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Some people pay too dearly for their reputation for being different.

Every man has his good days, but outstanding men use their best days as a standard.

Hear-say evidence is not admissible in a court trial; it should not be used in private conversation to defame character.

Whenever we hear of grown folks having the mumps or measles we have a feeling that they weren't brought up right.

Desirable Citizens

Much of the rural income of Georgetown county, South Carolina, comes from several large plantations that are owned and maintained by wealthy men.

Recently we visited Brookgreen Gardens. The place was beautiful. Nature has done her noble best for that locality, and the beautification plans of landscape gardeners has completed the scene.

In addition to attracting hundreds of tourists visitors during the year, this plantation furnishes steady employment for the heads of many families. Working on one of these large estates is equivalent to cultivating a year-round cash crop.

No section of the Atlantic coast has more possibilities for development than does Brunswick county. If proper contacts are made, there is little doubt that wealthy persons, seeking a hobby, can be interested in developing in our county estates that will rival in grandeur any to be found in North Carolina or South Carolina.

Mothers Day

"WANTED—A woman to do general house work, nursing and washing for family. Must also be practical nurse, and be ready for day or night duty at a moment's notice. Must be cheerful at all times and willing to humor the whims and wishes of each member of the family."

Can you imagine a sensible person answering an advertisement like that? Well, those are the cold words that describe the living conditions of the one person in the world dearest to each of us—our mother.

Our mothers have been so devoted and self-sacrificing for most of us that we have unconsciously come to take them for granted. We don't remember how life was without them; we cannot realize the loss we will suffer when they are gone.

Next Sunday is Mothers Day—a day that should be as universally celebrated as any one of our national holidays. It is as little as we can do to try to make that day pleasant for our mothers.

Mother love is unselfish, and mothers want nothing more than expressions of love from their children. These need not be expensive presents, for love is not measured in dollars and cents. Flowers, candy or, better still, a visit, will make your mother happy next Sunday.

Appreciation

School is out on Bald Head Island, and Brunswick County's only one-teacher school has closed for this term. With the transfer of the men from the Cape Fear Coast Guard Station to Oak Island Station it is a matter of doubt whether there will be enough children on the island next fall to reopen the school.

From all reports Miss Bertha Reid has done a fine job this winter teaching grades from one to seven during the course of a single day. With the fine co-operation of the older people, the little school gradually had become the center of interest on Bald Head Island. The people will miss her.

And we shall miss her, too, for it was she who has been sending in the interesting news of Bald Head that has appeared during the past few months. The place has a mysterious appeal for folks on the mainland, and we were always glad to get the news letter from Miss Bertha Reid

And while we are mentioning school news, we wish to express our appreciation to Miss Elizabeth Taylor, English teacher, and members of the Charlotte high school senior class for their Charlotte School News column which they faithfully reported during the winter and spring months.

Miss Edna Mintz reported the Waccamaw School News for us throughout the year, and we are grateful to her for fine work and faithfulness.

Playground

There is a fine opportunity for somebody to assume leadership of the playground activities of Southport children during the summer months. Time spent in play is free from mischief.

The large square in the garrison was used during the final weeks of school for baseball and other sports by the boys. There apparently is no reason why it cannot be used all summer long for healthful, outdoor activity.

We have always believed that sports are good for boys; that their value is more far-reaching than just the muscular development. Lessons learned in sportsmanship and competitive temperament are things that will be of value throughout life.

Southport has the garrison and the boys. All they need is someone to direct the play during the coming months.

Teach Them How

The most dangerous group of drivers, according to statistics, is the group which ought to be the safest: The so-called "teen-age" class. When a person of eighteen or younger has an accident it is almost always a serious one. It is 42 per cent more likely to be fatal than if an older driver were involved.

In the opinion of authorities, the chief difficulty is that young people who drive cars lack both training and judgment. They have had no formal instruction behind the wheel. Usually they learn to drive by watching older persons or a young companion. In this way they learn bad practices along with good ones, and, being young, they are apt to exaggerate the bad and minimize the good. As one bad apple contaminates a barrel, one poor driver can create dozens of worse ones if he attempts the role of teacher.

Fortunately, the high schools of the nation are recognizing a responsibility for these facts. Some five thousand high schools in more than half the states are now giving instructions in the principles of traffic safety. Some schools are actually teaching their students how to drive by giving real road training in real cars. Three states, California, Indiana and North Carolina, have made such instruction compulsory, while state departments of education in 28 states have issued model courses of study in traffic safety. The subject of good driving has become the fastest growing movement in the history of American education.

