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Most of the advice that people give you is some they never have used themselves.

Some people we know must have plenty of sense; they never have used any.

At this season of the year we wish that everybody in the world had everything they need.

Church attendance is circumscribed by severe weather limitations; it must not be too hot, nor too cold, nor too rainy nor too windy.

Happiness may be bought on the installment plan, with a bright smile and a cherry greeting as the regular payments.

To want that which we cannot have is a fine stimulus for ambition.

At this season it is well to remember that there is a wide realm of difference between Christmas spirit and Christmas "spirits".

War Rages

We wish that every person in Brunswick county who is mature enough in his thinking to properly estimate the horrors of war could have an opportunity to see a news reel movie of the Chinese-Japanese war.

Soldiers by the thousands are being slaughtered by the ingenious devices that man has designed to kill his brother, but it was not the soldiers front of the war that impressed us most.

Fleeing in all directions from a city being bombed by raiding airplanes are thousands upon thousands of women and children and elderly men. Their sole object in flight is escape from sudden death, and they go without hope of tomorrow.

Behind them in ruin and in flames are their homes, their stores, their factories—all that makes up a civilization.

War contains all the horrors ever ascribed it, and more.

Good Neighbor

As Christmas Day approaches and we see about us the evidences of poverty and hunger that exist in our community of comparative plenty it becomes our very earnest hope that our citizens will help this year to make the Yuletide a happy season for the less fortunate.

Not so long ago there existed in each community a feeling among the more well-to-do citizens that it was up to them to provide for their indigent neighbors. Particularly was this generous feeling prevalent at Christmas time.

For the past few years, though, it has become the accepted custom to shift the burden to government relief organizations. Those who were unable to make the necessary contact with these agencies were left in a sad plight, for there has been little personal sympathy.

For various reasons we cannot afford to lose our sense of responsibility for the welfare of our fellows. It is not enough that the government should look after an individual case that may come to our attention. The red tape ground out by these agencies is poor substitute for food for hungry children, nor does it knit itself into garments that will warm and protect chill bodies.

We have reached a sad state when we can easily shift a burden from our conscience to the conscienceless machinery of a government organization.

A Lesson In Victory

Missouri's Kansas City is not unused to celebrating achievement in traffic control. Last year it climaxed its efforts in traffic control by winning the National Safety Council's safest city award for

cities of 250,000 to 500,000 population. Proud as they were of that distinction, Kansas City's citizens recently celebrated what to them was an even greater accomplishment: The close of a year in which no child of school age was killed in a traffic accident. That is a large order in a city of 68,000 homes—how large can be appreciated by harking back to 1926. In that traditionally "norm" year, Kansas City lost 18 children in traffic accidents. That meant the loss of a child life every twenty days. Kansas City saw in this toll a spectacular manifestation of a traffic situation that greatly needed improvement all along the line. The city rolled up its sleeves and went to work.

It was an up-hill struggle, a fight against the odds shaped by mounting automobile registration and mileage, and a growing city. But Kansas City's traffic program, hammering on a broad front, was too soundly executed to be denied. Enforcement, engineering, school safety education, and community adult education were forged into an effective weapon of control. Gradually, traffic conditions improved. Child fatalities went down to 6 a year, then lower. Finally, eight months after the year in which Kansas City won national distinction in traffic control and safety, it attained the goal which it had pursued through eleven years of steady progress: A year without a single child fatality.

Two lessons are to be gained from Kansas City's record. The first is that traffic safety is not a matter of luck, but rather the logical result of a long-term, intelligently planned, effectively administered program.

The second lesson is that any city that wants enough to do what Kansas City has done, can do it.

Some Shop Talk

Newspaper publishers will, at the beginning of the new year, face an added cost of production and one which cannot be avoided. There will be a general advance in the cost of newsprint (the paper used in printing the news) and this means that it will cost the publisher considerably more money to send his newspaper to each subscriber.

The Canadian paper manufacturers have a monopoly on newsprint, practically all the paper used in printing newspapers in the United States coming from that country. The advance in price will have to be met by the publishers, even at a time when conditions would warrant a decrease rather than an increase.

Many newspapers are passing the additional cost on to their readers, through an increase in subscription price, which is right and proper. When merchandise costs merchants more it is but natural that the increase be passed on to the consumer. In fact, it has to be done if the merchant is to remain in business.

We do not anticipate, for the time being at least, increasing the subscription price of this newspaper—but with the added cost of newsprint, it will be necessary that all subscriptions be paid in advance. Of course, we do not want to lose a single member of our large family of readers, and we are asking that they renew promptly and thus help us to meet the increased cost of publication.

The Country Backbone

The Asheville Times. With only praise for the New Deal's promise of more security for the underprivileged "one-third" of America, The New York World-Telegram nevertheless puts in a timely word in behalf of that voiceless tremendous middle class group composed of salaried workers, professional men and women, small business men and other of the same status.

