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We always feel sorry for a radio announcer who gives a colorful description of the next song on his program when the vocalist strides forward and sings something else.

The stay-at-home football fan has it all over his game-going neighbor in the few minutes immediately following the end of the game.

We already know most of the things a psychologist tells us, but he shows the importance of putting them into practice.

The nearer the opening day of hunting season approaches the more valuable a bird dog becomes. Some of the pre-season values are deflated on the first day.

The anniversary day dinner at Camp Sapona was another triumph for the boys who are on the mess staff. Those fellows should make some girl a good husband.

Compared to Pandora, Delilah—betrayer of Sampson—was a lady. The former is the one that opened the box to let out flies and mosquitos.

Gives Warning

From Mayor Ericksen comes a warning that fire hazards have been greatly increased with the return of cool weather. The mayor advises all home owners to investigate the condition of their chimneys and flues before firing up for the first time this fall.

There are many homes in Southport, he points out, that were built before new fire regulations were adopted. Residents of these places should be doubly careful.

There is a common practice in Southport of replacing burned out electric fuses with pennies. "Spend your pennies for candy or something," advises Mayor Ericksen. "Those fuses stand between you and possible fire hazard from power lines."

This is timely advice from Southport's mayor, and there can be no joy for volunteer firemen in being called from their beds one of these crisp, biting fall nights to fight a fire that was started through negligence.

On Approved List

In North Carolina there are 67 hospitals that are on the approved list of the American College of Surgeons; in the entire United States there are but 2,621 institutions with this rating.

The Brunswick County Hospital, at Southport, is on this list.

We doubt if residents of this county appreciate the true importance of this recognition. Possibly there will be a better understanding if a list of ten criteria observed in determining the rating of each hospital in summarized:

Work of Hospital Standardization, as follows:

- 1. A modern physical plant, assuring the patient's comfort and proper care. 2. Clear definition of organization, duties, responsibilities and relations in the hospital's constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations. 3. A carefully selected governing board with complete supervisory authority. 4. A competent, trained, superintendent responsible to the board for carrying out its policies. 5. Adequate and efficient personnel, properly organized and competently supervised. 6. Organized medical staff of ethical, competent physicians. 7. Adequate diagnostic and therapeutic facilities under competent medical supervision. 8. Accurate and complete medical records, readily accessible, for research and follow-up. 9. Regular group conferences of the administrative staff and of the medical staff for reviewing activities and results so as to maintain a high plane of scientific efficiency.

10. A humanitarian spirit—the primary consideration is the best care of the patient.

Definite Stand

President Roosevelt's recent speech on world affairs, in which he disapproved dictatorships and proposed a virtual quarantine of warring powers, is perhaps the most important international event of many months. It was greeted with almost unanimous praise in this country. It charted a definite course which this government is apparently prepared to follow. It was direct, aggressive and, for the head of a government, extremely daring. In the view of the experts, it is believed certain that the British and possibly the French foreign offices were consulted before the speech was made, and that the plan of action laid down by the President is approved by the three great democracies of the world.

Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion is as simple as it is revolutionary. In effect, he said that it might be necessary to place a towering commercial wall around the nations which are responsible for today's war scares and war prospects. Peaceful nations would refuse to export to these countries, and they would not import from them. Little by little, as supplies on hand dwindled, the belligerent powers would find themselves lacking in the raw and finished materials which are essential to life both in peace and in war. Thus, faced with want and privation, they would find it impossible to pursue their dreams of conquest.

The President did not mention any country by name. But it was obvious that he was referring to three powers: Japan, Italy and Germany. Italy has taken over Ethiopia, in disregard of all treaties, by force. Japan is attempting to achieve a similar victory in rich North China. And Germany, with Hitler as its spokesman, makes no secret of the fact that it regards colonial expansion as essential.

The world effect of such a declaration of potential policy would have been nowhere near as great had it come from the head of any other country. We are remote from all other major powers. We are peacefully inclined. We are one of the two nations which are economically self contained—that is, which possess within their territorial borders the resources needed to provide every necessity and most of the luxuries of modern life. And, for the past few years, we have been the great question mark in international affairs—we have moved slowly, said little and have kept aloof from participation in world events.

