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Picture of an editor: Staying away from church to write a "Go To Church" editorial.

Christmas season is over when the last crumb of fruit cake is gone.

Cheap talk is the usual result when you try to make conversation.

The only way some people know how to treat trouble is to pickle it in alcohol.

If you can't talk and work at the same time then quit talking so much.

Anywhere some people sit is the scorners' seat.

A worthy ambition would be to live up to what your dog thinks of you.

Rush is just a quick way to waste time.

When a person tells you about how he got somebody told he doesn't always say just how loud he was talking when he mumbled those daring lines.

Sports Minded

Ninety-three thousand persons packed and jammed their way into the huge Rose Bowl at Pasadena Monday to see Duke University play Southern California.

At New Orleans more than 50,000 fans paid more than \$200,000.00 to see a team representing Texas Christian University play Carnegie Tech.

Add to the numbers of fans in attendance the millions of others who sat tensely beside their radios pulling hard for their favorites and checking the playing facts as reported over the air with the column after column of newspaper comment they had devoured in previous weeks.

Now one comment that might be made upon this situation is "What fools we mortals be." Add to this the cry of over-emphasis upon athletics, professionalizing our college students and the accompanying clamour and you represent one point of view.

But here is another: Our people have spent days and weeks looking forward to these battles. There have been bitter arguments as one opinion was disputed by another. But there was no bloodshed, and the worst punishment that resulted were bumps and bruises and damaged pride.

How much better to let the warring spirit of our people find outlet in athletic competition that is fought by proxy than to banter and bicker other nations in the manner of the residents of Europe with the inevitable result of war and bloodshed.

Eliminate Trouble

Much trouble and anxiety would be eliminated, we believe, if the Legislature were to follow the suggestion of the North Carolina elections board for abolishing the absentee ballot law.

The board Friday recommended the absolute repeal of the present absentee ballot law in North Carolina and suggested a guarded substitute to permit legitimate absentee voting.

The existing law was called woefully defective by the board and "the present law lends itself easily to the perpetration of fraud, and its very laxity is practically a convenient instrumentality for fraud" a resolution adopted by the board stipulated.

Recent years have seen contest after contest grow out of the absentee ballot law as it now exists, and it appears to us that much of this could be avoided through repeal of the present law and

perhaps the substitution of a safeguarded law in its place.

School News

If we were principal of one of the five consolidated high schools of Brunswick county and believed that our school organization was competent and that its work was satisfactory, then we'd want the parents and patrons of the school to know about it.

If we were a parent with children going to one of these schools we'd be glad to have the opportunity to keep up with what was going on in the schools where our child was a student. If there was an honor roll, we'd want to see his name on it; and if he missed we'd try to help him make it next month.

If we were a high school student and had any pride at all in our school and the work that was being accomplished we'd want to see these things in print so that the world at large could know what was being accomplished.

All of which leaves us more puzzled than ever over the apparent reluctance of school principals of the county to cooperate in using the columns which we have agreed to leave open each week for school news.

There are two exceptions: Southport high school has been a more or less regular contributor to this paper during the current school year; Bolivia, since she started her column, several weeks ago, has come as near as possible completely fulfilling the idea we have in mind for the proper use of this space.

Shocking Indeed

Even discounting part of it as propaganda, reports issuing from Nazi Germany indicate such a chaotic condition that it is hard for Americans to imagine the true state of affairs.

But the latest report which was contained in the daily press Saturday shows so clearly that all reason and honor has been thrown to the four winds that there can be no mistaking what is transpiring in Germany today.

Reports were in effect that Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels took a fancy to a certain German film actress, one Linda Baarova, with the result that her husband, Gustav Froelich, "was sent to a Niza concentration camp so that Goebbels' romance might be undisturbed."

How Germany can ever hope to enjoy the admiration and respect of the world's family of nations with conditions such as this indicate existing and predominant there, remains a little beyond the scope of our American comprehension.

Lust, greed and lawlessness seem to have overruled the once proud nation which has fallen completely into the hands of organized gangdom.

Do You Remember—

(Selected)

When eggs were 15c a dozen; butter, 12c a pound, milk was 5s a quart; the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids to bologna; the hired girl received 10 bucks a month and did the washin'; women did not paint and powder, smoke, vote, play poker, rummie, shimie, or roll their sox.

Men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed; beer was a nickel throw, with a free lunch; waiters never got tips and hat check boys were unknown; kerosene lamps and lantern slides in the parlor were "class."

No one was ever operated on for appendicitis, bought monkey glands or had a two-fifty blood pressure; microbes were unknown of, everyone lived to a good old age and every year walked many miles to wish their friends a Merry Christmas.

