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The trouble with a book worm is that he doesn't recognize anything that he doesn't see in a book.

Remember: Your friends may be laughing at you, not with you.

Pigskin is more popular than ermine during the fall season.

Optometrists are kept busy fitting glasses for eyes ruined by poor light.

Don't judge too hastily: What you think is plain goofiness may be budding genius.

If a good little man is as good as a good big man, then why do tackles weigh two hundred pounds?

Some people think that other people are hores because they won't let them do all of the talking.

Good health is gone before we appreciate it; and when we have it back again we usually are too busy to take time to be appreciative.

Then there's the fellow who nearly died with hay-fever after he married the grass widow.

No man is so ignorant that he doesn't know what he would do if he were in your place.

Some people make hay while the sun shines, but most sots in this county prefer "moonshine."

Our Visitors

Tomorrow night a large delegation of Wilmington Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Auxiliary will come to Southport to take part in a public ceremony which will be a joint installation of newly elected officers of the Brunswick County and New Hanover County Legion Posts.

Interesting plans have been worked out for this occasion, and indications promise a good time for all participants and spectators.

But more important in the long run is the friendly, co-operative spirit which makes this event possible. This is another step in cementing the friendship between the citizens of Southport and Wilmington.

Sandspurs

A program in which we have been keenly interested during recent weeks is that designed to control the maturing, and further spread of sandspurs.

The sandspur is the mosquito of the plant kingdom, and the difficulties of finally eradicating this pest present a problem almost as perplexing.

Off-hand, we'd say that this plan of cutting the grass before it matures, and burning the cutting, is about the best approved method.

Directed Program

At regular intervals there appear in The State Port Pilot news releases announcing vacancies in the U. S. Army, Navy or Marine Corps.

Some of our readers, no doubt, are inclined to wonder why so much space is devoted to these stories. Our purpose is to call the attention of young men to the possibility of securing permanent, gainful employment with a future.

We know the condition that often finds boys of high school age drifting aimlessly about, with no definite idea of what they want to do, nor of how to do it. Given a friendly steer in the right direction, these boys can be developed into the fine type of manhood that is the backbone of our nation.

Even though a career in the army, in the navy or in the marines may not be

attractive as a life undertaking, it still is true that unusual opportunities for learning a trade, or for advanced education, is offered ambitious youngsters who enlist in one of the three major branches of government service.

Be Careful

Hunters have a bad name with men whose duty it is to protect our forests against the annual ravages of forest fires. Careless smoking on the part of members of this fraternity, they say, are directly responsible for tremendous losses.

We hate to admit it, but this charge is not altogether groundless. Despite repeated warnings, there still are hunters who persist in being their own worst enemy by being responsible for the destruction of game, and setting fire to game food and cover.

When you go hunting this year, remember that your gun is not the only potential danger which you carry with you into the woods.

Will It Work?

Idaho is meeting an emergency with emergency treatment.

During the first six months of the year, Idaho's traffic deaths increased alarmingly. Idaho officials didn't attempt to correct the situation with talk and vague suggestions. Instead, the governor ordered the departments of public works and law enforcement to utilize their joint man power, finances and equipment for the purpose of properly policing and supervising roads. Vacations of all patrolmen were cancelled, and seven new officers were added. Additional patrol cars equipped with radios, loud speakers and special lighting devices, were purchased.

It is too early to know the result of this emergency action, but Idaho is doing something. Traffic deaths and accidents have increased lately in most all states. Sporadic safety campaigns are started in bursts of enthusiasm that soon die. Brief law enforcement drives are instigated and then forgotten. And the accident toll soars.

Dismissing all humanitarian considerations, and looking at the accident problem from the economic standpoint alone, accident reduction is a burning necessity. Last year the direct cost of highway accidents was more than a billion and a half dollars—and the indirect costs were several times as great. Today we actually spend half as much money, directly, to pay for accidents, as we pay for gasoline. The average cost is \$43.00 per family per year.

Will Idaho make a dent in highway slaughter? Other states should watch the experiment.

