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About the only protection a woman has from these March winds is that they blow sand as well as skirts.

The average second-guesser can only remember the times he was right when he "told you so."

It took a hardy soul to show a light-weight Easter dress Sunday.

Residents of the lower end of the county would be mighty glad to see some step taken toward beginning the hard-surfacing of the Southport-Whiteville highway.

Another Cash Crop

Unless Mother Nature takes a hand in the matter, there is a mighty good chance that there will be a big surplus poundage of flue-cured tobacco produced this year in North Carolina. Last year's high average price, together with the failure of the state compact plan for control, has fired the hopes of many land-owners with the idea of making "a killing" on this year's crop.

Prospects for the "killing" are pretty good, but it looks more like a case of suicide than it does a slaughter of the tobacco buyers. It reverts back to the old system of supply and demand. Farmers who saw over-production drive down the prices in 1930 and 1931 are following right along with their neighbors in making plans for a crop that will do the same thing this fall.

The production of tobacco represents a large part of the cash income of the average Brunswick county farmer, but fortunately our section is not a slave to this crop. Nowhere in North Carolina can be found land and climate better suited to a well-balanced program of diversified farming.

That is the doctrine being preached by County Agent J. E. Dodson, who points out several possible avenues of escape from the predicted depression of tobacco prices. One of the best is a larger corn and hog crop, as was shown in figures given last week in connection with a recent demonstration conducted by J. T. Hickman.

Corn can be grown easily and inexpensively in Brunswick county, and experiments have shown that it can be marketed through fattening hogs at an average price that is better than \$1.25 per bushel. The county agent is doing all in his power to encourage more farmers to divert some of their farming energy in this direction this year. The more he is successful in this venture, the less will be the shock if, and when, the bottom falls out of the tobacco market.

Approval

We heartily approve the action of Governor Clyde R. Hoey in making it plain that sit-down striking will not be tolerated in North Carolina.

In fact, we have not been able thus far to stimulate very much sympathy for the sit-downers and their chosen means to their end. In the first place, the system is largely just a fad—similar to the one a few years ago when everyone was tree-sitting. Only now the sitting is being done in larger numbers, and someone is being made to pay.

In the second place, most of the people who today are quitting their jobs through some grievance, real or imaginary, were out of work less than two years ago. Only recently have the factories where they are employed begun to function on regular schedule.

Labor does have its trouble with capital, but strikes are not the best way to iron out these differences. A board of arbitration composed of workers and officials who know existing local conditions could do far more to pave the way for peaceful settlement than organization workers whose salaries continue while those whom they profess to be helping are out of work.

Governor Hoey has our moral support in attempting to keep sit-down strikes off

the North Carolina calendar of labor disputes.

Tourist Traffic

Last Wednesday three hundred twenty-eight tourist automobiles cross the bridge over the Capt. Fear river between Southport and Wilmington. Two hundred sixteen of these cars were bound toward Wilmington.

The point we are getting around to is this: Most of those Wilmington-bound automobiles were filled with people with both time and money to visit places of interest; most of them passed by the Supply and Bell Swamp intersections. Attractive signs erected at these two strategic places to show the desirability of including Southport on their itinerary would surely have attracted some visitors from this group.

Baseball For Boys

Somehow or other we just don't believe that a boy's education is complete unless it includes several courses in baseball. Not formal training, mind you, just a chance to get out with a crowd of boys, choose up sides and use the materials at hand for a home-made game of the national past-time.

We believe, too, that school officials of the county fail to capitalize to the full extent on the competitive spirit of their high school boys when they fail to make provision for a high school baseball team each spring.

Not so many years ago when we were in school there just wasn't much force to a high school that didn't have a good baseball team. A schedule of ten or twelve games was played each spring to settle county and sectional championships. Boys on the team played their heads off in the hope that they would attract the attention of some college coach; boys as far down in school as the fourth and fifth grades practiced before school and at each recess with their eye set on a place on their high school nine.

