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A bird hunter usually storms at his dog worst right after he has missed a wide open shot.

People do not appreciate being criticized for faults which they are trying to cover up.

A Coal and Ice dealer has a crack at you with both barrels. Last week twenty-five pounds of ice would outlast a ton of coal.

Anybody who wants to get an eye-full has but to go to the beach or eat a grape fruit.

January 2 marks the beginning of the open season on New Year's resolutions.

Don't let half the truth make you angry.

What firecrackers are to Christmas, liquor is to New Year's: noisy and unnecessary.

Take time to be nice to persons whose station in life is more humble than yours; you never know when the positions will be reversed.

You never know where you will find a friend in need. Our last week's nomination for the nicest man is a life prisoner at one of the State Highway and Public Works Commission road camps.

Nine-hundred-ninety-nine times out of a thousand an automobile works perfectly; that thousandth time, though, is enough to make the helpless motorist wonder if the horseless-carriage really is practical.

Shrimp Catches

The way of the shrimp is unaccountable, and certain stages of the life cycle of this delectable crustacean have eluded the most intensive research of governmental scientists.

Nobody knows the reason for the unseasonable appearance here of large quantities of shrimp during the past few days. Perhaps Santa Claus was riding herd on them and headed them in here so local shrimpers could have a Merry Christmas. There may be natural reasons.

Whatever be the cause, Southport shrimpers are enjoying a pleasant recess from the mid-winter fishing slump.

Natural Enemies

Local sportsmen are somewhat alarmed over the scarcity of quail when there was every reason in the world to expect that they might be found in abundance this season.

Some believe that the increased number of hunters is what is cutting down the number of game birds, and one of the more pessimistic members of this school of thought said that "In ten years it will be as rare to kill a quail as it is now to kill a turkey."

We believe that most of the trouble with birds is coming from their natural enemies, particularly the fox and the hawk.

Twice recently we have heard of bird hunters coming upon a fox in broad-open daylight. Last week we hunted all afternoon with three good dogs. When night came we had shot five times—once at quail and four times at hawks that had come within range.

In our opinion much can be done to guarantee the future of bird hunting in Brunswick county by waging a determined campaign against foxes and hawks.

Valedictory

There appears today in The State Port Pilot the statement of Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, that he will not again be a candidate for the Superior court bench. He plans to retire at the conclusion of his present term in December after serving for eighteen years and ten months

as Superior court judge. It is refreshing that as the time for his retirement draws near Judge Cranmer holds the highest possible respect and admiration for members of the bar. "I have ridden several times each district in the eastern division," he said, "and at sometime during the ridings have been the judge for every lawyer in the division. The lawyers of North Carolina, and especially those of the eastern division, will measure up fully with the members of any other group, profession, trade or calling in character, honesty, integrity, faithfulness, tolerance charity and truth. I am proud to be a member of their profession," he said.

In those statements Judge Cranmer pays high tribute to the men with whom he has been intimately associated for the past eighteen years. What makes this relationship even more impressive is the fact that he is held esteem by every lawyer who has appeared in his court.

His is a record in which Judge Cranmer may take a justifiable pride, and Southport and Brunswick county citizens may well be proud to have this man as their representative in public service.

Business Upheaval

Roger W. Babson, whose business predictions carry more weight than those of any other prognosticator, sends us good news for the new year. 1933 will see an upward trend in business and "pay rolls, prices, stocks, real estate, and jobs should all be on their way to new highs by the end of 1933," he states.

Backed by years of accurate prophesying, Babson's report should do much toward instilling confidence and hope in the nation's business.

The current sharp recession began after Labor Day of 1932. In August the Babsonchart stood at 8 per cent above normal. Then the squall "which had been brewing all year" struck and plunged the business indicator to 19 per cent below normal.

Babson gives as his unbiased reasons for this sharp decline, "High taxes, political muddling, labor agitation, and thin stock markets" which created "a tornado of distrust and fear."

The change in the cycle will not be immediate, declares the famous economist. The current gloom will continue to hurt business during the early months of 1933 but the rally will come and "by next Fourth of July, business should have recovered from a third to a half of its late 1932 loss."

Before Long Now—

Before long now, there's going to be another session of the North Carolina Legislature. Doubtless, it will turn out similarly to its predecessors. There'll be a wild search for new sources of revenue with which to carry on the affairs of the government, a resultant three months squabble over that very matter, and then adjournment.

We should like to see a different Legislature this time. We should like to see a Legislature made up of men who have the courage and the fortitude to enact some of the laws which are crying out for enactment at the present time.

Dire need for a law which would reduce the hazard of driving on the highways of North Carolina can everywhere be found. Our Legislature heretofore has failed of its purpose to cope with the situation because, we believe, the members who made it up lacked the courage to pass a law with some teeth in it.

