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The trouble with too many paid college athletes is that they are muscle-bound between the ears.

It takes a few late-comers to give the early arrivals something to talk about before the meeting begins.

When the cat's away he usually does a little playing on his own hook.

If an ambulance sounds its siren while going only 30-miles per hour everybody in hearing distance will swear it is going "over sixty."

Bloody Highway

Pause a moment and recall the fatal accidents that have occurred during the past few months on Highway 74 between Whiteville and Leland; then find if you can a similar stretch of road anywhere in North Carolina where the Grim Reaper has enjoyed a better harvest.

Four persons were fatally injured on the Brunswick county section of this road last month and one fatality has already resulted during April. Although her recent death rate has not kept pace with that of her neighbor, the Columbus county death toll on this same thoroughfare during the past year has exceeded even the bloody record of Brunswick.

A contributing factor, of course, is the tremendous volume of truck and tanker traffic that is routed over this road twenty-four hours per day; and a survey of the wrecks during the past few months will show that these vehicles have figured prominently in this record that has been written in blood.

Since this highway is an important artery in the travel scheme for citizens of this section it behooves us, one and all, to give pause for consideration for ways and means to increase its safety.

Following are a few "don'ts" that we might do well to observe:

Don't be too proud to come to a complete stop to avoid meeting a truck or tanker on a narrow cement bridge;

Don't fail to dim your lights when driving at night, because it helps your vision just as much as it does the driver of the on-coming car;

Don't fail to allow plenty of room on your left to take care of the emergency if the car you are meeting turns out to be a truck;

Don't plan to make up any of your lost time by speeding on this stretch of road;

Don't drive when you've been drinking... Whether you think you are drunk or not.

What Now?

The 1939 crop of high school graduates is with us.

Some of the boys and girls in this group will enter the colleges and universities of our state this fall in search of higher learning. Others for whom responsibility is heavy and opportunity is light will go right to work and make good, substantial citizens from the start.

It is with the thought of the larger group of these graduates that will do neither that this editorial is written.

Temperamentally unsuited or financially unable to pursue their education further, these boys and girls are faced with a three or four year transition period that will find them groping about for a life's work for which they are best suited. It is a period during which they wait around while they grow out of boyhood and girlhood into young men and young women.

Untrained and inexperienced, jobs are hard to get. Frequently they become discouraged and stop trying altogether. Then it is that the Devil puts these idle young hands to work.

How much better to turn these boys and girls out of our schools trained in some vocation, skilled in the art of home-making or equipped to hold down a res-

possible business position. Vocational training holds the answer. Already we have several departments that are turning out young farmers and young housekeepers that are taking their place in the life of their community without missing a stride. There is a growing sentiment in favor of commercial departments, and good has resulted from this type of training. But a wider plan of vocational training, particularly for the boys, is needed.

Use Your Brains!

The winner of a school prize wrote this: "A match has a head but no brains. When you use its head use your brains!" That's good advice for every person in this broad land of ours—adult as well as child. For matches and smoking cause three times as many fires as any other known cause. They are responsible for four times as many fires as overheated chimneys and flues; and almost six times as many as lightning.

Putting it another way, matches and smoking cause 27 per cent of all fires of known cause—and fires of known cause comprise 83 per cent of the total. That means that misuse of matches is responsible for the burning to death of thousands of people every year—to say nothing of property destruction running into the tens of millions.

The tragic phase of this is that every fire caused by a match or by smoking material is a preventable fire. There is no excuse for going to sleep in bed with a cigarette in your hand—but people do it continually, and a great many of them never again awaken in this world. Nothing is easier than to stamp out a cigar butt when you are finished with it, or to properly dispose of the ashes from a pipe—but each year there are untold instances where this isn't done—and in some thousands of those instances fires, great or small, result. It certainly doesn't call for any great effort to dispose of your matches and cigarettes in the ash tray in your car, instead of throwing them out of the window—but millions of acres of ravaged land that once bore magnificent timber, offer mute testimony to how many times this simple smoking precaution is forgotten.

Smoke if you will—but don't forget the obligation every smoker owes to everyone else—and that is to be ever watchful of what happens to smoking materials when he is done with them. The most common cause of fire is the most inexcusable.

A Historic Decision

The historic Supreme Court decision of March 27, which held, in the words of Justice Stone, that there is no constitutional immunity "from income taxation of officers or employees of the national or a state government or their instrumentalities," apparently removes all legal obstacles in the way of a reform that has long been advocated.

It has been generally believed that it would be unconstitutional for any branch of government to tax the workers of another, and it has been argued that an amendment to the constitution would be necessary to make that possible. This decision, in deciding that the federal government and the states would not hamper or burden each other by extending their taxing power to government workers, now makes that argument completely invalid.

