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Some men apparently believe that they will keep better if they are pickled in alcohol.

The quickest cure for wanting something you can't have is to get it.

Speed saves time that you spend telling folks how many fool things you did to save it.

There are plenty of quacks who can tell you today how to cure yesterday's ills.

Conditions aren't as good as the party in power claims them to be, nor they as bad as their opponents say.

It takes two to make a quarrel, and sometimes it takes twelve men to stop it.

Principle is a standard alibi for an argument.

No Baseball

Brunswick county, with more than 16,000 inhabitants, doesn't have a single organized baseball team.

We can not understand the growing lack of interest in our National pastime, but baseball obviously is no longer a major interest with the youngsters.

We are old enough to remember when every high school had its nine, and each community had an independent team to play every Saturday afternoon.

Located as she is down on the tip end of North Carolina, it strikes us that Brunswick county is ideally located to engage in a baseball Civil War.

A possible by-product of such a system is material for college and professional teams. Any normal, healthy boy is a potential major leaguer; and a look at the make-up of a major league squad shows that most of the players are farm boys.

On The Black List

In the current issue of MOTOR BOATING, a publication with national circulation among boat owners, there is given a Survey Of Harbor Facilities.

"It is rather hard to find overnight dock space in Southport during the fall with some 200 shrimp trawlers at work and using the docks. There is, however, a depth of two fathoms alongside the wharfs and while you will find plenty of room to take on fuel you will probably be asked to move out soon after.

We're Agin' It

No business is off to a normal start until the arrival of the morning mail. Professional men and many other citizens prefer to have a look at the morning newspaper before launching forth into the day's activities.

Largely for that reason, Southport has developed into a "nine o'clock town." The mail bus arrives between eight thirty o'clock and nine each week-day morning, and usually on hand for their morning mail is a representative group of citizens.

signifying that all mail has been delivered into the boxes.

Now we realize that it might be of some advantage to make a morning contact with northern mail trains in Wilmington in order that letters from that section will arrive here before the afternoon, but we do not believe that the net results will be good.

Either there must be a mid-morning recess from all business activity to go get the mail, or else Southport must yield her reputation as a "nine o'clock town" and move the time up one hour.

A Good Time To Stay Alive

Spring is a happy season, with old mother reawakening. You can add to the joy by making a contribution to safety in your own home.

There is a real need for this after the long winter months, when many dangerous conditions develop. Now is the time to clear out all accumulations of papers and rubbish from attics and cellars, before they cause a serious fire.

When burning trash and papers outside, an incinerator should always be used. Field grass and papers should not be burned on windy days, and never without close supervision.

Now is also a good time to make a complete check-up of anything else, that might cause fire. Look for such hazards as defective electrical equipment, frayed and worn wiring, pennies behind blown fuses, defective heating plans and chimneys, fireplaces without screens and hot ashes in wooden ash containers.

After painting jobs, which many do in the spring, be sure to dispose of oil or paint soaked rags and clothing. Many homes are burned by spontaneous ignition fires from paint rags left in a heap.

Pleasing The Public

Courtesy is one of the chief virtues of a businessman, we have been taught, and people prefer to trade where their business is welcome.

But there must be a happy synthesis between the over-polite and the rude. On one hand we have the wild orgies of the filling station attendants as they pounce on your car, polishing this and brushing that, when all you wanted was a little gas.

In a recent issue of the Rotarian Magazine appears a symposium on the subject by Sinclair Lewis, eminent novelist, and Gelett Burgess, a writer of smaller status.

Mr. Lewis takes the position that the citizens of America are the most pampered, spoiled and defied people on earth. The unctuous clerks and tradesmen have so inflated the individual's ego, that when Mrs. Smith tells the grocer to send her a nickel's worth of onions to her home, one mile away, she firmly believes that she is doing him a great favor.

Mr. Lewis factiously argues for "less Service and more of what we pay for." He believes that pseudo smiles, counterfeited fellowship and gushy remarks are usually annoying to the average person.

Mr. Burgess admits that there is too much frosting on the cake of commerce but asks the question: "Isn't the cake, even though overfrosted, better than no cake at all?" He calls attention to the ameliorations in commerce, the added delights in shopping and travel which are resultant from tradesmen anxious to please the public.

The right answer it would seem is a happy medium does of courtesy—not too large and not too small.

Medical science still has a field of opportunity long as there isn't any cure for laziness.

Climbing the ladder of success is still necessary, since there aren't any elevators to the top.

Compile in a list of all filling station names in the country, and you have a record of all the world's oddest names.

