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We wish the firecracker season and the Bill Payne scare hadn't arrived at the same time.

Modern version: "Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a can of dog food."

Americans like to be fooled so well that they spend half their time kidding themselves.

The trouble with traveling backward is that you never see where you are going, just where you have been.

The large schools of menhaden came along just in time to make this a Merry Christmas for our local fishermen.

It took the cold spell of the past week to make us appreciate the fine weather of the week-end.

The best use to which a bride can put a rolling pin is to make good biscuits and pastries.

The surest way to be credited with being an entertaining person is to be a good listener.

Keep news of your own illness to yourself. No one else will enjoy them half so much as you do.

It never does any good to lock the barn after the horses are stolen, unless in the meantime you've acquired some more horses.

They Need Your Help

Christmas holidays are "just around the corner". The yuletide spirit reigns supreme. Mistletoe, holly, and the pungent, fresh greenness of new-born Christmas trees will cheer millions of homes. Shops windows, chock full of all sorts of tempting gifts, bedecked with tinsel and trimmings, are exciting portents of the fun to come.

Adding to the general atmosphere, but in a more serious vein, are the tinkling bells of the Salvation Army, and the double-barred cross, emblem of the Anti-Tuberculosis movement, which is so familiar to all of us on the friendly little Christmas seals that ornament our packages and cards. Both of them appear at this time of year almost as magically as Santa Claus himself—and equally as indispensable as agents of good cheer.

Don't neglect either of them! They need your help, as do the souls less fortunate than yourself whom they represent, and whom they strive each year to bring within the great fold of gaiety which envelops the nation during the Christmas season.

None Too Bad

During this week's flurry over the supposed appearance here of Bill Payne and Wash Turner we heard one person state that "these men were just too dangerous to mess with; the best thing for our officers to do would be to leave them alone." That, of course, is not true.

It is a fact that these are dangerous men, but even they aren't too tough to handle. We do not list them as easy pickings for a two-man police staff, but the power of law enforcement agencies in this nation is far reaching, and there is co-ordination between every unit.

When the presence of the two most notorious North Carolina desperados was suspected here, local officers summoned the assistance of members of the State Highway Patrol. Confronted by any question of doubt, the patrolmen appealed to officials of their organization.

If the situation with Payne and Turner, or with any other group of outlaws in North Carolina gets out of hand, some way will be found to draw in the services of members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the criminal does not live who does not have reason to fear Uncle Sam's crack G-Men.

Untimely Loss

The CCC Camp has gone from Southport, and with it goes another important asset of Brunswick county.

Having as it does a large part of its area devoted to the production of forests, this county could ill afford to give up the services of the boys of the Civilian Conservation Corps, particularly just at the time when the forest protective program of the county was becoming a closely knit organization.

The work of giving adequate forest fire protection to the county in years to come would have been greatly simplified if the camp had been allowed to remain here unmolested for a few more months.

Sentiment has no place in business, so it is as an anti-climax that we add our regrets to expressions received from citizens of the community. It is doubtful that another unit of the Civilian Conservation Corps ever gained for itself higher rating than was enjoyed by Camp Sapona. Officers and men of the camp received a warm welcome to Southport, and no effort was ever spared to co-operate in every detail with any project sponsored by the local CCC organization.

In some towns and communities where the camps have been established, social barriers have been raised about the grounds by snobbish citizens. It shall always be gratifying to us to know that Southport received the boys of Camp Sapona on a plane of social neutrality, and that the boys responded by always conducting themselves as gentlemen.

A Christmas Warning

Believing that a warning about the hazards of fires at this season may save life and property, the National Board of Fire Underwriters has published a new eight-page leaflet entitled, "Keep Your Fires Friendly at Christmas Time."

The leaflet's cover displays a blazing Christmas tree. Inside a sketch pictures Santa Claus with beard and clothing afire. Additional sketches illustrate the hazards of nitrocellulose film in home movie projectors, inflammable decorations, and flimsy costumes.

A fatal fire resulting from the careless act of a smoker near a Christmas tree is described, and each holiday hazard is considered in turn. Included are fire dangers in homes, stores and public halls.

Fire control during the holidays, or any other season, is a simple matter—if you have the proper knowledge at your command. The National Board is performing a real public service in publishing these leaflets, which will go a long way toward assuring a really Merry Christmas—by keeping fire where it should be, in the furnace and under the turkey.

Cheap Labor

The many complications which arise over the prospect of the Black-Connelly wage and hour bill passing both houses of Congress, and receiving the final stamp of approval from President Roosevelt, seem destined to give Southern labor leaders many a headache before a workable plan presents itself.

Even Southern congressional leaders, most of them arch-foes of the bill, concede that it's passage is but a matter of a little time. The idea upon which the bill was based originally was all right—it was a fine theory.

But the measure as it reached the floor of the House last week seems little more than another piece of discriminatory legislation aimed directly at the industries of the South.

