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Only 362 more days before Christmas.

When you start out to show somebody up you usually do—yourself.

One thing we have never learned to do is look a man straight in the black eye.

Bracing atmosphere is when it is so cold you are frozen stiff.

To qualify as a man of means it is necessary to do more than merely mean well.

It is difficult to tell which is harder: Getting ready to go visiting or preparing for company.

There seemed to be some confusion in the minds of some people regarding Christmas spirit and Christmas spirits.

The way some boys and girls fatten up while they are off at school makes it look like they do not get enough to eat at home.

Christmas Decorations

Citizens of our town who spent a part of the holiday season in other sections of the state came home bursting with pride over the beautiful Christmas decorations that were everywhere in evidence in this community.

The consensus of opinion is that Southport was the best decorated town of its size in North Carolina.

Law Enforcement

If you have any doubts concerning the fact that Brunswick county law enforcement officers mean business, turn to page 1 and look over the list of Recorder's Court cases tried here last Wednesday.

Seventeen cases were disposed of before Judge Walter M. Stanaland—the most for any one day since we have been a resident of Southport. Ten others were continued for some good reason, a total of more than \$600.00 was paid in costs and fines and at least that much more must come in before Wednesday to satisfy the judgment in cases where a continuation was had.

We wouldn't like to see each officer come to be like Javert in Victor Hugo's Les Miserables, but there must be maintained a respect for law and order. Nothing will do this so well as fearless, conscientious guardians of the peace.

Nautical School

The more we study the possibility of establishing a nautical school at Southport the more encouraged we feel over the prospects.

Where similar schools have been established in other eastern Seaboard states the government has furnished a training ship, to be used as quarters and class room for the enrollees, trained naval officers to head the faculty, and has furnished funds to match similar appropriations from the states up to \$25,000.00 per year.

Just now there is a strong emphasis being placed upon national defense, and while there would be no direct connection between a nautical school for the training of officers for the merchant marine and the United States navy it is easy to see that it is desirable to have as many trained civilians as possible ready to step into the breach at any time our nation might find itself at war.

Recently the people of this country have awakened to the fact that America must place greater stress upon the education and training of the men in charge of her foreign commerce. The government already has taken other measures to cooperate in this matter.

Thus it appears that with the proper men backing the request in Washington there is no reason to doubt that government aid in this project will be forthcoming.

Our Country

One hundred and thirty million Americans receive more wages each year than the 550 million people who live in Europe.

With 18 minutes of work, an American steel worker can earn food that an English steel worker must work 76 minutes to earn, and that a Belgian must work 236 minutes to earn.

The United States owns 178 radios for every 1,000 people, Germany has 108, Russia 17 and Italy has only 2 radios for every 1,000 people.

America has enough automobiles to carry the entire 130 million population at one time. Actually, America has one automobile for every 4 1-2 people, England has one automobile for every 49 people, and Russia has one automobile for every 479 people.

The average American wage is twice the average British wages, three times the German wage, and five times the Italian wage. And a dollar of the American wage will buy more and better conveniences than a dollar will buy in Europe.

It doesn't look like we live in such a bad country after all.

Your War

"Keep the fifth man alive!"

That is the slogan which is now being employed in a drive to reduce the normally heavy winter automobile accident toll by at least 20 per cent.

If the United States can keep up the pace set in the first ten months of the year, the 1938 death toll will be 8,000 less than 1937's. We are in the midst of the crucial period now. December is always a bad month. And, looking into next year, January, February and March, with snow, ice and short days, constitute a period of maximum hazard.

The organized safety movement has reached a high point of efficiency. The technique of accident reduction has been amazingly perfected. Sporadic, desultory, localized safety campaigns have proven almost worthless. Instead, the safety education movement, supported by the casualty insurance industry through its National Conservation Bureau, state governments and numerous commercial and non-commercial groups, is attempting, with a high degree of success to reach every motorist every day.

Thus, the safety experts are doing all they can—and they are doing the biggest and best job in their history. The rest—and this is something you can't repeat too often—is up to the motorist and the pedestrian. The safety workers can offer you advice—but they can't open your ears and eyes if you insist on being deaf and blind. They can show you the road to safety—but they can't make you take it.

This war is your war. It is being fought to save your life, the lives of your friends and families, your property. Enlist in it now.

Mass Production

There is no question as to the necessity and merit of mass production of goods. It would be ridiculous to suggest that we go back to the handicraft age in the production of motor cars, electrical devices, building materials, furniture or almost anything else in common used and demand.

The cost of these necessities would be inflated many times. Where almost all the population can purchase them now, only a small per cent could enjoy them at anywhere near the extent they do now, if they were produced by the slow, hand methods that preceded the industrial age.