Perhaps many a youngster who started out cutting paper dolls ended up as a newspaper editor.

It won't be long before the popular retort: "I'm waiting for a street car", will be entirely obsolete.

Twenty-four hours make a day, which is perhaps more than most of the clock-watchers do.

Just Among The Fishermen

"EASTER WINDS"

Along about Easter there is always a period of three or four days of cold, northeast winds. This period struck here Saturday and Sunday, just when up-state fishing parties were beginning to pour in.

WEEK-END RESULTS In addition to three parties from Raleigh, Durham and Virginia, Sunday brought a flood of sportsmen. One or two boats made a fair catch, but the results were poor, taken as a whole. The following boats and parties went out: Captain H. T. Bowmer with party of six from Raleigh; Captain Donnie Watts with party of 12 from Lumberton on board the Eva Mae; Captain James Arnold with party of twenty-one from Albemarle on board the Ray Stubbs; Captain Hulian Watts with party of eight from Kannapolis on board the E. M. Lewis; Captain James Aldridge with party of fifteen from Lumberton on board the Vagabond; Captain George Floyd with party of twelve from Lumberton on board the Buddy; Captain Godwin and party from Wilmington aboard the Silver Spray from Wilmington; Captain Bob Wagener with party from Greensboro aboard the Mt. Olive.

BLUES GETTING PLENTIFUL Blue fish are beginning to strike pretty well out on the shoals. A couple of young Salisbury men spent three days here last week, going out on the Eva Mae of Captain Donnie Watts and the E. M. Lewis of Captain Hulian Watts, while the boats and crews were searching for blues. In all, the boys took about 50 large blues and a great many more broke away from them. The Watts brothers say that blue fish trolling will be very good in a short time.

THAT HOTEL AGAIN Saturday night about 35 sportsmen from Albemarle and Kannapolis arrived late and found all accommodations filled up. They just could not get any place to sleep. As a result they built a fire on the waterfront and spent the night huddled around it or else doubled up, and trying to get some sleep in the very uncomfortable position that their cars afforded. The Civic Club is more than ever determined that this year will see the beginning of the erection of a modern hotel of 50 or more rooms. Anything smaller than that is not in the least desired as it might stand in the way of obtaining one of the sort that the town really needs. A well known hotel man recently stated to the Club, that in his opinion the town had a great opportunity for a hotel of more than 50 rooms. Unlike the beach resort hotels, it would get year-round patronage from sportsmen, yachtsmen, tourists.

DEPENDABLE BOATMEN Last year Southport had a reputation for furnishing dependable boatmen. They are here again this year. They can be depended on to give their parties every possible service. With many new boatmen starting out this year it is hoped that they will all follow the rules laid down last year! That is for the boatmen to do everything in their power to please their parties and give them service. See that they get fish, even if you have to keep them out until sundown. If a party fails to make a catch it should not be the fault of the boatman. We hope all of our boatmen will compete with each other for a reputation of being dependable, and rendering service to the parties that employ them.

SHRIMP AT GEORGETOWN Half a dozen of the shrimp boats of S. I. (Bingo) Burris left Monday for Georgetown, S. C., where good catches of shrimp were reported Saturday. It is understood that the shrimp will be hauled in to Southport and shipped from here. In some cases the boats will combine catches and send them in on one of the trawlers.

OPEN SEASON SOON Open season for freshwater fishing opens again on May 10th, just 13 days from now. Local sportsmen are hoping that rains will come before that time to fill the ponds and streams to the point where fishing will be good. Many ponds in Brunswick, near Southport, have been nearly dried up for the past several weeks.

The diameter of automobile tires increases when the car moves at high speeds.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, April 27—It seems that the wage and hour bill, which has been buffeted from pillar to post in the House of Representatives for over a year, has assumed a deeper significance than was originally intended by its promoters. Old antagonisms, which have been smoldering for years, are likely to break out if the current underground talk about the measure's implications comes to a head this week.

The issues at stake are beyond the major purpose of providing by legislative edict a floor for wages throughout the country. The controversy has now taken on a strong sectional and political hue which completely overshadows the labor angle. If Northern Republicans on the Rules Committee switch their votes, as is highly probable, to permit the House to vote on a bill which has been stripped of wage differentials, it will mean a severance of the cordial working arrangements which have existed between the conservative wing of the Democratic party and the G. O. P.—and alignment which has been effective in modifying or defeating what they regarded as radical New Deal policies.

