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Some people are better late.

After today your bird dog is just an over-sized pet.

Paradox: Big enough fool to be a genius.

Sometimes it is hard to talk yourself out of a situation that you've talked yourself into.

When the price of eggs boes below 20-cents per dozen it is high time for self-respecting hens to steal their nests.

Tournament Suggestion

For the third consecutive year we suggest that something be done to make it possible to run off the Brunswick county basketball tournament without making it necessary for one of the teams competing in the finals to be playing their second game of the day against a fresh opponent.

In past years it has been the custom to start the tournament on Friday, run off the preliminaries on that day, then on Saturday afternoon hold the semifinals followed that night by the championship games in each division.

Since there are only five consolidated schools in Brunswick county one of the teams annually reaches the Saturday afternoon round by virtue of a bye. One of the survivors of Friday night's games is called upon to play in this afternoon bracket and the winner of this contest moves up to the finals, to be pitted against a fresh team.

There is plenty of time now to remedy this situation this year. One plan would be for the team in each division with the lowest standing in pre-school games to drop out, making it possible to start the tournament in the semi-final stage. Four games Friday night and two Saturday night would wind up affairs with no hardship on any one team.

Another possibility would be to start play one day earlier and run out the tournament in three days instead of two.

Regardless of the method employed, we believe that it will be a fine thing to give both finalists a fair chance.

Don't Cut Here

With economy the watchword of the current State Legislature there has been some mention made of cutting the state advertising fund of \$250,000.

This is one of the last places we hope to see the pruning knife applied, for we are convinced that the money spent by the State Board of Conservation and Development during the past two years in spreading abroad news and statistics about North Carolina has paid rich dividends.

It is significant that during a period when tourist trade dropped off practically everywhere else, this business in North Carolina showed a decided increase.

There is no way to determine just how many new residents have been attracted here through the efforts of the department, nor is there an easy means of checking the number of business and manufacturing enterprises drawn by means of this program. Skeleton figures are impressive.

Southport and Brunswick county have shared generously in this advertising and our citizens are one hundred per cent behind Senator S. Bun Frink as he takes his stand in the hall of the State Senate solidly in favor of the continuation of the state advertising program.

Picture Of A Banker

In a recent conversation with a banker friend of ours we learned a new point of view on his problems. He said:

"People think of me as sitting on top of the world on a pile of money—my money. They don't stop to think that it's their own money that I am responsible

for protecting. It doesn't seem to enter their heads that I am just a paid hand, that I lie awake nights worrying about my responsibility of caring for that pile of money which can be claimed by its owners, the bank's depositors, at any time.

"A bank that did not loan money to businesses and industries that maintain a local community, would not be patronized by the people, and it wouldn't deserve their patronage. This means that if a community fails, a bank has to carry a great share of the load. People don't like bankers because they have to consider the more pessimistic side of the business picture, knowing that the public will blame the bank instead of itself for community failures which result from the many causes beyond the banker's control.

"It makes me laugh when I am pictured as sitting on a pile of money. A more accurate picture would show me with a wrinkled brow trying to figure out how to make loans that will be safe from losses due to undue business optimism and all the pitfalls of business risk. People don't like bankers, and you can't blame them, for too often they have to turn down the financial requests of their best friends."

Yes, we gained a different impression of the banking business after talking to this man who is a power in the financial world. We didn't envy his job. He gets little thanks for doing it well and he runs the constant risk of abuse and criticism for community failures beyond his control.

Practical Education

T. E. Browne, vocational director of the State, brought out some poignant facts in his address here on Friday evening which deserve the consideration of all the thinking people of the state, especially the educational leaders.

When one considers that 75 per cent of the boys and girls of North Carolina have to rely upon their high school education to equip them for life, the necessity of vocational training in the high schools seems clearly apparent.

Mr. Browne brought out the fact that there are thousands of jobs in North Carolina where skill is involved which cannot be filled by the young men and women of this state because the schools of Tarheelia have neglected the vocational training of high school students.

He said that he has visited many factories and industrial plants and has found that a large majority of the responsible positions requiring a skill in the performance of duty are being filled by foreigners, from Germany, Sweden or some of the other countries where emphasis has been placed upon vocational training.

North Carolina happily is awakening to the fact, however, that vocational training does play such an important role in equipping the boys and girls of the State for making a living. This we think, holds a great hope for the future in North Carolina. With this idea has been expanded to embrace the entire state, then have little doubt but that the State will have a greatly reduced ratio of unemployment, and that we will find a happier people in the State as well.

Better Understanding

The day has been relegated to the past when Jonny went home to mother and father and reported that he had a beating which he justly deserved and fond parents were at the school door next morning ready to lay the teacher out.

Furthermore, the day has been long since forgotten when teacher, perhaps because of some unjustifiable act on his part, resented a protest from Johnny's parents.

Those days, we believe, have long since passed into history. There exists now, we believe, in the schools of this country an unequalled mutual understanding between parents and teachers which could do nothing but result in a better Johnny and a better Mary.