Wage-workers have their unions, says The World-Telegram, their social security and other economic protection. Six million farmers have become objects of solicitude by Congress and the executive departments. The citizens of the upper income brackets can manage somehow. But this middle class has no lobby.

This is the class that suffers first and most. The World-Telegram continues, when taxes or prices go up. Under inflation their savings would be wiped out. Yet it is this vast group that pays most of the taxes, owns most of the homes, contributes most for the support of charities, represents most of the nation's buying power or the lack of it.

It is difficult to imagine this long-suffering class doing anything more for its advancement than continuing its burden-bearing. Yet The World-Telegram looks at Germany and Italy, remembering that there the middle class at last revolted under the lash of inflation and in the fear of communism. That newspaper warns the nation that the pressure groups might squeeze the middle class so hard that it would accept fascism as a hope of deliverance.

Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. B. FEZIAH)

SUGGESTS NAME

W. T. Combs of Leaskville, widely known sportsman with much big game fishing experience in Florida and elsewhere, writes the Civic Club that he can be counted on for the big game fishing Rodeo in the spring. "Only thing," he says, "we should get an original name for the event in place of rodeo. Call it 'Southport's Sea Fishing Frolic,'" says he. The suggestion of Mr. Combs is a good one. Mr. Combs does much feature work pertaining to outdoor life for the newspapers. He did much to make surf fishing at Oregon Inlet and Bogue Inlet, in this state, famous. His extensive knowledge of the habits of the big game fish and also of the North Carolina coast convinces him that Southport has something truly wonderful in big game fishing to offer the sportsmen. He says if he can he will surely be here for the "Southport Sea Fishing Frolic" and will do all possible to help put it over.

WANTS FISHING STORIES

"Send us all the fishing stories you can get hold of, they will all do much to help put over the big game fishing rodeo in the spring." So wrote J. C. Baskerville, well known Raleigh newspaper man, to the Civic Club recently. Mr. Baskerville has committed himself wholeheartedly to doing all he possibly can in furtherance of the "Southport Sea Fishing Frolic", or rodeo.

SAVE HIM SOME FISH

Writing with respect to Camp Sapona, Congressman J. Bayard Clark deviated from the subject of his letter last week long enough to politely request that Southport folks save him some of those drum that they have been catching out at Sheriff Lewis' place on Walden's Creek. In other words, he hopes that all of the fish will not have been caught by the time he can get away from his duties at Washington and come home for some "nigger" fishing. By "nigger" fishing, it should be known that he means fishing with a cane pole cork and line. On his trips to Southport this fall the Congressman insisted on using the above implements. He scorned rods and reels. To his credit it can be said that he always caught more than anyone else in the party. He coined the name "nigger" fishing himself.

GOOD MENHADEN CATCHES

For the first time this year the Southport menhaden boats made splendid catches each day that they were able to go out the past week, and they were able to go out five times during the six working days. Some of the fishermen say that each day they found such large schools of fish that only one set of the net was ample to load the boat. Often they had to open the net, after loading the boat, and turn loose about as much fish as they took aboard.

GOOD AND BAD

Shrimp trawlers experienced both good and bad luck the past week. With the price of the product \$4.50 per bushel, it did not take very many bushels to pay handsomely for the work. Some of the boats would get around 20 bushels in a day and others would get practically nothing. If the weather holds out good this week, the fishermen think that all boats should do well.

NO EELS SO FAR

Tentative experiments by T. D. Worth and helpers have revealed that eels are not at all anxious to go into the pots of traps. Mr. Worth attributes this condition to the excessively cold weather that prevailed all of last week and he expects to catch them in abundance when it turns warmer. As was stated in last week's paper, he plans to open an eel smokery at Southport. He will ship his product to northern and western cities that have large foreign population. Among these people eels are very much in demand and Mr. Worth, who came here from Long Island, N. Y., expects to carry on a pretty large business the year round. After being caught, the eels are smoked over hickory-wood fires for about five hours before being ready for shipment.

STILL OPERATING

Six of Southport's eight shrimp buying houses are still operating, despite the lateness of the season. Usually all are closed about the first of December.

Bladen cotton growers report increased yields amounting to an average of about one-half bale of lint cotton per acre as a result of treating the planting seed last spring.

Southport School News

RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP

This year the Southport School was 100% in joining the Red Cross. Each room received Red Cross Seals for the door, in recognition of its membership.