To present an unbiased picture of the circumstances surrounding the tension now existing, it is necessary to summarize prevailing thought on the subject. Previous wage standards bills have contained a provision for wage differentials because of the lower living costs in Southern industrial territory. Northern interests have opposed this provision as discriminatory and calculated to attract business from the North to places where wages are lower. The Administration wants some sort of a measure and will accept almost any proposal to save face in the matter. Northerners feel they are justified in supporting the bill as its objectionable differential has been removed. They believe it will check migration of industry when basic wage rates are equalized in all sections.

The Republican element among the Northern wing in the House also cherished the fond hope of making political capital by widening the schism between northern and southern Democrats. According to their reasoning, the feud over this legislation will be sufficient to allow the G. O. P. to pick up several seats at the elections. What they are apparently overlooking, however, is the probable withdrawal of the Southerners from the powerful and unofficial coalition, which played havoc with Mr. Roosevelt's law-making in recent months. In defense of their strategy the House G. O. P. leaders claim the Southerners in the Senate will effectively filibuster to end the whole plan as they did in the matter of the anti-lynching bill. Opponents of the legislation not so absorbed in political repercussions are not as sanguine.

The prospects for an adjournment before May 15 have definitely faded. Predictions are that Congress will do well to close the shop by June 15. This means that many measures, which have been stalled, will be given an impetus through a series of agreements between factions. The Administration's pump-priming program of relief expenditures has encountered snags on Capitol Hill. The best opinion here this

Relatives Get Old-Age Checks

Age Makes No Difference Here In This Section; Says Dies Of Deceased Worker Checks Are Given To Family

Wilmington—Relatives of several young men and women in this section have received Government checks, recently, in payment of death claims for old-age insurance provided by the Social Security Act, George W. Jeffrey, Manager of the Field Office of the Social Security Board at Wilmington, North Carolina said today. Benefits which accrue to the credit of young employees are not lost, in case the young man or woman dies, after working for a while in a job covered by old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act. "Whether a deceased worker may have been 16 or 60 makes no difference," said Mr. Jeffrey. "If his wage or salary record shows that he had participated in the Government's old-age insurance program, his relatives are entitled to whatever benefits may have accumulated to his credit."

The average amount of the old-age insurance claims certified in February to claimants in North Carolina was \$22.95.

Mr. Jeffrey stated that there are two types of lump-sum payments that can be made at any time after January 1, 1937. One is the death benefit which the Federal Government is paying to relatives of workers who have died since January 1, 1937, and whose wage earnings between the



last day of 1936 and the day of their death entitled them to benefits. The other type of lump-sum benefit, now payable, is for men and women, still living who have reached 65 since December 31, 1936 who have been paid wages in a factory, shop, mill, mine, store or some other line of business or industry included under the law, since the last day of 1936, and before reaching age 65.

More than 1,949 claims for lump-sum payments of old-age payments of old-age insurance from the State of North Carolina have been certified for payment by the Social Security Board, since the first of January 1937. "That means," Mr. Jeffrey said, "that most of the claims we have received in North Carolina for lump-sum payments of old-age insurance benefits have been approved by the Social Security Board, and forwarded to the United States Treasury for payment."

All that is necessary in order

to secure claim application blanks is to call at the nearest Social Security Board Office, or simply write to that office, and ask for suitable application forms.

Without cost, assistance in filling out the forms will be given to claimants by any field office of the Social Security Board. After the forms are properly made out, the claim is then sent to Washington for final adjudication and settlement. When the claim is approved, a check will be mailed to the proper claimant.

If you are entitled to a lump-sum payment of old-age insurance, ask your Social Security field office at 101 Custom House Building, Wilmington, North Carolina, for information and assistance in filing a claim. It will cost you nothing.

Seventeen preachers discoursed continuously for six days before a throng of 30,000 persons at a large camp meeting in Kentucky in 1801. It was the largest camp meeting in American history.

REVIVAL MEETING There will begin Sunday night, May 1, a revival meeting at the Freeland Baptist Free-Will Holiness church. The meeting will be conducted by the Rev. Chas. Berry, of Clarkton. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

RETURNS HOME Miss Lucy Anderson, who was a patient at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, last week, has returned to her home here where she is convalescing from a recent serious illness. Mrs. G. D. Robinson, who was with her, also has returned here.

TO BE COMMENDED Captain Jim Arnold, and, in fact, all of the residents along the Southport waterfront, are to be commended for clean-up efforts without waiting for Mayor Erickson's proclamation. The waterfront presents a very different appearance from what was found last year.

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