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Some of us have characteristics that have nothing to do with character.

Nothing dangles quite as pathetically as a joke your audience fails to catch.

The only time some people show initiative is when they begin to tend to somebody else's business.

Brides of the next generation will be spared the time-worn reference to his mother's cooking.

We know girls who must think that the old saying "Beautiful but dumb" is a law, not just an adage.

If you plan to strike when the iron is hot it is a pretty good idea to see to it that the iron is being heated.

The wife is never angry when the husband forgets their wedding anniversary unless she happens to remember it herself.

The next time you get fretful over a delay caused by a working road crew, think how much worse it is for the workers to be messed up with motorists than it is for the latter to suffer a temporary inconvenience.

Road Specialists

When the road crew breaks camp here the last of this month there will remain two important results of its visit. One, of course, will be a widened and resurfaced street. The other result will be an increased respect for the efficiency of the men who repair and maintain our main arteries of travel.

The normal reaction of the average motorist is to resent all detour signs and to feel that highway workers are a nuisance, notwithstanding how badly their work was needed. Too, there is a normal supposition that jobs are drawn out and that inconveniences are needlessly prolonged.

These sentiments will no longer be shared by Southport residents who during the past few days have seen a large group of men, working as a well organized unit, forge ahead with highway improvements that seemed unbelievable in the fact of traffic interruptions and other interferences.

On every side have been heard remarks showing the complete surprise of local citizens over the long hours and the steady gait at which these men do their work. The boys are actually on the job at 6:30 o'clock each morning, regardless of how far they must travel first to reach the scene of that day's operations; and more often than not it is darkness that puts a stop to the day's work.

We've run afoul some pretty strenuous toil in our day, but for long hours, hard work at a fast pace in the hot sun and demand for successful results we'll stack our chips on these boys who maintain our highways.

Leave It To Nature

We were talking recently to a member of the game division of the State Board of Conservation and Development regarding the protection of game in North Carolina, particularly quail.

"We need to get rid of a lot of our fox population down in this section," we said, "or we'll never have any birds."

"Possibly you are right," he replied, "but the chances are what you need worse is more feed for the birds."

"You see," he continued, "people often make a mistake in seeking the eradication of a natural enemy of the type of game they seek to protect and wind up by doing more harm than good. Take the fox, for instance. Down in this particular section there may be an over abundance of these animals and it may be that game birds are suffering. In other sections,

though, we know that foxes actually are a boon to birdlife in that they eat field rats, one of the worst destroyers of bird nests.

"We usually think of the crow as about the most useless pest that flies," continued the game specialist, "but we of the department do not like to have even the crow singled out for an eradication program. You see, there are many advantages that even a crow has."

We could see what he was driving at, but let him get away without finding out what good a crow does.

"Study has shown," he was quoting research to us now, "that you'll find just about as many birds in a given territory as there is food available for their year-round support. If you want to do something for birds, don't worry about their natural enemies. Encourage a program of feed planting that will give them plenty during the season when their food is scanty. Do this, and do it systematically and I believe we'll find that the bird problem will take care of itself."

Radio Wattage

Action of the Federal Communications Commission in cutting radio station WLW in Cincinnati from 500,000 watts down to 50,000 has not proved of benefit to the general run of the American radio listening public.

Attempts of the FCC to regulate the relative power of American radio stations without any thought of the Mexican and Canadian stations, was foolish, to say the least.

The net result has been that many nights it occurs that in this section practically all the principal stations of the United States are drowned out by higher powered Mexican stations.

The FCC should give that some thought.

Sound Advice

Dr. George W. Calvert, who is paid by taxpayers of this country to provide free medical advice and care to members of Congress, gives his patients some very sound advice on the subject of keeping fit, which should apply to the general public as well.

"If a man wishes to be on the job and physically fit he must obey a few simple rules," state placards the doc has had put in the House and Senate office buildings in Washington. "You can adjust yourself to any condition of climate, weather or work if you will but remember these few words.

"Eat wisely. Drink plentifully — of water.

"Eliminate thoroughly. Bathe cleanly. Exercise rationally.

"Accept inevitables—don't worry.

"Play enthusiastically. Relax completely. Sleep sufficiently.