Basketball, while it is jam-full of competitive opportunities, isn't to be compared with baseball. In the first place, it is a game for a few, not for the crowd. There may be just nine men on a league team, but in a recess baseball game boys keep choosing until the players give out. And where the size limit intervenes, the outcasts move off to another corner of the field and start a game of their own. There is no need for an indoor court nor for expensive equipment.

True, school usually is out early in Brunswick county, but spring comes early—surely early enough for a schedule of eight games in a five-team league.

Maybe it is too late to plan for this year, but it isn't too early to begin to think about next season.

News Story

A good news story is supposed to tell "who, where, when and why" all in the first paragraph. The following story violates every one of these principals, yet is one of the most amusing "news" accounts we ever read:

"The owner of a plantation had been away on business. When he came home he was met at the station by one of his negroes, and as they drove home together in the buggy, he asked the negro about what had happened while he had been away—whether there was any news. Whereupon, the following dialogue took place:

"Negro: Naw, suh, d'aint nuthin' special. Cept'n Ole Tige—he bin kinda sick.
"Master: What's the matter with the dog?"

"Negro: 'Tain't much. I reckon hit jes' dat he et too much roast horse.

"Master: "Too much roast horse"! Where on earth did he get hold of that?"

"Negro: Well, yer see, suh, we'n de stable burned up, some of de horses got so skeered we couldn't git 'em out, so dey burned up, too, an' dat made de roast horse. I speck Ole Tige must 'a' got hold er some er dat.

"Master: Great Heavens! You say the stable burned up with the horses in it! How in the world did the stable catch fire?"

"Negro: I reckon, suh, dat hit must 'a' cotched f'um de Big 'House. Er high wind wuz er-blowin' and de sparks wuz er-flyin', an' some uv 'em must 'a' lit on de stable roof.

"Master: My God! How did the house catch?"

"Negro: Well, suh, mos' eveybody think dat fire come f'um one er de lamps dat wuz upset in de room whar dey wuz layin' out Ole Miss atter she passed away.

Master: Old Miss dead? Why, when I left, she wasn't even sick!

"Negro: I knowed hit, suh. But Ole Miss died f'um de stroke she had w'en she foun' out dat yo' wife had done run off wid de overseer."

NEWS BRIEFS

IN HOSPITAL

R. B. Morse is a patient in a Norfolk, Va., hospital where he was carried last Thursday for an operation.

RETURN HOME

Mayor John D. Erickson and city clerk J. E. Carr returned last week from a trip to New York City.

ACCEPTS POSITION

H. C. Sentelle and family moved to Canton this week. Mr. Sentelle has a position with the National Park Service and will begin his duties on April first.

R. D. WHITE ILL

R. D. White, prominent Brunswick county citizen, is reported quite ill at his home at Shallotte.

SCHOOLMASTERS CLUB

The Brunswick county schoolmasters club will meet next Monday in Southport in the final meeting of the year.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Colon S. Mintz, of Goldsboro, announce the birth of a son on Wednesday, March 17. Mrs. Mintz is the former Miss Virginia Dodson, daughter of County Agent and Mrs. J. E. Dodson.

UNLAWFUL TO FISH

The closed season on fishing in fresh waters goes into effect April first and will remain in force until May 10th. During this period it is unlawful to fish in any manner in any of the fresh-water streams or lakes of the county.

ASK FOR ROAD

A petition will be presented the county commissioners at their next meeting, asking that they take over the one mile of road from Fort Caswell Beach to the dock at Fort Caswell.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued during the past week to the following couples from the local office of Register of Deeds: Miss Katie Stuckey to L. C. Burris, both of Wilmington; Miss Ruby Sharp, Winnabow, to Richard Oscar Kye, Winston-Salem.

APPOINTED

Judge Joe W. Ruark and Representative R. E. Sentelle, of Southport, have been appointed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey as delegates to the 32nd Annual Convention on Rivers and Harbors in Washington April 23-27.

GETTING BUSY

It has been a long time since Southport had as much waterfront activity as now exists. Many people are working at crabbing, shrimping and fishing. Others are building or repairing boats and docks. To sum things up, folks are unusually busy.

