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Then again, it's generally a nut who bolts his own political party.

It's true though, that often those who love to play checkers have had a rather checkered career.

People who won't eat apple peelings, in all probability will never have blisters on their hands and feet.

The nearest some people will ever come to being an artist, will be when they draw on their imagination.

The Turn-Table

Several Southport motorists are developing a habit that is becoming increasingly annoying to patients at the Brunswick County Hospital.

They are using the driveway in front of the hospital for a turning around place for all short pleasure rides from town, and the flare of lights and the roar of racing motors is far from pleasant to the sick people who are in the hospital.

Officials of the Brunswick County Hospital have shown no disposition to be difficult about making the public go to unnecessary measures to keep quiet as they pursue their normal course along the highway. It is only when the drivers invade the hospital grounds to become a nuisance that an objection is raised.

Red Cross Roll Call

The chances are that sometime during this week or next week someone will approach you in behalf of the American Red Cross, for the annual membership drive began on Armistice Day.

Most of us feel that we are familiar with the work of the Red Cross. The popular conception is that it is a group that functions only in a time of disaster, that it is an agency through which those who have escaped storm and fire and flood may contribute to the relief of suffering in stricken areas.

This is one of the many fields in which the Red Cross serves. Of almost equal importance, is the safety program that is being conducted with the idea of preventing major man-made catastrophes. Then there's the program of first aid in which civilians are given valuable instruction in ways to care for injured brothers.

Another phase of the work in which we are particularly interested is the water safety program. Under this head comes the life saving classes and the swimming classes. When Miss Katrine Myers, field worker, was here Saturday, we asked her about sending a Red Cross examiner here next summer for the purpose of conducting a life saving course. She promised to contact the proper authorities and gave assurance that this work will be made available here during the coming season.

There you have some of the fields in which the Red Cross is serving. Your membership makes you a co-operating partner in a program that is world-wide in its scope, and one that does not have to await disaster before constructive work begins.

It is your privilege, not a duty, to join the Red Cross.

Training School

Out here at the Brunswick County Training School they believe in stressing their program of vocational training.

Last week we went out on other business, but during our visits we passed through the boy's workshop. There, to our undisguised amazement, was a miniature brick house under construction inside the room. A. C. Caviness, the principal, told us that this was the work of the boys in the bricklaying class. They had designed the house, he said, and were receiving practical instruction from their teacher, A. R. Williams.

"The girls are doing fine work, too," Caviness told us, and invited us to go over into the home economics laboratory.

Evidence proved that he was right, for the room was spotlessly clean and remarkably well ordered.

"We are teaching these boys and girls how to work," their principal told us. "That's how they will have to make their living, so when we graduate them from our school we want to leave them equipped to do good work."

Later we were talking to Miss Annie May Woodside about the two departments. "Caviness didn't tell you everything about them," she said. "Those two class rooms are the two wings from the old Southport high school building. We had them moved over there, but those boys did the masonry and carpenter work that has left them equipped for the two vocational departments."

"Not long ago," she continued, "the roof of one of the buildings began to leak. Caviness came in and told me about it and I told him I'd have it fixed as soon as I possibly could. He told me to just give them the material and that the boys would do the work. I did, and the building was repaired immediately."

This gives you a fair idea of the practical work being done at the Training School.

The Fredere Hounds

Some of our gentle readers outside the sporting fraternity may believe that we are giving too much attention to the doings of the Valle Fredere fox hounds, but we are much impressed with the good that bunch of dogs is doing.

Fredere keeps them for the sport of hearing them in mad pursuit of a new fox each morning. The fact that seldom does one of these crafty little animals survive a chase means that a major menace to other forms of wild game is steadily being removed.

Lately there appears another possibility: That of attracting more up-state fox hunters than ever before to Brunswick county. There's no mistaking the fact that there are plenty of foxes to go around, and it would take many invasions of visiting hounds to cut the crop of foxes to any considerable extent.

So, being in favor of each of these three results of the hounds, we take our place unshamed at the head of the booster's column for these phenomenal pups.

Preparedness

Every Armistice speaker in the country seemed to be sounding a note of preparedness Friday, and in Southport and Brunswick county, the picture was no different.

And all for a good and sufficient reason. With nations of the world engaged in the greatest armament race of all time, America can ill afford to sit idly by and allow herself to become the easy target of some aggressor nation.

America's rich natural resources, and her wealth of industrial facilities have already engaged the lustful attention of some nations, and America can do nothing else but protect her people and her resources.

It would be an entirely different picture if disarmament were the order of the day, but with just the opposite taking place, there's little argument against the enlistment of America in the armaments race.

