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The only thing worse than a she-gossip is a he-gossip.

The rules of longevity apply only to individual cases, and you never know whether you are on the right tract or not until you are passed eighty.

Those who call on patients in the hospital usually take so much time telling about their own experiences that they don't have a chance to find out how their host is getting along.

Some people act stuck-up in an effort to keep others from discovering just how ordinary they really are.

The recent row between Germany and Czechoslovakia shows that right doesn't make might, either.

Politics make some strange bedfellows.

We have contempt for a sissy, but we hate a bully.

We have hope for tomorrow, because the things that are ours today are the things that we wanted yesterday.

Safety Patrol

There is a new safety unit at work in Southport this week—the Southport high school Safety Patrol.

A group of responsible boys have been assigned duty on three dangerous corners of the town in an effort to guarantee safe passage for the school children in going to and from school.

The purpose of this assignment is a worthy one, but the degree of success with which it will meet is left directly up to the motorists of Southport and Brunswick county. They will play the game, we believe, when they stop to realize that the pawns are the lives of little children.

There Must Be A Reason

Recently in Freeland news we ran across the following item:

"We note more interest in school this year than has been in the past as we see several of the young folks who dropped out two or three years ago are returning to classes in this session."

We believe there are at least two good reasons behind this fact. In the first place, Mr. Z. G. Ray, the principal, is a conscientious, hard-working official who is anxious to keep the standard of his school right up among the best.

In the second place, we believe that investigation will show that the introduction of a course in vocational agriculture, with Mr. LeRoy Mintz as the full-time instructor, has induced several boys to come back and complete their high school education. No longer is there the bugaboo of strange languages frightening them out of school. Instead there is offered an opportunity to study modern, scientific methods of farming—the vocation from which most of them plan to earn their living.

We look forward to the day when there shall be agriculture departments in at least four of the county schools and a home economics department in every consolidated school of the county.

More Danger

A graph prepared by the National Board of Fire Underwriters shows that fire losses usually increase at an alarming rate from September to December. "The reason for this is obvious," states the Board. "People start their stoves and furnaces as soon as cool weather arrives; in many cases neglecting to check over their heating plants. As a result, there is an epidemic of serious fires from defective equipment."

Soot-loaded chimneys are a major hazard. It is important to check up on chimneys for cracks and holes, and to clean

the flues every year. Flue linings are essential for safety.

Also, sagging, rusted smoke pipes cause trouble. Sparks may fly out and start a fire. Don't take this chance! Install a new pipe a safe distance from combustibles.

Another cause is overheated stoves and furnaces, the result of poor maintenance and faulty operation. If you don't get as much warmth as you should, the heater is probably out of order. You should consult a heating expert. Never "force" the fire in cold weather. Keep your heating plant clean and in good repair. Use metal containers for hot ashes.

For safety's sake check your heating equipment now, before real cold weather sets in.

The Crucial Period

The automobile death and accident rate has shown a steady decline for a number of months. But now the crucial test period is at hand.

We are entering the most dangerous driving months. Fall brings rain, to be followed by the ice and snows of winter, all of which immeasurably increase driving hazards. Equally important, these seasons bring shorter days—and the accident rate at night, is much higher than in daylight.

The wise driver will prepare for this dangerous period. And preparation should take two forms. Put your car in first-class condition, so far as brakes, lights, tires and steering are concerned. And put yourself in the proper mental condition for safe driving. Never forget that the human element is the responsible factor in the great majority of accidents. Before anyone can drive safely, he must think safely. He must know the hazards he faces, and be prepared for them. This "safety consciousness" is the first and most vital essential of accident prevention.

Remember that chance-taking isn't clever. Any fool can push the throttle to the floorboards, pass on hills and curves, disregard adverse weather conditions, and perform similar acts of idiotic recklessness. Caution is the product of intelligence.

Drive safely all the time, and be especially careful in the fall and winter seasons. Then the accident rate will continue to go down.

