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You can't throw mud without having some of it spatter on you.

Your own side of the road is the shortest way home.

Over compensation for a real, or imagined, deficiency often has been responsible for greatness.

Simile of the season: As improvident as the political candidate who has his job printing done out of the county and still expects his home-newspaper to run his free publicity.

We Offer Southport

At a meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society held last week in Pinehurst Dr. Ernest S. Bullock, Wilmington surgeon, led a discussion to have a cruise proposed for members of the society next spring embark from a North Carolina port.

Particularly were we interested in Dr. Bullock's suggestion that "if it is found impractical to reach Wilmington, I believe we should help Southport get it."

We thank Dr. Bullock for his friendly intercession in behalf of our town, and we are in hearty accord with the idea of having the proposed cruise to Bermuda embark from a North Carolina port.

Where Credit Is Due

Southport and Brunswick county is coming in for much general, state-wide publicity as a result of the efforts of W. K. Keziah, unselfish, unpaid and unappreciated secretary of the Southport Civic Club.

His club is unique in that it probably is the only organization of its kind in the world. Mr. Keziah is the Civic Club, and the Civic Club is Mr. Keziah; but under this banner has been obtained lasting benefit for this community.

The unselfish promotion of Southport and her interests are the primary motives of this man, and if his efforts are successful future citizens will owe him a debt of gratitude that his contemporaries are loath to acknowledge.

The Tennis Courts

Two years ago this summer Southport went "tennis crazy." Boys and girls who never had taken the game seriously before bought equipment and did their part to see that the two WPA courts in Franklin Square were pretty well populated day and night.

The climax to the season came in August with the inauguration of a series of five tennis tournaments that did more than anything else in recent years to stimulate keen interest in sports. There was a large entry list in each of the tournaments, and attendance at the matches developed into a counter attraction for the beach.

Last season there was a noticeable falling off of interest among the older players, but more of the kids had taken up the game. The Tennis Club, which had functioned effectively the year before, never hit its stride. The courts and equipment paid the toll that time and weather exacted, and there was not a single tournament staged at the end of the season.

From present indications, this year will mark another step on the down grade. The handful of older players who want to keep on are being crowded off by a growing group of beginners with more ambition than skill, and there appears slim hope that the nets and other equipment will last through the season unless funds are raised for the sake of repairs.

Now we are tennis; not alone because it is one of our favorite games, but because it is a past time that provides plenty of safe, healthy exercise at little expense. Too, there is no other game that we know about that offers a beginner surer, quicker hope of improvement. That there is plenty of interest from the standpoint of the onlooker is witnessed by the crowds

that watched the matches during tournament play.

We want to see those two courts kept up, we want to see Southport youngsters keep them busy at all times. But before this can be done there must be some plan conceived to raise money for repairs and replacements for equipment, and some program must be worked out whereby the younger players can do their playing while the older group is at work.

Who Will Do This?

Recently members of the Brunswick County Hospital Auxiliary had the main floor and the sunporch of the local institution repainted.

Colored residents of Southport and Brunswick county have provided funds for repainting and refurbishing their ward at the Brunswick County Hospital.

This leaves the first floor as the only unpainted, unimproved unit in the hospital.

What group or organization will accept the financial responsibility of putting this floor in first class condition?

A Good Tip

Editorin—One of North Carolina's greatest assets and blessings is its real and delicious home cooked foods. Why in the world is it that in our public eating places we have to serve foods foreign to our state and taste? Tourist will travel miles in search of a good, clean place to eat where good food is served just as they would a place to spend the night.

North Carolina and Southern cooked food is known the world over, just as its hospitality is known the world over. We can keep our reputation for both by encouraging the public eating places in our community and city to serve real North Carolina dishes and by doing so they will gain a reputation enviable by all other eating places that do not serve this kind of food, and one that will pay great dividends. A town or city with a reputation for serving good food has an attraction and an asset equal to any famous mountain, resort, historical monument, or health resort. Lets native when it comes to serving food in our North Carolina!

Threatens Again

Action of the Lower House of Congress Friday in forcing the Wage-Hour measure out of the rules committee by a majority vote of the lower branch, will meet with hostile reception in Columbus county, and the rest of the South.

Southern industrialists see in this nefarious measure the break-down of the entire Southern industrial and economic structure, and predict that its passage will paralyze the manufacturing plants of Dixie.

The administration-sponsored measure seems definitely to be destined to ruin Southern industry, and was conceived largely by jealous Northern manufacturing states.

That such jealousy exists has long been a recognized fact, since first the textile and later the paper and pulp industries migrated South, within the past two decades. Now the Northern industrialists see in the measure an opportunity to avenge their jealousy of the South, and to punish the Southern people.

Congressman J. Bayard Clark rallied to the support of his constituents, and being one of the members of the powerful rules committee, was instrumental in keeping the measure in committee until Friday.

