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Some people have built reputations for generosity by giving away things they did not want.

Best friendships usually are developed gradually; and seldom are they the result of a fine first impression.

You can get away with calling a girl a tom-boy, but you are courting trouble when you call a boy a sissy.

Some people never give themselves an opportunity to find out the true meaning of the phrase "practice makes perfect."

All play and no work makes Jack a play-boy.

Credit is too precious in time of need to take any chances with when there is plenty.

Think seriously before you deliberately damage a person's reputation. Nothing you nor anyone else can do will restore it to its original, unblemished state.

The Yacht Races

Ask anyone what was the biggest event for Southport last year and the odds are even to one he will tell you the yacht races. Find out when prospective visitors have been urged to time their visits for this summer, and again you have the yacht races as your answer.

But if this year's event is to top last year's, then it is time that something concrete is being done in the way of spreading abroad word of the coming gala event—now less than two months away.

In the first place, it was no accident that last year's races were successful. Every person in this community was ready and anxious to do his part, and it is doubtful that there ever has been more perfect co-operation on any local project.

One outgrowth of last year's regatta was the resolution on the part of Southport people to make the 1938 races even better. That is a noble purpose, but if it is to be achieved now is the time to begin serious preparation for the sailing regatta.

Baseball Team

The Southport baseball team is right now at the point where a little encouragement from local fans would go a long way toward bringing about a successful season.

There are about a dozen men and boys who go out each afternoon and put in a couple of hours of practice so that they may be in top condition for the two games per week that has been the program so far this season.

When game time rolls around, though, the players usually are called upon to chip in on a fund with which to buy two balls for a home game or to pay for the gasoline for a trip away. It should be possible to raise enough at the home games to take care of these incidental expenses.

More important, though, is the moral support that the outsiders could furnish the players if they would. Everybody enjoys giving his best to a popular cause, and nothing is more important to the success of a baseball team than the will to win.

The baseball team has organized and played a few games without a great deal of encouragement. If the citizens of the town will show the symptoms of baseball fever we believe that an entertaining sports program for the summer is in the making.

The Glorious Fourth

You know the kind of Fourth of July celebration you read about in stories, and see in moving pictures? The kind with a big picnic dinner with plenty of lemonade, horseshoe pitching contests, hog calling contests, races, political speakings

and a baseball game in the afternoon? Well, how about let's have one this year in Brunswick county; a county-wide picnic.

That would be less than four weeks from now, and the first man we approached on the subject was quick to declare that we had waited too long to start anything like that. Maybe so; but if there is enough general enthusiasm in the proposition, putting it over would be a cinch. It would require the hearty co-operation of at least one active organizer in each township, but we believe that our people would quickly fall in with the idea and that this July 4 can be made one that will live long in memory.

If you like the plan, or if you have any suggestions, let's hear them at once. There really isn't any time to lose.

Death Strikes Again

There is no way to account for the grim caprice of death, for with a single clutch of its icy hand Thursday night it snatched away the lives of two of the finest boys in this community.

Asked to name the best physical specimens in Southport, it is probably that the residents here almost to a man would have chosen the two deceased youths. Healthy, vigorous and robust, their minds were as clean as their bodies.

Robert Jorgensen had shouldered the responsibility of helping to look after his widowed mother. He enjoyed the respect of every older man in Southport for the manly manner in which he discharged his assumed responsibility.

Elliott Moore completed his high school education in April. Within a week he planned to go to the Citizens Military Training Camp, at Fort Bragg, for a month of training that he hoped would serve him in good stead when he entered the Citadel, in Charleston, S. C., this fall. No boy in Southport had a brighter future before him.

Our heart is full of sympathy for the families of these two boys. We hope that it will be some comfort to them to remember that death, who has been merciless to them, was kinder to the two drowned boys; for speedily and sure, their lives were taken without pain or suffering.

For Permanent Good

There is no reason why the live-at-home program should not find its finest fulfillment in this section of North Carolina. We have rich, well-drained soil; and year after year we have been blessed with favorable weather and climatic conditions.

Trailing our other farm activities, though, is our development of better livestock. Particularly is this true in connection with the milk cows that are kept on our farms to assist in providing for the family food supply.

Nothing pays a farm family bigger dividends than does a good cow that furnishes plenty of good milk and butter. It is a poor commentary on our farming system that purebred cows are so scarce in this county.

We know that this is a bad time of year to talk about farmers paying out large sums of money for improvements of any kind. But we now have a fine crop coming on, and there is every reason in the world to believe that seasonal prosperity will be enjoyed by our farmers this fall. With this optimistic outlook in mind, we do not believe that it is a bad idea for our farmers to resolve now to invest a part of their this year's income to livestock improvements—and, we mean this with particular reference to the family cow.

What Is Cotton?