A law which would impel a judge to send a convicted drunken driver to the roads without alternative, would do much toward making the highways safer. Another need seems to be the elimination of the rattle-trap automobiles which clutter up the highways and menace life and property.

There's plenty to be done if the Legislators just have the courage to do it.

Stick Pin

Montgomery Advertiser. The Advertiser is sorry that the stick pin is no long fashionable. In other days one could always think of a stick pin as a suitable gift for a gentleman, even if he wore bat-wing instead of a cravat. He could stick the pin in the band of his shirt, just under the collar, if he wore a bow tie, and thus present a good front. Who does not remember seeing dudsish gentlemen wear diamond stick pins stuck in their shirt bands?

One thing about it. The depression certainly left an impression on everybody's pocketbook as well as their mind.

Simile: As proud as a darky with a brand new gold tooth.

Just Among The Fishermen

(BY W. B. KEZIAH)

Rank Discourtesy

It is a rank discourtesy to print a part of his letter without asking his leave, but Editor J. E. Dowd, of the Charlotte News, wrote this department last week and the following from him is too good to pass up: "I believe your town and county made good investments in the Civic Club. And do you know that I have never seen Southport? Not since I was a small boy. Last summer I was within range, and was planning a fishing trip, but got sidetracked somewhere in the neighborhood of Shalotte—and caught one dangled!!"

Shrimp Net Casualties

Going far afield for the \$3.00 per bushel shrimp during the past week and longer, the nets of the trawlers have met with many casualties as they hung upon submerged and unknown wrecks, old iron anchors, pieces of iron, wood, anything that had a protruding point above the level of the ocean bed. In many cases the boats with plenty of power and strong tow lines tear their nets completely in two. In other cases the toelines break. When either of the above happens the boat turns about and begins a search for the float that is attached by a long line to the rear end or bag of the net. When this float is found the boatman is able to retrieve the lost part of the net but in drawing it to the surface he loses all the shrimp and fish that may be in the net. Pulling up the net with the float is about equivalent to picking up the bottom of an open sack of corn and lifting it in the air.

Sometimes Overload

Sometime unexpectedly the trawlers net a very large amount of shrimp and fish, more than the strength of the net or toelines will stand. In such cases sometimes it has to break in precisely the same manner as when the net hangs on a wreck or obstruction. The boatmen have to depend on guesswork as to how long he should drag before bringing his net up. If he drags too long he is likely to have a lot of net mending on his hands. If he does not drag long enough for the prevalence of the product he is likely to have had the toilsome work of getting the trawl aboard for practically nothing.

One Thing Certain

If he overloads or runs over a wreck or obstruction, one thing is certain, the boatmen has a lot of mending on his hands. With almost freezing weather it is no easy task to repair a torn up net with wet and numbed hands. Many of the trawlers carry two nets in order to have one in reserve. Even so, they may sometimes tear both up in two or three hours. Having to repair a net is sure and certain to be part of the work that attends the days operations of a shrimp trawler. The net may not get torn in two sections from an overload or as a result of getting hung on an obstruction. If it does not the trawler is fortunate if it does not get split almost its entire length or have a great chunk torn out of it.

Nimble Repair Work

To the uninitiated it is astonishing the way the crew of the trawlers is able to ply a net needle and the tarred twine. If you are not on to things you may see a net brought up, apparently torn to shreds and beyond repair. If you think that you will quickly become enlightened. If the trawler has no extra net and the days production is ample to justify operations being carried on the wreck will be mended in short order and when it is done there will not be a thing about it to indicate it was ever damaged. The repair work is done thoroughly. The crews of the trawlers are extremely resourceful and know how to take care of all the eventualities that may arise in their days work.

A Days Work

And, a days work is a days work, and no joke about it. During these short days the men must get up long before daylight, if they wish to put in any time. They must hustle through the cold from their homes to their boats, must make a lot of little preparations, such as taking on water, gassing up, getting something or other from which dinner is to be cooked on the boat with the addition of shrimp and fish, if they care to have these. More often than not, breakfast also has to be prepared on the boat. The workers have to get up too early for friend wife to bother with the most of them. They usually fix a snack of grub and eat it while the boat is chugging away enroute to the trawling grounds. This may be ten and it may be 15 miles away. The

BOLIVIA NEWS

Bolivia, Jan 4—The Reverend H. H. Honeycutt filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. He remained over Monday to do some visiting among the church members and the sick people; also to attend special business meeting of the church Monday evening.

Mr. Early Danford is doing some much needed repair on the tenchorage.

School has started off just fine, with teachers and pupils happy and refreshed by their pleasant vacation.

Mrs. Bob Lewis took dinner with her daughter, Mrs. J. I. Stone, Jr., last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lewis, of Wilmington, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lewis, Sunday.

