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Speak about others as you would have others speak about you.

Luxury is when you enjoy something you can't afford.

We wonder what their monkey ancestors would think of some of the so-called social lions.

When you cut the inside of a blind curve the only short cut you take is to the nearest hospital.

The more money some people make the poorer they talk.

Too many of us do not want to be able to see over the wall of prejudice for fear we'll have to change our mind.

Beginners do not want anyone to watch them play when they are learning, but after they get good they do not want to play unless some one is looking on.

J. O. Lennon

After several days of anxious waiting in which members of his family were joined by friends throughout the county news came Monday morning of the death of J. O. Lennon.

Mr. Lennon was the kind of farmer that you dream of finding in sufficient number to start a model community. Sober, honest, hard working, he clearly demonstrated that it is possible for a man to make a good living for and to educate a large family on a Brunswick county farm.

His duties there might well have claimed his entire attention, but they didn't. Service to his community took much of his time. In 1926 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners and was serving when money was appropriated for the erection of four of the five consolidated schools of this county. Later he served as a member of the Southport school board. He has also been a member of the board of trustees of the Brunswick County Hospital.

Ever since the first AAA program came into being the farmers of this county have shown their faith in this man by retaining him year after year as chairman of their county committee in the tobacco program.

Brunswick county needs more men with the foresight, determination and integrity of J. O. Lennon.

Appreciation Of Quality

One of the most valuable lessons taught home economics students is appreciation of quality.

There are ways to clothe a family well, yet inexpensively, but that goal is not achieved by walking blindly into a store and purchasing indiscriminately. It is invaluable to know exactly what material is best suited for what you want, know the current styles and approximately what is a fair price for your purchase.

Home economics teachers have an opportunity to drive home these important lessons to their students while they are being drilled in the regular routine of making their own clothes. The result is that home economic girls are equipped to make practical wavings for men who know the value of watching costs.

One place where this type of training stands in particularly good stead is at one of these much ballyhooed sales. It is a fact that in most of these events much valuable merchandise is offered at money-saving prices. But it also is a fact that most of the items are offered at no reduction at all—that the merchant hopes to capitalize upon the hypnotism of a bargain sale. A housewife who will take her want-list into one of these stores and take time to carefully check quality against price will truly profit by the education that taught her these principles.

More Suckers

Comes now a tale from Longwood of a medicine show that left the community with a bunch of worthless trinkets that cost from one to five dollars each.

The show, we are told, was good. The man who was chief entertainer was a master of the art of sleight-of-hand. The crowd came, gathered and enjoyed the free performance. Then the medicine show man decided to stage an auction sale—one of these events born of the desire the average man has of getting something for nothing. Using a masterful build-up of money changing and buying back, the slicker led his trusting audience into the deep water of folding money and quickly clipped them for enough of their hard-earned dollars to insure the financial success of his venture for the week.

It's hard to understand why intelligent people will let a man beat them at his own game, particularly when it is a well known fact that men of this type make it a practice to live off the sweat of some one else's brow. Temporarily, of course, the people of that particular community are cured. The show probably wouldn't even make expenses there another week. But rest assured that the outfit is still doing business, and that there will be plenty of takers when these mock bargains are offered.

Because, you see, Barnum was right.

Latest Outrage

There appears to be no end to the ability of Adolph Hitler to perpetrate outrages that will shock the civilized world.

First it was his ruthless seizure of Austria, recently the annexation and almost complete subjection of Czechoslovakia, and now the Jews who inhabit Germany are made target for his greatest exhibition of barbarism.

Austria came easy, at a time when all other European nations were too wrapped up in home affairs to offer interference to Herr Hitler's ambitions. The Czech situation was far more serious, and for an entire week the European situation tottered on the brink of another World War.

But for sheer heartless cruelty nothing previously born in the diabolic mind of Germany's dictator can match the treatment being meted the Jews.

In Hitler's program of propaganda for the justification of this campaign he excuses his action upon the grounds that the Jews of Germany caused that nation to lose the World War when they refused to lend financial support. Without pretending to know the relative patriotism of the German-Jew we do know that under war-time emergencies no clique nor clan would be permitted to throttle the cause of a nation, whether it be in Germany, England or in the United States.

Their property has been confiscated, daily measures are being passed making more and more intolerable their life in their native country and ruthless killings result upon the slightest pretext. Sad indeed is the plight of the Jewish race—a friendly peace-loving people that has been a tremendous factor in the economic life of our own nation.

Safety First

When the question of safety comes up, it is mighty hard for us to keep our mind off the school children.

