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Two can live as cheaply as one if they live with the bride's parents.

Local Bowling fans are finding out that knocking over duck pins isn't exactly duck soup.

The most rabid fans of a successful football team usually are found among the foster-alumni.

The only reason some people ever smile is because they have heard that it will help their business to be pleasant.

You can worry as well when you work, but you cannot work as well when you worry.

Some men are always on the lookout for an opportunity to make a living from the sweat of someone else's brow.

It is a painful death indeed when some people try to kill you with kindness.

Negligence

When members of the Robert Howe Chapter of the D. A. R. removed the slab and some loose brick from over the grave of Joseph Walters and his wife, Elizabeth Hooper Walters, last week and carried them to the cemetery at Wyman church in Columbus county they did so with the idea of honoring the daughter of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

It occurs to us that it might have been better had the Daughters decided to improve the condition of the grave and erect a suitable marker over the spot where the last remains of the honored couple were interred, even though their resting place is in an inaccessible spot.

But the point we make is that it is a sad commentary upon the citizens of Brunswick county that they permitted the grave of one of our historical dead to become so run down and neglected that a group from outside our county felt called upon to take some action that would preserve for posterity some record of the dead.

Our county is blessed with places of historical interest; but sad to relate, most of them are not being properly cared for. Given the material with which we have to work a group of Virginia ladies, historical-minded as they are, would examine every square mile of our territory from Fort Caswell to Wilmington and have some logical reason for every act.

The action of the D. A. R. members from Columbus county may be just a rerunner of other invasions unless our people begin to take a keener interest in the places of historical interest that may be found within the bounds of Brunswick.

Prevent Forest Fires

Forests are valuable property. They benefit everyone by conserving our drinking water, regulating streamflow, keeping the soil from washing away, sheltering wild life, and providing us with fuel-wood, building material and other useful products.

Each of us has a personal stake in the forest resources of our locality, whether we own any timberland or not. The income from the sale of forest products creates employment, both in the country and in towns and villages. The more forest products we can produce, the greater will be our local market for eggs, milk, poultry, livestock and other farm products.

Fires in the forest kill little trees and injure larger trees and retard their growth. Forest fires destroy game animals and young birds and their food. They kill the fish in the streams and ponds, reduce the fertility of the forest soil, destroy the natural beauty of the countryside and create idle land that is a tax burden. Forest fires are practically all man-made. They are therefore preventable.

If all of us will try to be doubly-careful with fire, ourselves, and will do our best to persuade our friends and relatives to be careful, the fires in our county can be reduced to a negligible amount. If we will all take a personal interest in reporting and suppressing fires that do start, we can confine their damage to a very small total acreage.

Trees which burn will never do us much good; but trees that are protected and allowed to grow to maturity can bring a great flood of new money into our county each year to add to our farm income and help us to enjoy a higher standard of living and a greater future prosperity.

Now that the season is approaching when woods fires are most apt to occur, let us all resolve to do all we can to prevent and suppress fires, both individually and collectively, so that we can make our County a better place in which to live, both for ourselves and for those who follow after us.

Premium For The Best

Those of you who are inclined to become discouraged over the future of agriculture should find encouragement in the remarks of a recent writer, who made the following observations regarding the farm trend during the next twenty-five years:

In referring to the changes to be expected during the next quarter of a century, a recent writer had the following to say:

"There are those who think the day of the small grower is about over. Those who hold this belief think that production in the near future will largely be under the control of large operators who can use labor-saving machinery and other means of reducing the cost of production.

"It is our opinion that we are passing into a period of the survival of the fittest; that the grower who can produce the best quality products most economically and can place them on the market to best advantage and in the most attractive form will be the one who will survive, be he a large or a small operator."

Murder By Motor Car

Murder by motor car is on the decline, according to the National Safety Council. Traffic accident fatalities for the past nine months have registered a steady decline. This decline has taken place in the face of a slight increase in mileage figures.

All of which seems to indicate that the speed crazed mass of 40,000,000 drivers, known as the motoring public, is slowly awakening to a new found responsibility—safe driving. Possibly the average driver is discovering that the modern high speed automobile can be a vehicle of horrible death as well as of comfort and convenience. If so, a great stride is being made toward the day when once again the family car can be trundled out for a week-end holiday with reasonable assurance that all will return intact.

Sooner or later the motoring public will have to get the fact through its head that the present slaughters on highways is criminally needless. As was recently pointed out by the New York Times, "it will have to learn that murder by motor car—although it may not lead to the chair—is still murder and that it is the part of good morals, good sportsmanship and good citizenship to drive and walk safely."

