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Men like horses get the most accomplished when they stop kicking and pull together.

The trouble today, avers the old cynic, is that too many people are interested in vacations and not enough in vocations.

Radio orators apparently don't realize that while the constitution may guarantee free speech it doesn't guarantee listeners.

Buy at home is certainly good advice. So good that a man ought to be willing to take it as well as to give it.

There are plenty of back seat drivers too when it comes to directing us over the way of community progress.

Don't be surprised if you get a chill from looking at some people's frozen pan.

Then there's the fellow who thought that whiskey could be classed as liquid assets.

America: A land which legalizes whiskey but arrests you if you happen to get too much.

Being a king is tough. After getting the girl's consent, then he has to get the consent of forty million subjects.

Co-operation is the strong right arm of community progress. The community possessing all other natural assets but lacking a spirit of co-operation has a limited and circumscribed future.

Why Fireworks?

We wish that somebody would explain to us why the proper celebration of Christmas calls for the noise of a lot of fireworks. Certainly it has no connection with the original Christmas theme of "Peace and good will."

Don't misunderstand us: we aren't so far along in years that we have forgotten the time that the noise of a firecracker was prettier to us than Christmas music and lights from one Roman candle more beautiful than the most elaborate Christmas tree.

Firecrackers have their place, all right; but it is a part of a Fourth of July celebration rather than a part of the observation of Christmas.

That is one respect in which our Yankee neighbors have us beat; they know it. And that is one northern notion we should like to see creep into the South.

Lasting Good

One of the outstanding things accomplished by County Agent J. E. Dodson since he has been in Brunswick county is to teach the farmers of this section the value of raising hogs for market.

Money received from this source now ranks as one of the principal sources of income for farmers of our county. If anyone is inclined to doubt this statement, one trip through the county will convince him of his error.

One of the best features of hog raising is that usually money from these sales comes in during the off season. Farmers and merchants both are glad of this supplementing income.

People who always have something to sell are more progressive than those who must buy everything they use.

Fine Arrangement

If arrangements can be made to erect a power line from Southport to Shallotte to carry electric current to our neighbors both parties will profit.

With new machinery being installed at the local power plant, Southport City officials would welcome an opportunity to furnish electric power to Shallotte users.

Progressive citizens of Shallotte are determined to bring electric power into their community. Southport promises a dependable and economical source. Furthermore, the interdependence that this would bring about between the two towns would be good for both.

Soil Erosion

Many residents of this section are at a loss to understand why CCC camps are being maintained for the purpose of soil erosion. It is one of the blessings enjoyed by Brunswick county farmers that they do not know the seriousness of this problem in Western North Carolina.

When heavy rains fall in the mountainous and hilly sections of this state, water seeking its own level rushes down the steep inclines and washes the soil before it. Soon gullies and washouts appear, sometimes right in the middle of a man's most fertile field.

Many of the CCC camps in the western part of the state correspond to the forestry camps found in this section. The boys go out in groups under trained soil erosion experts and show individual farmers how to run terraces, strip-farm their fields and otherwise protect their land from the fertility-robbing rains.

The work being accomplished by the CCC boys in that section is just as important as the forestry results are in Eastern Carolina.

Driving Rules

North Carolina automobile owners last week received registration cards to be used in applying for 1937 license plates. Whiteville and Wilmington are branch agencies nearest Southport and Brunswick county where licenses may be obtained, and officials of the Motor Vehicle Bureau urge automobile owners to obtain their new plates as quickly as possible after December 15th.

Included in the same envelope with the cards was a folder, upon the front of which was a picture of a gruesome automobile accident, with the victims stretched out in the foreground. On the reverse side were illustrations of the standard hand signals, and underneath were written the following rules for safe driving:

Indicate by standard hand signal any change of course.

Cultivate the habit of careful driving. Speed does not pay. Moderate speed to fit road conditions. Never pass another car when hill or curve obstructs vision.

See that brakes and lights are properly adjusted.

Don't park car on bridge or fill. Don't double park—please.

Observe grade crossing signs. Drive on your side (right hand) of center line, with plenty of room for clearance.

Walk on left hand side of road, facing traffic.

Co-operate with patrolman and police officers to prevent accidents.

Courtesy has its place on the highways. Your driver's license is valuable. It gives you the right to use the roads. Protect it by careful driving.