For that reason we are more and more impressed with the safety walkway over the Shallotte river between the town of Shallotte and the school house. A picture of this bridge appears elsewhere in today's paper, but a proper appreciation for the good it is doing may be obtained only by going to Shallotte either before or after school and watching the kids troop across this walkway, around a treacherous curve, in perfect safety.

We believe that we have been right in giving credit to Chas. E. Gause, former member of the board of education, for using all his influence with Highway Commissioner Alex Powell to have this bridge built, and it should serve as a lasting monument to his love for children.

On Right Track

We believe that President Roosevelt and his Administration are definitely headed in the right direction in turning to the South American continent in an effort to preserve the peace and democracies of the world at the same time.

The European volcano apparently seems likely to erupt at any moment, and it has been pretty conclusively proved that striking a bargain with dictators remains an extremely difficult task.

The Pan American conference, which is attended by such great American statesmen as Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and others, should result in much good.

Just Among The Fishermen

RANGING AFAR

Menhaden boats from Morehead City and Beaufort have been ranging down the coast all the way to Southport in quest of menhaden during the past several days. Most of the fish seem to have passed along the upper part of the North Carolina coast moving southward. After taking all they could close at home the boats made longer and longer trips to come here to keep up with the moving schools. On account of the time spent in making the trips the Morehead and Beaufort boats could only load up about once in three days. Southport boats, which are able to make daily catches while the fish are here, will soon have to be extending their trips to far down the coast, often going as far as Georgetown, S. C.

GOOD OYSTERS

Oysters, at least those which we have seen, are exceptionally large and good this year. There seems to be plenty of them and the only trouble appears to be that winter has not progressed far enough to create any great demand. It is expected that quite a big crowd of fox hunters will be here from Virginia, Tennessee and all over this state, sometime between now and Christmas. Local birdhunters who are interested in fox extermination are proposing to give these hunters a big oyster roast.

PLENTY TROUT AROUND

Willie Cooker, who caters to the local demand for fish, brought in 175 pounds of fine trout one morning this past week. They were taken in a net. Nevertheless the catch was an interesting one and caused some of the sportsmen to set up a bit of wondering if the trout bite around the old offshore wrecks which have not been visited in a month or more.

SMALL FISH TAKEN

Shrimp trawlers have been finding their nets burdened with great masses of small fish, mighty few of which were of edible size. Likewise, they have been getting mighty few shrimp in the hauls. This is not unusual for this season of the year and the presence of the fish is generally taken to indicate that there is a great deal of shrimp somewhere near by. Some of the boatmen believe they will strike good schools of shrimp soon. The fish, they say, are attracted by the presence of shrimp nearby.

DUCK HUNTERS

A lot of the summertime visitors to Southport are coming again. This time instead of being fishermen they appear as duck hunters. Sometimes a little more variety is added by individuals and parties being after deer and turkey or to go fox hunting. At any rate the summer time friends are holding Southport and Brunswick county in their regard through the winter.

MAY HAVE BIG HUNT

While this column was originally intended for fishermen and their doings, there are times when a little deviation from a steadfast rule is permissible. This is one of the times and fox hunting is one of the things that is due some attention. Brunswick has the foxes by the thousands waiting to provide real sport for the hunter with hounds. The destruction of some of the pests, it is believed, will save a lot of quail. Taking everything into account, we believe that every Brunswick sportsman will gladly welcome the invasion of fox-hunters and their dogs. With this idea in view, plans are being made to try and pull off a big fox hunt sometime before Christmas. Letters have just been written to several owners of fine packs of hounds. Friends among the sports and outdoor editors of the North Carolina daily papers and some papers outside of North Carolina are gladly cooperating in the effort to make contact with fox hunters and arrange a date for a big hunt. The long and short of this is that it is believed that this paper will be able to make announcement next week for a big hunt that will bring a hundred or more of the best known fox hounds in and out of the state to Brunswick for several days of fox hunting. It is hoped that local sportsmen will cooperate in this effort.

GOT A GOOD DOG?

Anybody in Brunswick who has exceptionally good fox,coon, 'possum or deer dogs are invited to write The Fisherman's Column, State Port Pilot, something about the exploits of those dogs. Just give us the facts, name, breed, age and some little data about a hunt in which the animal or animals figured prominently and effort will be made to make a good story out of it. For exceptionally noteworthy dogs we would like to have a good picture, but the senders must bear in mind that a picture of a dog or dogs cannot be reproduced for newspaper use unless it is clear and sharp. A dim or faded picture is useless.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

The pie supper, which was sponsored by the P.-T. A. and held at the schoolhouse last Friday night, was very successful. All of the pies were quickly sold, after which a number of contests were held. The prize for the cake walk was won by Bobby Robbins and Travis Danford. Maggie Lewis was voted the prettiest girl and was given a box of candy. Mr. Tucker received the bar of soap for being the ugliest; Mr. Chadwick the jar of pickles for being the most lovable.