Check up occasionally. Give 5 percent of your time to keeping well; then you won't have to give 100 percent to getting over being sick."

Let's Swim Safely

(The Roxboro Courier)

The swimming season is upon us again and the newspapers, in the next three months, will carry the stories of hundreds of swimmers who have enjoyed their last swim.

Swimming appeals to nearly every person. It is a sport that deserves its popularity, but, just the same, it is dangerous. No one can tell when peril is near and the water is no place in which to take chances.

Swimmers should be careful if they want to live. The idea that "it can't happen to me" is no protection against cramps that drown the strongest men. It does not protect the occupants of overturned boats who cannot swim a stroke. It gives no strength to the foolhardy swimmer who weakens himself, or herself, by prolonged and solitary expeditions in the water.

It's generally the case that a man with a fiery tongue shoots off a lot of hot air.

Futuristic art apparently was originated by some kid in C section of the first grade.

Getting the average 10-year-old boy to take a bath is nothing short of a project.

Speaking literally, Sally Rand's fans may either be found on the stage or in the audience.

The best neutrality for this country is the kind which shows no favors to dictators.

A simile: As useless, yet as necessary, as the gold stored in the U. S. Government vaults.

Just Among The Fishermen

(By W. B. Keziah)

BACK AT SOUTHPORT

After journeys in search of shrimp that took some of them as far as Louisiana, the six big, royally-named trawlers of Lewis J. Hardee are all back at Southport. They constitute the most compact and solid little fleet to operate from this port and their names are a bit intriguing. They are Sea King, Sea Queen, Sea Prince, Sea Duke, Sea Baron and the Virginia D.

MARLIN AT HATTERAS

An Ohio man fishing at Hatteras last week hooked and landed a 593-pound marlin. The big fish was 13 feet 2 inches in length and it took 55 minutes to bring it to gaff. Doc Summers of Charlotte is our authority for the claim that there are Marlin off Southport. So far the sportsmen out from here have been satisfied with barracuda and other smaller fish.

HERE ALWAYS

Last week this column received an inquiry from Charlotte, the writer wanting to know of the barracuda were still out on Fryling Pan. He evidently took it for granted that the barracuda was like other fish, traveling in schools and being here today and gone tomorrow. The fact is pretty well established that the barracuda are on Fryling Pan all spring, summer and fall. The shoals out there are the headwaters to them. They come this far north about the first of April and stay until December.

VALUABLE ASSET

Few of our local people have a good conception of the real advertising value of the barracuda to Southport. Knowledge of the presence of the fish is just getting about and letters, some from sportsmen who live more than a thousand miles from here, are beginning to give the writer a pretty good idea of things. There are sportsmen in plenty who will travel clear across country to fish for the fighting barracuda. It is just a matter of a little time until the wealthy class of sportsmen will be flocking here and speedy, well equipped boats will be operating out from Southport.

PLEASED AT INTEREST

We are pleased at the interest that many of the state newspapers particularly The Charlotte Observer, are taking in Gulf Stream fishing at Southport. Members of its staff are seemingly convinced that Southport offers possibilities for development into a great sport fishing center; it is willing to lend its vast influence and aid in this development. We have an idea that The Observer can and will really start something towards bringing attention to a heretofore little recognized portion of the North Carolina coast.

WHY BARRACUDA ESPECIALLY

With plenty of other game fish here, many sportsmen often wonder why we are always stressing the barracuda. The answer is simple: These fish do not go north of Fryling Pan shoals. Southport can offer the sportsmen the thrill of fighting one of the most vicious of killers of the sea without having to go to Bermuda or the Florida reefs. The barracuda at Southport is a great attraction. The other good fishing is already pretty well established.

NOT FREAK CATCHES

The catching of barracuda on Fryling Pan is not a freak performance. The sportsmen go out there with a clearly defined objective and they always achieve their objective. A few boats have gone out for a comparatively short distance, made a good catch of dolphin, amberjack, albacore but no barracuda. They may have thought they were in the Gulf Stream and perhaps they were. But they were not inside the huge area around Fryling Pan Lightship in which no boats have ever gone without bringing home a satisfying number of the sea wolves. The red, white and blue lightship is an un-failing marker for the area in which the barracuda may always be found.

