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Don't pay too much attention to large crowd dare-devils because heroes do not advertise.

In the Spring a young man's fancy; and so is the average young woman.

Horse sense is not the only characteristic appropriated from our four-footed friend by our fellow man.

The rankest stage of inexperience is when a youngster begins to wonder how it took his boss so long to learn his business.

Don't get the idea that brass is as good as steel for reinforcing your nerve.

April showers bring Flower Shows.

About the best excuse we know for eating celery is to keep from hearing the crunching of the person next to you at the table.

River Road

We have been more than pleased with the reaction of local citizens to agitation in favor of paving the river road.

Chief hope for this work lies in the fact that it is so logical, for this shortened route to Wilmington would run through a veritable paradise for historical minded travelers.

Another important consideration is that Wilmington people doubtless will lend their efforts to this project, for its completion will mean as much to them as it will to Brunswick county.

Crop Control

There is cause for serious apprehension that too much land this year will be devoted to the culture of tobacco, planters being tempted thereto by the high prices of the weed.

We urge farmers not to go in for extensive planting of tobacco, as any such course is bound to bring about lower prices. On the other hand, we also urge that more attention be given to the production of breadstuffs, for it is necessary that we exist during the present period of emergency.

Thus did the editor of The Raleigh Register counsel the farmers of North Carolina in the spring of 1863.

History In The Making

History is being written before our very eyes and every day in Europe we see dynamite dangling by a thread, threatening to blast the peace of the world and to throw nations at each other's throat.

Amazed by the arrogance of Adolph Hitler we in this country are prone to become impatient with a peace that is being purchased at any price. Yet let us trade geographical location with England or France and immediately our impatience would be quieted.

For the next war will combine in its horrors all the devices ever designed by man to spread death and destruction. Every one of those bristling European countries is within a half-day's range for an air raid, so that a mother who tucks her child in bed tonight in London has only her prayers and her faith as guarantors that morning will dawn bright and fair for both.

War is postponed from one crisis to the next, each aggravated by the growing pains of one of the dictators. The people of their nations are constantly keyed to a fighting pitch and vitally necessary to the moral of their followers is conquest, either by force or threat of force. Sooner or later there will be war, war directed by one or more of them against an outside enemy or civil strife that will be born of impatience with the

iron yoke of militarism.

We agree with the member of the British Parliament who last week remarked that there will be no lasting world peace until "Stalin's widow tells Franco on his death-bed that Mussolini was assassinated at Hitler's funeral."

Crowd Conduct

While Gene Austin was here recently we attended the second show at the Amuzu Theatre and saw him, together with his partners, Candy and Coco, put on their act.

Now we know that those men never put on a performance before a more appreciative audience, but we seriously doubt if they will ever know how much our local people enjoyed hearing them.

Applause at a public performance is the medium whereby an audience may communicate to the performers their reaction to their program. Scattered applause indicates a luke-warm reaction while a spontaneous, sustained round of hand-clapping indicates an enthusiastic response. Eliminating whistling, stamping of feet and yelling, we claim there is nothing boisterous nor offensive in cheering a program in proportion to the amount of enjoyment you derived from it.

To get back to the case in mind, we know that no new high in enthusiasm would have been recorded, on an applause meter had one been installed that Saturday night in the local theatre. Cheers were adequate, but they were not of the volume nor of the spontaneity that would make a performer come back again and again for encores in order to add to the pleasure of his audience.

Austin and his partners are gone, of course, and they possibly never will appear publicly in this county again. However, there are other performances at various points in the county each month where the public is given a chance to register its reaction. So remember that well ordered cheering is the audiences' chance to let the players know how they are doing.

Highly Significant

The overwhelming defeat which the affirmative side received in this section in the triangular high school debates Friday afternoon when the negative teams of each school in the triangle were victorious in debating the question: "Should the United States form an alliance with Great Britain," really bears some real significance.

The affirmative side admittedly had the odds against them, for few thinking people in the United States really believe that America should become involved in foreign entanglements through the means of such an alliance with Britain.

While America might find it difficult to adhere strictly to a policy of isolation in event of a general European war, even with the most stringent neutrality laws, nevertheless we would come a great deal nearer being drawn into conflict through such an alliance than without one.

Britain's imperialistic ambitions have been a part of Europe's daily bread for centuries. England is not going to stand by and let her vast dominions and territories be sacrificed to dictators. Right now the chances for averting war in Europe in the next year or two seem slim indeed.

Yet, that is no reason that the United States should become embroiled in the problems of central Europe. The blessed Atlantic separates this country from Europe and her troubled existence. We must be content to let Europe settle the problems to which it has given birth.