Yet there are some theorists who suggest just such a thing claiming that the machine age has reduced the laboring classes to the depths of poverty, and has contributed to unemployment by robbing men of their jobs.

In such argument, we have no part. Such ridiculous chatter belongs in the realm of the fanatical rather than sane and sober thought, and should not be given serious consideration.

There is no denying that the industrial age has replaced many laborers with machines, but it's folly to suggest that we return to the primitive industrial methods employed before the turn of the last century.

Rather, we believe, a better plan would be to try to open up some new fields of endeavor to absorb the jobless thousands. Turning back the calendar and harking back to the dead and distant past would not solve our present day problems.

Christmas vacations are just about long enough to make the boys and girls who couldn't go off to school glad of it.

Just Among The Fishermen

AT ROSE BOWL Frank Link Johnson of Statesville, secretary-treasurer of the N. C. soft drink bottlers association and a strong advocate of Southport fishing, is now on his way to the Rose Bowl game between Duke and Southern California. At least, such is inferred from a letter received by this department from Frank last week. It may be mentionable here that Frank is often known as "Two Quid Frank", by reason of his love of chewing tobacco. He is also a great practical joker and mixer with the folks.

FRANK WRITES "Dear Booster: As you mention in the last issue of the State Port Pilot, Two-Quid Johnson is again holding the purse strings of the North Carolina Bottlers association. I have been an officer in the association since 1919. Too long for a fisherman to serve anybody—except the fish and chewing tobacco manufacturers—and Coca Cola in Bottles. I see you need a new knife. You will receive a pair by mail soon with my compliments. Don't carve up the 'Brain Trust' with them, as good men are scarce—and lazy. Best regards to all the boys. Am leaving on the night of December 26th on a special pullman train for the Rose Bowl. If the radio announcer says he sees a little country boy trotting around chewing tobacco and carrying his spittoon decorated with the scalps of Southern California players that the Duke Blue Devils have tomahawked, it will be me sure as h—"

MAYBE NOT SO BAD Maybe the Miss Perkins—International Labor-Act requiring crews of four licensed men on all boat 40 feet in length and longer, will not turn out so bad against the fishing interests as it first sounded like it would. Then, again maybe it will. All we know at the moment is that Congressman J. Bayard Clark does not think the Act so bad as the first reports made it appear. The Congressman is having a complete copy of the Act sent to this department from Washington. The facts about it will be published when it shows up. Meanwhile there is no use in anybody worrying about it.

SYNDICATING TAUTOG PIX The blackfish—Tautogs to folks in the New England states, will be coming in for a bit of publicity in a few days. Bill Sharpe of the State Publicity Bureau last week sent a hurry up call down here for a picture of a catch of the above fish made by Captain Barkley Tomlin. Bill said he aimed to syndicate the picture. Some months ago Kip Farrington, internationally known sport fishing writer, had a story on the blackfish or "Tautogs". He said they were not very numerous south of New York. The picture sent Mr. Sharpe last week showed nearly 600 pounds of these fish taken by Captain Tomlin in one morning recently.

ANOTHER REMINDER Fishermen, and hunters, who make an unusual catch or kill are again reminded that if they will get a good picture made of their performance they can get a lot of publicity for themselves and for Brunswick county by sending the picture to this department. The pictures must be clear and sharp or they cannot be made into newspaper mats. The size does not matter so much but the picture must be clear. When possible, the negative of the picture is also desired for the purpose of making enlargements.

GOOD SUBSTITUTE The very best substitute for a Christmas card that we have ever seen was sent this department from Wilson last week. The sender was Lester Rose, secretary of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rose used an ordinary government post card to send this plaintive message: "Why the h... should I spend 25 cents to buy and send you a Christmas Card when you won't even have time to open the envelope and see who it is from?"

HAPPY NEW YEAR Here's wishing a happy New Year to everybody in Brunswick and to the numerous up-state fishermen and sportsmen of other sorts who take this paper.

The port of New Orleans has a water frontage of 133 miles and each year handles exports valued at approximately \$300,000,000 and imports valued at \$150,000,000.

U. S. imports of agricultural products, except forest products and distilled liquors, have averaged \$1,582,000,000 annually for the past 16 years.

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.

APPRECIATION

Wilmington, N. C. December 20, 1938 Mr. James M. Harper, Jr. Editor State Port Pilot Southport, N. C. Dear Mr. Harper:

This office appreciated the editorial appearing in the State Port Pilot dated December 14, 1938, in which favorable comment was made concerning a WPA project which is in progress at Southport.

This office welcomes helpful criticism, but many remarks generally made about WPA workers tend toward sarcasm rather than special benefit. We are glad to know that one editor has seen fit to observe the work in such a manner that he may be able to pass a just comment on what is being done.