NEW TRAWLER

Cratie Arnold is having a sizeable new trawler built and in addition to using it for shrimping he will carry fishing parties and freight. The boat is 44 feet in length and has a 12 foot beam. Its construction is especially adapted for the comfort of fishing parties.

FISHING PROSPECTS

If you want to believe that Southport will have a big season for sport fishing this year you will only have to go a short distance along the water front and listen to what the fishermen are saying about it. They are all confident that this is going to be a big year.

CLEANLINESS

The workers employed in preparing crab meat at the plant of the Cape Fear Packing company will compare well with the attendants in any hospital for cleanliness. All must wear spotless white uniforms and all tools and implements must be kept as clean and sanitary as those which are to be found on a surgeon's table.

County Home Notes

B. C. Williams made a trip to Shallotte on Tuesday of the past week.

J. S. Hewett returned on Tuesday afternoon from a visit to relatives and friends at Shallotte, Bladenboro and other points.

Miss E. Satterfield held a splendid pre-Easter service at the home on Tuesday afternoon.

Wesley and Floyd Varnum visited Mrs. Lizzy Jones and her son, Henry, on Thursday afternoon.

Henry Jones visited relatives at Oak Island Station during the week-end, returning on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Gore called on Mrs. Mary Williams Friday afternoon. Oscar Garner made a brief call at the home on Friday.

B. C. Williams made a trip to Wilmington Saturday morning.

Mrs. E. C. Lewis, accompanied by Hayes Lewis and daughter, called Sunday to see F. H. Wilbard.

Oscar Garner was also a caller on Monday and took a resident on a visit to relatives.

Bald Head News

Egg Hunt

The children enjoyed an Easter party shortly afternoon at school on Friday, then were dismissed to attend a community egg hunt at the Cape Fear Coast Guard Station. All but two of the island families were represented and the grown people joined the children in the hunt. All seemed to have a pleasant time.

Little Jimmie Munn returned with his grandfather, L. H. Munn from South Carolina to spend some time with him. He expects to enroll in our school next term. Mrs. R. K. Sellers and Bobbie spent Easter with relatives in Mill Creek.

Mrs. J. H. Quidley went to Southport on a shopping trip. Before we reached Southport we were wishing we had put off going over till another day as our engine refused to run on the mixture of gas and water. After floating around and drifting seaward for some time the boatmen got her to the dock at Fort Caswell and tied up till they drained the tank, strained the gas, poured out the water and refilled the tank. Of course, it was only a short time then till we landed but in the two hours the cold air had made us plenty chilly. Just another experience in crossing. But, "variety is the spice of life."

Last week, with the help of the Cape Fear Coast guardsmen, James E. Piner, of the Cape Fear Light Station, launched his yacht "Golden Dreams." In a short while he expects to get his seventy horse gray motor, a radio and light plant installed. Then he says he will be ready to take his friends out.

We are looking forward to a visit very soon from our county superintendent of education, Miss Annie Mae Woodside, and our county nurse, Mrs. Lou H. Smith.

A youngster in a very private school was asked to define a common denominator.

"It's common," said the child "mother wouldn't want me to know about it."

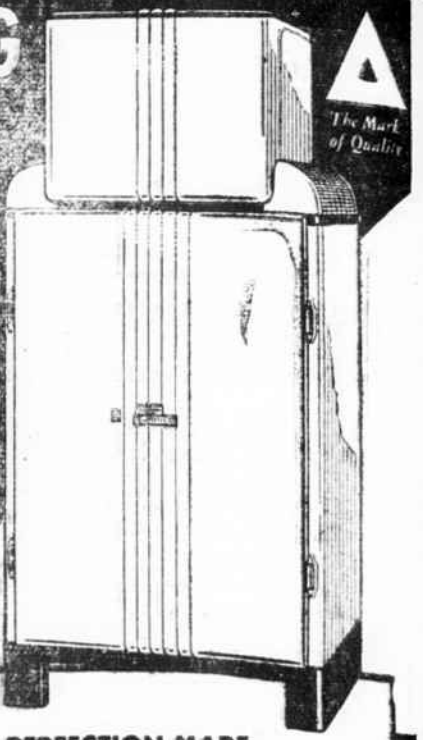
"What is Bill strutting so big about these days?"

