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It is smarter to stay out of trouble than it is to know how to get out of it.

The thrill of a surprise comes from the fact that all the pleasure of anticipation is packed into a single moment.

An ounce of performance is worth a pound of promise.

Prize fighters aren't the only type of contentant susceptible to becoming punch drunk.

Compassion is an emotion that has been crowded into the background of our daily lives.

Gossip would die a natural death if nobody would listen.

There is no virtue in knowing better unless you try to do better.

Credit Advertising

For about eight months after we came to Southport one of the local garages ran an advertisement every week in The Pilot and the owner often said himself that his business was growing faster than he had any right to expect.

Regardless of whether he will credit advertising with any good, the proprietor of another Southport store will tell you that the year he ran weekly ads in this newspaper were the best he has enjoyed.

The Charlotte Trading Co., of which Hobson Kirby is the proprietor, is the only business in Brunswick county that runs an advertisement in The State Port Pilot every week.

About Baseball

Before Saturday's baseball game came to it's unhappy sixth-inning ending local baseball fans had seen enough to convince them that Southport has the material for a better than average team this summer.

Of course, there are some rough corners to be rounded off, but practice will do that. Then there is the prospect of fitting the cogs of the machine into different places to smooth up the mechanism.

Before the team can hope to step into faster company, though, there is a pitching problem to solve. With a better fast ball and a curve to go with his puzzling knuckle ball, Spencer would do; but a Sunday pitch won't get good hitters out.

Right now, the biggest thing the team needs is plenty of practice in workouts with the regular players filling in at their game-time posts.

You Do It

The other day one of our subscribers started telling us what he would do editorially if he were editor of The Pilot for a few weeks.

"Allright," we told him. "You go right ahead and write your opinions. We have an open forum column that needs filling with material of that kind."

"That won't do," he said. "This must be an editorial. Now if I were you—". And again he was telling us what kind of battle he thought we should wage through the editorial columns of this newspaper in behalf of a situation which surely concerns him more vitally than it does anyone else.

But that usually is the case; if you have an unpleasant job to perform it is natural to look about for someone to do the work for you.

But there is little incentive to help a man who won't strike the first lick in his own fight.

Welcome, Mr. Goerch

There probably is not a man in North Carolina who travels the length and breadth of the state more than does Carl Goerch, editor of The State magazine, so it was indeed a distinction when he made this observation last week in his publication.

"When I get ready to quit work I believe that I would like to live at Southport."

Well, come along, Mr. Goerch. We'll be glad to have you. Even in your old age you'd be an asset to any community.

Public Awareness

Public awareness of the need for safe driving was given by the National Safety Council as the probable reason for the marked decline in traffic fatalities that has occurred since November, 1937.

Newspapers and magazines have joined wholeheartedly in the efforts of public safety agencies and organizations such as the American Legion and Parent-Teacher groups, to cut down highway slaughter.

If the present downward trend of automobile fatalities continues, those who have died in automobile accidents will not have died entirely in vain.

At Dear Price

Economy in government is being purchased at a dear price when the number of G-men in the country is sliced exactly in half.

No agency has done more to rid the country of gangsters and hoodlums who once boasted of power, than the G-men. It does seem rather an enigma that at a time when the Government is preparing to appropriate billions of dollars for the alleviation of the unemployment situation, as well as for battling the recession, that the government should under the guise of economy so cripple the forces of law and order in the country.

This action represents the break which gangdom and the underworld have long sought. With the number of G-men on their trail greatly diminished their operations may be bolder, more violent.

It's poor economy when it's at the expense of the safety of the American people against the forces of evil and lawlessness. Economy in government is often necessary, but we see no reason for going to an extreme and discriminating against the very organization which has done most for law and order in America.

The hyperbole of proposing to spend \$7,000,000,000 for relief and at the same time reducing the number of G-men by half, cannot be easily explained in our American system.

A falling star was once called a meteor, but now it's something to give movie producers a headache.

By the editor's desk is the shortest distance between free advertising and the waste-basket.

We salute the unsung heroes of the past. Perhaps many modern crooners would be better unsung.

Some people have the jimmies or the willies, but with most old maids, most any old he-man will do.