Now, it appears that there will be a further income tax on the people to take care of the armament program, but the people of America will bear this burden a little more willingly when they realize that America is chinking the walls of her defense program, in order that she may be prepared for any eventuality.

Man's Seven Mistakes

Some sage has undertaken to condense the mistakes of man into seven major ones. Certainly the seven greatest mistakes he has chosen will furnish us all food for thought. They are:

1. The delusion that individual advances are made by crushing others down.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind by not acquiring the habit of reading.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.
7. The failure to establish the habit of saving money.

This appears to be a pretty fair diagnosis of what is the matter with us, and everyone might profitably check up on himself in the light of these suggestions.

**Just Among
The Fishermen**

NEVER MISS THE WATER

Among the fishermen at Southport, as among all who go down to the sea, it is a cardinal crime to go outside without the traditional cask of water, even when only a short trip is planned. The three Southporters who drifted about in their small boat for three days and nights last week had not missed theirs. Their boat was beaten and buffeted around and they were carried hither and yon, as it was too rough to anchor. Still, they had a bite to eat and plenty of water in the cask to last them. They arrived home on the end of the Coast Guard tow line in as good shape as if they had only been out for a single day fishing. They owe much of that to not having missed the water when they departed in the morning.

SLEPT TO AWAKEN ADRIFT

It is recalled that some dozen years ago a hardy Jersey Fisherman spent five days and nights in an open dory off Southport. He had neither water or food aboard, unless you can call raw fish food. To make matters worse, his fish spoiled on him. He was landed here, little the worse, glad to get back, but stolid and undemonstrative, he passed over his adventure as being all in the days work. He and his companions had not missed the water cask when they went out. They were well provided for with both food and water, but it all, naturally, happened to be on the power boat on which they made their trip. They had good luck and were returning to port heavily laden. Quarters on the power boat were limited and the Jersey boy got aboard the dory, which was being towed astern. There were some fish in the dory but nothing else. As the power boat plowed through the night, the man at the wheel intent on steering his course and all the rest of the crew sleeping, the tow line of the dory chafed in two. The power boat came on and on for miles. The Jersey boy awoke in his dory the next morning, bobbing around, many miles at sea. When he was rescued after hope had been given up, he was rather sorry looking, much in need of food. His first call was for water. We happened to see him land and were sort of impressed as he, seaman-like, coolly made his boat fast and saw that everything was shipshape before climbing ashore.

SOUTHPORT GULLS

Along about this season of the year there is one thing that never fails to impress the visitor to Southport, especially those who are here in the late afternoons, and still more especially if they happen to be out on one of the shrimp 'rawlers' or be at a position where they can note the coming in of these boats. All day long on the trawling grounds the gulls hover around the boats, almost by the thousands. As the small and discarded products of the trawlers are thrown overboard the gulls find a very sumptuous breakfast, luncheon and supper easy to get. They form a dense and tireless escort of the boats all day and follow them in at night. Comes sundown and darkness, you will find sandbars and beaches all the way to the Cape Fear River bar covered with gulls, waiting to go out with the first boats in the morning.

REPORTED CHANGE

From Raleigh last week came reports to your columnist that it was understood that the local plant of the Fisherman's Self Help Corporation, alias the North Carolina Fisheries, Inc., had been sold to some concern that would greatly modernize it and use it for some purpose or another. So far, no confirmation of this report has been obtained. If the report proves to be true it can safely be said that the change in administration, there never having been any local administration, will not be regretted at Southport. The whole thing has been a sorry deal for Southport and fishermen on this part of the coast.

ROCK FISH BITING

Rock Fish, often known as striped bass, are biting. Ed Wells, one of the keepers of the draw bridge to Oak Island, was the first to report a catch. He brought in a nine-pound beauty Wednesday morning for the inspection of this newspaper. Specimens of the fish running between 20 and 25 pounds are often taken on a cane pole and they afford a lot of excitement. Local predictions are that Charley Dasher, Sergeant Leinert and Captain Myers will be very much in company with these fish during the next month or so. We are betting on the Sergeant to prove the most versatile in taking them.

**Southport
School News**

The requirements for the honor roll for Southport high school have been made more rigid this year and students now are required to make an average grade of ninety-three or better before their names are placed on that list. Conduct must fall into the same bracket with scholarship.

