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The only time we like to kill joy is when we have a chance to work out on a joy-killer.

Conversation is another field in which quantity does not compensate for quality.

Our progress would be insured if every proposition were worked out for the mutual interest of both parties.

Most of the time when we turn down requests to accept unpaid responsibilities we do so not because we are so busy, but because we want to keep from becoming that way.

Young men in important positions frequently assume the role of a grouch as a means of showing their serious attitude toward their burden of responsibility.

We know that interruptions are impolite, but in some conversations that is about the only way to get a word in.

Before The Court

Monday was a crisp, cool October day and the large crowd of visitors attending the opening session of the October term of Superior Court apparently enjoyed the relief from the recent hot weather.

Judge E. H. Cranmer was presiding, and soon after we walked into the crowded court room and took our seat about the middle of the building we could see the judge was in fine spirits. The man seated in front of us turned to his neighbor and observed that he never had seen Judge Cranmer when he was feeling better.

We were sitting there listening disinterestedly to the solicitor and other attorneys as they culled the docket when suddenly we heard the voice of the judge ring out clear and distinct above the mumble of the court room: "James M. Harper, Jr., stand up."

We did. "Now walk right up here: here, right up here to the bench."

We did—with fear and trembling. "Good morning," said His Honor, as he shook hands with us across his desk. "I just wanted to tell you that as a member of the press you ought to be sitting right up here inside the bar. Have a seat."

Well, the relief that we felt was exceeded only by our appreciation to Judge Cranmer for this courtesy and consideration.

Nautical School

It strikes us that there is merit in the plan of Legion Commander R. O. Johnson for the establishment of a nautical school for boys here at Southport.

The reasons for wanting a school of this type are thoroughly logical, for through it would be provided training for boys who desire to follow the sea. Much of that work must, of course, come through experience; but practical training surely must serve them in good stead. There is no question that if there is a possibility for founding such a school anywhere in our state we favor its location at Southport. There are certain natural advantages here that cannot be argued.

Preliminary investigation has convinced Mr. Johnson that the establishment of this school is a practical possibility. We aren't familiar enough with the plan to know, but we are one hundred per cent in favor of the idea and stand willing to forward the cause in every way possible.

State Fair

The North Carolina State Fair opens next week in Raleigh and this is one season of the year when we wish that our county were located nearer our state capitol so more of our farmers and farm housewives could attend that event.

The fair is an exhibition of the best of good things. One place that always drew

our attention was the display of canning exhibits, the only place we have ever seen jars of canned fruit that were as pretty as the ones you see in magazines. The only reaction for the average man is a gnawing appetite, but farm women must find in exhibits of this kind an inspiration for new and greater efforts in their canning.

We always had a passing interest in poultry, so on our way over to the swine and cattle barns we usually made a quick trip up and down the aisles of tiered coops, hurriedly making a mental note of how easy it would be for all chicken raisers to substitute blooded breeding stock for their inferior fowls.

The swine barn is the mecca of interest for many fair visitors. You know how farmers in their Sunday afternoon walk about their farm usually wind up at the pig pen for a look at next winter's meat supply? Well, that to a greater extent explains the crowd that usually hangs around the pig barn. No hurried trip here, for in every pen are prize porkers of a type to cause every progressive farmer to make new resolutions about improving his hogs through the use of pure bred stock.

Then for the cattle. We admit that it is a personal interest that makes our visit to the cow barn the high spot in our day at the fair, but even the curious must admit that there is a new appreciation for fine cattle after seeing the sleek, perfectly shaped, true type specimens that represent the various breeds. Here is where a larger group of farmers should be found, for nothing is more important to the farm family than a dependable milk supply. Even a man prejudiced against cows is likely to be won over when he has a chance to see the beautiful animals that represent the best in their respective breeds. When he remembers that it costs no more to feed one of these cows than it does the "coffee-cow" he keeps back home there is an incentive for the farmer to return home determined to replace her with a purebred.

It is mid-afternoon now and time for the start of the horse races. We'll be seeing you—over at the grandstand.

School Buses

In our travel about the county we frequently have an opportunity to observe school buses while they are on their way to and from school.

Our reaction has been admiration for the drivers, both for their skill and for their patience, and criticism of the children who comprise the school bus load.

Let one minor mishap take place in the transportation program and immediately every person we know becomes greatly concerned over the safety of the child who must be transported to and from school daily. But until some emergency does occur these same happy-go-lucky kids breeze merrily along their way gaily flirting with danger.

The driver is the engineer and conductor combined on the bus, and once his vehicle is underway there is no opportunity for him to serve as monitor. Older children with a greater sense of responsibility should see to it that the little fellows do not stick their heads and arms out of the windows. The obvious danger of that conduct need not be enlarged upon.

