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The way some people elevate themselves to an imaginary pedestal is to under-rate everything and everybody about them.

Some folks who say they do not believe in advertising will just about break their necks for a little free publicity.

A lot of folks forget all about friendship until they are cast in the role of a friend in need.

When it comes to getting ahead in this world we have discovered that brass is a pretty good alloy for brains.

The worst thing about a holiday is the necessity for going back to school.

The second guessers are the only ones who have any fun when things go wrong.

The only time that some people want to discuss paying a bill is when you owe them.

Recreation is a magic word that transforms arduous hardships into the realm of fun.

Fifty-two thousand people paid two dollars and one-half each in Durham Saturday to sit for three hours in weather they wouldn't walk across the street in if they were at home.

Welcomed Visitors

One result of all the foxhunting publicity that has been spread abroad from Southport recently has been to attract a group of hunters with their packs from their homes in Western North Carolina and Tennessee.

One sure thing is that these men will have plenty of sport and that they will catch plenty of foxes. And the practical result of this will be the removal of ten or twenty foxes whose custom it has been to prey upon quail, rabbits and even the domesticated fowl of Brunswick farmers.

Green Fields

The farmer who cultivated fields now lie beneath a carpet of green has shown in a material way his love for the soil.

You can not take from the soil year after year without ever putting anything back and still expect to own a fertile farm. Money spent by the farmer for a bag of seed for a cover crop is a fine investment.

No Name

We appreciate the voluntary contributions that come in occasionally from our readers, but we never print one of these items unless some name is signed to it.

There are two reasons for that. In the first place we must protect innocent parties from practical jokes to which some unscrupulous funsters seek to make their county newspaper an envied agent. In the second place we must preserve our reputation for presenting accurate, reliable news. If through no fault of ours we have been betrayed, then is it important for us to know by whom.

But, remember this: We welcome bonafide news stories.

Life Saving Classes

Recently when Miss Katherine Myers, field worker for the American Red Cross, was in this county we asked her about having a Red Cross Life Saving examiner sent here next summer for the purpose of working for a few days with some of the better boy and girl swimmers.

We furnished Miss Myers with copies of The Pilot carrying the account of the tragic drowning of two Southport boys and a subsequent editorial pointing out the need for Red Cross Life Saving work. This week there comes a letter from the assistant manager of the eastern area

of the Red Cross acknowledging receipt of the copies of this newspaper and stating that Charles Mix, representative for the Red Cross First Aid and Life Saving Services, has been asked to visit Southport sometime soon.

This means that the Red Cross officials have shown an active interest in holding these courses here, and it also means that with the proper co-operation on the part of our local boys and girls we will go a long way next summer toward making a repetition of this year's drowning impossible.

About Crop Control

Much right now is being said with reference to the impending decision which tobacco and cotton farmers will make shortly about the continuance of a control program.

Opinion in this county is divided, and any sort of an estimate of the number of persons on either side of the fence at this time would be purely speculative.

It does not remain within our province to advise the farmers of this county as to what the best thing would be to do in this all-important matter. We feel that they are best qualified to answer the question of control or no control themselves, and whatever their decision may be on the 10th of December, we shall have no voice, for we feel that the farmers of the country are the ones who will work out their own salvation economically when that is done.

Our only advice to farmers in this matter would be that they not let personal prejudices or anything of the sort enter into their decision to vote on December 10th, but let their decision be actuated by only the unselfish motives through which the answer will finally be found.

We would admonish cotton and tobacco growers to look beyond the scope of their own lives, and see whether or not control or non-control will work to the best interest of the farmers as a whole all over the country. Only by such united and far-reaching vision will the farmer ever arrive at economic security.

So the matter rests entirely with the farmers themselves. If they want control they can have it, if they don't want it all they have to do is reject it at the polls on the 10th of December. Theirs will be the choice to say which it shall be!

We were keenly interested in the editorial comment of the Wilmington Star Saturday morning with reference to Sheriff J. A. Russ' announcement that he would not relinquish his office in Brunswick county until ousted by the North Carolina supreme court.

Tenacious Sheriff

Said the Star: "News columns some weeks ago called attention to the fact that notwithstanding adoption of the constitutional amendment extending the terms of sheriffs and coroners from two years to four, there remained a legal question as to the right of a sheriff elected before the adoption of the amendment to continue in office after two years."