TODAY—YOU KNOW

Everybody rides in automobiles, or flies, play golf, poker or bridge, shoot craps, plays the piano with their feet, tune in X Y Z on the radio, smoke Turkish cigarettes and imported cigars, eat grape fruit, drink prune juice, blames the high cost of living on the politicians, never go to bed the same day they get up and think they are having a wonderful time. I think this is a wonderful age and if you think life is worth living, we wish you A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Surely, everything's stream lined except the "Old Mill Stream."

It's usually those people who loaf the most who have no loaf to eat, perhaps.

But you never saw a grown person getting his mouth washed out for saying things he shouldn't.

Just Among The Fishermen

WHAT NO FISH

Thomas F. Lavender and Dan Hassett of Washington, D. C., spent most of last week here. They went fishing, but there just were not any fish as it was the coldest day of more than twelve months. Much exploring was done and many folks were met up with. Mr. Lavender is a retired officer in charge of the printing of federal currency and Mr. Hassett is still engaged in that game, having worked for many years under Mr. Lavender and finally succeeding him.

Concerned Over Labor Act

Like a lot of other folks up and down the coast, and many who do not live on the coast, our good friend Frank O. Sherrill of Charlotte, owner of Bald Head Island off Southport, is concerned over the International Labor Treaty Act which provides for licensed crews on small boats. Writing this department last week, Mr. Sherrill stated that if the act is all that it appears to be on its face a good many fishing and pleasure boats will have to be sold as the owners simply cannot operate them under the heavy overhead that will be entailed.

BASS AND GOGGLE EYE

Big mouth bass and goggle-eyed perch are both biting alright and the job of catching minnows will become operative just as soon as some of the Southporters find out what we know. Thus far we have hesitated to tell 'em because the job of catching minnows for bait is not all that it is cracked up to be. The gist of our knowledge, however, is that we were out in the country one of the very cold days last week and met a colored woman. She was going home with a cane fishing pole over her shoulder and swinging a beautiful, large goggle-eye by a bit of string. A little inquiry revealed that the fresh water fish had been biting alright all along. She had been catching both goggle-eyes and bass the year round.

LOUISIANA SHRIMPING GOOD

Shrimp trawling in Louisiana has been pretty good this year, according to Lewis J. Hardy, Southporter who operates a number of trawlers on the coast of that state. Mr. Hardy may move to Louisiana but will continue to operate his house here, buying from local boats. While shrimp are sometimes scarce down there, as they are here, the product is very much larger.

PROSPECTS PLEASING

At this time a year ago there were great prospects for development of sport fishing at Southport. In many respects these prospects developed. But there was one disquieting element. All through the spring and summer strong southwest breezes blew in from the ocean. These winds made it delightfully cool and nice on shore but at the same time they often made it too rough for fishing parties to go outside. This resulted in many disappointments to sportsmen who came long distances for just a day or two of fishing. Had they come with the intention of staying two or three days they could have been sure of at least a day or two of fishing. At present the prospects for fishing are very much better than they were at this time last year. Hundreds of sportsmen will undoubtedly come here, if there is half a break from the weather man the number will grow into the thousands. From past performances of the weather it is reasonably sure that there will be less windy weather than there was last year. If this surmise proves to be correct it will be a great year for sport fishing. We certainly have the fish.

WON YEAR PRIZE

We see by the Wilmington papers that Postmaster L. T. Yaskell, has won the year's prize offered by the New Hanover Fishing Club for the largest large mouth bass taken during 1938. It is a fact that the Southport Postmaster did pretty well, we would like to add the fact that C. W. Osborne, Henry Stone and Capt. I. B. Bussells all also did pretty well with catching various big fish.

BEGGING THE QUESTION

MEMPHIS.—"The charges" asked the desk sergeant as he studied the unsteady figure wedged between two big potralmen. "Drunkness and begging." "But I'm not drunk—my leg's broken", the man insisted. "Examine him", the desk sergeant ordered.

Southport School News

First Aid Kit

Through the kindness of several interested people in town the school has recently received a fully equipped First-Aid-Kit. This First-Aid Kit is to be kept in the school building in case of any accident on the school ground. It will also be carried on all athletic trips for use of the ball teams. The students of the school appreciate very much the kindness of anyone who takes such interest in their school.

Basketball Games Friday Night

Friday night is the opening of the league basketball series in Brunswick county. A double-header between the local boys and girls, and the Shallotte high school teams will start at 7:30 in the local gym. Please come out and support your team. It will be appreciated.

Church Programs

Many of the boys and girls of Southport school took part in the various programs at the different churches during the holidays.

The girls chorus of the Baptist church, under the direction of Rev. A. L. Brown gave a special musical program on Sunday night, December 25. On Monday night the regular Christmas pageant was given; and on Sunday night, January 1, the junior boys and girls gave a candle light New Year's service.