WPA Roll Paring

Announcement from WPA officials that the relief rolls in the nation are to be pared sharply during this week as 200,000 workers are to be dropped, comes at an opportune time for the people of Brunswick county.

Farmers of Brunswick county have complained considerably in former years of scarcity in farm labor because of the government work to be had. Relief officials have tried to cope with this situation by not allowing anybody to work who had refused farm labor.

That notwithstanding, it will not injure Brunswick county that the WPA rolls are being cut at the present time, because right now the farming season is opening up, and those who through the winter months have been forced to turn to the WPA for employment, will be able to find employment on Brunswick farms during the spring and summer.

Furthermore, the farmer's labor problem will no doubt be greatly reduced, and he will find hands more plentiful perhaps than he would have otherwise.

Just Among The Fishermen

CLOSED ON FRESHIES

The freshwater fishing season is closed until May 10. This is in order to let the big mouth bass and goggle eyed perch have a little peace during the period when they are most actively engaged in rearing a family.

THEY ARE BITING

Without waiting for this issue of The Pilot to reach him, Arthur S. Mowery of Salisbury got somebody to typewrite him a personal letter of inquiry as to how the fish were biting.

STILL HAMPERED

March winds, lingering into April, are still greatly hampering the shrimp trawlers. Still, the local boatmen have been doing pretty well, thank you.

DRUM ON THE TIP

According to the tip we have had, and it is a reliable one, there are plenty of the great red drum running on the point of Bald Head island. It just happens that so far, no one has gone over to pull in the 50 pounds. Such will happen before long.

FISHING AT CHARLESTON

Captain Hulan Watts and a couple of men have been netting for blue fish at Charleston. They expected to remain away until April 10. We expect that the report of schools of blues running on Frying Pan as brought in Saturday will bring those boys scurrying back to Southport.

GETTING FOOLED

Somehow the presence of exciting fishing times has resulted in our getting badly fooled. Twice in the past week we caught ourself getting up and pecking away at this typewriter before the rest of the household had gone to bed.

RESERVING BOATS

Up-state fishing parties are already making reservations of boats for this coming week-end. Durham, Greensboro, Salisbury and Charlotte have already spoken to their favorite skippers.

STOP SWEARING

Women folks are taking more and more to sport fishing. Last year saw gobs and gobs of the girls coming in and pitting their skill against the masculine element.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

Debating

On last Tuesday morning the affirmative of the Bolivia debating team met the negative team from Leland in the preliminary of the state-wide triangular debate.

Both teams presented splendid arguments. The Leland team, however, won the decision. Miss Emma Gade Huttuff of Wilmington, acted as judge.

Although our affirmative team lost here, our negative team debated the Shallotte team on the same morning and won the decision there.

We feel that our debating teams should be commended for their splendid efforts this year, and feel that their experience has been most beneficial to them.

Council To Meet The County Council of the P-T. A. will hold its final meeting of the current school year in the Bolivia school auditorium on Tuesday night, April 11, at 8 o'clock.

One of the most colorful and enjoyable events of the school year came on last Friday evening when the Junior class entertained the senior class with the annual banquet in the high school gymnasium.

The program which portrayed events in the life of Snow White and her dwarf companions was very meaningful. Elizabeth Lewis of the junior class acted as toast-mistress.

Among the several guests present were Miss Annie May Woodside, County Superintendent, Mrs. M. B. Robbins, P-T. A. president, Mr. Gilbert Reed, of the county school board, and Ernest Gilbert chairman of the local school board.

Music was rendered by the junior class, and Snow White and the seven dwarfs who served as waiters for the occasion.

Winnabow News

Mesdames A. P. Henry and J. L. Henry and D. R. Johnson and Misses Kate Johnson and Mary Maultsby spent Wednesday in Wilmington attending the auxiliary Training Class at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Friends will be glad to know Mrs. Litha Phelps is doing nicely after an operation Wednesday in the Brunswick County Hospital, Southport.

Tom Brow and Ike Solomon of Wilmington were visitors here Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie Nichols of Southport is spending awhile with Mrs. Lizzie Henry.

Mrs. W. A. Kopp and little son, Bill, Jr., spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. D. R. Johnson.