Then there is the dangerous practice of running along after the bus after it has discharged its passengers. A child's mind usually is pretty well taken up with one thing at a time and there is no thought of an oncoming automobile that may smash him into eternity as he pursues the bus and calls derisively to his cooped-up comrades.

As we said before, the older children can help curb this kind of behavior. Where warnings do not suffice, reports to the principal probably will be more fruitful. The parents, too, can lend a hand for, after all, their's should be the greater concern.

And while we are discussing problems that relate to school bus transportation we should like to impress upon the parents their responsibility to get their children ready for school on time each morning in order that several children may not be kept waiting. Before long, now, cold weather will set in. Have the same consideration for your neighbor's children that you have for your own and permit the school bus to proceed without needless delay.

No man is ever more impressed with the curse of liquor than when he sees his friend in a drunken stupor.

The rapidity with which this week's term of court was disposed of is a pleasing commentary upon conduct in general in Brunswick county.

Just Among The Fishermen

BIG ELIAS Thursday while it was raining cats and dogs this columnist had a visitor in the shape (and it was a huge shape) of Elias Gore, colored fisherman of Southport.

Knee-High ducked (he is 7 feet tall and weighs 290 pounds) into our den to escape the downpour. Knee-High is a good natured fellow and is better educated than would be indicated by his only having passed the 7th grade in school. He was such a powerful giant during his normal schooling years that he quit and took over the labors of a menhaden fisherman while still in his early teens. He is now 32 years of age and has been fishing for 17 years. Asked for more specific reasons for quitting school, Elias said: "I did not have a chance and there was so many of us in the family I wanted to help my brothers and sisters."

He has helped. One of his sisters finished college, was supervisor of the colored schools of Brunswick for four years and now holds a like position in Virginia. Another sister is teaching at the Town Creek colored school; a brother is teaching at the Brunswick school at Southport and three brothers are in college.

A year or two ago the captain of one of the menhaden boats remarked to the writer that in the labors with the huge purse nets Big Lias was something like Sir Gallehad: "His strength is as the strength of ten."

LAKES NOW FULL

Little lakes turned into big ones and big ones turned into seas under the seven inches of rain that fell in Brunswick county Thursday. The local disciples of old Isaac Walton are just a little bit doubtful if there will be much more good freshwater bass fishing in the near future. During the full day's rain it was not unusual for some sarcastic Southporter to invite local enthusiasts to call around at their homes and go fishing in their front yards.

INTERESTED IN SHRIMPING

A lot of people from various sections of the state, and many from other states, often visit the docks and shrimp picking houses in the late afternoons and early nights. The writer has yet to see such a visitor who does not manifest interest. To many the greatest source of wonder is how can the workers handle the great amount of shrimp that are constantly being placed on their tables. An ordinary day's work means that several million shrimp must be handled separately by the pickers.

BIG SHEEPHEAD

A sheephead can show a lot of bull resistance in his reluctance to come to the boat of the sportsman who gets a line on him. He is not especially a fighter, but he sort of seems to brace himself and hold back plenty. Sportsmen who have caught average sized sheephead can appreciate the weight that A. D. Blanton of Gastonia had on his line when he hooked and landed a ten-pound specimen last week.

HANDLE MUCH FISH

It would be interesting to know how much shrimp and fish Jim Arnold and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maultsby, handle in the course of a year. Although they have ten or twelve shrimp boats of their own, fish constitutes the main item of shipping from the Arnold house. Several local fishermen have their daily catches of mullets, spots, trout, etc., handled by Mr. Arnold. Two large shore fisheries, one on Bald Head and the other at Caswell Beach, bring in all their catches to this dealer, whose shipments to Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York often go to around 200 boxes in a day.

PASS IT ON

Pass on your fishing, hunting or sport story of any sort to this paper or to the Southport Civic Club. A great many people are interested in hearing of exceptional incidents of the sort and by passing on your story to the above you may draw a good deal of publicity for yourself and community. As this is the season for reptiles of all sorts to be very active, it should be kept in mind that snake stories are also welcomed. In fact, all matters of interest are always welcomed by both the paper and the Civic Club.