Some writers have waxed eloquent on the subject of cotton, dubbing it King Cotton, the Savior of the South and other such extravagant appellations. But some wit came nearer the truth when he painted the following pessimistic picture of cotton:

Cotton is the overcoat of a seed that is planted and grown in the Southern States to keep the producer broke and the buyer crazy. The fibre varies in color and weight and the man who can guess the nearest the length of a fiber is called a cotton man by the public, a fool by the farmer, and a poor business man by his creditors.

The price of cotton is fixed in New York, and it goes up when you have sold and down when you have bought. A buyer working for a group of mills was sent to New York to watch the cotton market and after a few days' deliberation, wired his firm: "Some think it will go up and some think it will go down. I do, too. Whatever you do will be wrong. Act at once."

Just Among The Fishermen

TRAGIC OCCURRENCE

The death by drowning of two of Southport's most likable young men was such a tragic occurrence that, in addition to the news story, a few words here may not be amiss. The writer had been on a fishing trip with two members of the fatal party only the day before. He declined to join in the night fishing expedition, and the party was urged to defer their trip until the daytime. We thought the trip had been given up and it was a shock to learn a few hours later that they had gone and that two of the youngest members of the party had been drowned in a comparatively safe and calm freshwater pond. The plain fact of the matter, as we see it, is that they and all members of the party, unable to swim, lost their heads and in the frantic chaos two lives were lost. This was a case in which the cold, hard facts must now be considered. No boy or man who has not mastered the art of swimming should fool about deep water if there are no experienced swimmers with him or nearby.

BAD WEATHER JINX OVER

Boatmen and experienced seamen on this part of the coast appear to be wholly confident that the unsettled weather of the past several weeks is now entirely in the past. The local floods, the first real rains here in many weeks, will have the effect of calming things off. The boatmen say that fishing parties may now have fair assurance that they can come at any time and find the weather conditions favorable for fishing. In addition, we have now reached the period of the year when this section of the coast begins to experience the best sport fishing. At this time of the year and for the several months to come parties coming to Southport may be assured of surprising good catches. We believe the local boatmen are more zealous in their efforts to give satisfaction than those who are found at any other fishing community on this coast.

LISTEN FOR BROADCAST

The writer believes that this paper is doing much more than could be expected of a weekly paper in the matter of giving publicity to the Southport sport fishing. Many sportsmen take it to keep up with the fishing news. In addition to this fine local service and the cooperation of many large and small newspapers throughout the state, radio listeners will shortly be hearing broadcasts covering the highlights in the Southport fishing. Bowing to the general interest in sport fishing at Southport the WPTF Radio Station, of Raleigh, has requested local matter for weekly broadcasts. At the time this is written the hour for the broadcasts of local matter has not been selected. Meanwhile all boatmen and parties making exceptional catches should promptly make a report of it to this department. If the party or the catch is an outstanding one a news story will go on the air.

SHRIMP FOR BAIT

Parties wishing to fish for trout are reminded that there is no bait to equal shrimp for this sort of fishing. If you are going trout fishing insist that your boat is provided with shrimp. The boatmen are expected to furnish bait and it is not in keeping with real service that they should fail to have shrimp for the party that proposes to fish for trout. Assurance has been given that one or the other of the two fish houses now operating will have shrimp for bait at all times. The boatmen should have this bait in their ice boxes if their party plans to fish for trout.

REPEATING OLD CLAIM

No party planning to troll for blue fish and mackerel should be composed of more than five or six persons. Four is really the proper number. When there is five or six in a party one, or even two, should be just loafing while the four or five fish. The loafer can relieve some of those who are fishing if they get tired or seasick. If there is more than six in the party they should forget sport fish and get a boat and boatmen who is versed in knowledge of the rocks where the sea bass abound. Any number of persons can fish for sea bass, but the larger the crowd the smaller the catch. Some one in the crowd usually selects the time for getting drunk or seasick and spoiling the fishing of all on board.

Under the North Carolina Department of Agriculture's feed regulations, manufacturers are prohibited from selling feeds containing peanut hulls, oat hulls, clipped-out by-products, rice hulls, saw-dust, sand, dirt or any substance "injurious to the health of animals or having little or no feeding value."

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, June 13—Though our national law-making factory closes down for several months, an extensive post-session program has been authorized. Several cruising Congressional crews with high-voltage powers will soon be abroad in the land ostensibly seeking information on which to formulate legislative policies next January. Meanwhile, skilled propagandists are compiling their own interpretations of this history of the last session as a basis for sales talks to the voters this summer and fall. The Congressional Record, the official publication of debates, is over-flowing with claims and counter-claims of those seeking political rewards at the hustings. It is harassed group of solons who are packing their grips for the homeward trek and the reckoning.

The word has been passed from the White House that the President expects some committees to have a program ready for the next meeting. It is generally understood that the House Committee on Ways and Means, which handles tax matters, will meet in the autumn to devise internal revenue plans embracing the elimination of government exempt securities and possibly broaden the base for personal income taxes to increase the number of contributors. The problem of railroad finances and Federal policies will be in the limelight, especially after July 1 when the crisis in management affairs is reached.

