in Brunswick county should own a milk cow, particularly if there are children in the family.

In the first place, milk is an important part in the diet of a growing child. In the second place, where the major part of the cow feed is raised on the farm, milk becomes an inexpensive addition to the family food supply.

This fall there are many Brunswick county farmers who have a cash surplus after paying all of their year's expenses. There is no finer use for this money, no investment which will pay as rich dividends, as the purchase of a good milk cow for family use.

American Foreign Policy

It speaks volumes for the sincerity and integrity of the American press that, on the occasion of President Roosevelt's recent statement on our foreign policy, little or no partisanship marred editorial comment.

The President said that the policy of the American government would continue to be that of the "good neighbor;" that we would maintain rigid neutrality toward any and all belligerent powers; that we would keep free of foreign entanglements and that we would build up our national defense services sufficiently to make us a dangerous enemy for any country eyeing our possessions and territories with covetous eyes.

That declaration of policy was applauded by Republican as well as Democratic newspapers and spokesmen, and it is apparent that it is supported by reasonable and foresighted men of all political parties.

The President's attitude in this vital matter is typically American. Fortunately, we are remote from Europe. Our people are anything but belligerent and envy no empire or nation. The American public wishes to maintain friendly relations with all powers and to carry on lawful world commerce without restraint. That is the way toward permanent peace.

The Spanish revolution has again brought fear of war to the world. But, as the President said, the American people will fight no other nation's battles and will insist that its rights be respected, and that its government remain neutral in spirit and deed.

Fire Prevention Week

From October 4th to 10th Fire Prevention Week is to be observed again. The week was first declared an official national event by President Wilson, and succeeding presidents have followed suit each year.

During the week, businesses and individuals will have a splendid opportunity to really achieve something in the matter of fire prevention. Fire marshals and departments, insurance companies, and other public and private groups, will work to the utmost to make the week a success. But it cannot be a success without public cooperation.

Simple programs have been outlined for observing the week.

In the matter of home fire prevention, every person can easily do worthwhile work. Go over your house from cellar to roof. Has the heating plant, which will soon be called on to operate at high capacity, been expertly inspected and, if necessary, repaired? Is electric wiring in A-1 condition? Are inflammable liquids properly stored? Have you permitted rubbish, old clothes, old magazines, etc., to accumulate in closets and out of the way corners?

Charts which are of great usefulness in inspecting either homes or businesses have been prepared and are being distributed free on request. Your fire department will be glad to give you any advice you wish.

Do your part during Fire Prevention Week.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

Freeland, N. C., Sept. 24, 1936.
Editor State Port Pilot,
Southport, N. C.,

My dear sir:—
Please allow me space in your paper for a few remarks in regard to an article appearing in your regular issue of September 23rd, entitled, "Road To Caswell Beach Gets Sand-Asphalt Surface," also to your editorial on page 2, same section entitled, "Different Work."

If my memory serves me right about the year 1921, Reverend Dempsey L. Hewett, of Shallotte, represented Brunswick county in the General Assembly. At that term there was a bill passed for the permanent construction of a highway from Whiteville to Southport via New Britton Bridge and the Huston ridge.

This, for all the bally-hoo of various county officials, is the only constructive effort that has ever been made toward the permanent construction of a road between the two points named above.

Some years later Mr. W. B. Keziah took up a lone fight for the project using every fact and figure that could be found to back his pleas and arguments and was invariably answered "When Funds Are Available."

Later a group of business men from Whiteville took up the fight and succeeded in getting a few miles of hardsurface road from Whiteville out this way and one of the gentlemen who contributed to the expense of and went with the committee to meet the Highway Commission, told me personally that when they went before the Commission that Mr. Waynick told the committee that when the people who would be benefitted by the road along with the Brunswick county officials asked for some work that the Commission would be glad to grant them a letting.

It is very true that the folks along the road have not gone before the Commission in a body, neither have they burdened that body with lengthy petitions, but instead have relied upon various boards of commissioners to push matters through for them.

Recently a committee composed of several of the county officials and other prominent citizens met the Commission in Morehead City following this meeting a report came out that they had a very definite promise of an early letting of five miles or more of hardsurface beginning at Route No. 30 and extending toward the county line. This was immediately followed by a group of engineers who did several days surveying on the road from Shallotte to the Waccamaw river, establishing as we thought, the fact that something was really about to be done.

Now we see as the fruits of our high hopes that there is to be two miles of sand-asphalt surface laid on the route leading from Number 130 to the Gause Beach near Southport and we notice in your editorial an explanation that this project has the priority in that it is two whole years old. This we judge is correct as we feel now that the road from Shallotte has never been a project except in the fruitless dreams of Mr. Keziah, the blasted hopes of the farmers needing the roads and the ready promise of various politicians seeking office and scheming to get votes by promising to "use every possible effort" to have something done for our road.

If my memory serves me correctly various interested parties have inquired as to when we might expect to have something done on our road and have been told that our quota had been exhausted.

Now with regard to your editorial in which you state that "However There Are Facts in the Case That Help Explain The Situation." You very frankly and candidly state in the first paragraph that you do not blame the people of Waccamaw for feeling that the paving on route Number 130 would be of the greatest advantage to the greatest number of people and then in the last sentence of the second paragraph you try (and believe honestly) to appease the situation by the assertion that the Caswell project is the older, when the fact is that there are men and women by the hundreds who are now old enough to vote who were not born when the first efforts were being made to obtain a road from Whiteville to Southport, not with the State Highway Commission of course, but with first the various county administrations and then with the Highway Commission as soon as it came into existence.

History will repeat there is no doubt, and it is a fact undeniable by anyone that on each and every occasion when there was

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By PERCY CROSBY

Back o' the Flats



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