The strength of an alliance between the democracies and Russia is impossible to exaggerate. From either the economic or military standpoint, they are immensely superior to the dictatorships. Japan, Italy and Germany must import tremendous quantities of the basic commodities in order to exist. They must export their own specialties, such as silk and olive oil and wine, in order to obtain foreign credits. Close the world's markets to them, and at the same time forbid them to buy in the democracies, and they would be ruined. And, should they elect to fight, every recognized military expert is certain that they would be doomed to quick and crushing defeat. The U. S. and England have the greatest navies afloat. Russia has the largest and best equipped standing army in the world. The dictatorships have nothing to match these instruments of force.

At existing meat prices, if Mary had a little lamb today, she'd be well-nigh a millionaire.

The divorce courts are full of people who remember Patrick Henry's speech about liberty, perhaps.

Human nature doesn't change much through the ages. Didn't Eve fall for the "Big Apple" too?

And if prisons get much nicer, how long before the inmates will be snubbing the folks back home.

The Japs are wasting their time fighting on Saturdays. The people are interested in pigskins and not pigtailed then.

Some people hope for a legislature with courage next year. They no doubt go chasing the ends of the rainbow too.

They're recording big city noises now, and they'll perhaps all be in the No. 1 jazz tune for 1938.

Some of our favorite comedians should remember the saying "Laugh and the world laughs with you," doesn't apply to comedians.

Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. E. KEZIAH)

Retrospective

Looking backward over the 1937 sport fishing, one sees continuous unfavorable weather since the 4th of July. It has been the worst weather for this kind of fishing that Southport has had in many years. There would come 2 or 3 days of fine weather then, just when a deluge of up state sportsmen started down, here the winds would get contrary and call off their sport. Despite the bad weather, the season was better than that of four or five previous years put together. Some wonderful catches were made, hundreds of up-state people learned of our fine fishing for the first time. Coming back to Southport another year, as they assuredly will do, they will bring friends in countless numbers and it can now be said that Southport is well on the road to become the most renowned sport fishing point on the North Carolina coast.

Need New Hotel

Although the development of the sport fishing is assured, the thing that will give the greatest speed to development is the construction of a moderate sized, modern hotel at Southport; with a good sized auditorium or dining room in which convention and associations may meet. There are any number of organizations that would gladly make Southport the point for their yearly gathering if adequate facilities were available. The writer can say this because he has frequently been queried about the ability of the town to accommodate gatherings, some of which would have made over 350 people paying guests in the town for several days. The pointing out of the great need for a hotel is not done with any idea of reflecting on the present facilities. The thing at issue is that the city sadly needs more, and more modern facilities. These facilities must be provided. For those who provide it there is a huge volume of business waiting.

Need Contacts

Last week a party of men came down from Salisbury to go outside fishing. They arrived at noon, without having contacted any one here or engaged a boatman for the next day. Sometimes such a plan has worked out all right. In this case it happened that when they arrived here all the boats that cater to fishing parties had already been chartered. Unable to get a boat, the party left here at dark to drive 150 miles up the coast to try their luck at another point. Subsequently we learned that the weather was too rough for fishing at this up state point and that the party finally arrived back at Salisbury, after a circuit of hundreds of miles and without having caught a fish. Had this party contacted the Southport Civic Club by letter, post card or wire a day before it came here, a boat would have been chartered and all other desired arrangements would have been made for it without any charge for the service. Unless they have their own arrangement fishing and other parties to Southport should contact the Civic Club for any little service needed.

Plenty Fishing Ahead

Unless the weather develops into unexpected roughness and an early winter makes its appearance, there is still a lot of fine fishing to be had at Southport during 1938. As a matter of fact, there is fine fishing all winter when the weather will permit. After the trout season is over late in November the sea bass fishing will be at its best whenever the weather will permit boats going out. And the up-state fishermen should not forget that Southport has very little winter. Late in February or early in March finds game fish biting again and some of the greatest catches of the year may be made. Unless our memory serves us wrong, the biggest catch of trout made during 1937 was in March.