Following is the honor list for the second school month:

First grade: John Newton, III, Aletta Glover, Anne Pleasant Dasher, Peggy Arnold and Frank Plaxco; second: Mary Frances Floyd, Barbara Anne Price and Jimmie Cox; third grade: Sue Fredere, Betsy Jane Galloway and Elizabeth Willis; Fourth grade: Bess Miller Plaxco, Margaret McGee and Lewis Newton; fifth grade: Sally Anne McNeil, Barbara Myers and Betty Lee Oliver; sixth grade: Dorothy Cox.

In the high school Frances Cox, of the eighth grade, and John Hall, member of the senior class, were the only students on the honor roll.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

On Wednesday, November 3, the seniors gave a program on good books which was entitled "When the Good and Bad Meet".

During American Education Week, several programs were given featuring the different phases of education. On Tuesday the fourth, fifth and sixth grades gave one on "Good Citizenship". On Wednesday, several members of the high school group gave one on "Courtesy" and on Thursday the primary department gave one on "Good Literature". These were all interesting.

Armistice Day was celebrated Friday. The Reverend E. M. Hall took charge of the Devotional after which John Hall, president of the senior class, led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The Reverend A. H. Marshall brought a message on peace. This concluded the programs.

**BOLIVIA
SCHOOL NEWS**

The French club met Friday afternoon. This club was formed so that students might learn more about France. After topics for next meeting were selected, two interesting reports were given. The first talk was "The Schools of France", by Bertha Gore. The second one was "The University of Paris", by Margaret Mills.

The third grade has been working on an Indian and Pilgrim project.

We are all looking forward to Thanksgiving holidays next week. Some of the teachers plan to spend the vacation at their homes.

Miss Hewitt's second grade will give a Thanksgiving program for chapel next Friday morning.

On November 11th the school was entertained at chapel by the third grade with a nice Armistice program. After this M. B. Watkins, who is Commander of 7th District of American Legion, Department of North Carolina, spoke.

The high school teachers attended the football game in Wilmington Friday.

The boys and girls basketball teams have ordered new suits for this year. They are gold trimmed in maroon. The team-line ups have chosen. Everyone is greatly interested since the series games will begin next month.

We are glad to know that work will start on the completion of our gymnasium this week. Mr. Belamy said that a force of workers would be here Monday morning.

The ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades are making posters on books, to celebrate National Book Week.

The P.-T. A. Membership Committee last month offered a cake to the room who could get the most memberships. Mr. Chadwick's room, the eleventh grade, won the cake, having four or five memberships. This month the committee has planned a social, to be held in the lunch room, for the grades having the most memberships. Each grade in school is interested in winning the prize and is working to win it.

The Parent-Teachers Association hopes to sponsor a dental clinic in the near future.

An old-fashioned pie supper will be given at the Bolivia high school on Friday night, December 2. This will be in charge of the P.-T. A. Everyone is urged to attend as the funds will be used for the needs of the association. Each of the high school grades is scheduled to give a play sometime this year. The 9th grade is planning to give a comedy on December 16. The funds will be used for the school.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thanksgiving services will be conducted at the Southport Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock with a special sermon by the pastor, the Reverend J. R. Potts. His topic will be "perpetual Thanksgiving". The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Envy of Them All



FOURTH ESTATE

SHERIFF-EDITOR

We may be wrong but we believe Victor Meekins, editor of the Dare County Times, occupies an unusual position through also being Sheriff of Dare County. So far as our knowledge of county government in North Carolina goes, there is no other Sheriff-Editor in the state. Meekins is sheriff of Dare county when, about two years ago, he saw the great need of a newspaper. Since there appeared to be no one else to undertake the venture, he went forward on his own account, created The Times and has edited it ably and well without the task interfering with his official duties. His paper is a great influence for good in Dare county.

SLACK TIMES FOR LUCAS

Since there will be very little interest in North Carolina politics for at least a year, Wade Lucas, versatile political prognosticator, of Raleigh, will have to look around right smart if he holds the same bunch of readers that have been

following him for the past few months. Politics is now a cut-and-dried subject. Wade has plenty of folks to hold forth to. He dishes out good and interesting stuff and there are plenty who rank him high, regardless of what may be his subject.

BEASLEY A GOOD SPORT

Somehow or other the average newspaper man has poor luck playing the game of politics. Maybe the most of them who seek public office are so accustomed to telling their readers the truth that they lack the tact to secure votes. That must have been the case with Roland Beasley, of the Monroe Journal. He ran for Congress and made a fine and dignified contest in the first primary. He lost out in the first primary to Messrs. Dean, Burgwin, et al. Did it make his sore? Not Beasley. He went right on editing his paper and during the subsequent bitter Dean-Burgwin run-off and court proceedings, Mr. Beasley was hands off and fair and friendly to both his former opponents.



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