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He who is on a high-horse is riding for a fall.

Words may be mere wind, but then so is a tornado.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; cry and the world laughs at you.

The biggest fool is the one who believes that he can fool others without them knowing or resenting it.

We regard our own weaknesses as misfortunes: the weaknesses of others we consider crimes.

The generally accepted idea that women of beauty are of necessity lacking in mental qualities probably originated in the mind of some woman who possessed neither.

In our own mind we are convinced that every man deserves what he gets; but judging from ourselves, not every one gets what he deserves.

Name Your Project

Several weeks ago there was formed by a group of public minded citizens an organization known as the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce. One point was stressed in the formation of this organization: That is the county-wide aspect of the movement.

But if the Chamber of Commerce through its secretary is to fulfill its duty to all members, it will be necessary for those members to say just what things they desire for their particular section of the county.

Right now chief advertising emphasis is being placed on Orton Gardens, because this is the big season for that Mecbe placed upon beach development.

affected; but when these same citizens new quarters. start any worthwhile movement they may the Brunswick County Chamber of Com-

Astonishing Move

Considerable agitation over the state has arisen from a recent regulation made by the State School Commission, providing in effect that a teacher absent from her classroom duties and failing to supply a substitute to carry on in her stead shall have her salary "docked" for the duration of her absence, whether it be one day or several weeks.

"It is not unusual" comments the Roxboro Courier "for a laborer to have his pay reduced for being absent from work, but one would think that a person reaching the professional status a teacher in the public schools is supposed to have would enjoy freedom from such petty practice. We can understand that in some instances it might be necessary to resort to such extreme measures, but it does not seem exactly fair to make it a blanket ruling.

"School teacher pay, as practically everyone admits, is none too high as it is. To have it reduced still further through circumstances that may be beyond the individual's control only adds insult to

injury. "If there is inefficiency in the school system, such as teachers staying away from school simply because they do not desire to go, other measures should be taken to correct it. By placing a blanket penalty for violation of attendance rules, whatever the reason may be for such violation, appears to us to be penalizing for the rough stuff, and Claud's their man.

efficiency for the sake of shielding the inefficient."

Rats Destructive

If the actual figures were available, Columbus people would be astonished at the annual damage from rats in this area. Unquestionably, the figure will run thanks to Bill Wells for some lamy at 2:30 p. m. \$1.50 almost in to hundreds of thousands of

Rats are destroyers of property and fishermen this summer and heremenaces to health. Various cities and counties over the state have conducted intensive campaigns for rat extermination, and it seems that something of the sort is sorely needed in Columbus county.

Little can be accomplished toward ridding the county of rats without co-opera-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1940 tive action of all the people of the county. If one farmer alone puts rat poison out at his place, it simply serves to drive the rodents to his neighbor's place, so County Farm Agent S. C. Oliver stated

> But if all the people of Columbus county would co-operate in a campaign, putting out the poison at the same time, something really could be accomplished.

> Last year Columbus county had a tragic example of the menace which rats are to the health of any community when there was a typhus epidemic in the Wananish area of the county.

Columbus county could save thousands frighten our fish away at all. He of dollars in property, and reduce a haz- alleges he was only trying to ard to health if a rodent extermination scare a water snake away and campaign were started here.

farm agent's office at cost prices at all a marvelously beautiful senti-

At the same time, there are always a lot of flat tires at any big blow-out.

Some movie stars couldn't be wearing those dark glasses because the spotlight hurts their eyes.

Many people are willing to rest on their laurels or anything else, just so long as they are resting.

If you've got a one-track mind, it's in all probability because you haven't had the proper training.

You're dumb if when an idea ever strikes you, you bite the dust for the count of ten.

All things come to those who waitincluding a turn in the dentist's chair.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Thanks to Harriet Doar for the mentioning of ca for tourists. Later it will be the beach this col'm in one of her daily Charlotte News ar- that he expects to build this season, and chief advertising stress will ticles. She is at present Society Editor of her something interesting in other paper and popular with all subscribers. Having news before long. H. H. Thomas And that is the way it will go. Each lived next door to her for most of the last decade new venture, regardless of where in the (the blonde headed O'Brien kid) we readily unthe county it may be located, will be giv- derstand her high position Fraser Boat en the full cooperation and support of Works is due to open this week after a short rest the newly formed organization. It will of a few weeks. A power launch (modern, streamnot be one of its functions to think up line job) will be the first scheduled. Two other's promotion schemes to cram down the are in the blue-print stage at this writing. One, throats of citizens of local communities a sailboat will be the largest ever built in the

The Amuzu continues with its run of hits Monexpect the enthusiastic co-operation of day when the MGM picture "Fast And Furious" opens. The stars are Franchot Tone and Ann Sothern. This deals with the strange happenings of Tone and Sothern as honeymooners at the beach. They run into murder, (and you'll run into mirthful comedy) and proceed to solve the crime. The solution and ending have a new twist as well as surprise . . . These schoolboy patrolmen are cracking down on the violators of speed laws and driving cklessly. Don't fail to stop when they hail ye lither! These boys have the rights of regular traffic cops.

> The American Legion has a birthday Friday and this chapter celebrates with a dance here that night. As yet there is no certainty as to whether Jay Bee's boys will furnish the music or whether it will be presented 'canned.' . . . The basketball team seemed ill-fated this term, what with accidents, etc. . . . Still can't understand why a school with as many brawny youngsters as ours couldn't put out some kind of football team. If not a full sized, how would a six man team suit? It's our belief that a six man team could be formed successfully in the county.