Farm Outlook Good

Even as agriculture is dependent on industry to absorb the products of the farm, so is the urban United States vitally dependent on rural, farming America to provide a gigantic market for the products of its factories—everything from pins to motor cars.

As a result, it is as important to industry and finance as to agricultural America itself to have some reasonably accurate idea of what farm income in the immediate future will be; what change, if any, has occurred in farm operating costs that would affect net income; what farming states will be the most prosperous and so constitute the largest and most profitable market for manufactured goods, etc. Business Week has recently made a highly inclusive report on "The Farm Market Today—and Tomorrow."

This will be the best agricultural year, from the point of view of gross income, since booming 1929. This does not mean that the agricultural situation is vastly improved in every phase—some crops will command lower prices and in some states improvement has been relatively slight. But, looking at agriculture as a whole, 1937 should produce the first really good farm market of eight years.

Other factors beside higher income will exert a beneficial influence on agricultural purchasing power. The farm mortgage debt is about one and three-quarter billions less than it was in 1929. Interest rates have registered a decline and the carrying charge of this debt is now about \$400,000,000, as against \$700,000,000 in 1929. The 1937 farm tax bill will be more than \$150,000,000 under 1929 and farm wages, though they have shown a 20 per cent rise in the past year and a half, are one-third less than in 1929.

Taking all advantages into consideration, the amount of cash the farmers will have to spend this year may total \$6,600,000,000, as compared with 1929 spending of \$6,260,000,000. Lastly, the purchasing power of the dollar is still materially greater than it was.

ONE-MINUTE INTERVIEWS

(By W. B. Keziah)

"I want to congratulate the Southport Civic Club on its vigorous follow-up of matter released from this office."—Bill Sharpe of the State Advertising-News Bureau, Raleigh.

"One of the salesmen from Wilmington was telling me that every time he came to Southport he noticed how friendly the Civic Club secretary was to all strangers and visitors to Southport."—Mrs. D. M. Davis.

"We have certainly enjoyed our fishing trips to Southport."—Mr. Barrier, of the Pilot Life Insurance Company, Greensboro.

"Don't you think that a hundred and eleven thousand dollars in resources for a Building and Loan Association in a place the size of Southport is pretty good?"—J. E. Carr.

"Everywhere that I go I get inquiries about fishing at Southport from people who have never been here. At the same time I get untold words of praise from the people who have been here."—M. B. Watkins, Assistant Clerk of Court.

"Although there were minor problems attendant on the first month school work, we are greatly pleased at the results accomplished in September."—Miss Annie Mae Woodside, Supt. of Schools.

"I am glad to see so many farmers mopping up on the good tobacco prices this year."—Attorney Robert W. Davis.

"The Carolina Yacht Club, the New Hanover Fishing Club, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce have all been co-operating handsomely with Southport this year. Now comes the Wilmington Post of the American Legion, all prepared to do the same thing. We will gladly welcome the boys here Thursday night."—R. C. St. George, retiring commander of Brunswick Post American Legion.

"Except for a small section that was hit by a severe drought, Waccamaw township made the usual fine crop of tobacco this year and other crops were also good."—J. R. Simmons, postmaster at Ash.

"I don't think it is to the beauty and civic interest of Southport that so many circulars should be placed in the windows of business houses."—J. J. Loughlin, Sr.

"It looks now like we will be able to work out the Brunswick county debt service problem. I hope so."—R. I. Mintz, Register of Deeds.

"Eventually the welfare problem in this county will be worked out in a well planned system. The folks who need assistance will be taken care of and those who are not entitled to help need not expect to continue to be a burden to the tax payers of the county."—C. C. Russ, County Welfare officer.

"The Civic Club has certainly brought a lot of people to Southport this year and has paved the way for many more to come in 1938."—G. H. Hubbard.

"Those weather reports are important to the fishing industry."—Charles Hewett.

"We got one fine deer the day the hunting season opened."—Sasa Podale.

"There are so many fishing boats here now that they are making the water in the harbor rise."—Capt. Hulan Watts.

"Let's keep on going after folks to come to Southport and show them we are glad to have them here when they come."—J. A. McNeil.