Already there are significant results. In Rhode Island, more than a thousand high school boys and girls were taught to drive in a course sponsored by the Motor Vehicle Department of that state. Their driving records were kept in a special file for a period of three years. In all that time not one of the youngsters was involved in a reportable accident and not one was convicted of a traffic violation. Outstanding educators say there is no greater function for education than teaching children how to do better, the things they may expect to do in life. Certainly, teaching them how to drive motor cars so as not to kill themselves or others, fits neatly into that definition.

If you want information on the weather, the national monetary policy, and international affairs, ask a street corner loafer.

People wonder where old jokes go. They're re-worded, rehashed, and handed out over the radio.

So the yo-yo returns. It could be worse perhaps though, because it could have been jig-saw puzzles.

Some people like to get away from themselves. They should, because bad company isn't good for one.

It's easy to mend almost everything except a person who is broke, to our notion.

About the only thing a person cannot buy on the installment plan now is a home in Heaven, perhaps.

Some men are so two-faced that it's a wonder the barber doesn't have to shave them twice.

Just Among The Fishermen (BY W. B. KEZIAH)

Ready The stage seems all set for the resumption of the 1937 fresh water fishing season on next Monday. Postmaster Yaskell has the boat. Forest Warden Dawson Jones has the trailer on which it is to be hauled to the pond, your columnist has the minnow trap and bucket and is expected to do all the work of catching the bait minnows and digging furrums.

Inquiry After having it in the paper last week a man from Alaska coming here to go fishing, it is hard to believe that anyone so near to us as St. Louis, Mo., should write in to the Civic Club to ask if there was any good fishing here at Southport. That is just what E. F. French did last Saturday. He's been told all about it since then.

Table Use A co-ed fishing party from Charlotte came in Friday night and caught the fixings Saturday morning for a fish fry at noon. Still not satisfied, they went fishing again in the afternoon and caught the wherewith on which their self-appointed cook and kitchen police prepared supper. The wind was from the east and it was not a good day for fishing, but neither the fish or the party seemed to mind.

Conflict A friendly farmer boy tells us that there is one thing on which nature failed to balance itself. He was referring to the fact that the busiest season of the year for the farmers and the itch to go fishing always come along at the same time. You just have to do the work and you just can't resist the urge to go fishing.

Unfavorable The local fishermen are not favorably disposed to any proposition to build a road from Fort Fisher to Bald Head Island. If such a thing is ever done Bald Head will cease to be an island of Brunswick county. It will be only a peninsula running out from New Hanover. The local sentiment is to let the island remain an island, and this is as it should be. As an island it is famed far and near.

Insurance It would not be a bad idea for all the Southport boats that cater to fishing parties to have a shrimp trawl as part of the equipment. On those rare occasions when the fish won't bite the trawl could be put into service and enough shrimp and fish could be taken to recompense the party for what they paid for the boat. This would guard against disappointments and would assure the fishing parties of always getting something at Southport.

Suggestion Operators of boats carrying out fishing parties are urged to keep a log or register, showing the names and addresses of all in the party. This book should be available to the Civic Club for reference. Literature will be mailed by the Club, urging the party to return and to send their friends to Southport for the fishing. In this way a great many return visits will be assured, and at the same time many new parties will be brought in. At another point on the coast the Civic Club has several parties keeping such registers and they will be available for interesting parties and bringing them here next season.

Advertise Brunswick county people making good catches of fish, either salt or fresh water, are urged to write in a report to the Southport Civic Club. The story will be published and it may serve as good advertising of the section in which the catch is made and the party making it.

Rough Some twenty or more Wilmington fishermen came down early Sunday morning and embarked on Capt. E. L. Krahnik's Volusia for a day outside. They encountered heavy weather and rough seas which made the Volusia put back into port at noon with most of the passengers looking as if they were suffering from seasickness.

Fancy Names Tadpoles are not usually found in clear water but a trim little yacht came in Friday and registered as "The Tadpole," and it was from Clearwater, Fla. Among other boats with unusual names arriving the same day were the "Smiles" and "Breeze" from New York; "Kidnap" from Boston and the "Migo" from New Jersey. "Hall by Herself" cleared that morning.

Excitement The fresh-water fishing season opens again Monday, May 10th. Then and thereafter you can catch fresh water fish with hook and line—if they will bite your hook and the line does not break. Speaking of lines breaking, we saw Judge Joe Ruark hook a fair sized trout once and we kind of

NEWS BRIEFS

STONE RE-ELECTED Henry C. Stone has been re-elected principal of the Shallotte-Lockwoods Folly school.

PLYLER RE-ELECTED W. E. Plyler has been re-elected principal of the Leland high school.

BACK AT WORK Miss Gladys Dozier, clerk in the Register of Deeds office, is back in the office this week following a vacation.

RETURNS HOME Harper Vitou, who has been on the Gulf Tanker Reiser, returned home last week.

MOVE TO COUNTY Mrs. W. E. Bellamy and children have moved to Boons Neck for the summer.