Golden Month

(Christian Science Monitor)

As the moving finger deftly whisks September from northern calendars, the tenth month of the waning year stands revealed in varicolored glory. The landscape has taken on Rembrandtesque touches of color. Rich reds and vivid browns predominate. Summer's green has given way to a riot of russets.

October is not welcomed by song of bird or buzz of bee. But in their stead comes briefly another aerial greeter, the rainbow-winged butterfly. Although some plant life has gone into its hibernation, many flowers are seen and there is no drabness since the still plentiful foliage contributes a thousand tantalizing tints.

Nature seems suddenly to have acquired the Midas-like faculty of turning all things to gold, and vine and tree send forth, seemingly overnight, leaves plated with the precious metal. A tempered sun likewise does its part, drenching the peaceful countryside with a golden glow, shining down on pleasant pastoral scenes—igloes of harvested hay and Indian-like villages of stalked corn, while plump pumpkins, catching its reflection, are transformed into a thousand satellite suns.

Although the current month boasts all the colors of the spectrum, yellow—the mellow yellow of autumn—seems to dominate the scene. It is as though the myriad hues of summer have resolved themselves, through rosy changes, into a single shade, that, from the dross of the days fed into the crucible of time, emerges a huge ingot—October's gold.

Some men bring home the bacon all right, but it's sliced mighty thin.

Back Fences are something that children climb, cows jump and women gossip over.

At any rate, the map of Europe seems rapidly to be changing its facial expression.

Lying never seems so despicable as when the other fellow's witnesses are doing a better job than yours.

From Oklahoma comes word of the development of a milch cow only 33 inches tall. It is, we believe, the first attempt to condense the cow.—Chicago Daily News.

Just Among The Fishermen

COOPERATIVE

When it comes to cooperating in any good undertaking the Southport folks just can't be beat and they do not mind being called upon to do some thing.

Last week this columnist had an outstanding commercial photographer here. The pictures he made are destined to be of wonderful advertising value to Southport and Brunswick county.

Half a dozen boatmen offered free service in getting the party to Bald Head Island. The craft of Frank Molycheck, was selected, as he was going anyway. At the last moment it was found that the party was larger than earlier expected and Reverend and Mrs. A. H. Marshall prevailed on Mr. Molycheck to let their bigger boat be substituted.

Over on the island the accommodating Captain J. E. Pinner, of the Cape Fear lighthouse, gave transportation. Frank Sherrill, of Charlotte insisted, on being host to everybody at dinner. Adrian Willetts of the Coast Guard, did superlative work in preparing the same.

The dozen or more men in the Varnum shore fishery vied with each other in eagerness to execute the slightest wishes of Mr. Farrell, the photographer. In addition to other things they maintained a extra sharp watch for fish in order that a picture could be made of a set. At one time they even went to the labor of making a set when there was few prospects of fish in order that the camera could record the process.

Captain and Mrs. J. E. Pinner, Captain and Mrs. Munn, Captain and Mrs. Molycheck and everybody on the island did everything they could. Outside of the exposure of a hundred or more films the whole day passed without the photographer and his guide being subject to a cent of expenses.

Back at Ben Gray's fish house the skipper's of the shrimp trawlers and their helpers were right there with everything that was called for in the way of cooperation. So was Capt. in Willis, who manages the house for Mr. Gray. The flashlights recorded a lot of interesting features of Southport's commercial fishing industry.

In the picking house, itself, things also went pretty well. The colored shrimp pickers were a little shy of the exploding flash lights but most of them stood their task at the tables. Things could have been better but the camera man was satisfied.

The next day, with a dozen shrimp trawlers having offered to carry everything free for pictures of a day's trawling operations, the Empress, of Captain Leslie Day and his father, Captain Ben Day, was selected. It was a large boat and had a mast and other accessories that would lend themselves to photography when the net was being hoisted aboard.

The two skippers and their helper, Clyde Colburn, were fine in cooperating in every way they could. They set out a good breakfast and at noon a great shrimp and fish dinner with accessories was brought out on deck and eaten there. The camera man got close to 100 shots of the shrimping scenes during the day. Most of them were scenes right there on the Empress, but many pictures were also taken of other trawlers as they approached or passed the Empress.