United States Of Europe

Spartanburg Herald. Emil Ludwig, noted German biographer, author of "Napoleon", "Bismarck", "Goethe," and biographical works, speaking at a luncheon of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, Wednesday, predicted that the "coming war," which may begin with aggression of Germany and Japan against Russia, will result in the establishing of a United States of Europe.

Appraising the qualities of present leaders of European nations, Mr. Ludwig said: "Most able of all dictators is Mussolini. He is a cynic and a realist. In contrast Hitler believes all the nonsense he says. Germany is much more dangerous, because the nation is stronger and the leader is weaker."

The prediction of a United States of Europe is by no means new. It often has been discussed since the close of the World War. Mr. Ludwig sees its realization only after another war which will be followed by great social conflicts. He is looking far into the future.

Both Returned

Gapper's Weekly. Doctor—"I don't like to mention it but that check you gave me has come back." Patient—"Well, that sure is funny, Doc, so did my lumbago."

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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.

APPRECIATION

Southport, N. C., Dec. 14, 1936.

Editor State Port Pilot, City.

Dear sir:—

The library service of the WPA in connection with the county Negro Training School is very much appreciated. The principal of the school, A. C. Caviness, says the following: "In view of the fact that we were without employ of a regular librarian, large number of books were misplaced and many that had been worn were discarded. But because of office work of Eleanor Jackson, under supervision of Mrs. Buta Moore, supervisor of libraries, who has taken very great interest in the library work in our school, we have been able to renovate the old books and place them on the shelves. And catalogue all books in the library, also, arrange them on the Dewey Decimal system. To my mind this library project, supported by the WPA funds is one of the greatest projects we have in the schools. Yours truly, JAMES E. WILSON.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS Southport, N. C., December 12, 1936. Editor State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C. Dear Editor:—

In this hurrying, scurrying world of ours we are losing the real spirit of Christmas. It is too much commercialized, too much big-dinnered and is too much get-and-give. Everyone is tired, just worn out, when the real day comes.

A woman who had just finished her Christmas shopping was starting home with her arms piled head-high with bundles. As she reached the door of the shop someone jostled her and all of her packages fell to the floor. She stamped her foot, and said: "Damn Christmas anyway, I hate it."

Another woman was heard to say on Christmas morning, "My, I'm glad that Christmas is over and won't come for another year."

Now what was the matter with those women? They were so tired that they had gotten the wrong perspective, and their nerves were all raveled out. We have entirely lost sight of those Heavenly messages—"Good Tidings," "Great Joy," "Peace," "Good Will" and most of all, "Worship."

Of course, the wise men did not reach Bethlehem the morning Jesus was born, nor for some time afterward; but people—intelligent people—are always mixing the shepherds and the star, the wise men and the manger. The wise men distinctly told Herod they had seen His star in the east and had come to worship Him. They had traveled long, weary miles—may have been traveling for two years that they might bring their gifts and worship the King, their King and our King.

Now, this Christmas, let us get our hearts in tune with the angels' song, and with the wise men and worship the King in the true Christmas spirit that will last all through the year.

MRS. ANNIE O. ROBINSON.

EXUM NEWS

Saturday, December 12, Dave Ray enjoyed his 70th birthday dinner. Henry and Robert Bennette, of this section, were invited. Mrs. Bessie Ray and Henry Bennette cooked the dinner. After the dinner was served Burton Little and Robert Bennette washed and dried the dishes.

We are all glad to learn that Junior, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Long, returned home from Duke Hospital at Durham, where he has been receiving treatment for infantile paralysis.

Mrs. Luther Inman has returned home from the Brunswick County Hospital where she underwent an appendix operation. She is progressing nicely.

We all regret to learn that the little daughter of Mrs. Claude Milligan fell on the rake and stabbed the teeth about two inches into her stomach. The child was rushed to the Brunswick County Hospital at Southport.

Miss Lottie McKeithan is suffering with paralysis. Mr. and Mrs. Gorman Evans and their little son, Wilbert, were at Shallotte Thursday on a business trip.

Durant Pruitt was called to Southport Friday on business. Durant and Kermit Pruitt, Henry and Robert Bennette, and Mrs. Gorman Evans and little son, Wilbert, visited Mrs. Callie Pruitt and son, Herbert, Sunday afternoon.

Truit Little and Dayton Bennett visited Carl Pruitt here Sunday afternoon.