"Comes now, Jasper Russ, sheriff of Brunswick county, who will go to the courts on the exact reverse of this."

"Defeated in the democratic primary by Dillon Ganey, Mr. Russ, announces that he will not relinquish his office until so ordered by the Supreme Court."

"Why?" "Because, says Sheriff Russ, the constitutional amendment automatically extended his term of office to four years, hence he is entitled to serve until 1941."

"It's our guess that Mr. Russ, fine fellow that he is, will lose."

"The law after all is merely common sense translated into ponderous phraseology and common sense dictates that Mr. Russ being elected for a two-year term will go out of office at the end of that two years."

"By the same reasoning, his successor, Mr. Ganey, having also been elected for a two-year term will have to win another election in 1940 before he can lay claim to a four-year tenure."

"Merely a lay opinion, of course. It's up to the courts to decide the fine points, but we are willing to wager at least a doughnut that the courts will agree with us."

European nations might take a tip from Hollywood. A little making up covers a world of mistakes.

Most people like cold weather—as long as they can stay indoors in mild temperatures.

People who stay up in the clouds generally are those who are always walking on air.

Just Among The Fishermen

COLD WORK

At this season of the year and for the next few months the commercial fishermen have about the coldest, most disagreeable job that could be found. While others are still slumbering underneath the covers, the fishermen must be up and out on the wind-swept waters by sunrise. Often his hands and face, to say nothing of his clothing, is wet from the flying spray. It is no joke to be out in the open on a boat during freezing weather. As a matter of fact, it will freeze on a boat while it is comparatively warm on shore.

STILL PASSING HERE

Sport fishing boats that have been working in New Jersey and points further north are still passing Southport daily enroute for Florida waters. Some of the boatmen say that they expect a few of the craft that failed to get a start before the Thanksgiving cold spell will have to hole up for the winter in New York and above there. About the only medium-sized craft that can be expected to be passing here from now on are those which got through the Chesapeake Bay before this recent freeze in the north.

GODD SPRING SPORT

Heavy rains late in the summer and fall filling the ponds and lakes argues for fine freshwater fishing in Brunswick next spring, so say the sportsmen. While the water was low the big fish had no trouble catching and eating the smaller ones. Rains gave the small fry more room in which to escape and at the same time brought in an ample supply of other food for the big fish. Spring is still a long way off but we have several sportsmen who are already looking forward to it.

FURNISH GOOD EXCUSE

Having to write this column, and a lot of other stuff provided us with a good excuse for not crawling out at five o'clock Monday morning while it was freezing, to go fox hunting with Tennessee and Western North Carolina sportsmen who are here with their dogs for a week. The excuse is only serving temporary. We aim to start out and hunt them up for the purpose of getting a picture of the dogs when the sun gets a little higher and warmer. To see 40 spotted dogs going full tilt after a fox is almost as exciting as landing an 8-pound trout.

NOT HALF SO CRAZY

Often we have watched fishermen go out in certain kinds of weather and have formed the private opinion that they were crazy. An judgment is that they were not half so crazy as those fifty-two thousand men and women who sat and stood in the snow for several hours to see the Duke-Pitt football game Saturday. The only difference is that the fishermen went because he had to. The football spectators went because they wanted to.

INTERESTED IN PORPOISES

The Troop of Boy Scouts from Wake county who spent part of last week on Bald Head Island while the rest of the state was at the football game did not fish. They had a great time exploring parts of the island, climbing the Cape Fear coast guard tower, etc. The only thing fishy about their trip was that they all saw porpoises for the first time and marveled at them plunging and diving in the water. Returning to Southport for the beginning of their journey home, they had plenty to ask about the porpoise.

MADE FAIR CATCH

The Mary and Mable returned Saturday afternoon from spending most of the week out on the edge of the gulf stream fishing for snapper and black fish. They made a fair catch, although they had bad weather about all the time. Members of the crew stated it was not so cold away out there. The boat is off again for another weeks work now.

BOATS IN LOUISIANA

Lewis J. Hardie of Southport has had some of his big boats shrimping in Louisiana all year. Several Southporters work on these craft. Merritt Moore in charge of one of them. Late reports are that they have all been doing pretty well. In Louisiana shrimp are credited with being about twice the size of those caught at Southport and other points on this coast. They command a better price because of this size.