WANT SMALL ONES

We still want half-dozen small barracudas. They have to be 43 inches in length, or shorter. Four big Charlotte business house want them to freeze in blocks of ice and exhibit in their show windows. While plenty of the fish have been donated for shipment to these firms, they have all been too large for the purpose. While appreciating the 50 to 70 inch specimens that have been donated, we will appreciate still more the capture and bringing in of half-dozen specimens that are less than 43 inches in length.

Sunday School Lesson

(By Rev. G. C. Phillips.)

(Lesson for July 16, 1939. Text: 1st Kings 12: 1-5; 12-17; 20.)

Undoubtedly Rehoboam, Solomon's son, would have been king over all Israel had he been wise and discreet, as was his father. When he was approached by his subjects with the request that he lighten the burdens that his father had put on them, he first asked the advice of the old men who had served the kingdom with Solomon, his father. They said: "If thou wilt be a servant to this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants forever." (1st Kings 12: 7). He then sought the advice of the young men and yielded to it, because his own inclination was to do as they said. So he said to his people: "Whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." (1st Kings 12: 11).

In his choosing, Rehoboam ignored God, rejecting the advice of qualified counselors who had been tried and proved by years of service to his father. He acted upon the advice of inexperienced young men, because it appealed to his pride and flattered him. All Israel assembled at Shechem to make Rehoboam, the rightful heir to the throne, king over the united nation. But the northern tribes presented to him the very reasonable plea that he lighten the heavy burdens placed upon them by Solomon, especially the forced labor in his extensive building operations and the heavy taxes levied to maintain his luxurious court. Rehoboam promised an answer in 3 days. Upon his decision would hang the destiny of a great people as well as his own destiny. When he had his answer, the 10 northern tribes withdrew from the kingdom and made Jeroboam their king. By an unnecessarily foolish decision, Rehoboam caused the division of the kingdom; suffered great personal loss and destroyed the religious unity of a great nation; dimmed that nation's glory; and affected adversely the lives of multitudes of people.