The cagey politicians know full well it would be folly to do anything important before elections. While there is considerable turmoil over relief expenditures, it is largely of a political tinge. However, far-sighted legislators are more deeply concerned over the effect of these continued Federal donations on the nation's social life. The underlying fear of demoralizing consequences was reflected in the recent utterance of Senator Byrnes of South Carolina, that direct grants to families make the beneficiaries think that it is part of a year to year ritual which absolves them from working. Another angle which has long been soft-pedaled was emphasized by Senator Adams Democrat of Colorado, who claims there is a national menace in the present trend toward having Uncle Sam pay the bills of political sub-divisions. Adams explained, "The thing which the states are doing now continuously is unloading their burdens on the Federal government". It is noteworthy that the governors of nine Southern States have maintained a former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury here as a lobbyist for government projects in their commonwealths. Tapping the Federal still is much easier than facing the task of raising funds by special taxes in states for the governors claim patronage credit without incurring serious liabilities.

No family ever manifested more concern over father's plans for visiting during the summer than our lawmakers. Because of the current trend toward utilization of Federal funds and influence in "purges", it is more a matter for the Democrats than for their Republican brethren Mr. Roosevelt's scheduled stops on the proposed summer tour may hold the fate of many incumbents. It is realized that despite the marked reversals of his lieutenants in recent primaries, the Chief Executive still possesses a strong personal following in various bailiwicks. The Iowa upset is considered a rebuke to sophomores in politics as represented by F. D. R.'s "Kitchen Cabinet". His drag with the voters makes it almost obligatory for contestants for Congressional seats to seek a nod rather than a thumbs down attitude.

Then there is the little matter of disbursing a relief fund of several billions in helpful projects. The absence of "ear-marks" or limitations gives the White House a free hand in the spending, which obviously puts relief into the political realm. The special Senate committee of inquiry would have a hard job patrolling all sections of the country in an effort to keep the campaigns aloof from this money witchcraft. On Capitol Hill the sage comment is to the effect that no one shoots Santa Claus with his gift bag.

Tidbits of conversation in high circles this week includes speculations as to what Senator LaFollette and his Civil Liberties Committee will do when they reach such storm centers at Hague and his Jersey fight on Communists and the Harlem labor battlefield; and how far they will go to "smear" steel companies this summer; what can be expected from the probe into radio monopoly with the radio chains having an inside track at the White House and what will be the aftermath of the bitter controversy over the wage and hour bill in the South?

Choice lambs sold cooperatively by Currituck County farmers brought \$9.50 a hundred at a sale sponsored by the county agent

Cartoon Briefs



OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

Editor State Port Pilot Southport, N. C.

Dear Sir:
Shallotte, Point, June 15—As I haven't seen any news in the Pilot from this place in quite a while, perhaps someone will be interested in reading a little sketch.
Prosperity seems to be dealing very kindly and justly with the majority of the people.
There is not much complaining and grumbling.
Boat-riding, bathing, and fishing are the chief forms of recreation.
Sports-loving people from all directions come here daily to participate in aquatic sports.
Captains Williams, Chadwick, Stanland and other boatmen with

BOLIVIA NEWS

Bolivia, June 15—The Methodist Epworth League members enjoyed a beach party on last Thursday evening at Holden's Beach.
Miss Catherine Cannon has returned home after a visit with Miss Mattie Johnson at Winna-

bow.
Miss Betty Holden is attending summer school at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, E. G. Gibson, of Gibsonville visited friends at Bolivia Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Henry, Misses Guildaroy and Bette Henry, of Winnabow, were guests of the Canons on Tuesday.
Mrs. J. D. Johnson has had as her guest her mother, Mrs. Smith, of Atkinson.
Mr. and Mrs. Nat Stallings and family, Macon Danford, Jane and Jennie Cannon, spent Sunday at Holden's Beach.
Mrs. L. B. Stevens, District P. T. A. chairman of Elizabethtown, was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Cannon Monday.
Bolivia Home Demonstration Club will represent Brunswick County in the District Stunt Contest at Wrightsville Beach on Wednesday. They will present a "Farm Wedding" using fifteen characters.
Mrs. Lawrence Duval and young daughter, of Wilmington, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

"I LIKE MY PAPER"

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It comes right to the point and gives me the important news of the day. . . . A paper that really covers my county . . . I don't care, very much, about people in other cities—big or small—or what some store 60 miles away has to offer. I KNOW my own town has everything any other town has. And my friend—the Merchant either has IN his store or he can get, whatever I might want. I know most of those advertising in my paper and I know they're reliable.

The news I want to read comes to my paper just the same and just as quickly as to New York or any other place. In fact, the more I think about it, the more I believe I like MY paper better—if for only one reason—I don't have to wade knee-deep in things I'm not interested in to find the news I want to read.

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