EXPECT GOOD FISHING

Local menhaden boats are hoping and expecting for a good break in fishing this week. That is something that they need and deserve. Good catches were made week before last but bad weather interfered last week and the boats are still far behind their normal production. Reports of plenty of fish up the coast are responsible for the hope of good catches this week.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

Members of the seventh grade are glad to have Josephine Padgett back in school. She has been absent for several days because of an appendicitis operation.

The ninth grade is planning to elect class officers and choose class colors one day this week.

Helen and Catherine Willets spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Bald Head with their father.

The third of the county-wide teachers' meeting will be held at our school on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The topic for the meeting is "Vocational Education".

Mr. Chadwick spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents at Straits.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tucker, Kenneth, and Mr. Randall were in Wilmington for the football game on Thanksgiving day. They also visited friends while in the city.

A number of faculty members and students will probably attend the State-Citadel football game in Wilmington next Saturday.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams expect to play their first game with the Waccamaw teams next Friday.

The cast of characters for the ninth grade play, "A Poor Married Man," has been chosen. The play, which should prove to be one of the best of the year, will be given December 16.

The third grade has finished a Thanksgiving unit and is turning attention to Christmas now.

A prize will be given to the high school student who makes the best Christmas poster between now and December 22.

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. will be held in the school auditorium next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All patrons are urged to attend.

Pie Supper Is Planned For Bolivia

The Bolivia Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a pie supper at Bolivia school auditorium next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All the school girls and community girls and ladies are urged to cooperate by bringing pies.

There will be several other attractions including a cake-walk, beauty contests, and ugliest man contest. M. B. Robbins will act as master of ceremonies. Everyone is cordially invited to come and enjoy the evening. There will be no admission charge.

Plenty Of Deer, Few Are Killed

One party of Salisbury and Southport hunters jumped five buck deer hunting near Southport on Thanksgiving Day. Clipped shirt tails as a result of missing shots at the game were numerous. Captain H. T. Bowmer is credited with having had portions of his shirt tail amputated three different times during the day.

Waccamaw P. T. A. Holds Meeting

The Waccamaw Parent-Teachers Association held its third meeting last Monday evening at the Waccamaw High School with the largest number that they have had yet. The group boasts of nearly 50 members all in good standing who are taking a great interest in making the work of the organization a success.

The W. P. A. lunch room has been established and the report given already shows it to be an asset to the school. The parents are realizing it to be necessary as well as beneficial for the health of their children. The community is backing it whole heartedly.

The main theme of the program was cooperation of parents and teachers. The parents were given a few minutes to meet with the teachers in their respective rooms to talk over any problem that they might have. After the short conference all assembled in the auditorium for the remainder of the program. Miss Annie Mae Woodside, superintendent of Brunswick county schools and C. C. Rust, county welfare officer, were guest speakers at that time. Talking on "Cooperation of Parents and Teachers", Miss Woodside spoke of the importance and necessity of them working together. C. C. Rust talked on "The Importance of Regular Attendance". He stressed the importance of regular attendance—financially for the child, county and state as well as the academic gain for the child now and in the future.

Refreshments were served as the crowd adjourned.

We're Sure Santa Will Take Care o' This



FOURTH ESTATE

Less than a decade ago a great wave of popular demand sprang up for more and more news pictures in magazines. This demand is now spreading heavily among newspaper readers and the papers are responding to it. In a year or two more the North Carolina newspaper without pictures will be a rarity.

Boyden Sparks, widely known writer, resident of New Hanover county, was seriously injured in an automobile accident recently. Mr. Sparks is a frequent visitor to Southport, where he often comes to indulge in one of his favorite sports, that of fishing.

Saturday's epochal football game between Duke University and Pitt had one angle that is not generally recognized. Sports writers from far and near and the great news gathering agencies covered everything with neatness and dispatch. Here

in North Carolina, Jake Wade of the Charlotte Observer; Laurence Leonard and Jack Hosen of the Greensboro News; Anthony McKeelin, of the News and Observer; Burke Davis, of the Charlotte News, and we don't know how many others, had everything covered beautifully with story and picture.

For two weeks now we have not turned through a North Carolina newspaper without noting something congratulatory to the 50th Anniversary edition of the Charlotte News. Judging by what other newspapers say, it was the greatest single edition of any North Carolina newspaper.

Like other good syndicated comics, Pop Eye goes on and on, despite the fact that its creator died more than a month ago. Pop Eye is still good, but there now seems a touch missing somewhere.

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