"A life insurance doctor just examined him and found him O. K."

"What of it?"

"It's the only examination he ever passed!"

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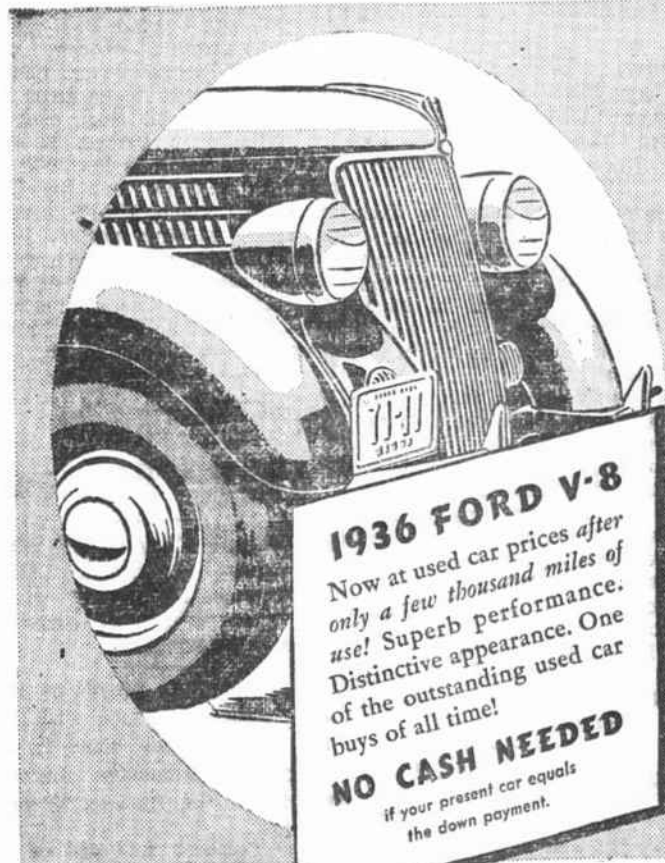
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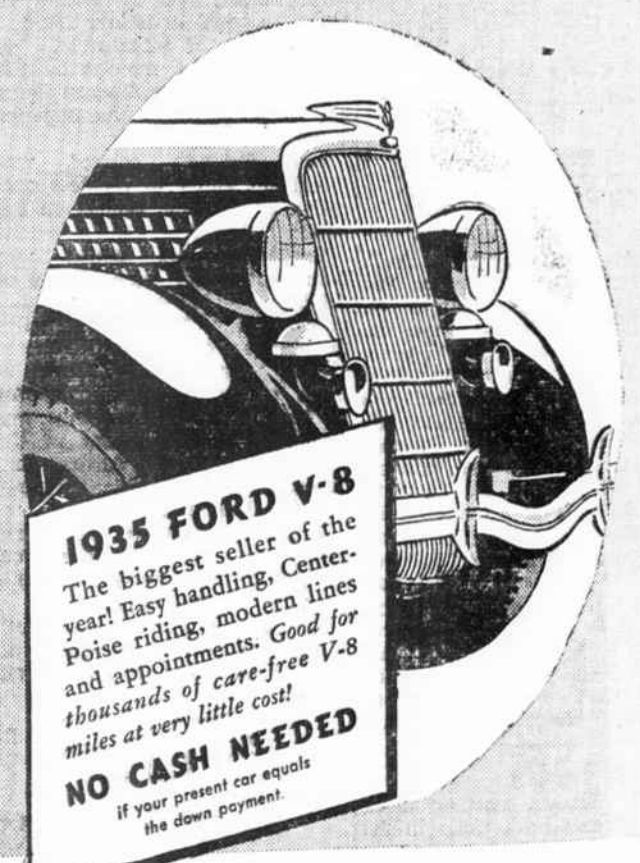
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