The President of the United States, other high government officials, business leaders, newspapers, and a large number of economists have all pointed to the unfairness of tax freedom for government workers. In a great many cases these workers receive higher salaries than they would be paid for comparable work in private business. During recent years especially, thousands upon thousands of additional persons have been placed on the public payrolls, and a good proportion of them receive salaries ranging from \$5,000 to \$12,000 a year. Certainly there is no justice or reason in permitting these people to go tax free—while persons in private industry with incomes as low as \$1,000 are taxed to maintain them.

There are about 3,800,000 persons now employed by government. A large number of them, of course, have salaries which fall below the exemptions allowed in the income tax laws. But many enjoy salaries above those limits and they should be taxed precisely as anyone else in the same income bracket is taxed. This will bring in substantial additional revenue to government—and at the same time it should have an excellent moral effect on the government officials and employees who control the spending.

Reverie is just a highfaultin word for plain laziness.

Just Among The Fishermen

TROUT ARE FINE

Sport fishing has gotten underway during the past week and the rod and reel wielders around the old wrecks on Frying Pan shoals are finding the trout to be unusually large for this season of the year. F. P. Summers and K. Ginter, both of Charlotte, have probably made the best catch so far. Friday they got in at 3 o'clock with 51 huge trout, many of them bettering 3 pounds. They were out with Captain Hulan Watts. A party of Goldsboro doctors out the same day with Captain Donnie Watts also made a nice catch of trout. Catches of blues have been few thus far. However, they are out there and the specimens are unusually large, as evidence by those taken in nets and the few that have fallen for trolling. All sorts of sport fishing will be good from now on, provided the parties do not pick a period of bad weather for making their trips.

CAN COME WHEN READY

The sport fishermen who have been planning trips to Southport and holding their patience in reserve until they were advised that they could come are now advised that the lid is off. Trout and blues are assured and it is believed that there are also plenty of the big game fellows hovering around out towards the gulf stream. Baracuda are usually in evidence by the first of April, according to information from the Frying Pan lightship. It is believed that these wolves of the sea are ready to put up some strenuous fighting now, although no expeditions have gone out to investigate thus far. This last week the Civic Club has received many inquiries by letter and wire, asking if the fish were biting. These inquirers are now being advised that the fish are biting. They can come when they are ready.

"And A Little Child Led Them"

Under the above caption, which was borrowed from the State Port Pilot the State Bureau of Advertising sent out hundreds of stories to newspapers in all sections of the United States last week. The matter referred to catching of the 8 1/2 pound bass by Edward Harrelson and the fact that he led all veteran sportsmen with his catches during the two days open season at Easter. Young Harrelson got 3 prize winners during those two days. In addition to the one that weighed 8 1/2 he got two others that balanced the scales at 7 and 7 1/2.

GOOD PUBLICITY

Girls in hip boots, showing their dexterity in casting a slug and bit of mullet bait into the surf, are vying with men, likewise arrayed, on the point at Bald Head Island this week. It is real fishing; at the same time there is a lot of valuable publicity attached to the performance. Three good cameramen are doing their stuff along with the sportsmen and sports-women. Among the picture makers is Bill Sharpe, State Director of Publicity. He slings a tolerable mean camera himself. By and by newspaper and magazine readers will see pictures of real fishing on the point that leads to Frying Pan.

BIG BUSINESS AID

The purchase of lands by the Smith Meal Company last week and the announced intention to construct a huge menhaden plant means a big pay roll for Southport. The company is one of the oldest and best established now in operation. They have a huge fleet of big boats and are not known to have ever suffered from the lack of financial backing.

HARDIE BOATS BACK

Two of the big shrimp trawlers of Lewis J. Hardie returned to Southport last week from Louisiana and Florida and are now at work trawling here. The Wells brothers have also purchased and brought in the Adventurer from Florida. This boat is a large one. It will be in charge of Homer McKeithan and his brother, Leon.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that development of the early lamb crop during March was below average for the country as a whole and much below the exceptionally favorable development in March of last year.

Rochester, New York, has been selected as the first of a half-dozen cities in which the new food stamp plan for distributing surpluses to relief families through normal channels of trade will be started.

PLEASED

Harnett County growers appear to be pleased with their checks for participation in the 1938 agricultural conservation program, reports C. R. Ammons, farm agent.

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.

Southport, N. C., April 24, 1939.

Editor, State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C.,

Dear Sir:— Through your column the trustees of the Southport Public Library wish to announce a change of librarians. Miss Susie Sellers has assumed charge and we wish the public to continue to use the library.

We also wish to thank Mrs. Vera Swain Willis for her years of faithful service. She has been always prompt, courteous, and ready to serve.

MRS. A. K. VITOU, MRS. I. B. BUSSELLS, MRS. C. ED TAYLOR, JOHN ERICKSON, J. BERG.

Shalotte Village

Relatives and friends of Longwood and Whiteville attended an oyster roast given by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Piggott at Cotton Patch Landing last Sunday. After the roast guests took a boat ride to Windy Point.

Miss Marjorie Leonard was a guest of Miss Effie Jane Piggott Saturday night.