The Methodist church gave their regular Christmas program on Sunday night, December 25; and the Presbyterian gave theirs on Tuesday night, December 27th.

All of the programs were very impressive and were enjoyed by all.

Teachers Return

The teachers have returned after spending the Christmas holidays at their respective homes. Everyone is well prepared for work now after a fine vacation.

P. T. A.

The monthly P. T. A. will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. E. Carr will have charge of the program. All parents are urged to attend. As usual a social will follow the business.

"Why The Chimes Rang"

Just before school was dismissed for the Christmas holidays Mrs. Lingle, fifth grade teacher, presented a Christmas play in chapel. The title of it was, "Why The Chimes Rang." The characters were members of the fifth grade. A stage setting was arranged with the help of Mr. Wonsavage, who painted the scenery. The characters had very attractive costumes designed by Mrs. Lingle. The program was enjoyed by the students as well as parents and friends who were present. Immediately after this program the grades of the school presented their white Christmas boxes for the poor of Southport. The presentation of boxes has been the practice of our school for several years. Many boxes of fruit, candy, clothing, play toys and canned foods were given.

Community Christmas Tree

Of great interest to all of the Southport people was the community Christmas tree which was lighted on December 21. Along with the Southport high school glee club was Mr. Brown and his band which furnished music for the occasion. Several Christmas hymns were sung by the glee club and others present. The school band rendered a number of Christmas selections.

WACCAMAW SCHOOL NEWS

VACATION ENDS

The faculty and pupils are back in school with renewed energy, after spending the holidays at their respective homes. All report a happy vacation with loved ones and old acquaintances.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

It is always a joy to welcome to our community, those who have graduated from the school and gone on to higher institutions of learning. Among those who came back to spend their vacations with homefolks and friends were: Muriel Ward, daughter, of J. B. Ward. She is in her second year's work at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. Addison Jenrette, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jenrette, is enrolled at North Carolina State College, Raleigh. Myrtha Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Phelps, is attending King's business College, Raleigh. Lois Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brady, after spending two years at Campbell College, entered Eastern Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, from which institution she expects to be graduated next June. Dorothy Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Simmons, is enrolled at Campbell College. Marion D. West, brother of Mrs. L. C. Brown, enrolled at Duke University last September, and Mable Edwards at Durham Beauty Culture School.

PROGRAM

Sweeney Prosser's Honolulu Strollers rendered a very entertaining program of Hawaiian

But It's True

"RAMON NELSON WHO DIED IN BUENOS AIRES IN JANUARY, 1924, HAD BEEN... AT DIFFERENT TIMES... PRESIDENT OF FIVE SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS!!"



"THE UNITED STATES HAS A REAL DIAMOND MINE... IN MURPHREESBORO, ARKANSAS."

"THE SQUIRREL WHICH ALWAYS DONS A HAT, PICKS UP A TINY WALKING-STICK AS SOON AS IT WAKES EVERY MORNING—BELONGS TO GERALD KNEEBLER OF NEW YORK CITY!"



The Murphreesboro mine is the only diamond mine in the nation officially listed by the United States government. There are other parts of the country which have diamonds ready to be mined, but development of the territories has never been considered worthwhile. For the same reason that many diamond-venturers have never been mined, it has never been considered good business to take the gold from coal ash. The work would cost more than the return. Mr. Kneebler taught the squirrel its trick.

music last Saturday evening in the school auditorium. The entertainment was sponsored by the New Life Baptist church.

NEW BOOKS

From the proceeds of a musical program, sponsored by our P.-T. A., twenty-five volumes were recently added to the elementary school library.

RED CROSS

Every year in our school raised its quota for the red cross fund. The amount was \$26.00.

INJURED

Heighton Babson, sixth grade pupil in our school, received a crushed and broken arm Sunday afternoon when he fell through the oil rack at a nearby filling station.

DEBATE

A very interesting debate was given in our literary society recently by Ray and Rupert Walton, and Leslie and Aaron Inman, on the Farm Control question.

The affirmative won the decision by a vote of two to one, and was upheld by the Walton broance in January 12.

PRUNING SHRUBBERY

The shrubbery around the main building is looking much better since Mr. Mintz and the boys of his department pruned it. The cuttings were planted in a ditch near by, and will be transplanted later.

EXAMINATION

Only seven more days remain in the first semester. The boys and girls are working hard in order to make a creditable grade

on examinations. The faculty new year wish for them is "the top" and some to spare.

PRACTICE PLAY

The Juniors are working on their play, "A Poor Man's Man." The date for the performance is January 12.

APPRECIATION

The principal appreciates the many pretty cards which he received from his co-workers, pupils, and patrons, and especially the gift from the faculty.

Fire losses on farms this year will amount to \$95,000,000, which is approximately 5 per cent more than last year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

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★ Business Cards
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