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Those Signboards

It's another editorial about those signboards that we insist will be such a good investment for the town of Southport.

We refer to a pair of signs, one each to be erected at Supply and Bell Swamp, to invite travelers along U. S. Highway No. 17 to drive down to Southport for a visit before speeding their way through Brunswick county.

We believe that there would be no prohibitive cost attached to the construction of these signs, and we have a unique plan in mind for keeping them fresh and up-to-date. In Southport there are at least two men who specialize in designing and painting signs. We believe that a friendly rivalry between the two in taking care of these signboards would result in seasonal changes and attractiveness for these standing invitations to visit Southport.

About The Road

Word comes from Whiteville that Robert Grady Johnson, district highway commissioner, says that work is soon to be resumed on the project of hardsurfacing the Whiteville-Southport Highway. Work, he says, will begin in Columbus county and will extend toward the Brunswick county line.

We are mighty glad to hear some favorable expression concerning the road, for matters have been at a discouraging standstill for several months. Despite the fact that the last assurance regarding this highway was to the effect that work would be started at Shallotte and would extend toward the Columbus county line, we have no quarrel with the highway commission for scene-shifting so long as something actually is done.

However, in assigning reasons for the change in places for beginning, Johnson is reported to have said that "Brunswick already has used up her present allotment for road construction."

We give pause to wonder where and when.

Museum Needed

A small museum established in Southport might easily become a leading center of interest in this community.

The town is located in the midst of a section that was the cradle of early North Carolina history. From the early days of colonization this area at the mouth of the Cape Fear river has been considered strategic by both sides in each war that has disturbed the progress of the United States. Old forts and fortifications have yielded up many relics of other days.

Then there is the peace side of the picture; interesting household objects, letters, pictures and other things that would be everlastingly cherished as museum attractions.

Practically every person in Southport has some valuable contribution he could make to a museum.

Located in one wing of Fort Johnson is the Southport public library. We can think of nothing more suitable than that the other wing of this same building be used for a museum, where things of historic value may be collected and kept for posterity.

What Has Happened?

Since a movement was instituted three weeks ago to enforce the law requiring domestic servants to procure health certificates, we have learned of two instances where it has been discovered that hired help coming in constant contact with children were suffering from contagious social disease.

These results have been noted after only a comparative few citizens have co-operated in requiring their servants to live up to the letter of the law. It is unpleasant to speculate upon the final results of the check-up.

Two or three housekeepers when approached about the health examination have declared that they were afraid to

clamp down on their cook or nursemaid. "She might get mad and quit," is the sincere but inadequate excuse.

It would be far better for the laziest housewife in Southport to be forced to do her own cooking all summer long than to have one member of her family contract a dangerous venereal disease from an unclean servant.

The revelation of an active disease does not necessitate the permanent dismissal of a servant. It only gives a chance to arrest the trouble before it becomes more serious, and before it has been passed along to others.

You will be doing your house servants a favor when you insist that they comply with this state law.

Suggestions

We have read with interest the report made last week by the citizens committee appointed by the board of county commissioners to study the present agreement existing between the bondholders and Brunswick county and to make recommendations for a satisfactory agreement in this matter.

After reading the report we are convinced that the committee composed of L. T. Yaskell, C. Ed Taylor, George R. Foulke, Jr., H. L. Clemmons and Cornelius Thomas, made a careful and exhaustive study of the agreement with the bondholders, together with an investigation into the present financial status of the county.

Members of this body were interested in effecting a compromise agreement which will allow Brunswick county to retire her bonded indebtedness, but it was also the desire of this committee that this be done without undermining the current financial stability of the county government.

Comparative figures revealed the fact that much of the responsibility for the present plight of the county exchequer is because of poor tax collections. In the report, the recent depression is blamed to some extent for this condition; but the falling off of collections goes beyond that.

There is no denying the fact that Brunswick county is in precarious financial condition; but there is no reason to believe that she cannot come out of this hole with her credit intact. Primary requisites appear to be a keener sense of obligation on the part of Brunswick county taxpayers, together with a curtailment of current expenses.

Unobserved Birthday

Anniversaries have a way of slipping by. And the significant point about the slipping by, on June 1, of the first year of two-cent-a-mile rail passenger fares was the complete lack of notice of the occasion.

Where were the protests of yesteryear? What has become of the suit of a large group of railroads to enjoin the Interstate Commerce Commission from enforcing the lower rates? They appear to have just faded out of the picture. And for a good reason.

During 1936 Eastern railroads generally, under the lower fares, enjoyed an average boost of 13 per cent in passenger revenues. And the trend is still upward.

In short, people are riding the rails as they haven't ridden them in years. The two-cent-a-mile rate, despite the dire prophecies, has duplicated in the East its previous successful record on the railroads of the West and South.

We're mighty happy over this comeback of the railroads. And we'd be even happier to find them, one of these days, giving Uncle Sam a frank vote of thanks for forcing that comeback on them.—New York Post.

Co-operation

It has been a long time since the forests of Brunswick county were in greater danger from their worst enemy—forest fire.