More Boats In 1938

While the boats that catered to the 1937 fishing parties are very much to be congratulated for the efficient and painstaking care and attention they showed their customers, the fact can be pointed out that we will need more boats to be available in 1938. Just as soon as things slack up a bit every possible effort should be put forward towards getting this year's craft in fine shape for next year. And the folks who have an established list of customers can depend on plenty of additions next year. It may be a wise move for some of these party boatmen

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, October 25— Factionalism which has been rampant for many months is expected to reach new heights at the special session of congress, which convenes next month. It is these pronounced outcroppings of feeling that makes the program of the legislature uncertain. Preliminary surveys and prophecies by the Administration and the opposition scouts are of little value. Checking on sentiment among lawmakers via long-distance is unsatisfactory and futile. The intimate chats with faction leaders in the privacy of cloakrooms during the early days of the session will afford the only true picture of the political moves which will find support. Keeping warring cliques in line on questions of general policy at the Capitol is comparable to finding a solution for bitterness which has disrupted a household . . . and the lot of the peacemaker in each case is far from happy.

Bloc leaders are now trying to find an olive branch which will pave the way for the early enactment of the troublesome wage and hour bill. If this stalemate is overcome in the early days of the gathering then the task shouldered by the Congressional captains will be greatly lightened. As a gesture toward an amicable adjustment of differences, a bill bearing the name of Representative Arthur P. Lamneck, Democrat of Ohio, has been privately circulated in hopes of enlisting votes. The substitute lacks the drastic provisions of the Black-Connelly labor standards measure, which passed the Senate only to run into a snag in the House Rules Committee. It is doubtful, however, that Administration forces would accept the proposal as the Lamneck idea is based on fair trade practices among employers. It is patently contrary to some of the board purposes of the original measure sent up from the White House last spring in an effort to raise standards of living in areas where workers are paid less than forty cents an hour and work in excess of forty hours a week.

The petition to discharge the House Rules Committee from consideration of this controversial measure has less than 100 signatures of the 218 necessary to bring the matter before the House for a vote. Effective pressure against two members of the committee forcing a change of front would also achieve the same result. It is generally known that the rank and file of the House would like to avoid a parliamentary situation where in a record vote would be required. All factions seem agreed on one point . . . that a recorded vote on this major issue on the eve of the election is neither necessary or desirable. The dopsters on Capitol Hill, who specialize in labor matters, are not in accord as to the ultimate position of organized labor. The feud between the Lewis and Green camps, which is now raging, will eventually have a bearing on the conduct of the House. If the Southern contingent can be brought into line on a compromise amendment taking care of their objections then this Administration measure has a chance. Measures which contemplate the extension of a government strait-jacket over workers and employers are not as popular now as in the heyday of the N. R. A.

Government agencies have been wondering if the panic conditions which threatened Wall Street will require a marked alteration in their plans for business control measures. The lawmakers would be the first to advocate a more temperate tone from Federal agencies, especially if it could be proven that legislative policies hastened a collapse of the securities market and expedited the return of the depression. A condition hinting at bad times for 1938 has all solons in a jittery mood for more than a third of the Senate and the entire House membership must go before the hustings next year. Incumbents do not fare well with the voters when factories are shut down and privation is just around the corner. Whatever drastic curbs the "brains-trusters" have in mind are not likely to find favor at the special or regular sessions.