Governor Hoey very aptly commented in a speech last week that people of North Carolina did not want their state advertised as a place where "cheap labor" may be obtained in order to induce outside industry to locate here. We think that Governor Hoey in that statement voiced the sentiments of the entire state in that matter.

Our honest opinion has been and remains that North Carolina capitalists and the people of the state at large are desirous of seeing an elevation in the wage scale, and perhaps a reduction in the working hours. Surely, they are desirous of seeing such a transition as conditions merit it.

But the contention of Southern congressional leaders that there is no sound basis for the elevation of wages to a minimum of \$4.00 for all labor, seems certainly well founded.

What now, will be the effect of the measure? Something a little less drastic, a little more gradual, would have perhaps done much to improve the status of the wage earner in the south, but under the provisions of this nefarious measure, we have our doubts.

Just Among
The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

FAILED TO PROFIT

According to work received of the report made at the annual meeting in Morehead City last week, the Southport unit of the North Carolina Fisheries Inc., went in the hole to the tune of \$500.00 during this fall's operations. In contrast to the local loss the Morehead plant is said to have made a small profit. Inasmuch as the local plant only operated for the three best months of the shrimping season, various suggestions have been heard that the local loss may have gone to augment the alleged profits at Morehead City. John Sikes, former manager and president of the North Carolina Fisheries, Inc., resigned as president at last week's meeting. His resignation as manager sometime ago is understood to have followed upon his failure to be re-elected to that position.

GIVING AWAY FISH

Some handsome presents of menhaden, running into the thousands of dollars in value, were made from one boat to another operating off Southport last week. One day Captain John Erickson, of the W. P. Anderson, got his net pretty full. In fact, he loaded the boat to the point of sinking and the net was still pretty full. With a gesture of hospitality he invited the Mary Ellen, of Captain Fred Haynie, to draw along side and take what was left, some 350-thousand fish. Captain Haynie got them aboard and then made another set, only to have the hissing winch on his boat to break after another hundred thousand had been scooped aboard. With the winch broken and the boat incapable of taking on any more, Captain Haynie donated some 650 thousand fish to another ship from Morehead.

STILL MUCH ACTIVITY

Despite the fact that winter is here, waters around Southport are still witnessing much activity as scores of fishermen go out daily for shrimp, trout, mullets, drum and whatever there is to offer. The post season activities are said to have been netting quite a bit of extra money as the price of both shrimp and fish has been high. On account of Christmas this next week is expected to bring a drop in prices and a corresponding slow up in the activities of the fishermen. However, many of the fishermen are hoping for good catches and prices to return after the holidays.

PAYING RESPECTS

This column wishes to pay its respects to the menhaden fishermen who constitute a very important part of the Southport fishing. Some days those fellows earn good money—and they deserve what they get. It is unfortunate that the big catches that they make during a day or two now and then should be heralded about as an example of their daily earnings. A few days in each season, a very few, the poorest paid men may get \$10.00 per day and up. Such good pay is always quickly nattered around and the fisherman is cited as a fortunate fellow. What his admirers do not hear of, is the countless days that must be spent each season in weary, fruitless patrols in search of fish. Often days and days may pass without his earning a cent. At the same time he may be beset with the most rigid hardships of weather. This column is glad that it knows something of both the good and bad side of fishing, and it wishes to pay its deepest respects to the white and colored menhaden fishermen who take the good and bad with-out a whimper.

PLENTY OF DUCKS

Southport fishermen say that the recent continued bad weather has resulted in an unprecedented number of ducks showing up all along the coast. Fishing boats plying up and down the coast are encountering the birds everything. Frequently, especially during an early cold morning or late afternoon, singles or a raft of the birds will refuse to take wing until a boat is almost upon them. Sometimes the singles absolutely refuse to take wing, preferring to dive and come up some distance away when a boat approaches too close. They all seem well fed and fat. Menhaden and shrimp from boats is believed to furnish quite an addition to their bill of fare, but they have to dispute with the thousands of gulls for possession.

The onion belongs to one of our oldest families; it is pictured on ancient Egyptian monuments.

Southport
School News

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

At a recent meeting of the Brunswick County Athletic Council, the athletic group voted unanimously to accept W. R. Lingle's offer of a Sportsmanship Award to be given each year to the school which was voted outstanding in sportsmanship. Principal Lingle announces the compilation of the rules governing this award. A copy of the rules is entered in this column.

RULES

The Trophy shall be awarded annually to the school receiving a plurality of votes cast by its opponents. No school may vote for itself.

2 Each school will have three (3) votes divided as follows: (A) boys coach; (B) girls coach or faculty advisor; (C) teams (boys and girls). In the latter case, the members of the two squads will vote by individual ballot; the ballots will be canvassed by the two coaches and principal and the school receiving a plurality of votes will receive the team's vote.