The regular monthly meeting of the P.-T. A. was held in the school auditorium last Thursday night. The regular program topic was "Physical Education". Mrs. Doshier also spoke on the topic of "Home Recreation".

The eleventh grade won for the second time the picture for the highest percentage of members present. The ninth grade won the contest in membership for the month and will be entertained by the membership committee with a social.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams are scheduled to play the teams of Long Creek—Grady high school there on December 13. Students hope that their teams will bring home a victory. The boys' team will play New Hanover high school Friday night.

The boys of the basketball team have received their new suits. They surely are pretty. Fans are expecting you to shine when you wear them.

Mary Lee Mercer of the fifth grade and Ruth Moore Lesh of the eighth grade underwent operations for appendicitis last week at James Walker Memorial hospital in Wilmington. Both are recovering nicely. Mary Lee already having returned home.

A number of the rooms have put up some nice Christmas decorations, which reminds us that the holidays are not far off.

The high school science classes are enjoying the use of the new laboratory equipment which came recently.

A new filing cabinet has been placed in the office.

The ninth grade is working hard on the play, "A Poor Married Man", which is to be given December 16.

Recent Forest Fire Loss Felt

Damage Resulting From Forest Fire On Pacific Coast Estimated At \$5,000,000.00; Impresses Need For Care

Recent forest fires raging on the Pacific Coast and resulting in damage already estimated at over \$5,000,000 have brought home the realization that fire is a ruthless destroyer and that on a rampage it gives little heed to forest homes, man or beast.

"People of the southern states read with great concern the reports of destruction caused by forest fires in the West, as recorded in the daily press. Few of them realize that 90 per cent of the fire damage in the entire United States during 1937 occurred in the South," says Joseph C. Kircher, Southern Regional Forester of the U. S. Forest Service.

Southern fires, according to the Regional Forester, seldom attract headlines due to their frequent occurrences and their seeming harmlessness. However, the majority of these fires destroy young growth and reduce the chance of natural restocking so necessary in providing timber and pulpwood for the South's ever increasing wood-using industries.

Mr. Kircher discloses that figures compiled by the U. S. Forest Service show a total loss of \$20,668,880 from forest fires in the United States last year, while \$18,728,444 was credited to 11 southern states. 185,201 reported forest fires in these states burned over an area of 21,211,910 acres. Losses shown in this survey are based on the value of timber resources only.

The placing of private forest lands under protection by organized state forces, elimination of destructive "woods-burning" by landowners and tenants, and extreme caution by the general public in the use of fire while in the woods, are steps recommended by the U. S. Forest Service in reducing the South's annual losses resulting from forest fires.

GRAPES

Larger average production of grapes during the next few years than the 1927-36 average of 2,197,000 tons has been indicated by the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The Least of Their Worries



FOURTH ESTATE

Several newspapers, in addition to this one, make a specialty of running unusual front page stories, usually under a double column head at the bottom of the front page. Couple of weeks ago the Whiteville News Reporter got off such a story, and it was a peach. It has gone the round of everything from newspapers to national magazines and is still going. We are not prepared to say whether the story in question was written by Editor B. Gordon Lewis, or his most efficient and ambitious advertising manager, George O. Butler. All we know is that it was a mighty good story.

We are still lamenting that such an esteemed paper as the Greensboro News is not better acquainted with this part of the coast. Saturday, in its review of interesting stories to be carried the next day, the News placed a story coming from here as, "From Way Down In Bladen County."

One item in newspaper work is the vast amount of time spent by the offices reading the still

vaster amount of stuff that is sent to writers not having signed his name, and cannot be published because of that. The also wastes a good deal of time and postage without being read just as soon as it is that it does not contain anything to identify writer.

If Dare County ever had a newspaper, prior to about three years ago, we did not hear of it. At that time Victor Meekins saw the need acted on what he saw. He started out with Dare County News, getting it published in Dare City, as he had no equipment of his own. This year he bought an outfit and is printing paper at home. We have watched that little paper from the start. We have also watched the progress of Dare county. Meekins and his paper have kept pace with Dare. To do him full justice Mr. Meekins and his paper have more than kept pace with Dare. They have been good leaders everything pointing towards progress.

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