Worthwhile

By this time motorists of Southport are familiar with the Safety Patrol, which is comprised of reliable school students entrusted with the responsibility of seeing that boys and girls on their way to and from school may cross Southport's busiest streets in safety.

Our only criticism of the Safety Patrolmen is their apparent feeling of inferiority while on duty. They are serving a good cause and they should be willing to square back their shoulders and look like they feel the part they are playing in the program of child safety.

Only this week there came to us from a reliable source the story of at least one instance where the student patrolman on duty at a corner saved an accident. It seems that an automobile was approaching from a side street just as a hungry little girl came racing down the sidewalk on her way home to lunch. Seeing that she was not going to heed his warning to stop, the patrolman on duty dropped his dignity and caught the child in his arms as she headed the last few feet into the path of the oncoming automobile.

The net damage from this encounter was the temporary loss of the little girl's dignity. If no patrolman had been stationed there a loss of life might have resulted.

Just Among The Fishermen

DOWNHOMER'S DEPART

With only half a dozen exceptions the boats and boatmen from up the coast chartered a course for the more eastern regions of the North Carolina coast last week. In other words, they went home. The local fishing has not been as good as it should have been, especially with regard to price. It has been rather a bad season for both the Southporter's and the "Downhomer's". Another and immediate cause of the exodus was a bird in the hand in the shape of reported good fishing up the coast. The local boatmen are standing by, confident that things will be floating good pretty soon. Least some reader may not understand clearly what is meant by the term, "Downhomer," we should elucidate this story by stating that the boatmen from up the coast invariably speak of themselves as being from down east. If you ask one of them where some companion of his is from he will advise you that the party in question is a "Downhomer."

STRIPPED BASS BITING

Stripped bass, better known locally as rock fish, are biting pretty good for those who have the patience to fish for them. When one is caught pride of conquest and possession will amply reward the sportsman for the exercise of patience. Having tried, impatiently, to catch one for several seasons, we have come to the conclusion that we are no good for running down anything except oysters.

GOOD COMMERCIAL FISHING

Menhaden fishing has been pretty good for the past week and there is naturally rejoicing among the workers. They have been having a pretty poor year. Recent flush fishing was only a drop in the bucket. Good fishing for only a week or two falls far short of making up for the many weeks of coming home each day with nary a fish on board, and no pay roll coming in with which to pay the bills on Saturday. The general public hears too much of the occasional good fishing periods and too little of the many fruitless days.

PRETTY GOOD OYSTERS

The few boatmen who have been turning their attention to oysters have been bringing in a pretty large and finely flavored product. There is apparently plenty of them for all demands for both shucked and unshucked stuff. Incidentally, it looks like there would be good money in the venture if someone with experience would set up and operate an oyster roast at Southport.

MISSING FISHING POLES

With the bank fishing for pup-py drum now well underway several Southport people have completed taking stock of their last winter's fishing poles and found that a considerable shortage exists. What is worse, there is no reserve supply in town containing the desired article. They must be long enough to reach and big enough to hold, and such does not seem to be available anywhere. The postmaster is making the biggest kick about the pole shortage. As a matter of fact, our personal belief as to the reason of the shortage is that this same postmaster would tie the poles on his car when he went fishing last spring and summer. Every pond or creek he went to developed such superlative qualities that he would resolve to return to the same place next day. Accordingly, to save the labor of retying the poles on the car, he would hide them in the bushes. Next day he would have an idea for going somewhere else.

NEW HOUSE COMPLETED

The new city dock and fish house, both leased for an indefinite period by Lewis J. Hardis has been finally completed. It was started the 30th of June and for a time things looked like they would never be finished. The dock is a very substantial one, creosoted pilings insuring long durability. Mr. Hardie is shrinking in South Carolina at the present time and it is not definitely known if he will make use of the dock and building this winter.

FINDING MOORINGS NOW

Enough of the shrimp trawlers have cleared out to insure ten or fifteen yachts being able to find moorings here nightly. Some few of the larger ones are anchoring in the river. There has been times this fall when not a single yacht could find a place at which to tie up here for the night. The best they could do was to slip in and load up with gas before the trawlers returned from their days work. After getting gas and supplies they had to move off down the waterway or look for anchorage in the river.

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, In your last weeks issue, on page four, was a story that evidently originated in Columbus county and which was very apologetic for the removal of the last remnants of the graves of Joseph Waters and his wife, Elizabeth Hooper Waters, from Brunswick county to Columbus.