Next day called for another early start. This time the menhaden ship W. P. Anderson, of the Brunswick Navigation Company providing the transportation. The Anderson is in command of Mayor John D. Eriksen, Southport's sea-going mayor. Clambering aboard at the dock, obliging colored fishermen quickly directed the photographer and assistant forward to where Captain Erickson and his boatkeeper, Dock Robinson, were waiting in the pilot house. Coffee was brought out instantly by Jasper Galloway, colored fisherman, who waits on the Captain's table.

Waiting for the whole fleet to cast off, Captain J. B. Church, dean of Southport fishermen, came aboard for a few minutes talk, as did Captain Rubeen Gutherie and Captain Thomas St. George. Then we were off and soon thereafter Jasper appeared again this time to set the table for breakfast.

It was not a good day for fishing. Only a few were sighted and no sets were made. Nevertheless, Farrell's efficient camera recorded a wonderful story of the menhaden fishing. Pictures were made of the Mayor's colored first-mate, John Frink, and of Elias Gore, gigantic fisherman who stands over seven feet tall. In the domain of Joseph Parker, the cook, some excellent pictures were also made. Joseph had a fine typical sea-going dinner ready at 11:30.

Coming in about the middle of the afternoon, Farrell got several score wonderful pictures of a big schooner-yacht, aground with all sails set. This is told in another story else where in this paper.

"What do you mean—girls are bald?" "Oh, bias us this and bias that."

Holding Meeting At Acme - Delco

Reverend J. R. Potts, of Southport, and Reverend J. D. Withrow, of Leland, are conducting a meeting at the Acme Presbyterian church this week. Reverend Mr. Withrow is the regular pastor of the above church.

Jersey Fishermen Here For Black Fish

The Harold, from New Jersey, with a crew of ten is now fishing for black fish out on Frying Pan shoals, having arrived last week. Monday the Mable Mary, with a crew of eight, arrived from the same state and went out to join the Harold.

All of the fishing is done with hooks and hand-lines and the catches are iced and brought in here or taken to Georgetown, S. C., for sale to dealers. The boats sometimes remain out for several days.

Many Yachtsmen Now Passing Here

Yachtsmen from the north enroute to Florida are putting in at Southport daily in considerable numbers. They travel singly, sometimes in pairs and sometimes half-dozen or more in one fleet. Monday night three beautiful sport fishing craft put in late and had difficulty finding moorings on account of all docks being crowded by fishing craft.

Leland School To Present Play

"The Bachelor's Dream", a three-act farce, will be presented Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Leland high school auditorium. Another feature will be an "Amateur Hour," and depicting the "Day Of Old-Time Fashions". The program promises a full evening of fun and entertainment for all.

Seaside News

Seaside, Oct. 18—The Southern Kraft Corporation, of Georgetown, has been granted a permit to remove 10,000 cubic yards of material from the banks of the intra-coastal canal in order to have a larger cut by their dock here.

Mrs. W. B. Cooper and Mrs. Thomas E. Cooper, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday of last week with Mrs. G. E. Brooks, Ren R. Phillips, of Washington, D. C., was a visitor here a few days ago and was en-route to Miami where he will spend the winter.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Floyd is a patient in the Brunswick County Hospital. Misses Mildred Hutaff and Miriam McEachern, of Wilmington, were the guests of Miss Mary Brooks a few days ago.

Among those who were guests here during the past week were: F. A. Hayes, W. R. McCracken, Whiteville; Dr. Fields, Fairmont; Miss Alne West of Wilmington.

Mrs. J. W. Brooks has returned home after a visit here and was accompanied home by Miss Carrie W. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huffines and children, of Fairmont, were guests here Sunday.

Sgt. Gaines and Capt. Burdge, of Fort Bragg, were week-end guests here.

Doctors Raeford and Mrtoron Weinstein and James Prevatte, of Fairmont, were here over the week-end fishing. Their catch consisted of 21 fine drum.

A party of men from the Western part of the State are here deer driving for a few days.