"If there is anything in town that deserves support for what it has done, it is the Southport Civic Club."—John Ericksen, Mayor of Southport.

"The old Quarantine Station might make a good place to hold the summer camp of the Nautical School."—J. Berg.

The main cave at Mammoth Cave, Ky. is three miles long and varies in width from 4 to 125 feet.

Frantz Schubert began composing at the age of 16, and had written 600 pieces by the time he was 25.

Rufus Johnson, of the Governor's Island community in Swain County, has dug four trench silos this fall and says nothing beats silage as a winter feed for all cattle.

Randolph County farmers report the best lespedeza crop in years and say they will have much seed in addition to a fine crop of hay.

Just Among

The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

FISHING NOT OVER Up-state, where this time of the year finds the temperature a good deal lower than it is at Southport, there is a mistaken idea existing to the effect that the best of the coastal season is over. This idea is all wet. October, with good weather conditions, should offer the best trout fishing of the year. With the same weather conditions the sport extends through all of November and it may be kept in mind that Southport offers some sort of good fishing the year round.

ON RETURN CALL Officials of the Pilot Life Insurance Company at Greensboro spent the 25th and 26th of September here fishing and were so pleased with their visit that the first of October found them back for a return call. This time they remained over until the 4th. It will not be surprising if they show up again this week-end.

SOLD ON FISHING Attorney T. K. Carlton and other citizens of Salisbury are sold on the Southport fishing. This past weekend was the first in some time that failed to find them at Southport. To do the subject justice, Attorney Carlton called up Captain Bowmer Friday night and announced he was coming down to be in readiness to be the first party out Saturday morning. The skipper advised him to stay at home until the weather looked a little more promising.

HAS TO KEEP UP Frank L. Johnson, of Coca-Cola and other fame in Iredell county, claims to have discovered a super efficient brain trust at Southport this past summer. He claims that Captain Bonner Bussells, Captain Ike Davis, Captain H. T. Bowmer and one or two others constitute this trust. And he would not be set right in his opinion by the information that R. I. Mintz, L. T. Yaskell and Bunn Frink are the real things. Anyhow, Mr. Johnson has to come to Southport every two weeks to see how the fishing and the brain trust is getting along. Being one of the high thingumajigs of the bottlers association, Mr. Johnson has to attend the meeting at Asheville on the 14th and 15th in order to tell his fellow members about the Southport fishing. Right after that he is gathering up a bunch of cronies and coming down. Meanwhile, his State Port Pilot reached him late last week and without waiting for it to arrive he wrote this department and asked: "How the hell do you expect me to keep up with the brain trust if you do not send me my paper?"

POOR POGIE FISHING The menhaden, or pogie, boats just have not had any luck what they were last season and with little of this season remaining to go. Poor luck seems to have attended efforts elsewhere on the coast and it looks like up-state farmers who prefer fertilizers in which fish are an ingredient may feel the result of the poor fishing by increased demands on their pocket books next year.

WORTH A LONG TRIP To a person who has never seen the shrimp fishing, it is worth a long trip to Southport to see the trawlers come in with their catches during the late afternoon. From the time they quit trawling until they reach their docks it is a top-speed race to beat other boats in and take the first turn at unloading. The unloading and picking operations are not at all lacking in interest to spectators.

THANKS TO THE C. G. For their daily efficient service to the shrimp trawlers our compliments are forthcoming for Captain W. H. Barnett and his men at the Oak Island Coast Guard Station. With its one lifeboat this station is the most inadequately equipped on the Atlantic Coast, taking into account that it has to answer calls for 40 miles above and below Southport and out at sea in addition to protecting the vast number of local craft and these that are attracted here from other points by the shrimping industry.

TIME FOR A CHANGE July, August and September all brought continuous soupy weather, interspersed with gales. Conditions for fishing have not been at all propitious. Remembering what they have been through the fishermen are hoping for "bright, blue October weather" from now on.

Manchurian breed of hen lays quarter-pound eggs.

If Columbus Should Come Back



An airplane can cover in six hours the distance it requires a dog team 35 days to travel. Because they secured increased yields of corn this season from the growing and plowing under large crop this fall, Orange farmers are...

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