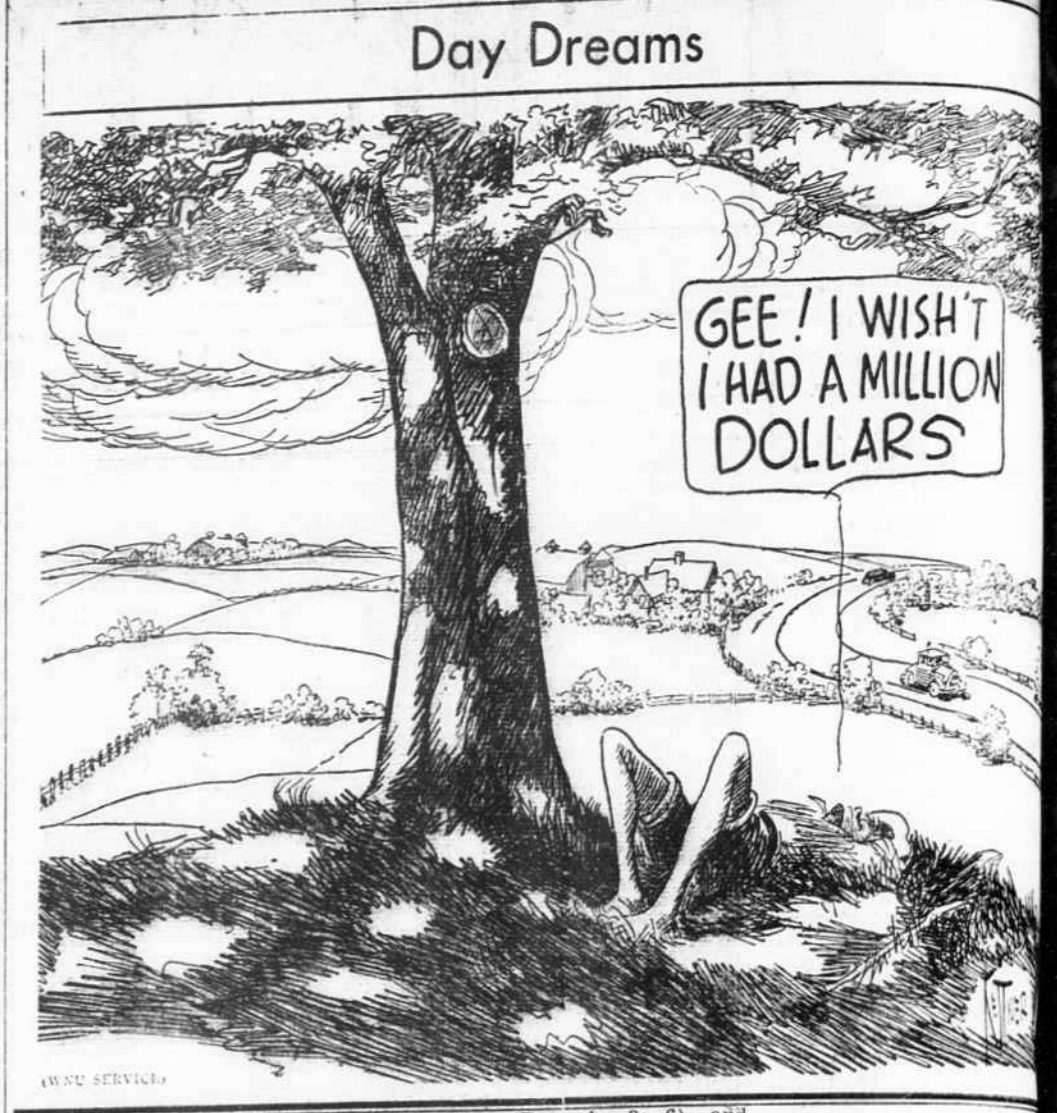
The hour of decision is fraught with tremendous possibilities. One important decision often determines the destiny of an individual or a nation. Inasmuch as such momentous results follow the decisions of life, the maximum of intelligence and care should be exercised in making them. Decisions made carelessly or with a selfish end in view are always liable to be regretted. Rehoboam chose to follow an irreligious and selfish policy. In the hour of need instead of turning to God, he catered to self-seeking human beings. Inherent in his nature was the tendency to ignore God and please self, and to this tendency he yielded, forfeiting Jehovah's favor and blessing. May his experience serve as an object lesson to us and keep us from erring as he did.

It falls to our lot to make decisions just as momentous as that of Rehoboam. One of the important decisions we must make is that of our choice of ideals. We must decide whether we shall be motivated by selfishness, generosity, love, mercy and righteousness, building our lives on principles of honesty, truthfulness and purity, or whether selfishness, hatred, cruelty, dishonesty, impurity and unrighteousness shall have dominance in our lives. Problems involving these ideals suddenly come upon us and decisions concerning them should be made in advance, otherwise we may be caught unaware and forces involving eternal destinies may be set in motion by an unwise decision which never can be recalled.