And, to our mind, nothing has done so much to foster and promote this feeling of mutual understanding and friendship between the teacher and the parent than Parent-Teachers Associations.

Not patronized either by parents or teachers to the fullest extent, or not developed to the state of perfection by any means, nevertheless this organization offers a wealth of opportunity for future development in an educational way in North Carolina and the United States.

More thought and consideration should be given to this aspect of our educational program, which honestly deserves the support of both parents and teachers in all sections of the country.

Just Among The Fishermen

Good Shad Catches John Potter and sons, John, Jr., and Frank, have been making pretty good catches of shad since the season opened. In fact, the catches have been above normal for the sort of weather that has been prevailing. The largest days catch the past week consisted of 70 fish.

Local Demand Supplied The local demand for fish is now being well looked after, in addition to there being considerable shipping. Early mornings find plenty of nice sea trout and Virginia mullets being offered by white and colored fishermen. Some good quality shrimp are also being taken occasionally, operations being more or less limited by weather.

Blue Fish In April According to Skipper H. T. Watts, the blue fish will make their appearance off Southport in April. He is getting his big net in shape for commercial operations at such times when he may not have sport fishing parties on hand. Among sport fishermen there is a general hope for much better weather than that which prevailed last year.

Got Wrong Medicine Frank L. Johnson, of Statesville, a special friend of this columnist and a great devotee of the Southport fishing, has been heard from indirectly. Carl Goerch published one of those full page funny stories about Frank last week. It seems Frank went to the Rose Bowl game, as he wrote us he was going to do. He was afraid that the long train journey would give him the rheumatism or something, so he got his local druggist to prepare him a bottle of medicine. Through some mistake the druggist handed out a preparation for women that men folks know nothing about. Frank drank this stuff all the way to Pasadena and arrived blushing like a school girl. This may be the reason why he has not written us since Christmas.

Fish Dinners Scheduled From now on it is very probable that some outstanding newspaper men and photographers from up state will be in Southport almost weekly. They will be drawn here by current news matters and events now pending. Some of these folks are already booked by the Southport Civic Club for an early visit. There is no doubt that such visits will be a great success from either a story getting or picture making angle. To send these visitors back to their work pleased with Southport and its citizens will mean a great deal to the town in more ways than one. Not the least of this benefit will lie in the fact that the local people will get an up-state slant or view of things here if they get a chance to meet and talk with these visitors. Accordingly the Civic Club and some of its backers are planning on a small seafood dinner almost weekly, these affairs to be pulled off whenever there is an outstanding newspaper man or well known citizen available as a guest.

Little Boat Building Thus far there has been none of the boat building activity that marked the winter, spring and summer months of last year. In fact, there has been nothing much in the way of either building or repairing. It is strongly suspected that the inactivity on the part of fishermen and other boat owners may be due to the uncertainty about Draft Convention No. 53. In this respect U. S. Senator Otis Bland, of Virginia, writes us that on the 21st an open hearing will be held in Congress on his amendment to exempt all vessels of less than 200 gross tons from the provisions of the Draft Convention. This amendment is the same one that Congressman J. Bayard Clark is working for in behalf of the local fishermen.

Works Both Ways For three years or more the writer has been insisting on the local boatmen giving fishing parties every consideration and treating them with the utmost fairness. We still insist on such a course although we do not believe that there are boatmen anywhere who treat their customers better than the Southport men already do. But it strikes us that the boatmen are themselves deserving of a measure of consideration from parties who charter their boats. Such being the case, in the future if we hear of a party chartering a boat by wire or otherwise and then coming in and engaging another craft without even seeing or explaining things to the first

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

Special Program On Thursday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock Chief Rolling Cloud with "Dog Town Follies" will appear in the school auditorium for an hour's performance. This is reputedly one of the best trained groups of traveling actors in the country and a most delightful entertainment is expected. A part of the proceeds will go to the school.

Library Improved We are glad to report that our library in the high school is being substantially strengthened. We have just added to the shelves a complete set of the World Book references, which are going to supply a real need. A number of various other new volumes are also being added this week. The Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring this month a book shower for the library. Individuals and the high school classes are each contributing to this. In the way of equipment other than books, a new magazine stand and paper rack were put in the library. We hope to continue to make other improvements.

Bolivia Wins The Bolivia and Shallotte girls' basketball teams had a nip-and-tuck affair in the Shallotte gymnasium Friday night. The Bolivia girls caged two goals in the first minute of play. After this the score never differed over two points. At the end of the first quarter the score was 7-5 in favor of Bolivia, at the half 10-9 for Bolivia; at the end of the third quarter 13-12 in favor of Shallotte. The game ended with the score 15-14 in favor of Bolivia. Stone, Bolivia forward, dragged the game out of the fire to victory in the last forty seconds of play.