If you will pardon my saying so, the description of the condition of these graves, one of them being the last resting place of the only daughter of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, is an outspoken condemnation of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

We are left to infer that the graves are removed because they were uncared for in Brunswick. If that is the case, whose duty was it to care for them more than that of the Daughters of the American Revolution?

They are removing the graves from "an inaccessible spot in Brunswick." May we ask if it was necessary to remove them all the way to Columbus to find an accessible spot?

May we point out to you that there was no publicity attendant on the removal or planned removal to Columbus. The first heard of it was that all was in readiness, that a permit had been obtained.

We do not know who granted the permit. We do not know why the D. A. R. never saw fit to care for these graves in Brunswick. We do know that the burial place of Joseph Waters and his wife, Elizabeth Hooper Waters was, and still is, in Brunswick county. Private arrangements should be made to mark the place, since the only action of the D. A. R. seems to have to carry a few souvenirs from the spot where the bodies were consigned, "Ashes to ashes and dust to dust."

The burial place is still in Brunswick county. W. B. KEZIAH November 17, 1938.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Marion S. Doshier will speak to the parents of Bolivia school in the auditorium on Wednesday, November 30, at 7:30 o'clock. The subject will be "Home Recreation." Parents are urged to attend and give her a crowd.

The interior of the fifth grade room has been much improved. An easel and a bookcase have been constructed by the pupils. An attractive window box has been added.

The boys and girls of the seventh grade are running a contest to see which will have the best daily attendance. So far the boys are ahead, but the girls are hoping to pull up their record.

The boys in section two in the first grade have had perfect attendance from November 9, until today.

The eighth grade of Bolivia high school, through the help and cooperation of their home room teacher, Mr. Randall, purchased a basketball. They are planning to have a class team.

BASKETBALL

The Bolivia high school gym is being completed. The gym will be furnished with dressing rooms, showers and seats for spectators. This will be one of the best gyms in the county. All Bolivia and Leland home games will be played in this gym.

We are not looking forward to a very successful basketball year. Many of our players graduated last year, and many of the prospective players are failing to pass their work. Probably some of the listed players will not stay on the team. They haven't had a gymnasium to practice in but are expecting the gym to be ready to play in by December 13.

The line up for the teams this year will be chosen from the following list of players.

Girls: Juanita Sowell, Juanita Lewis, Juanita Cannon, Juanita Skipper, Catherine Stone, Catherine Willetts, Gladys Lewis, Mattie Johnson, Verona Danford, Mary Garner, Margaret Mills, Bertha Gore.

Boys: Ernest Lewis, Albert McKeithan, Andrew Lesh, Roy Johnson, Jim McKeithan, Jimmy Johnson, Rosta Heckman, A. P. Henry, Eddie Reynolds, Dalton Sellers, Milton Murrell, R. S. Willetts.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

Berkeley, Calif.—The court bailiff poured a pitcher of ice water down the neck of the defendant. Spectators gasped and their teeth chattered.

The bailiff reached for another pitcher, and another quart of cold water cascaded down the shoulders.

The defendant, Gustav Berndt-44, husky foundry worker, was accused of pouring two pitchers of ice water down the neck of his wife.

Here's Where We Get Thrown for a Loss!



FOURTH ESTATE

Golden Anniversaries are usually associated with advancing age and decrepitude. The Charlotte News celebrated such an event last week by issuing what was probably the greatest single issue of any newspaper ever gotten out in North Carolina.

Jack Horner of the sports department of the Greensboro Daily News gave Brunswick county, especially fox hunting in Brunswick, some wonderful publicity last week. Incidentally Mr. Horner stated he hoped to come here before the hunting season was over.

With the football season now rapidly nearing its end, and a consequent let up on the strain that has been effecting camera men and sports writers, Bugs Barringer of the Charlotte Observer may be expected down in Brunswick sometime during the next few weeks.

While it does not receive the same pomp and display that attends football, various and sundry newspapers and other sources are authority for

the statement that there are more paid admissions to basketball games than to any other sport in the United States.

T. M. Pridgeon, veteran member of the staff of the Charlotte News, attained his first fame as an author this year with a wonderful story on cock fighting. His dissertation last week on The News from its infantile stages to its present affluence is a second great work.

And still we envy and marvel at the versatility of the paragrapher on the Greensboro Daily News. His work is too systematic to permit the thought of it possibly being co-operative. Still, it is hard to understand how one brain can grind out so much daily coverage of current events.

Since we have not been to a football game in several coons ages, we are wondering if Carl Goerch was getting off one of his funny stories when he wrote us last week and asked why we did not drop in and see him before the football season closed. Sounded like Mae West.



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