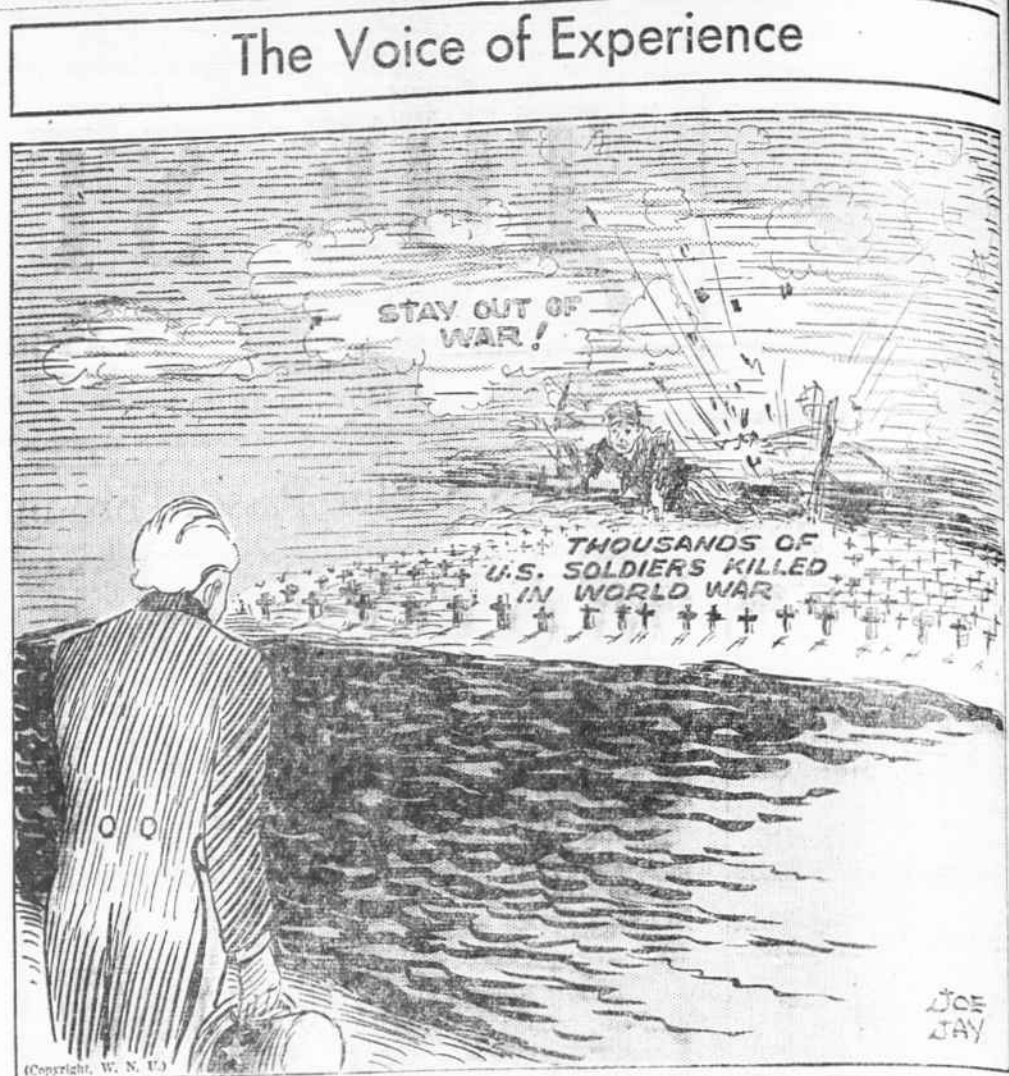
Bowled: "I understand Senator Green wanted you to act as his private secretary."

Simmons: "He did, but I simply couldn't accept the position, because I would have to sign everything Green per Simmons."

to put additional craft into service for next year. If they do not someone else is certain to do that to supply the need that will undoubtedly present itself.

Fast Fishing Boat

A Florida sport fishing craft spent Friday night here. For her size she was the most elaborate and speedy craft of its kind that has ever docked at Southport. She came down the river at such a speed that she was practically invisible because of the foam that surrounded her. Inquiry of the crew revealed that she had a cruising speed of 38 miles per hour, and that is fast time for a fishing boat. She was all rigged out for big game.



Teacher: "Is there anything Benjamin Franklin never asked or received a patent of any of his inventions." Pupil: "There's Santa Claus". Some types of engines can be cured by such impulses.

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