Master Jack Stone spent last week at Shallotte visiting relatives.

Miss Evelyn Willetts, employee of Willetts Service Station, has returned from her vacation spent with her parents at Carolina Beach.

Friends are glad to learn of the improvement of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Cox who have been sick during the holidays.

Mrs. E. O. Rabon is improving from a bad fall of last week which caused her to remain in bed for several days.

Mrs. W. A. Frink of Mullins, S. C. accompanied by her granddaughter, Miss Claudia Frink, and Miss Ellen Jenrette also of Mullins visited her niece, Mrs. B. R. Page, last Friday.

Mrs. Nancy Swain and son, of Winnabow, visited friends and relatives here during the weekend.

Misses Delphia Lennon and Annie Gilbert, of near Supply were week-end visitors of Misses Elizabeth and Rosalind Page.

Misses Lucy Margaret and Carrie Lennon, also Messrs Frank Lennon, James Thomas and Raymond Gilchrist visited the B. R. Page family Sunday.

Bolivia welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Nat Stallings and family of Clinton. They live in the Berkeley Mercer house and have groceries in the I. T. Robbins store.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams and family, of Leland, visited Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon and family visited friends and relatives near Leland and in Wilmington last Thursday.

Mrs. L. S. Holden, who has been sick during the holidays is much improved.

Miss Elizabeth Holden returned to Shallotte Monday where she is a member of the faculty of Shallotte school.

John Holden, of Wilmington, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Holden, Sunday.

Miss Bessie Willetts was a Wilmington visitor Monday.

Winnabow News

Winnabow, Jan. 4—Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Parker, of Wilmington, were callers here Tuesday night.

S. A. Troy, of Lumberton, and George Leftwich, of Wilmington, were visitors here Wednesday.

Miss Rebecca Johnson is spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Johnson.

Misses Elizabeth and Laura Akerman and Joe Akerman, of Augusta, Georgia, spent Wednesday and Thursday with the Reids.

Roger Willetts has returned to Wake Forest College after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Willetts.

John Pridden and daughter, Miss Janice, and nephew, Gene Montgomery, of Wilmington, were visitors here Saturday.

Miss Euna Harmon has returned to Duke University after spending the holidays with her parents, Reverend and Mrs. J. C. Harmon.

Miss Hazel Shaw, of Wilmington, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Reids.

Mrs. Norwood Cox and sons, Norwood, Jr., and Jimmie Lloyd, of Richlands, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. G. Goodman on their return from visiting L. C. Nicholson and family, in Orlando, Fla.

Miss Nellie Willetts has returned to N. C. C. W., Greensboro, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Willetts.

E. G. Goodman has returned to Chapel Hill to resume his studies at the University of N. C. after spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. E. G. Goodman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Nicholson and children, of Richlands, spent Wednesday with Mrs. E. G. Goodman.

Frank Plaxco and family spent Sunday afternoon with the A. P. Hemptes.

It will be learned with regret that Preston Henry is real sick with flu.

Mrs. Maria Goodman and Miss Bessie Ottoway were visitors in Southport Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Knox has been real sick, friends will be sorry to hear.

Miss Geraldine Robbins has returned to Meredith College after spending the holidays with her

two and three men of the crew are occupied all day long and sometimes it is back-breaking labor, getting the trawl overboard and back again, handling the boat, separating the shrimp from the fish, sting rays and all the flotsam that is brought up in a drag. Everything about the craft must be kept clean and shipshape.

Holiday Aftermath



parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Robbins. Orville Horowitz, of Philadelphia and Baltimore, and Charles Hepburn, Jr., of Philadelphia, spent part of the week with the Foulkes. Leon Henry and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Hattie Galoway at Supply. Kerman Lewis of Roanoke Rapids spent the week-end with his father, W. D. Lewis. Milwaukee is almost free from major crime, yet is only 85 miles from Chicago. London's underground now has soft, upholstered seats in the trains. The United States has the largest number of miles of hard surface roads in the world. Sometimes chimney swifts with alternate wing beats. Lack of green feed caused severe drop in egg production the poultry flock belonging to W. Isely of Alamance County, reported.

Mr. Business Man --- Inventory Time Is "Printing Time!"

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At this time, when you review the old and get set for the new, give a thought to your Printing Needs. Perhaps your supply of Statements, Bill Heads, Stationery, Checks or Order Forms is running low. Whatever you need in the printing line for 1933, let Columbus' largest printing establishment serve you. Our Service Department will be more than happy to design and submit for your approval a new letterhead, blotter, office form or whatever you need that new type and new design might improve. There's no obligation or no charge for this layout service. But don't wait until you need a "rush job"; check your printing needs NOW and start the New Year with a fresh supply of modern printed forms!

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