Just Among The Fishermen

Inasmuch as all of the major shipping bound to and from Wilmington must pass through the Southport harbor, this joke, which was not really intended to be a joke, is just as much on Wilmington as it is on Southport.

A Boon In Disguise Bad weather over the week-end was probably a boon in disguise. If it had not been as it were the boat facilities for taking care of everybody would have been completely flooded.

Contact Civic Club Parties making their first trip to Southport, as well as those who come regularly, will get service without charge if they will contact the Southport Civic Club.

Cure For Seasickness From Charlotte comes a letter from a lawyer who is a part of the very bright legal force of the Standard Oil Company.

A Southport lady is accusing this department of having taught her husband how to tell fishing lies. Why! That fellow was lying before we even knew he had been born.

In making a cast, please do not throw your \$20.00 rod and reel overboard in 20-feet of water. You may frighten the fish.

Week-end fishing parties are requested to bring along their Sunday pants so that they will be able to go to church if the weather is like what is was on the 15th.

ENTERTAINS FOR SON Mrs. K. R. Cotton entertained a number of friends of her young son, K. Cotton, Monday night at her home on Bay Street.

Following a series of interesting games, delicious refreshments consisting of apple float and cake were served by the hostess. The following guests attended:

WASHINGTON LETTER

With fuel constantly added to the political stew pots, the ingenuity of the leaders is sorely taxed trying to keep the lids from blowing off.

A poulitce is always considered good politics. The political party in the saddle at the time of the inquiry necessarily endeavors to have sympathetic lawmakers running the show.

Arcangelo Corelli was the first violinist to play a Stradivarius violin. He recommended the unknown instrument as "worthy of a trial."

The Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, was for many years the most potent lobby working on Capitol Hill. Relief and other projects of like nature requiring enormous expenditure of public money, placed the Army lobby in the shade in recent times.

Sage wheel-horses are not flattered at the marked attention they receive from their fellows nowadays. The "Boys", as the rank and file are called by their familiars, are on the anxious bench as the date of adjournment remains undetermined.

So Near and Yet So Far!



and hour issue. So many contradictory statements of policy are flying around that few know the exact trend.

Best results in using permanent pasture is secured when the cows are kept off the sod until May 1, reports J. P. McGray of Emma, Buncombe County.

Japanese agricultural experts in-

tend to establish an experiment station in Peking to improve Chinese cotton.

Recent cool night have not only retarded the growth of young tobacco but is also preventing the germination of cotton seed, say Wilson County farmers.

J. W. Holcomb of the Paint Gap community in Yancey County says he has been getting an average of \$56 a month from milk produced by his six cows and much of this income he attributes to the use of silagee preserved in his trench silo.

Auto Salesman (explaining green customer): "This is the radiator and this is the fan." Lady: "Oh, then, it's an all-son car?"

W. R. Rodgers of Stantensburg, Greene County, installed 950 feet of drainage tile on his farms this

past winter.

Finnan haddle, smoked haddock is a favorite breakfast dish in Great Britain. It is popular in New England but elsewhere in the United States its sale is small.

The tiny little shoots that grow up from the moss plant are spores, from which new plants are developed.

Thirty-four Yancey County farmers have just finished planting 66,000 forest tree seedlings on eroded spots on their farms.

The Cove City 4-H service earned \$6 by means of a community entertainment and will use the money as partial expense of delegates to the 4-H short course at State College this summer.

Fishermen! Attention!!

If you want a weekly report of the best fishing in North Carolina, subscribe to...

THE STATE PORT PILOT

W. B. Keziah, Secretary of the Southport Civic Club, covers the waterfront for The Pilot, and nothing pertaining to fishing or to fishermen escapes him.

In order that you may get this newspaper through the fishing season, we are making you a....

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Enclose \$1.00 (or a check for that amount) in an envelope together with your name and address and this newspaper will be mailed to you every week until November 1st.

Keep up with the latest development in sports fishing at Southport, the sportsman's paradise, throughout the entire fishing season.

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Editor, State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C.:

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for which you will please send me The State Port Pilot every week until November 1, 1938.

PLEASE CHECK

- I am planning a fishing trip.
I am planning a vacation for my family.
I would like information about Southport.