During the past week small fires have broken out in several localities, and the co-operation of citizens with the county and district wardens has made it possible to hold timber loss to a minimum.

Credit also is due the men of Camp Sapona, who have rendered yeoman service in fighting fires that threatened to grow into dangerous proportions.

Many people are so two-faced it's a wonder that the barber doesn't charge them double prices.

Some of us proved about as efficient prognosticators of the wet and dry outlook as the weather man, perhaps.

Before automobiles, there wasn't any such thing as driving drunk charges—the horse usually had gumption enough to know the condition of the driver and stay on his side of the road.

**Just Among
The Fishermen**

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

What Happens
"God made all the little fishes." And when they get away man tries to make them into bigger ones.

Woman Wins
"It isn't bragging, I just caught more than all three of those men together," declared Mrs. T. K. Carlton, of Salisbury, Friday. The three who did not rate so well as Mrs. Carlton with the fishing were her lesser half, Aliso Register of Deeds W. D. Kezziah and Mr. Charles Price, of Salisbury. They were on the boat of Capt. H. T. Bowmer and brought in 140 blues, 25 mackerel and trout and some sea bass.

Lucky
This column can always count on reporting a good catch when Dr. F. P. Summers, of Charlotte, rolls into Southport for his almost weekly fishing trip. This last week's trip the Doctor brought his daughter, Miss Dorothy, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easley and Mrs. Bill Greer, these last two couples being from Rock Hill, S. C. They went out on the boat of Capt. Tony McKeithan and on their return Dr. Summers reported 150 pounds of dressed blues and bass and 50 pounds of mackerel.

Prospecting
Forest City, way up in Ruthfork county, went up P. L. Marks, Bert McGinness and J. C. Queen to see how the fish were biting last week. They did their prospecting from the boat of Capt. H. T. Bowmer and reported over a hundred fine fish, mostly blues and mackerel.

Sea Bass
Proctorsville, in Robeson county, was represented among the fisher folks here last week by John B. Clark, O. L. Shepherd, W. L. Borden, E. G. Fennell, W. L. Byrd and Hayes Barnes. They elected to go for sea bass, and brought in about 250 pounds. Skipper H. T. Bowmer had charge of the party while they were out on the bounding deep.

Old Salt
Morrison Formy Duval, of Whiteville, had a crow to pick with this columnist last week. "I resent it," said he. "I am just as much of a salt, and a whole lot better fisherman, than you are." His expression was provoked by a picture of a group of fishermen from up state, himself included, in the Civic Club booklet now being distributed. The men in the picture were described as "Up-State folks."

To The Ladies
Fishing parties are mainly confined to men, but it is a significant fact that ladies who have composed part of the deep sea fishing expeditions out from Southport this year have caught plenty of fish. On the whole, they seem to have better luck than men.

Fish Bites Man
This columnist got a "good bite" one day the past week but was unable to look at it that way. A two pound blue fish, in a moment of savagery, jumped and seized hold of his hand between the thumb and forefinger. A blue fish has razor-like teeth and plenty of tenacity. This one had to be literally choked to death before he would let go.

Menhaden
For one day, at least, the menhaden boats came in last week with full catches. That meant mighty pleased crews and a quickening of interest on the part of people who understand how important this phase of the fishing industry is to Southport.

Doctors
Doctors are splendid fishermen and the presence of one or more members of the profession in many of the parties that come here is always welcomed. We felt personal disappointment when several full fledged medics came in one afternoon last week too late to go fishing. With Dr. William Doshier as host, the best they could do was a boat ride over the harbor and to Fort Caswell and the quarantine station. Those in the party were, Dr. J. Buren Sidbury, Dr. James F. Robinson, Dr. Donald Koonce, Dr. LeRoy Fergus, all of Wilmington; Dr. A. N. Johnson, of Garland; Dr. E. L. McLean and Dr. W. Z. Bradford, of Charlotte; Dr. R. B. Whitaker and Dr. W. E. Miller, of Whiteville. Dr. Frederick Bond, of Southport, was also in the boating party.

Visiting
Elton French, of the Robert Gaylord, Inc., St. Louis, Mo., is keenly bent on plenty of good fishing this summer. In an air mail, special delivery letter to the Civic Club Friday, he stated he was leaving St. Louis on the 18 for Southport, bringing his family. It is understood they will remain until September.

Disappointment
The first really disappointing deep-sea fishing expedition of the year had the Wilmington Port Commission as hosts. And it was through no fault of the hosts

**Our Washington
LETTER**

(By National Editorial Ass'n.)
Washington, June 16.—Violence of labor strikes in various sections of the country, which have local law enforcement authorities at their wit's end, provokes uneasiness in Congressional and Administration circles. The politicians are worried at the rising tide of public resentment as embattled strikers make their influence felt in the everyday life of a citizen by shutting down power lines and transportation systems, threatening the supply of necessities. The tide has not reached sufficient proportions to scare the lawmakers into amending their latest batch of laws to the extent of imposing legal responsibilities on union leaders as now demanded of employers.