America now is just getting over the stigma which the Civil war left, and the sectional hatred which existed for years after the war between the states had ended. Now, years afterward, comes this nefarious measure which tends to open again that old sore, and to divide the North from the South again.

Perhaps President Roosevelt is justified in his acceptance of the theory that such a plan would work, but Southern people know perfectly well that this is one case where theory and fact are widely separated.

This measure should be killed on the floor of the House.

To paraphrase an old saying, the opponents of capital punishment work on the theory that "no noose is good noose."

Nearest some men come to providing modern conveniences in the home is to have a convenient memory.

Germany and Italy must be made up of stenographers. At least the people there know how to take dictation.

**Just Among
The Fishermen**

NEED RIGID RULES

In the interest of better sport fishing at Southport there should be a rigid set of rules and all boatmen should be expected to observe them. Failure to observe the rules should subject the boatman to being blacklisted by all other boatmen, and by boarding houses and cafes where contacts are made between boatmen and fishing parties. This Corner would like to see a set of rules, something like those appended, adopted by all boatmen. There should be a fixed charge of \$20.00 per day for the average small boat carrying out parties for sea fishing. This price should be for parties of not more than eight persons. For each person over eight in the party an additional charge of \$2.00 should be required. For trout fishing and blue fish and mackerel trolling a charge of \$20.00 per day should be made and no more than six sportsmen should be allowed to fish on such parties. Crowding on boats in an effort to reduce the individual cost is very much against the interest of good fishing. All boatmen should be required to stay out until their party is entirely satisfied. When a boatman charters his boat to a party he is honorbound to make every possible effort to see that the party makes a good catch. He must find the fish for them if he has to stay out until night in order to do so. All boatmen should be pledged to give courtesy and service to the parties in his charge; to exercise every precaution for safety and comfort, should discourage excessive drinking, and both he and his helper should absolutely abstain from the use of intoxicants while they are on duty.

GOOD FOR BOTH

In the above the interests of the boatmen and the sportsmen is giving consideration. Your Columnist is the last person that would desire to see the sportsmen taxed with excessive costs. In suggesting the above fixed charges allowances is made for the fact and the fishermen will have their fun. In addition, they often make a catch of fish with monetary value several times what the services of the boat and boatmen cost them.

PRICES FAIR

The boatmen have to provide bait and tackle, where tackle is desired, ice water and a well equipped boat also enters into the scheme of costs. It must be considered that there are many days of bad weather when he must give care and attention to his boat when it is not making any earnings. There are also many days of good weather and good fishing when he may not be able to charter. All these things enter into the cost of maintaining his boat and giving the sportsmen service. The Civic Club believes that the rates suggested above, and also the rules, are fair and just to both the boatmen and sportsmen.

SUGGESTION TO SPORTSMEN

Your chances of making a good catch are usually much better on week days than on Saturdays and Sundays, owing to crowded conditions at such times. It is suggested that you make your trip on week days when it is possible for you to get away. Likewise you have a better chance of getting the boat you desire when your trip is made on a week day. If you wish to contact someone, to engage a boat or accommodations, to inquire about weather conditions, Etc., write or wire the Southport Civic Club. This organization will engage your boat and accommodations without charge for the service. It will advise you regarding the weather and catches, if you desire to know. If the particular boat you want happens to be engaged at the time you are planning to come the secretary will arrange for the very best available boat and boatmen. It is an observation that many a promising fishing trip has been spoiled by the bringing along of too much intoxicants. Drinking quickly leads to sea sickness and sea sickness is a rather contagious malady, or appears to be. When you come to fish, please leave out the intoxicants, or bring along aminimum and be moderate in your indulgences with what you bring. If it is not possible to comply with this suggestion, please do not blame the boatman or the fishing if you get sea sick and your catch is a poor one.

FRIENDLY TOWN

Southport is noted far and wide for its friendliness and hospitality towards sportsmen and the visitor of all sorts. It makes no claims to being a resort community with consequent high charges for everything. The visitor usual regards it as a friendly, restful community by the sea. Its people always glad to see the visitor and reader any possible service.

**Wilmington Men
Favor Fishing
At Southport**

Despite Fine Fishing Beaches Near Their Home City, Wilmington Sportsmen Frequently Fish At Southport

ESPECIALLY FOND OF TROLLING

Residents Of Wilmington Also Have Been Active In Developing Interest In Gulf Stream Fishing

BY W. B. KEZIAH

Wilmington sportsmen know their fishing and despite the fact that New Hanover county has some of the best known fishing beaches in the state, there are hundreds of Wilmington sportsmen who swear by the fishing off Southport. They never let a season go by without one, sometimes many, fishing trips to Southport.

Heretofore the special attraction has been the trout fishing at the wrecks, and the blue fish and mackerel trolling. The blue fish and mackerel are naturally objects of interest, for trolling slowly along, one of those big mackerel or blues that abound on the Cape Fear shoals could impart a kick to the dullest sportsmen, even if he had one foot in the grave.