The Bolivia girls tied Shallotte in their first county series game, 17-17. In every other game other than with Shallotte this year they have tripled the score on all opponents. In the last Shallotte game Stone at forward and Sowell at guard led the Bolivia attack. Bennett, flashy forward, was the star for Shallotte.

Senior 4-H The Senior 4-H club met in regular meeting with Mrs. Marion S. Doshier on Monday. The program included: "Window Treatment," by Hettie Fisher Willets; "Picture Selecting and Hanging," by Mary Louise Burris; and "Light on the Farm," by Mrs. Doshier.

The discussion on the light was of interest, particularly to those hoping to soon get electricity.

More Seats All those who have been attending hall games in the gymnasium and experiencing the crowded condition will be interested to know that plans are being made for the starting of work this week for enlargement of the seating capacity. The proposed balconies will greatly aid the situation for the coming county tournament.

Practice Play The Junior play: "Her Honor, The Mayor," a satirical play in three acts, which is to be presented on Friday night, February 24th, is progressing nicely. The members of the cast are striving to put on a polished performance. The play is an excellent one and will produce two hours of rollicking fun.

Valentine Some of the elementary grades have been looking forward to Valentine and expect to have a Valentine box.

Plant Shrubbery The second grade has been setting out some shrubbery around the building. That ought to inspire other grades to help beautify the grounds.

Birthday Colleen Coleman and Marjorie Phelps of the second grade both have a birthday this week.

Good Record The seventh grade had the least percentage of absences last week of any grade in school, with only 1 absence or .06 per cent.

Holland Unit The fourth grade is working on a Holland unit in their reading and enjoying it.

Third Grade The Third grade has just finished a study of the Eskimos. They are now going to take up a study of birds.

Form Club The Senior English class recently formed a "Junior Speaker's Club," which will meet once a week with a different program each time. The following officers were elected for the term: President, Richard Bergman; secretary, Louise Freeman; and the following program committee: Rosalind Page, Juanita Sowell and Clyde Potter.

Sophomore Club The sophomore class has organized itself into a club with Junior Hilburn as president and Virginia Clemmons, secretary. The last program was on American literature.

man we are going to support him if that first man insists on being paid for the boat that was engaged and not used.

But It's True



ALMOST ALL IVORY ELEPHANTS ARE MADE FROM THE TUSKS OF RHINOCEROSSES!

LONGFELLOW.

-THE AMERICAN POET-RAN TWO MILES BEFORE BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS--AND DURING THAT PERIOD HE NEVER ROSE LATER THAN SIX O'CLOCK

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Chung Ching Yu lived with only one of his wives, married the rest just to take care of them. At that time, in his part of China, it was customary for chivalrous men to care for as many poor people as possible.

AD LIBBING—(By Prince O'Brien, Jr.)

We are in Fairmont, for how long no one knows, least of all your Ad Libber . . . Anyway, we believe we have stuff enuff to take care of our corner . . . The next time you bowl a low score don't be ashamed, because look what happened to Mrs. James Carr recently when she hit an all time low in Southport bowling . . . Her score for the game was 22 and she became the proud owner of a box of candy . . . Of course, Leggett won't give a prize for every low score, but don't you think a score of 22 deserved something? . . . And did you know that Willie Grisom helped get the San Francisco Fair in readiness . . . That McDonald Gillikin has more trouble with his name than most anyone else and that he used to be called "Ice Cream" . . . And to get him mad just mention his first name, Denmark . . . Killer Diller Stiller has gone back to Washington and is living at 1836 Ontario St. . . Information supplied for the Stiller fans of Southport . . . Leila Hubbard's wish that can't come true: . . . Instead of Mae for her middle name, she's always wanted to be McRoy and her nickname to be "Mack" . . . Well here's to you, Miss Mack . . . The play Friday nite at the schoolhouse for the P.-T. A. depicting the inner workings of a nite club before and after its opening, clicked with the local citizenry . . . They seemed

to enjoy it, and didn't mind saying so . . . Congratulations to Waters (Ziggy) Thompson, who not only wrote it but was director and handled a leading role very well . . . Certain members of the cast are planning to present a 3-act play . . . Plans are indefinite as yet, but you can bet it'll be a rip snorter . . . Johnnie Simmons lost out in the Golden Gloves, but you gotta hand it to him: he is a game little fighter . . . For his good sportsmanship he received a small gold boxing glove. Wish we could be there to hear Marion Frink give accounts of Raleigh . . . Marion, did you go "Crashing Society?" . . . No pun intended.

In ancient times, people thought the world was flat. In 1929, we all knew darn well it was.

Where there's smoke there's bound to be fire or a group of business men smoking smelly cigars.

First they made pictures move, and then they made them talk, and now some smell.



Girls Are Like Newspapers

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★—They have many type faces
★—They are worth looking over
★—Back Numbers Aren't in Demand
★—They Aren't Afraid To Speak Their Minds
★—They Can Make Or Break A Man
★—They Have Much Influence
★—They Carry News Wherever They Go
★—If they know anything they tell it

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