Final Word
On the contrary, a reading of the cards this week shows that Messrs. Green and Lewis will have the final word in revision of the pending hour and wage regulation bill. Hearings on this highly controversial measure will be concluded shortly, but the two committees of Congress will require several sessions behind closed doors to put the finishing touches on the latest adventure in social legislation. Oddly enough, partisan lines are forgotten but sectional wage scales are dominant factors.

Prices And Profits
It is in the winter books that the next ordeal ahead for business is an Administration bill for control of prices and profits. The theory is that living costs will advance so far during the intervening months that Congress will be under pressure to "do something." The idea broached in private talks is the enactment of a Federal licensing bill giving the central government authority to lay heavy hands on all forms of business. It is reported that many features of the Wallace agricultural program now before the Senate and House will be scrapped until next winter. The story is current that the farmers are so busy with their normal affairs that they have given little or no support to plans of the bright young men for "more benefits and more control of crops from Washington."

Central Power
Back of all the hemming and having on reorganization of government departments is a fundamental line of cleavage between two political philosophies, such as raked the country decades ago. The old issue of centralized power and decentralization has cropped out in the contest between President Roosevelt and Senator Byrd, of Virginia, two Democrats. Two rival plans for revision of government agencies are floating around the Capitol, but the conflict over principle may delay Congressional action until the next session. It seems that Mr. Roosevelt had a special commission which recommended vesting greater power in the Chief Executive and having a post-audit of expenditures by abolishing the office of Comptroller-General. Senator Byrd and his committee felt that another study was necessary and authorized the famous Brookings Institution to make a survey for the legislature. The result was a series of recommendations designed to promote both economy and efficiency consolidation of bureau activities, whereas the President's handpicked group admitted that their plan called for more efficiency than savings. Another sore spot was the Byrd advocacy of pre-audit as a means to check extravagance in government expenditures.

Report Number 10
Hence, we find Report Number Ten of the Brookings' investigators to the Byrd Select Committee raising plenty of political dust. Admitting that the arguments of the President's own commission for centralizing legislative power in the White House had some merit, the Senate agents contend there are "even stronger arguments against such centralization." They openly question the right of Congress to delegate such wide power to the President and insist that the Chief Executive "is subject to almost no judicial control nor can he be made financially responsible for his executive acts, while the independent board and commission are subject to a strict control by the courts." The strategy of Mr. Roosevelt is apparently to sell only a portion of

that only a relatively small number of fish were taken. The party planned trolling for blues and mackerel, a variety of fishing for which there should never be more than six persons engaged on one boat. Through a lack of understanding this party went out from here—15 fishermen on one boat and 12 on another. They had a good time and remained out all day but the results in the way of fish were not so good. The party included: W. L. Brinkley, J. F. Nichols, W. S. Hires, M. R. Banner, W. O. Holland, Jr., C. W. Strickland, all of Greensboro; T. M. Foulks, G. H. Kallan, R. A. Norcom, Don Cameron, E. P. Whitaker, J. B. Davis, G. D. Moody, C. Ben Shisler, D. W. White, all of Charlotte; M. T. Shepherd, Durham; E. M. Moore, Burlington; F. M. Youngblood, Concord, and J. F. Oglesby, Kinston.

But It's True

THERE WERE NINE DIFFERENT UNITED STATES PENNIES COINED IN THE YEAR 1909!

BEDBUGS
DO NOT SPREAD DISEASE, AND ARE REALLY A GOOD INFLUENCE IN THE HOME!

LARGEST NEWSPAPER EVER PUBLISHED...
THE LONGVIEW, TEXAS, DAILY NEWS, OF MAY 31, 1936, CONSISTED OF 360 PAGES, WEIGHED SIX POUNDS.

Bedbugs are really very nice things to have around, if you do not happen to be rather vain. They eat food particles, wool-dust and other contributors to the general untidiness of the house. It was in 1909 that the Indian-head penny went out and the Lincoln-head penny came in. The great number of coins was because of difference in incidental markings.

his consolidation idea at this session on the theory that once the camel's nose is under the tent the next Congress will soon welcome the whole animal and forget Senator Byrd's defense of decentralized authority. Only the Supreme Court reform bill kept this issue seething beneath the surface.

Await New Year
Job-seekers are anxiously awaiting the new fiscal year beginning July 1. The appropriations for new activities will become available on that date, which accounts for the present scramble for patronage. The politicians are hunting the offices of Postmaster General Farley, chief dispenser at the pie-counter, in hopes of placing the names of their favored constituents on the eligible list for these bounties. The solons are under heavy pressure to rescue their favorites from the axe as agencies reduce their personnel when current appropriations expire June 30—the end of the fiscal year of 1937.

A tourist stopped his car on the road and asked a little country boy how far it was to Southville.

The little boy replied: "24,999 miles the way you're in", but if you turn around ain't but four."

**State Port Pilot
Photo Contest
Enter This Week
Closes August 1st**

Do you have pictures "That would be good for the paper?" We hope so, because we want interesting pictures from every section of Brunswick county. Suitable subjects are interesting people, scenes, objects or activities. Read the contest announcement in last week's paper for rules.

Get out your camera today and try for one of the 3 KODAKS that will be given as group prizes, and for the grand prize—RADIO.

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