Shalotte News

HENDREN-WINSTEAD The following announcements have just been received here: "Mr. Charles Edward Winstead announces the marriage of his daughter Mary Stephens To

Mr. Albert Lee Hendren on Friday, October the fourteenth nineteen-hundred and thirty-eight. Winston Salem, North Carolina." Shalotte citizens will remember both Mr. and Mrs. Hendren as former members of the Shalotte school faculty. They acquired a host of friends while teaching here.

They will make their home in Lexington, where Mr. Hendren holds the position as principal of schools.

MRS. KIRBY HOSTESS Mrs. Floyd Kirby delightfully entertained the Shalotte teachers and the county superintendent of schools, Miss Annie May Woodside, Wednesday evening, October 12, with a chicken supper.

Those attending were: Miss Annie May Woodside, H. C. Stone, Floyd Early, M. V. Gatlin, P. G. Bolich, F. V. Spence, Miss McSwain, Misses Frances Galloway, Vera Corley, Bettie Holden, Annie Russ, Ida Creech, Corrine Greene, Helen Stanfield, Clarise Swain, Eugene Southerland, Elizabeth Holden, Mary Taylor and Miss Davis, Miss Spruill, Miss Maude McAllister, Mesdames Frances Stone, Katie White, Mae H. Russ, Margaret Russ, Edna Russ, and Mrs. Wm. R. Teachey.

JOINT HOSTESSES Misses Rexie and Louise Tripple were joint hostesses to the Ladies Aid Society, which met at their home Tuesday evening, October 10. Sixteen members were present. A delicious course of salad and coffee were served by the hostesses, assisted by their niece, Miss Doris Tripple.

Mesdames Katie White, H. C. Stone, and Miss Vera Corley were Wilmington visitors Saturday. The typewriting class of Shalotte high school will be organized this week. If interested please see Miss Ida Creech at Mrs. Bob White's home.

The Hawaiian guitar course being given by two young men, seem to interest the pupils very much. They seem to be advancing in their lessons very nicely. Miss Eula Mae Long and Mr. and Mrs. Lennon Swain were Wilmington visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Weeks and Bill Browning visited Misses Rexie and Louise Tripple Friday evening. Miss Helen Stanfield spent the week-end in Wilmington.

Freshwed: "My wife likes tea for breakfast, while I like coffee." Oldwed: "You'll soon get used to tea."

Hotel Clerk: Inside or outside room sir? Guest: "Inside, I guess; it looks like rain."

Advices Farmers Of Hiking Yield

Grain Yield May Be Increased By Land Attention, Good Seed And Proper Fertilizer

The average small grain yield on Tar Heel farms in only a fraction of what it could be if growers would use more care in preparing the land, selecting good seed, and fertilizing with the proper mixture, said W. H. Rankin, agronomist at the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College.

For example, he said, the average oat yield is only 20 bushels per acre, but yields of more than 50 bushels are possible with good seed on good land. Growing small grains in rotation with legume crops, particularly lespedeza, will boost yields many bushels per acre. Preparation of the land for seeding this fall should have started with a thorough disking of the field in July or August.

The use of good seed is of utmost importance, he continued. The variety should be adapted to the locality, and resistant to cold and disease, also capable of producing high yields of full-bodied grain.

For average soils in Piedmont North Carolina, where most of the State's small grain is grown, 200 to 400 pounds of 4-10-4 fertilizer per acre should be applied and if needed an additional application of soluble nitrogen should be given the following spring. The time of seeding must be considered, too, since many growers sow their small grain too late to produce a good stand that will go through the winter in good condition and be ready to make a rapid vigorous spring growth.

She: "You wouldn't marry a girl for her money, would you?" He: "Certainly not." But "don't think I would have a heart to let her become an old maid just because she had money, do you?"

A former patient was travelling alone and ordered a room for two beds.

"A room with two beds, but you are alone, are you not?" "Yes," replied the traveller. "It's just that I want to enjoy the silence from the other bed."

Patient: "Does a fish strengthen the brain?" Doctor (returning from vacation): "Perhaps not; but going fishing seems to strengthen the imagination."



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