At the suggestion of our Principal, it has been decided that, instead of the different grades exchanging gifts this Christmas, each grade will make up a box filled with food, clothes, or toys which will be given to the poor families of the community.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

Monday morning the Senior Class, under the supervision of Mrs. Josephine Marshall, presented a short one-act play entitled "The Play's the King." This entertaining skit was given to advertise "The Haunted Castle," the first senior class play to be presented in several years. "The Play's the King" depicted a group of high school students conversing in the school library, regarding the strange actions of some of the Seniors. It was finally discovered that the students were practicing for the class play.

Those in the cast of the skit were: Ethel Bogie, Clyde Swain, James Hood, Dan Wells, Louise Niernse, Norma Johnson, Egan Hubbard and James McKeithan.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball teams of Southport high school played the Bolivia High School girls Tuesday night Dec. 7. They went in to the game ready to win, but sorry to say, they didn't. It was a good game from start to finish. The lineup for Southport was: Louise Niernse, captain-forward; Lulu Brown-center forward; Clyde Swain-forward; Leatha Arnold-forward; Annie Laurie Willis-guard; Margaret Watts-guard; Annie Margaret Watts-guard. Friday night, Dec. 10, they went to Wampee, S. C., to play basketball. The lineup was practically the same as Tuesday night. During the first half of the game they played three-division ball and the last half two-division. Although they lost the game, they enjoyed playing the Wampee girls.

BOLIVIA NEWS

Bolivia, Dec. 15—The Bolivia P-T. A. met Thursday night, December 9th.

Mrs. D. R. Johnson, the president, called the meeting to order and gave a brief talk on the purpose of P-T. A.

A very attractive program "Christmas Around the World" was given by a group of high school students under direction of Mr. Ceasareo.

After the program the business meeting was held. Twenty-four new members were added.

Mrs. Stone, efficient manager of the lunch room, reported a profit of \$20.00 for the P-T. A. The first aid supplies were replenished to the amount of \$1.64.

It was voted at this meeting to use money from the treasury for other play equipment for the grammar grades. At a previous meeting \$34 was voted to build out door play equipment for the primary grades. This money came as a surplus from the advertising secured during the summer to buy stage scenery.

This scenery was in place when school opened and has added much to chapel programs this term. The school wishes to express appreciation to the committee, composed of Mrs. George Cannon, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, D. R. Johnson, B. R. Page, Early and Troy Danford, for their untiring efforts to secure this scenery and play equipment.

The date of association meeting was changed from the first Friday to the first Thursday night of each month.

On Saturday, December 4th, the Bolivia P-T. A. served lunch to the county council of P-T. A. and visitors.

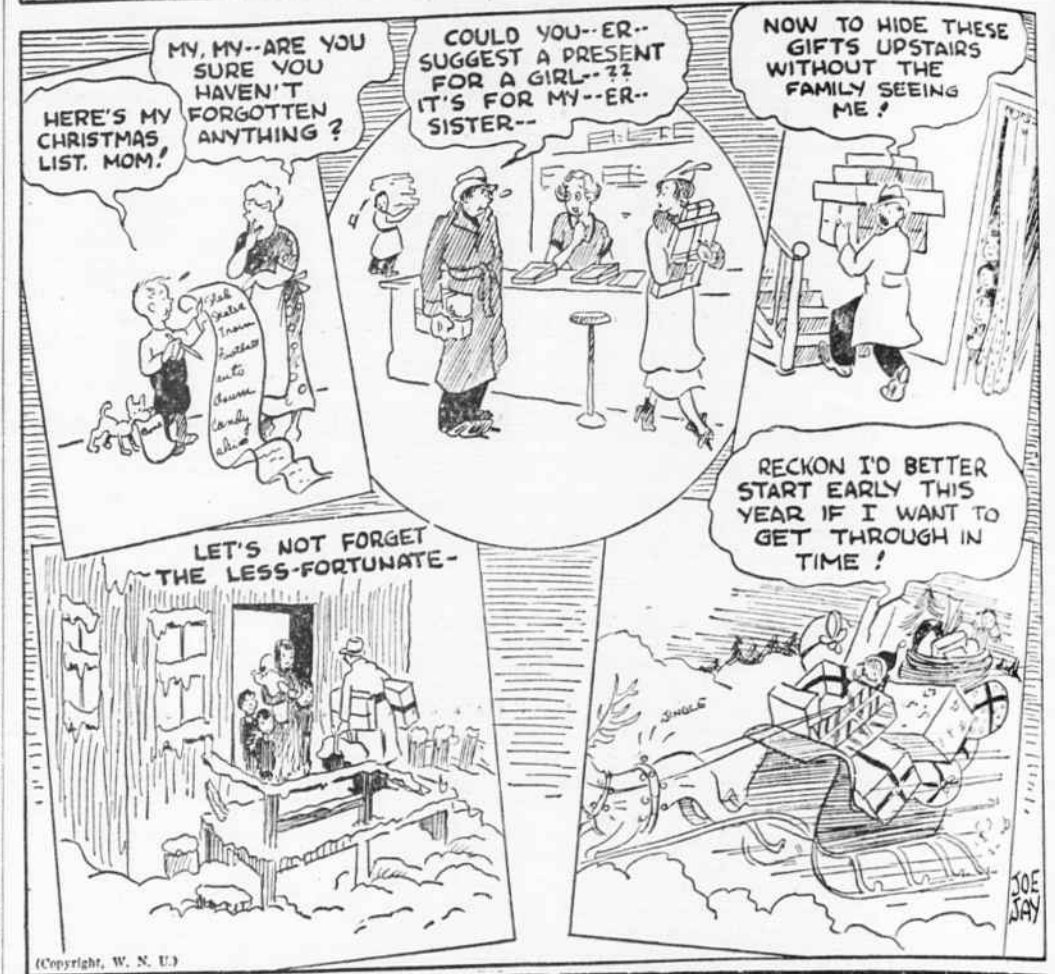
This meeting was attended by representatives from each P-T. A. in the county. A quartet from the Bolivia Home Demonstration Club furnished music for the occasion. Dr. Blanton, pastor of First Baptist church, Wilmington, gave an interesting and delightfully entertaining talk on "The Modern Trend in Education."