QUEER EGGS

Columbus, O.—One of Harold Longhenry's Rhode Island hens has queer ideas about the shape of her eggs. Nearly every day the size and shape of her egg is different than that of the preceding day. She has laid round eggs, eggs shaped like oversized lima beans, eggs looking like overgrown marbles and long, slender eggs. The color of the eggs vary, too. Seldom are they of normal hue.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, October 3—Veteran observers are scanning the political skies to gauge the drift of public sentiment on domestic issues. The speculative minds turn to the probable effects of President Roosevelt's intervention for peace in Europe on his political future. One of the aftermaths of the truce overseas is concern around the Capital as to the trend in Congress for revision of neutrality laws and other international policies. Candidates for Congressional office are reporting great pressure for commitments from home folks who are fearful that this country will be entangled in foreign wars. The pledges that office-seekers are obliged to make in their campaign forecasts serious discussion of foreign affairs at the next Congressional session.

With potential candidates for the Presidential nomination popping up in both major party camps, there is more than academic curiosity as to the rise and fall of Mr. Roosevelt's popularity. Before the fracas was averted abroad, talk was running high that any kind of a war involving American rights would spread a boom to give the Chief Executive a third term. Ardent pro-Rooseveltes felt that the nation would respond to an appeal for keeping an experienced pilot at the helm regardless of the tradition against third terms. While Prime Minister Chamberlain told the British Parliament that Mussolini was entitled to the credit for peace moves in the crisis, many of Mr. Roosevelt's friends feel he is due for some of the laurels. Unbiased commentators say that the international matter merely restored the personal popularity which the President had seriously undermined by intervention in Democratic primaries in various states.

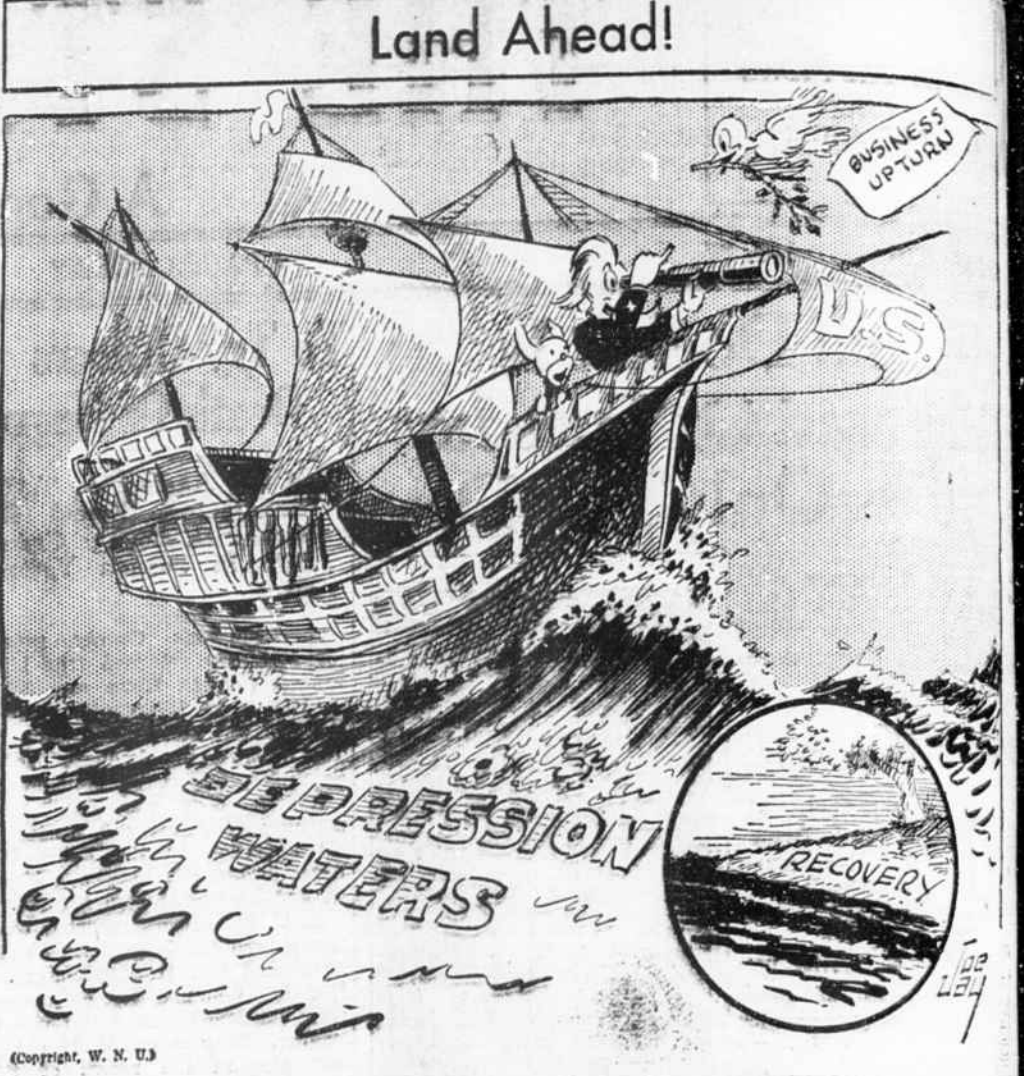
Though diplomats are much in demand at all times, social functions here take on an added glamour for those citizens seeking "inside dope". Foreign spokesmen are however, always guarded in their comments which baffles the thirst for information. It is noteworthy that despite the pact signed by the four Powers last week, official Washington is still dubious about the lasting quality of the arrangement. The foreign issue will have a boosting influence on the size of appropriations next year for the maintenance of the military and naval forces. The fact that Britain with its enormous armament program resorted to every diplomatic device rather than fight has made an impression. Comparative figures showed this country ranked low in effective military units—a development which hints at more money from the incoming Congress.

