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Smile: As good company as a back seat driver in a football traffic jam.

The season's first frost already is late this year.

Every season of the year has its particular appeal, and right now fall is at its best.

Southport visitors apparently think that everyone who lives here is on a year-round vacation.

Everyone is waiting for the final performance of America's greatest drama, in which every citizen plays a part—the Presidential election on November 3.

Just because you want to be a live wire, don't think that you've got to shock everybody.

It isn't easy to fill another man's shoes, you'll find, especially if he happens to wear size 12.

The only thing that will keep some men from kicking against everything which comes along is rheumatism.

We know a lot of G-Men, all right, only the G. happens to stand for gossip.

Free Idea

Here is a swell idea that is hereby donated to the first woman's organization who wants a lot of fine scraps to use in making a quilt for some worthy cause.

Each fall we are faced with the proposition of disposing of a half-dozen or so more or less soiled summer ties. They aren't good enough to wear another season; they are too good to throw away. Gradually they gravitate to the bottom of the tie rack, there to remain until the next spring.

Now as a rule, summer ties have a way of being rather gaudy. The other day we were looking over our assortment from across the room and suddenly thought what a pretty quilt those ties would help make. So we decided to offer to take the lot of them and deposit them in a box at some convenient place down town, provided other men would do the same.

It is going a long way to expect as useless a thing as an old summer tie to do anybody any good, but we believe this is a workable plan.

Garden Contestants

Elsewhere in today's paper is a list of more than thirty Brunswick county club women who have entered a six-months fall and winter garden contest.

The prize for this contest is being presented by a commercial fertilizer concern, and the winner will be lucky to receive it. On the other hand, the thing about the contest that impresses us is the fact that every person who enters will win a better balanced diet throughout the winter for her home, and thirty Brunswick county families will share in the daily rewards of this contest.

Good Health

You don't miss good health until you suddenly discover that you have lost it.

It is no news that most persons are more susceptible to disease in the winter than during the summer months. With cold weather coming on it is wise for every person to make a few health rules to follow during the coming winter.

Your doctor or your druggist will advise you how to practice preventative medicine. That is the most pleasant and inexpensive kind.

Sunday Mail

Within a short time Southport citizens will be given a hearing on the matter of having a Sunday mail service.

For several years there has been considerable agitation in favor of this move, but nothing was accomplished. Each time the matter was brought to the attention of the postal authorities they made an investigation, but were not satisfied that the need for a Sunday mail would justify the additional expense.

In making a move this time for the additional service, local citizens can depend upon the cooperation of Postmaster L. T. Yaskell.

Somehow, we feel that it will not be long before this Sunday mail is provided.

The "Gypsy Truckster"

Writing in the magazine "Today," Arthur Train, Junior, vividly described the "Gypsy Truckster" industry.

A "gypsy truckster" is usually a man who has failed in some other calling and is inveigled by high-pressure sales methods into purchasing a truck. The seller of the truck guarantees that the purchaser will be given a freight permit grossing \$200 or more a week, which will enable him to soon pay for the truck on installments, and provide him with a handsome income in addition.

The buyer really gets the contract—and he can make money, if he can stand the gaff. One incident is cited where the contract called for 18 hours on the road, followed by five hours sleep, then an hour loading heavy freight—followed by the 18 hour return trip. This is not unusual—some contracts demand that the truck owner keep at the wheel for 24 hours or more at a stretch, in addition to the time taken for loading and unloading.

The upshot of all this is that the "gypsy trucking" industry has created one of the worst accident hazards. Drivers go to sleep—and often they wake up in the hereafter, along with the innocent occupants of a car with which their 20-ton juggernaut has collided.

Legitimate trucking companies, of course, see to it that drivers' shifts are not too long. But the "gypsy truckster," by cutting rates, has managed to get hold of a good share of the trucking business for himself, and there is danger that he will grow in number.

The solution, of course, is regulation that will make it impossible for a man to operate a truck on the public highways for hours on end without rest. Such laws are necessary to the protection of the public and the "gypsy truckster" himself—and they would also help to bring some order out of our chaotic transportation situation.

Vote !!!

The greatest possession of a free people is the ballot—the right to vote. It is a defender of our liberties and a weapon against injustice.

Yet that invaluable heritage is not prized by millions of otherwise good citizens. Proof of this statement can be found in undeniable statistics. In most elections, less than half of the persons who are entitled to vote do so. It is exceptional when an election brings to the voting booths more than fifty per cent of enfranchised citizens.