Bolivia, Dec. 15—The Epworth League of the Bolivia Methodist church will present a Christmas pageant, "Light of the World", on Sunday, December 19th, at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The pageant is in six scenes. First is the voice of prophecy, comforting desolate Israel. Second is the voice of Gabriel, heard of Holy Mary fair. Third is in the night all still, where angels to the shepherds sing. The fourth is in the Orient far, where three wise kings their Lord await and then in David's Bethlehem children hear of the holy birth. Last to the lowly manger home where lies the prince of humble birth, shepherds, kings and children come to bear his light through all the earth.

The following program will be given: Reader, Ruth Taylor. Pianist, Juanita Cannon. Mother, Catherine Cannon. Child, Vivian Hand. Father, Bryant Danford.

Christmas Previews



Phophet, Hugh Mercer, Mary, Miss Bobbie Thorpe, Joseph, Kenneth McKeithan, Gabriel, Lucy Hand, Three Kings, Balthazar, E. G. Gibson, Gaspard, Leon Leonard, Melchoir, Ed Mercer, Shepherds, Jabal, Charles Robbins, Simon, Andrew Lesh; Samuel, Hudson Thorpe, Sarah, Amelia Malpass, Joel, Jack Stone, Rachel, Dollie Mercer, David, Lowell Mercer, Angels, Elsie Mercer, Catherine Malpass, Gladys Mercer, Mildred Mercer, Catherine Stone, Ernestine Mercer, Choir, Mrs. Earl Danford, Mrs. Leon Galloway, Mrs. Johnnie Hand, Mrs. Alex Mercer, Mrs. J. W. Danford, Mrs. Boyd McKeithan, Directors, Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Taylor. The public is cordially invited to come and worship. Misses Jane and Jennie Cannon spent last week-end in Wilmington with their aunts, Mrs. Summer and Miss Elizabeth Cannon.

Winnabow News

Winnabow, Dec. 15—Rudolph Fulcher, Jr. and Bubber and Lu Newton of Southport spent the week-end with their grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Knox, at Elpaso.

J. L. Henry, W. C. Savage, J. N. Sowell and R. L. Sullivan spent Wednesday in Southport attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Livingston and Madames Ruark and Livingston of Southport were visitors here Wednesday.

Sergeant Lee Kye left Thursday night for Pittsboro.

Madames Hall, Cranmer and Mintz of Southport were visitors here Friday.

A telegram Friday evening from Thomas A. Henry, Charleston, S. C. to his mother stated he left Friday afternoon on U. S. Transport Chateau-Thierry for Hawaii. All his friends wish him much success.

Henry Flowers, who died at County Home last week was buried Thursday morning in the Vines grave yard here. Preston Savage of U. S. E. D. Comstock, Morehead City spent the week-end here at his home.

Charlie Gause of Southport was a visitor here Monday collecting taxes.

G. K. Lewis returned Saturday from Sanford, Florida and left Monday for Georgetown, S. C. in interest of Fairbanks-Morse Co.

Miss Bertha Reid spent Saturday in Wilmington shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDougald and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodbury and little son of Wilmington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Odel Evans have moved to Lanvale. Friends will be sorry to learn Miss Ida Moore Willetts is quite ill in Philadelphia, Pa.

Everett Wilson of Wilmington was a visitor here Monday en route to Florida.

R. E. Sentelle was a visitor here Tuesday. Talmadge Willetts of Philadelphia, Pa. is visiting relatives here.

Madison county farmers, cooperating with the farm agent to conduct definite demonstrations this year, have used 47 tons of ground limestone.

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