Government officials interested in advancing the social life of the American people have been provoked into making special inquiries by a recent statement that fifty per cent of the young women and ninety per cent of the young men are not fit to marry. This comment was attributed to Dr. Robert G. Foster, a Detroit specialist in family life, who contended that this high percentage of citizens knew little or nothing about the problems of managing the home successfully. It was his contention that the educators of the country were not devoting sufficient time to the social aspects of the home. The idea of devoting attention to home life as against higher learning will not appeal to the average educator unless officials apply the necessary pressure to insure their compliance.

Sociologists who are absorbed in shaping the country's social forces have accorded special attention to a statement of Dr. O. E. Baker, Federal population expert, that "The future generations of this country will probably be descendants of the people or our farms today, particularly our poorer farms and about two-thirds of them will be descendants of the Southern farmers including the hillbillies, tenant farmers and others who make up the chief population of that area now". The voters of tomorrow will probably have a better appreciation of rural problems than urban folks of today.

Politicians are turning their ears toward the Houston convention of the American Federation of Labor this week. The session will last for two weeks during which this branch of organized labor will express opinion calculated to claim the close study of office-seekers. The A. F. of L. is expected to renew its demand for the revision of the Wage and Hour Act and insist upon marked alterations in the National Labor Relations Act. A special report on the cost of living in various sections of the country will probably provide a fulcrum with which to hoist wage levels of union members in various crafts represented by the A. F. of L. The feud between this outfit and the C. I. O. is undiminished, a condition which places candidates for political office in a quandary when all have support of competitive labor unions.

The first air mail, Chicago to New York, was in 1919.



Monthly Report Of County Nurse

Month Of September Was Period Of Busy Activity For Mrs. Lou H. Smith, Brunswick County Nurse

Following is the report of public health work done in Brunswick county during month of September, 1938, by Mrs. Lou H. Smith, County Nurse: Seven schools visited, 77 homes visited, 2 visits to county home, 3 visits to hospital, 3 conferences with county officials, 5 conferences with doctors, 1 child taken to Caswell Training School at Kinston, 6 children taken to Wilmington to eye clinic, 300 school children examined, 7 people took typhoid inoculations, 6 babies took Toxoid for diphtheria. Two cases of diphtheria reported in county, 1 case of scarlet fever reported in Southport, 4 cases of whooping cough reported, 2 in county and two in town, 70 adults visited health office for advice. Fifteen hundred miles driven during September.

Gets Fine Trout In Pump Pond Sat.

C. W. Osborne of the dredge Comstock, now stationed at Morehead City, makes regular trips home to Southport each week-end. Saturday afternoon Mr. Osborne was out at the Pump Pond and concluded to try his cherished tackle for a few minutes to see if the trout were still striking after so much rain. He brought in a four and one-half pound big mouth bass.

Placing Booklets On Passing Yachts

Copies of North Carolina Today, Nos. 3 and 4, and other state publicity booklets are being placed aboard all yachts, stopping at Southport on their way from the north to Florida. A shipment of these booklets was received from the Department of Conservation and Development last week by the Civic Club secretary. They afford a pleasing medium of friendly contacts.

Aged Delco Man Dies Thursday

John A. Knowles, 79, Passes At Home In Delco Following An Extended Illness

John A. Knowles, 79-year-old citizen of Delco, died at his home Thursday afternoon, following an illness of several months duration.

Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Delco Catholic chapel by Reverend Frank Howard of Wilmington. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Surviving are 3 daughters, Mrs. Tom Blackham, Wilmington; Mrs. E. C. Applewhite, Delco; and Miss Ella Knowles, Delco, and 3 step-sons, M. S. Gainey, Leland; J. H. Gainey, Delco; and Frank Gainey, Wilmington.

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