Yours very truly, L. J. Jordan, Area Chief Engineer

NAUTICAL SCHOOL

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Dear Editor: A plan has originated in the Brunswick County, American Legion Post whereby we in North Carolina may duplicate and establish a Technical school of Navigation similar to the Mass. Nautical school for young men between the ages of 17 and 21 years.

This phase of training furnishes capable officers for the Merchant Marine of this country, large ship owners demand this type of training.

Do not confuse this training with the Maritime service school for seamen recently provided for by the Department of Commerce in conjunction with the U. S. Coast Guard service.

Within a few weeks the 1939 North Carolina General Assembly meets and during this session Senator S. Bunn Frink and Representative Neil Thomas will present a bill favoring the creation of a nautical school in North Carolina.

The Federal Government supplies a training ship and maintenance thereof also a portion of funds necessary to carry on instructions. The state appropriation is comparatively small.

The Massachusetts Nautical school is over 40 years old and in this institution annual report for 1933 it emphasizes the fact that the demand for nautical trained men can not be supplied rapidly enough at said school.

Will you become interested and lend your efforts towards a worthy project? Rangwald O. Johnson, Post Commander

BOLIVIA NEWS

The Christmas pageant given by the Young People of Bolivia Baptist church Saturday night was well attended. Characters were: Maybelle Hillburn, Mary; Milton Murrell, Joseph; Rosalind Page, Herald Angel; Edward Murrell, Jimmy Johnson, B. R. Page (in absence of Kemp Holden) were kings; Randall Page, Iredell Walton and Frankie Johnson were shepherds. Bertha Hillburn, Geneva Potter, Myrtle Hillburn, Mary Emma Rabon, Annie Lou and Louise Johnson, Guilford Hillburn, Lindsey Walton, Sue Page and Marjorie Phelps were candle bearers. Miss Winnie Johnson, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Dallas Johnson, played the violin while the Christmas choruses were sung by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Foster Mintz, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Johnson, Miss Bessie Willets and Marshall Willets, Santa Potter, Mrs. B. R. Page. Miss Elizabeth Page was director.

Miss Bertha Hillburn and Mrs. Evie Walton gave pictures of Christmas using the small children who were in the pageant except for the last picture in which Miss Omega Johnson and Elwood Sullivan represented an old couple left at home at Christmas when all the children had grown up and left home.

Mrs. Cornelius Thomas, June and Neal Dickinson Thomas spent the day with B. R. Page family Monday. Neal Dickinson is a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Little Peggy Stallings, who has been sick with chicken pox, is able to be out again.

Miss Ruth Taylor, who is attending school in the Western part of the state, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Clemmons of Myrtle Beach are visiting friends and relatives here, having recently sold their home near Antioch church and bought valuable property at Myrtle Beach where they like it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson and children, Winnie and Jimmie, are spending the holidays with relatives in Raleigh this week.

Frankie Johnson visited Randall Page Monday afternoon. Rosa Gilbert is spending a few



days with Sue Page. At the close of the Christmas program at Baptist church Saturday night everyone whose name was on the Sunday school roll books was presented a nice present. Fruit was distributed to all present.

Ash

Rev. H. B. Bennett of Shallotte filled his first appointment at Friendship Baptist church Sunday, December 25, at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ward have moved to their new brick home which was completed last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rent Jenrette visited their daughters, Mesdames Hollis and Tom Ward, Sunday afternoon.

John Jenrette visited Mr. W. G. Holden Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Ray attended preaching at Friendship Saturday night and Sunday.

Hollis Ford left Wednesday to go to Florida on a sight seeing trip.

The Sunday school children at Friendship Baptist church presented a play at the church Sunday night December 25.

The old and young people through this section seem to be having a nice time singing at the church on Wednesday and Sunday nights. People from both far and near come out to hear them.

Thomasboro News

Neal Thomas, Jr., who returned from school Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thomas, will leave for Charlotte Tuesday to spend the rest of the holidays

with Richard Steele, Richard Neal are classmates at the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Walter Stanaland left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother in Alabama. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. B. K. Gore.

COLLINS' GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gibb and family of Wilmington spent last Sunday afternoon as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collins at Winnabow. Mr. Gibb's mother, Miss Betty Harper also was guests of the Collins.

Fain Taliferro, member of the crew of the coast guard cutter Modoc, spent Sunday afternoon visiting Mr. and Mrs. Collins.

IN GEORGIA

Mrs. Gladys F. McKay of Bolivia left Friday for Milledgeville, Georgia, where she spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Fred Ernest Thomas, Sr.

Advertisement for 'The State Port Pilot' featuring a large illustration of a hand holding a pen, and text: 'PARDON US FOR Pointing, Mr. Businessman But Inventory Time Is "Printing Time"'. Includes a list of printing services and the slogan 'YOUR COUNTY NEWSPAPER'.