Miss Marjorie Leonard, Miss Effie Jane Piggott, Victor Gurganous and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Milliken were callers at Longwood Saturday night.

BIRTHDAY SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dixon of Supply were entertained at a birthday supper at their home last Sunday, both being 69 years of age.

Mrs. John Dawson arranged the supper and served the following: Rev. C. N. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Bun Frink, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Moore, Mr. and Mrs. George Swain, Mr. and Mrs. John Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Varnam, Mrs. Jesse Robinson, Miss Irene Robinson, Miss Olinda Robinson, Mrs. Bessie Chadwick, Martin Chadwick, A. L. Dixon, Mrs. Wesley Varnam, Durbin Varnam, Miss Gracie Varnam, Carl Galoway and John Dawson.

The honored couple received many gifts.

Southport School News

Seniors of Southport high school were honored last week at a lovely party given in their honor by their mascots, Joy Lynn Bell and Roy Daniel, Jr., at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Daniel with Mesdames Bell and Daniel joint hostesses.

The home was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and individual card tables where attractive place cards and baskets of mints were arranged.

Bingo was played throughout the evening, with numerous attractive prizes going to faculty members and members of the senior class.

Delicious refreshments of chicken salad, open sandwiches, salines and coffee were served to the following guests: Jack Livingston, Misses Martha Pittman and Dorothy Craven, members of the high school faculty; and Mary Hood, Josephine Wolfe, Margaret Watts, Letha Arnold, Lulu Brown, Delphia Lennon Carrie Hewett, Irene Clemmons, Rivers Westcott, John Hall, William Holden, George Lewis, John Lancaster, Leonard Davis, W. R. Fulwood and Oscar Sellers.

COMPLETE EXAMS

Members of the senior class of Southport high school completed their examinations Thursday and Friday of last week so that the list of graduates for commencement might be completed this week. Examinations for other students began yesterday.

Exports of American wheat and flour since last July have totaled 101,300,000 bushels.

GIFTS

J. C. Eagles of Wilson has donated one registered Holstein bull calf, one registered Guernsey heifer calf, an done registered Guernsey bull calf to 4-H Club boys of Wilson County. Delmon Williamson of the Rock Ridge 4-H Club received the Holstein bull calf. The other two animals will be placed later.

GOOD RESULTS

Ernest Lewis of Webster reports excellent results from the use of one ton of lime which he applied on grass and clover that was seeded to small grain last spring, reports G. R. Lackey, Jackson County farm agent.

INCREASING

The number of Buncombe County farmers participating in the Agricultural Conservation program has jumped from 540 in 1936 to 3,400 in 1939, reports C. Y. Tilson, farm agent.

Keeping the Old Pot Boiling



NOT EXACTLY NEWS . . . By Gene O'Brien

The weekly at Fairmont has put in a new and modern press and dropped one of their col'm writers . . . A well known Broadway col'mist named Kay Kyser's presentation of "3 Little Fishes in an Ity Bitty Brook" and praised one of his latest recordings. Ironically, the record has yet to break on the public, while the "Fish" song has received literally thousands of requests. Yes, thousands. A recent survey by a leading mag showed Kyser Kollege as the largest recipient of fan mail on the air with Chase and Sanborn second, Kraft Music Hall third . . . Too bad about the night makes right rule. School kids have labored daily on the tennis courts to get them in shape. It took real work too, considering their condition. Yet they have no say when the older aspirants to fame in the tennis world decide to take over . . . "Nancy Drew, Detective" wasn't like the book it was taken from, as was to be expected.

"Ping" Bussells and "Pong" Hubbard are Southport's edition of the Outdoor Girls . . . One local jokester after having two consecutive pranks backfire is wiser if not sadder . . . What will our local bandmen name the organization? Possibly Finch's Band Wagon? . . . When Shannon, of the aforementioned group tickles the ivories, it requires a second look to prove that it's not Lyman

Ghandi, and I don't mean Mahatma . . . The one thing America fears is that Adolph Hitler assassin will not be of this nationality . . . hard to recall whether the birthday of Jesus James was celebrated by officers giving him a tra ammunition . . . Maybe the gullibles of just old fashioned . . . The picture made of the outlaw's life is erroneous in places. They portra his lawlessness wholly as revenge on a railroad. At that one there was no railroad in Liberia Mo. As far as can be learned there is none there at present unless built in the last few years. However, the pic broke box office records.

The two-day camping trip taken by the Scout was a great success and has given them a world of encouragement to improve the troop. The Crosley yacht was hardly noticed when the former schooner of 'Babs' was in town . . . Two dark horse candidates in election races were enveloped in their own darkness . . . One of the sturdiest and speediest sloops in this section under construction at Fraser Boat Works. Nothing has been slighted in the preparation of the boat. Built of the finest wood it is a wonder of carpentry . . . The expression "so long" was shortened from the British farewell line, "It will be so long 'til we meet again." Same here.

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