Factors to be considered in voting: (A) Conduct of team on the playing courts toward opponents and officials. (B) Conduct of team off court, in dressing rooms, about school grounds etc. (C) Conduct of fans toward home and visiting teams, visiting fans, and toward officials.

4 Following the close of the annual series Mr. Lingle will provide proper authorities with ballots on which to cast votes. These ballots will be turned over to the officers of the county Athletic Council, they will tabulate votes and announce the winner. All awards will be final.

5 In case of a tie, the two top schools will be eliminated from the voting, and the remaining schools will be asked to vote a second time. Should a tie still exist, the two top schools will be declared co-winners, and they may share the trophy as mutually agreed.

The trophy will be presented to the winning school after the close of voting, and will be held by that school until award is made the following year.

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Following is a note from Mr. Lingle to parents, patrons, teachers and pupils:

"Christmas has come once more the day devoted in both hemispheres to the Commemoration of Christ's Coming into the world. In cogitation of the unselfish service that you have afforded to our school community, I find in my heart an unusual amount of cheer and good will. I feel that your fine spirit of service, cooperation and altruism reflect in a large measure the life of the lovely Nazarene whose birth we now celebrate. So in the Name of the Prince of Peace, whose philosophy the world so needs in these chaotic times, I greet you and wish you the happiest holiday season. Let the radiance of Christmas joy pervade your lives. May it prove helpful to each of you to enjoy a Christmas, as you enjoy a New Year, as you never enjoyed before: May you be led to spend a Christmas rich in the humble charities that heal and bless; may you stand transfigured in the light that streams from the Manger Cradle the light of redemption, the light of duty, the light of life.

And so I repeat, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy prosperous New Year.

Very freely yours,
"W. R. LINGLE,
"Principal of Southport School"

Winnabow News

Winnabow, Dec. 22—V. C. Garner, of Leland, was a visitor here Wednesday.

Mr. Tom Peardrick, of Southport, visited his sister, Mrs. Bailey Sullivan, this week.

Mrs. Arthur Sawyert, of Burgaw, formerly Miss Norma Rowe, who taught school here at the old New Hope school several years ago, spent Wednesday night with Miss Josie Reid.

Messrs George Galloway and Willie Doshier, of Southport, were callers here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rehder, of Wilmington, were visitors here Thursday.

T. S. Memory, of Whiteville, was a caller here Friday.

The members of Winnabow Home Demonstration Club enjoyed a delightful Christmas party at the home of Mrs. G. T. Reid Friday evening.

G. A. Jones returned Saturday from a visit to his daughters, Mrs. D. R. Roberts, in Norfolk, Va.

Miss Emma Harrison arrived Saturday from Duke University to spend the holidays with her parents, Reverend and Mrs. J. C. Harmon.

Miss Mary Johnson returned Saturday from Montreat College to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Johnson.

Friends will be sorry to learn Mrs. E. W. Taylor has been quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tuck Savage, of Wilmington, were visitors here Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Boushee, of Wilmington, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zibelin Sunday.



Brown Explains
AAA Farm Plan

Smith Discovers That AAA Has Trained Men To Figure Up Acreage Farmers Should Plant In Certain Crops

John Brown has been telling Bill Smith about the program. Bill wants to find out more about it. The conversation continues:

Miss Grace Robbins, of New Bern high school faculty, and Miss Geraldine Robbins, of Meridith College, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Robbins.

Lucian Willetts and daughter, Mary Eka, of Greenwood, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Willetts.

Mrs. J. C. Nichols, of Southport, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. and A. P. Henry Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kye left Tuesday for Pittsboro.

Smith: "How do you know how many soil-building practices you need to carry out? Do they give you an allotment of soil-depleting crops?"

Brown: "They figure out how many soil-building practices you need on your land—they call this your soil-building goal."

"Then they figure out what would be your fair share of the soil-depleting crops that can be grown in this county, and they call this your soil-depleting goal."

Smith: "How do they go about figuring out a farmer's fair share?"

Brown: "Well, the AAA has trained men who are making a constant study of production and demand. They have records of what production and demand has been in the past, and they can make a pretty close estimate of what it will be in 1938."

"So they figure out how many acres of the different crops should be planted to supply the country with the various things needed for food and for industrial uses, plus what we can sell

to other countries."

Smith: "But how do they figure how many acres for each farmer?"

Brown: "They divide up the total acreage. So much for each State—then so much for each county."

"Then our county committee takes several things into consideration: the size of your farm, how many acres of soil-depleting crops it would be best for you to grow under a good cropping system, and also how many acres of cotton, corn, tobacco, wheat and other soil-depleting crops you have been growing."

"Taking all these things into consideration, and knowing how many acres are available for the county as a whole, they try to give each grower what would be his fair share."

Sunrise occurs half an hour earlier and sets half an hour later on top the Woolworth Building, New York City than it does in the rest of the city.

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