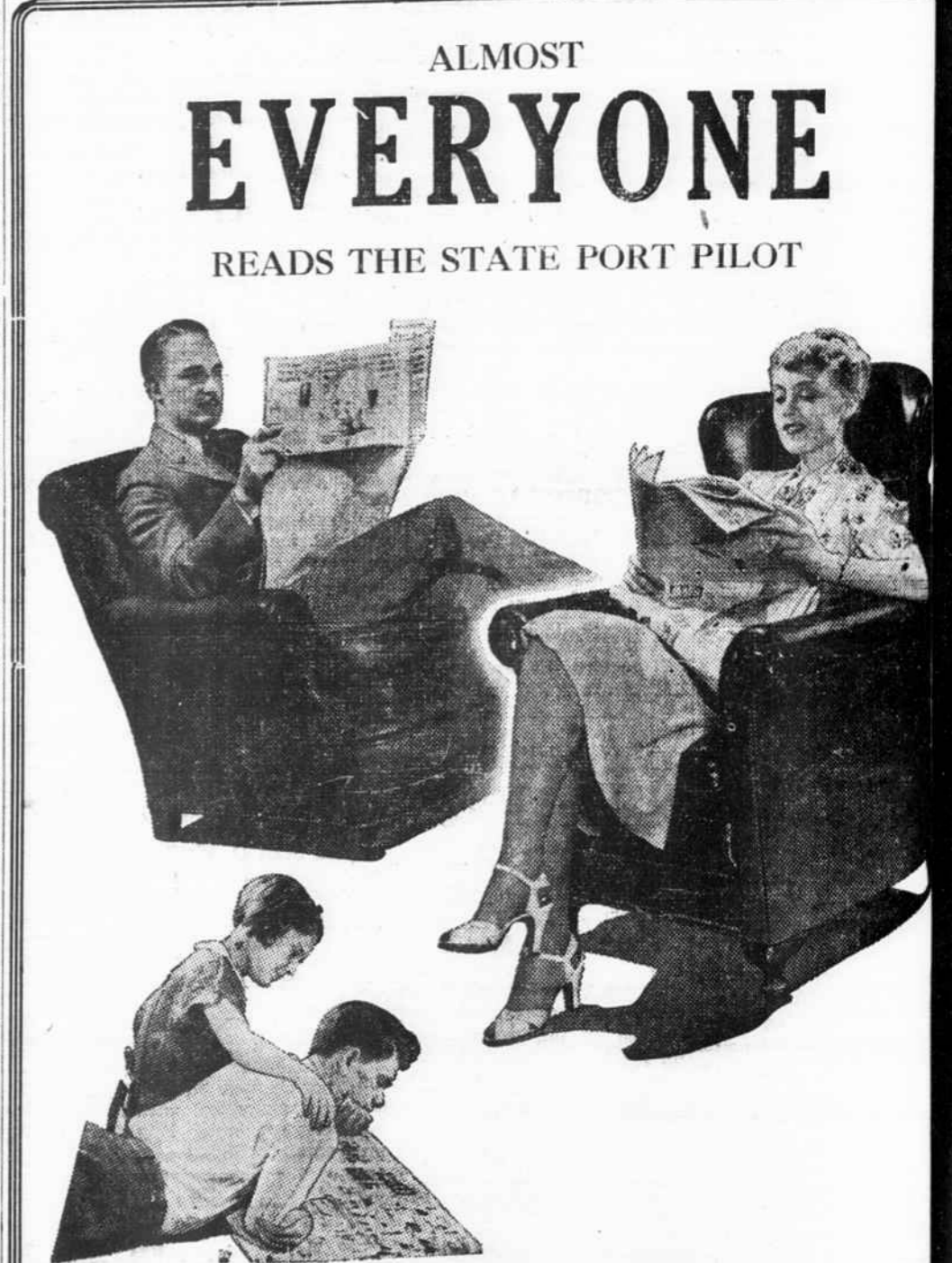
The choice of friends is of tremendous importance, because our friends shape our conduct and influence our ideals, determining to a great degree our destiny and theirs. Had Rehoboam chosen wiser and saner friends, his own destiny and that of Israel would have been affected for good through all future generations. Friends have power to help or hinder, to bless or to curse. Many a youth has received the impetus that landed him in the penitentiary or the lethal chamber from those he supposed were friends, while many another has been lifted onward toward victory and glory by friends who were loyal to the highest and best ideals of life.

The choice of vocation is a momentous decision, calling for a thoughtful consideration of opportunities offered and ability on the part of the individual, as well as prayerful effort to discern God's will concerning his life. Acquiescence in His will gives the highest happiness and usefulness. Marriage is another problem that everyone must face and which has brought blessing or sorrow, accordingly as the individual has acted wisely or foolishly in deciding the issue when it confronted him or her.

But the one decision paramounting all others is that concerning the place God shall have in your life. Rehoboam ignored God, seeking human and not divine counsel. God has a plan for every life and the person who finds God's place for him, finds the highest and happiest life in



the gift of God. We should ascertain the will of God in every decision of life. Only mature and trusted friends should be consulted. One's own God-given intelligence should help in learning God's will and purpose. If you and I make our decisions in the light of the divine will, we shall never go wrong (Proverbs 3: 6), and this light is revealed in the Bible. (Psalm 119: 105). "Lead, kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on. The night is dark and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on. "So long Thy power has blessed me, sure it still Will lead me on O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till The night is gone."



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