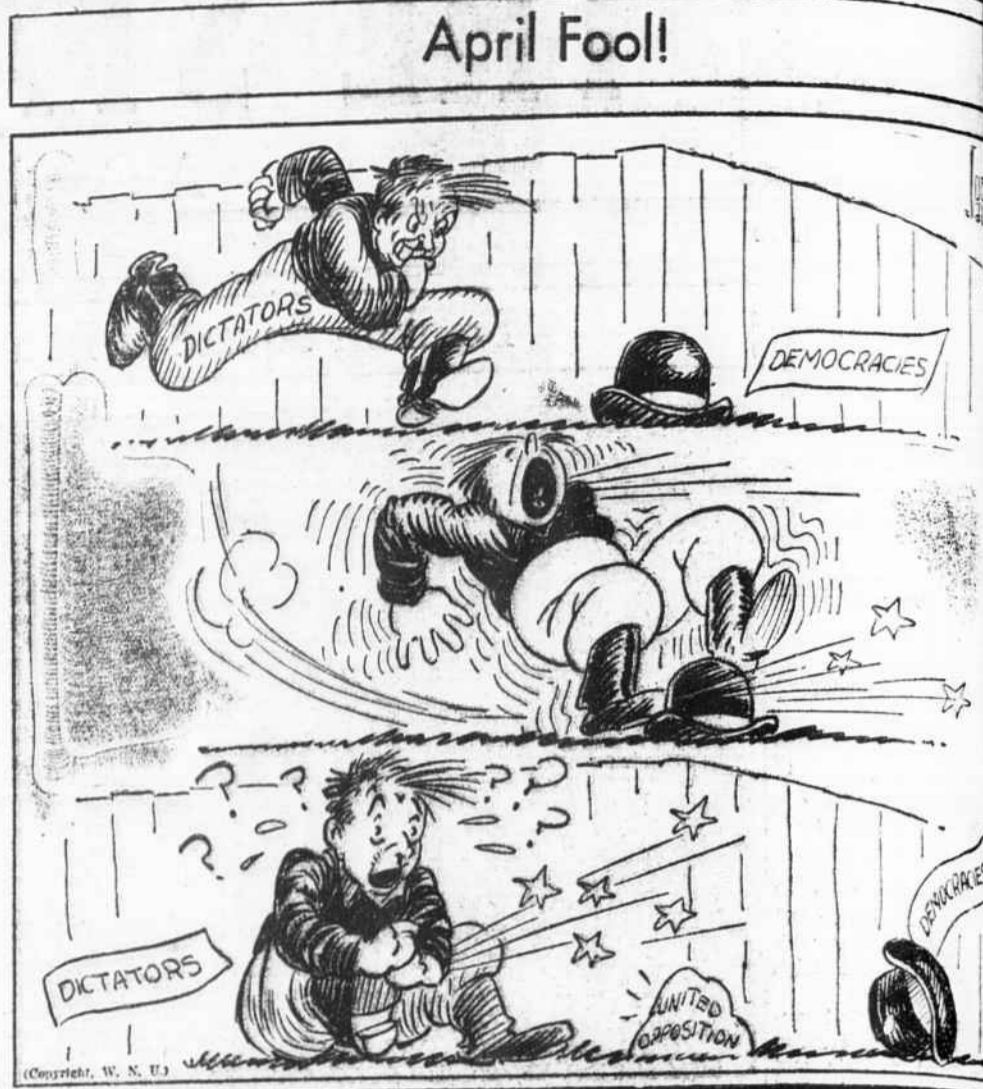
Mrs. Hattie Galloway and daughter Miss Frances of Supply, were visitors here Saturday and Miss Fannie Henry returned with them to spend awhile at their home.

Increased motor truck competition has resulted in lowered railroad freight rates on many agricultural commodities, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural

womenfolks fishing off Southport this year and it looks to us as if our boatmen will have to stop cussing altogether, which is a hard thing for sailors to do.

FOEY TO YOU

A stack of completed letters, news stuff and this column are alongside of us, result of six hours without arising from our typewriter. A new day is just dawning, so foeoy to all of you who read this.



NOT EXACTLY NEWS . . . By Gene O'Brien

The school paper, "Baby Bugler," has two col'miss-tresses giving me competition or am I doing the competing? . . . The Lone Ranger and Silver are stopping at the Amuzu for 15 weeks this Spring . . .

Warm days bring out a marked improvement in attendance on the beach at Southport's Water's Park. More than two thousand photographs have been taken for commercial purposes in and around Southport during the past twelve months.

So far as is known, Mary Ann Galloway, peeped colored woman of Southport, is the oldest citizen of Brunswick . . . It is said she will 109 on her next birthday.

You can't have your cake and eat it too. At least not without getting an occasional stomach ache.

Chevrolet advertisement with text: 'The only low-priced car combining "All That's Best at Lowest Cost"', '1st IN SALES', '1st IN PERFORMANCE', '1st IN FEATURES', '1st IN VALUE'. Includes Elmore Motor Co. logo and address.