Kermit Pruitt and Robert Bennette visited Misses Mirtie and Iola Little Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. William King and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bennett and children on Sunday afternoon.

And how do you like our town?" said the Continental landlord to his American visitor. "I hate it," was the reply. It's as hot as the nether regions, and just as uncomfortable."

"Ah!" said the landlord admiringly. "Is there anywhere you Americans have not been?"

Shallotte School News

(By Wilburn Brown) Rain! Rain!

Rainy weather has us stumped. No recess, no noons, and no basketball practice.

Lose Two

In a game against Waccamaw Thursday night, our teams played their first official game. The boys' score was 30 to 2 in favor of Waccamaw. The girls' score was 10-16, also in favor of Waccamaw. This was a much closer game. This is just the first game so we still have plenty of time to win.

Honor Roll

Earl Thompson, of the junior class, was the only high school student who made the honor roll for the first month of school. For the second month the following are listed as having made B plus and above on all their subjects:

Seniors: Virginia Bishop; Juniors: Earl Thompson; Sophomores: Roney Cheers and Vertille Stanaland; Freshmen: Clarice Russ.

Exams

Mid-term exam. begin December 17th. Because of the nearness of that date, text books are becoming popular all of a sudden.

Shallotte News

Mrs. Lillian Oliver and Miss Gladys Frye spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Chandler Rourk returned to her home here Sunday after being a patient in James Walker Hospital for several weeks.

Ennis Long, of Southport, accompanied by Benson Creech, of Barnesville, S. C., spent the weekend at his home here.

Misses Susie Kate Swain, Catherine Chadwick and Esther Riddle were Wilmington visitors on Monday.

Rev. F. V. Spence and D. T. Long spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. H. L. Stanley was a Wilmington visitor Monday. Friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Stanaland will be glad to know they have returned home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stanaland, of Philadelphia, Pa., also are spending the holidays at home.

Farm Questions

Q: Can shelled corn be stored in bags over winter? A: If the corn is sufficiently dry when shelled it can be stored in bags without damage provided it is treated for weevil control before storage. The corn should be treated with carbon disulphide and then stored in a dry place. Where the corn is a little green it is best to wait until it thoroughly dries before shelling as the slight dampness may cause the grain to mold.

Q: Is it possible to cure or corn lamb as you do pork and beef? A: Yes. The shoulders and legs are the cuts most frequently corned. To each 10 pounds of lamb use one and one-half cups of salt, one-half tablespoon of saltpeter, and three-quarters of a cup of brown sugar. Rub salt thoroughly into the meat, covering every portion, and allow to stand with the salt on it for 24 hours. Then pour over the meat the other ingredients dissolved in a small quantity of lukewarm water. Add water enough to cover the meat and allow to stand in the brine for three or four days. Since lamb absorbs more salt than beef, special care should be taken not to use more than the quantity specified.

Q: What is the best mixture for a poultry ration? A: There are several grains or combination of grains that give satisfactory results, but the one most commonly used in all sections of North Carolina is composed of sixty percent yellow corn and forty percent wheat. However, this ration should be largely governed by what is grown on the farm, and the cost of the grain which must be purchased. Where there is an abundance of heavy barley (45 pounds to the bushel) or heavy oats (38 pounds to the bushel) these may be substituted for a part of the corn and wheat, but should never exceed thirty percent of the grain mixture.

Q: How can I control soft rot that is rather severe in my stored sweet potatoes? A: The curing or storage house should be heated until the potatoes and moisture is well dried out. The diseased potatoes will then dry up. Do not remove the dried potatoes as handling the sweets will cause bruises that will result in a spread of the disease. However, when the potatoes are removed for sale or shipment, all diseased potatoes should be removed before packing to prevent losses in transit.

Back o' the Flats

By PERCY CROSSBY



"My boy there are two things you must keep in mind if you are to succeed in this world," said the man of affairs to his young son.

"What are they, Dad?" "Honesty and sagacity." "And what's honesty?" "Always, no matter what happens or how it affects you keep your word once you have given it."

"And sagacity?" "Never give it."

After an acrimonious debate the bride said, tearfully: "But for one thing I'd leave you and go home to mother." "And what is that?" "Mother is coming here. She's leaving Father."

"And here's a penny my poor man. Tell me how you became so destitute." "I used to be like you, minus always giving away vast sums to the poor and needy."

A Ruse in Advertising "Prepare for those long some evenings with a blank dio."



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