MOVE RESIDENCE Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Bond, of New York, have moved into the Merle Hood home, which they recently purchased.

TRANSFERRED Alec Williams has been transferred to the U. S. Dredge Morgan, now assigned to this district. He formerly was on the U. S. Dredge Gillespie, in New Jersey.

CHAIRMAN Captain I. B. Bussels was made chairman of the local school board at the organization meeting held last week. The other members are Mrs. E. H. Cranmer and Carl Ward.

MOTHERS DAY A special program for Mothers Day will be observed at the Trinity Methodist church Sunday, and the pastor, the Rev. E. M. Hall, will bring a sermon in keeping with the spirit of the day. The public is cordially invited.

SPEAKER Mr. Huntington, Y.M.C.A. secretary of Wilmington, was speaker at the Christian Endeavor meeting held Thursday night at the Presbyterian church. The Rev. J. D. Withrow is planning to form a strong unit of this organization in the local church.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Two white couples obtained their marriage licenses from the local office of Register of Deeds during the past week. They are Miss Linnie Robinson to W. J. Sellers, both of Supply; Miss Thelma Singletary to Walter R. Sellers, both of Supply.

FALSE ALARM Considerable excitement was created Friday night when the local volunteer fire department was called to the home of Mrs. George Rappelyae. Rags burning in a smoking stove caused the alarm.

LEASE LAKE BEACH O. E. Hart has leased the Clear Lake Inn and Beach, seven miles from Southport, to a group of Southport colored people who will operate it for members of their race this summer and fall.

PURCHASE HOME Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Holmes, of Washington, D. C., have purchased the home of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Ruark, who are planning to build a new home on their lot adjoining the residence of J. H. Russ.

Amuzu Theatre Has Good Bill

"Off To The Races" a farce comedy, opens Friday at the Amuzu. Slim Summerville and the Jones family head the cast. One of the outstanding dramatic pictures of the year, "Black Legion," comes Monday to the local theatre. "Unknown Ranger," thrilling western drama, will be the feature attraction beginning next Wednesday.

Nitrate Of Soda Fatal To Livestock

Sodium nitrate in fertilizer is good for grass but bad for livestock. Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, warns that nitrate often causes a rapid, fatal inflammation of the stomach. Before turning stock into a pasture where nitrate has been applied, he said, be sure that enough rain has fallen to wash the nitrate off the grass and down into the soil. He also cautioned against leaving bags of nitrate around where domestic animals can get at it. He suspected it was the first and only fish he has ever caught. He slung that fish over his head with such force that the poor thing landed in a field of broom sedge 50 yards away and we have always wondered why the line did not break under the terrific heave.

Back o' the Flats.

By PERCY CROSBY



Permanent Pastures Ready To Graze

Beef cattle should be turned onto permanent pastures in May, for by this time the grass is in good condition for grazing, said

Earl H. Hostetler, professor of guarly and given plenty of salt. animal husbandry at State Col- The bull should be turned with lege. the beef cattle herd about the first of May so that next year's calf crop will be early and uniform. Professor Hostetler added.

Extend Time For Listing Taxes

Members of the Board of County Commissioners have granted a 15-day extension for Brunswick County taxpayers to list their property for 1937 taxes.

The Deadline for Listing is May 15

10 per cent Penalty for failure to list before that time!

Sec. 901. Duty to List; Penalty for Failure; Special Penalty for Failure to List Solvent Credits.

It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation, in whose name any property or poll is to be listed under the terms of this Act, to list said property or poll with the proper list taker or the supervisor, within the time allowed by law, on a list setting forth the information required by this Act. In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, any person, firm or corporation whose duty it shall be to list any poll or property, real or personal, who willfully fails, refuses or neglects to list the same within the time allowed by law, or who removes or conceals property for the purpose of evading taxation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and any person, firm or corporation aiding or abetting the removal or concealment of property for the purpose of evading taxation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The failure to list shall be prima facie evidence that such failure was willful, and the board of county commissioners shall present the names of all such persons, firms and corporations to the grand jury.

If any person, firm or corporation, with a view to evading the payment of taxes, shall fail or refuse to list with the list taker or supervisor any bonds, notes, accounts receivable or other solvent credits subject to taxation under this Act, the same shall not be recoverable at law or by suit in equity in any court in this State unless they shall be listed, and the tax and all penalties thereon completely paid, prior to the time of the beginning of such action at law or suit in equity.

The penalty for failure to list property or a poll before the close of the regular listing period shall be ten per cent (10 per cent) of the tax levied for the current year on such property or poll. Where such property or poll is taxed for years preceding the current year, the penalty, in addition to that for the current year, shall be ten per cent (10 per cent) per annum. The minimum penalty shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

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