One result is that public officials are elected by minorities—the vote of the majority is silent. Another, and worse result, is a flagging of interest by the people in a thing which vitally affects us all—our government.

This year, there are great issues before us. No matter where we may stand, it is our duty as well as our privilege to mark an X opposite names of our choice on the ballot. Only by doing that, can we have popular government.

In Germany the right to vote has been virtually abrogated—at the last election citizens had a choice of endorsing Hitler or of leaving the ballot blank, there being no opponent. That is true of Italy, of Russia, of Greece, of a dozen other powers. And here in America, where we still have that right which preserves our freedom, half of us don't trouble to exercise it.

So—vote on November 3. Vote for Roosevelt, Landon, Lemke, Thomas—whoever you believe is the best man for President. Do the same for other offices. It is your inalienable right to vote for whomever you please. And only by voting on the man and issues of the time, can that right be preserved.

Farm Questions

By PERCY CROSBY

Q: Are minerals necessary in the ration of a dairy cow?

A: Yes. The minerals that are used most by the dairy cow and therefore most likely to be lacked in the ration are calcium, phosphorus, and common salt. Legume hays, when grown on soils not deficient in lime, will usually supply sufficient calcium. An adequate supply of phosphorus can be secured from the grain ration if it contains as much as thirty percent of feeds rich in this material such as wheat bran or cottonseed meal. The salt should be supplied by adding one pound to each 100 pounds of the grain mixture and also allowing the animal free access to it in the pasture or exercise lot.

Q: Is it necessary to treat the wounds made on apple trees when they are pruned?

A: Where the wounds are two inches or less it is not necessary to use any protective material. Pruning wounds heal more rapidly when made close, but it is always advisable to avoid leaving stubs that will necessitate the new bark growing up over the wound. When the wounds are larger than two inches it is advisable to cover them with a preparation of pure white lead and linseed oil. Grafting wax, Tree Tangle Foot, or a Bordeaux Mixture Linseed oil preparation may be used with good results.

Q: How can I prevent my flock of purebred White Leghorns from producing eggs that have yellow tinted shells?

A: These tinted shelled eggs are the result of a breeding factor either on the male or female side or, in some cases, both sides. There is nothing that can be done to prevent the production of such eggs this year, but if none of the tinted shelled eggs are used for hatching and new males secured for breeding next year from a source that does not show tinted shells, the trouble should be eliminated. The yellow tint in the shell is not related to the number of eggs produced nor to the food value, but it is well to breed it out of the flock as soon as possible.

Feed Quail To Good Advantage

Farmers Are Familiar With Native Quail, But Few Know How to Feed Them And Offer Protection

Every farmer knows a bobwhite quail when he sees one, but few are thoroughly familiar with its food and breeding habits, its enemies and the diseases that thin out its numbers.

George B. Becker, biologist of the Soil Conservation Service, says that 86 percent of the food of the quail consists of waste grains and plant food.

In providing quail and other desirable forms of wildlife with food and cover by the planting of shrubs, legumes and grasses in gullied areas, galled spots and odd corners, the farmer in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and State College Extension Service not only helps to replenish the supply of wildlife but controls erosion on his farm.

Cowpeas, soybeans, late grains left after harvest, sorghums, millet, wild plum, mulberry, dewberry, ragweed, lespedeza, beggarweed, blueberries, huckleberries, dogwood, wild cherry and weeds are among the food producing plants attractive to the bobwhite quail.

Fourteen percent of the food of the bobwhite quail consists of animal life, including grasshoppers, weevils, locusts, chinchbugs, caterpillars, squash bugs, cucumber beetles and wireworms, said Becker.

The bobwhite mates usually in May and lays from 6 to 20 eggs, which are hatched in 23 to 24 days. Soon after hatching the young are able to take care of themselves in their new environment, and if everything goes well with the first brood the female usually does not lay another set of eggs.

Among the agencies tending to decrease the bobwhite, Becker pointed out, are its predatory enemies, disease, and weather conditions.

Some of the prominent enemies of the quail are stray cats and dogs, Cooper's hawks, sharp-shinned hawks, skunk, opossum, cotton rats, snakes, ticks, redbugs and red ants.

Quail are very susceptible to poultry diseases and cannot be propagated successfully near chickens. Quail disease, coccidiosis, and blackhead are among the diseases of the bobwhite.

While farmers have no control over the weather, Becker stated, they can provide the quail with food and cover, which will at the same time help to control soil erosion and build up the fertility of the soil as well as add beauty of the farm.



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