The blues and mackerel are now biting, and during the next few months hundreds of Wilmington sportsmen will make trips to Southport. The large number that came last year bids fair to be greatly increased this season. This opinion is based on the numerous inquiries. The writer has not been to Wilmington in months without being met with any number of interrogations as to whether or not the blues and mackerel were striking yet.

They are striking. Last week one commercial boat at Southport took 2,800 pounds of mackerel. Another boat brought in 1,800 pounds. Fine catches by parties with rod and reels were numerous. The fishing is now at its best, and will continue for months to come.

GULF STREAM FISHING

Wilmington sportsmen are also largely deserving of credit for the interest in and discovery of the Gulf Stream fishing off Southport. They are determined to develop it and are confident that a full try-out of the possibilities will be of enormous value to both Southport and the Wilmington area.

Recognized big game sportsmen coming in from Florida during recent weeks have been outspoken in their expression of confidence that there are plenty of big game fish now out near the Gulf Stream, ready and waiting for the anglers. To date, the only planned Gulf Stream fishing expedition fell on the roughest weather that Southport has experienced in weeks. The boats barely made half way to the fishing grounds. Despite this, one bonetta was brought in and one large tuna was hooked and lost. One day soon the Wilmington and Southport sportsmen will receive a real demonstration of how the Gulf Stream fish will strike. From now on the Gulf Stream fishing at Southport will be attracting state and country-wide interest.

**Burriss Boats
In Free Trip**

First Excursion To Gulf Stream Sunday Met With Unfavorable Weather, But Party Reached Vicinity Of Big Fish

Making a gesture that is typical of the general cooperative spirit among Southport people, S. I. (Bingo) Burriss, last week tendered the free use of two of his boats, the Buddy and Vagabond, to members of the New Hanover Fishing Club for their first Gulf Stream fishing expedition.

The boats were available for any date on which the Club wanted them. The fact that the day selected by the club turned out to bring the worst weather in the past month does not lessen the good intent of Mr. Burriss. The boats went out, but both the captains and the sportsmen, very wisely, decided it best, in view of the already bad and still more threatening weather that they not go all the way.

The fish were there. The party caught one bonetta and hooked and lost one large tuna. Had the boats been able to go all the way it is believed they would have brought in a big catch. As it was, they brought in a fine catch of mackerel.

A bad start is credited with bringing a good ending. Real trips to the Gulf Stream will be made this week, or next, and then there will be a different story to tell.

SPORTATIVE LADY
Mrs. Noel and son of London, England, now touring the United States, spent three days here last week. Mr. Noel had no desire for fishing but his mother was all set and determined to go. She hired the biggest boat in port, all to herself, and went out and brought in 100 pounds of fish of various sorts. She was much pleased when W. B. Keziah told her that "she did mighty well for a country girl."

WILL MARK MT. DIRFY
The Greek freighter Mt. Dirfy, which ran aground in 20 feet of water on the Cape Fear shoals December 26th, 1936, has sunk completely beneath the surface of the water, only fragments being visible at low tide. The Civic Club secretary has made application for a buoy to mark this wreck and thereby enable fishing parties to locate it.

DOCTORS AND FISHERMEN
All doctors, apparently, their fishing and get a great out of it. Dr. Ed. Misenheimer a party of Concord folks appeared to greatly enjoy their excursion here one day last week. He made a beautiful catch of 60 in number, and other fish various sorts. They went out the Eva Mae of Captain J. Watts.

NOTICE

The following meetings will be held under the auspices of the Democratic Executive Committee. Candidates who meet the voters at these meetings will be given an opportunity to speak in their behalf. All meetings are scheduled for 8:00 P. M., unless otherwise noted.

REGISTER'S STORE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
WINNABOW, THURSDAY, MAY 12
EXUM, FRIDAY, MAY 13

Bolivia, County Convention—(Business Only)
SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

ROACH'S STORE, SATURDAY, MAY 14
LONGWOOD, MONDAY, MAY 16
BOLIVIA, TUESDAY, MAY 17

RALEIGH, STATE CONVENTION
Wednesday and Thursday, May 18 and 19

LELAND SCHOOL, FRIDAY, MAY 20
BATTLE ROYAL, SATURDAY, MAY 21
UPPER SCHOOL, MONDAY, MAY 23
PETERSON'S STORE, WEDNESDAY, MAY 25
SOUTHPORT, FRIDAY, MAY 27
HICKMAN'S X ROADS, SATURDAY, MAY 28
J. D. ROBINSON'S STORE, TUESDAY, MAY 31
WACCAMAW SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
SHALLOTTE, THURSDAY, JUNE 2

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R. I. MINTZ

Chairman, Democratic Executive Committee

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