> Mt. Zion Methodist church at Town Creek is the only church building in Brunswick county heated by furnace . . . This swamp garden land around town will grow the earliest vegetables available in North Carolina. Warren Hood is the former champion swamp gardener, but lately that title has been taken over by Mr. Harry Dosher ... There's talk of making softball the summer sport for the men of the community. 'Taint a bad

Preacher Potts made a fine impression during mouth his recent revival held in the Presbyterian church angle worms now. in Whiteville. He formerly engaged in evangelistic work altogether for his church organization . . Claud McCall is taking up where he left off as the hoys' leader of the community. The lads go

Just Among The Fishermen

B's w. B. KEZIAH

HELPFUL COOPERATION press our belief that Frying Pan Club will meet with Mrs. Odell play showing how we get good selected for this performance is helpful cooperation that we exshoals will be less dangerous to Evans at 2:30 p. m. after. The change is coming as a result of the unfortunate drown- H. D. Club at 2:30 p. m. Creech boys three ing of the

demand on the Insistent part of the public that the Coast Guard afford better protection to the fishermen working on the shoals, which have been practically out of sight of the Coast Guard, led to refrom the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce for an official inquiry into the deaths of the two boys. This inquiry paved the way for a request for a full Coast Guard crew at Cape Fear. Mr. Wells, as a boat owner, backed up this request vigorously and the officials in charge of the inquiry apeared to be heartily in

PREPOSTEROUS ALIBI'S

Postmaster Yaskell's alibi for throwing stumps and sticks to prevent us from catching more fish than he is based on the claim that he was not trying to keep it from biting us. This is preposterous, and under any Rat poison is available from the county other circumstances it would be

To begin with, there was no water snake there. And furthermore, unless it was a water moccasin, its bite would not have hurt if it had bit. As we alleged last week and repeat now, when he found he could not sing or whistle the fish away from our hole and into his, he began throwing sticks and stumps to scare 'em and prevent us from catching more than he could. Phooey!

FREE OPTICAL AIDS

Between them Dr. Oscar White of Greensboro, manager of the American Optical Company, and Dr. J. D. Freeman of Wilmington are preparing to outfit us with a fine new pair of glasses free gratis for nothing, except that we take them freshwater fishing with us sometime.

These optics are guaranteed to show how small the fish are when they are caught by Dawson Jones, Charlie Farrell or L. T. Vaskell, and how big our own really look. We shall be able to tell the truth about fishing-once in awhile.

TALKING FSHING PIERS

Mr. Middleton of Long Beach spring. He is also promising us

To our mind there is no gainsaying that this lower Brunswick coast is on its way to develop rapidly this spring and summer. With special reference to the beaches, we believer that fishing piers at the fine locations that Long Beach and Fort Caswell have, will be very popular from the start.

FISHING CRONIES

Among our fishing cronies durng several days last week were the Southern Football Conference, and outstanding referee; Dr. Oscar White, manager of... American Optical Company, and Henry Wooten, general manager of the Yadkin Valley Railroad, all of Greensboro.

Although the weather sulted in off-days for the fish while the party was here, the manner in which Doc White and Wiley handled their fly rods convinced us that we will have some real good freshwater work with those boys at some time in the near future.

UNUSUAL CATCHES

Until Mrs. Frank Mollycheck prought in four real shad, two herrings and nine hick shad, all actually biting and being taken on a small red plug, no one that we know of had ever found a bait or lure that would provoke these fish to strike. Herring will strike

times at some places and under certain conditions. The hick shad, while a food fish, it not rated very high locally. No one that we know has ever seriously fished for them; they have too many bones. The real shad simply do not bite a hook, here, there or anywhere else. Or they did not until the Southporter caught her four.

FISHING NOTES

running streams large bass will rise easily to

Use very small minnows when fishing for goggle-eye and other

Minnows for bass should be live—the friskier the better.

While nothing can be done to day, March 29th, at which time back, it is with it will meet with Mrs. W. E. Bel-

Tuesday, March 19, Leland 4-H

Club meets at 1:30 p. m. Leland Wednesday, March 20, Southport 4-H Club meets at 2:30 p.

Thursday, March 21, Winnabow Club meets with Mrs. E. Taylor at 2:30 p. m.

SOUTHPORT

CHAPEL PROGRAM

presented a French program The ninth grade students took Hi. Things begin to happen. There The scripture was read by Don- ance. This banner has been cir- and plenty of mystery lurking ald St. George. The program was culating among the high school around the corner as well as individed into three parts. The first classes all year and the ninth teresting love affairs. part was a group of French grade has taken it a number of songs: "Fiere Jacque," "Aloutte" times.

PRISCILLA LANE

WAYNE MORRIS

EDDIE ALBERT

JANE WYMAN

RONALD REAGAN

JANE BRYAN

1940's FIRST BIG LAFF PICTURE

Brother Rat

OFF THOSE WELCOME PHOSE

and "La Marseillaise". These were sung by the juniors and seniors. The second part was "Some In- the bookmobile will visit in our teresting Things About France", town and we plan to use this given by members of the senior visit to an advantage. The bookclass . The third part was a play. mobile will visit here on the fol-"Le Petit Chaperon Rouge". The low dates: March 13, 20, 27; Club will be postponed until Fri- parts of the play were spoken April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1. in French.

Placo, and Billie Barber. Play in form of recess. characters were:

Racken, Rebecca Linder Hickman, Barbara Tharp, Lulatown" Gunnerson. Winnifred Aletta Glover, Bobby Spencer, This program was given by the Jim's The junior and senior classes ed by Winnifred Gunnerson.

Wednesday morning in Chapel the banner for perfect attend- are many humorous situations

BOOKMOBILE

We are happy to know that

On Thursday, March 21, at 8 At the last P.-T. A. meeting o'clock the junior class will prethe second grade students gave a sent its annual play. The play Devotional: 121 Psalm and It is a fast moving play charged prayer by John Newton, Frank with laughter and sprinkled with chuckles from the time the curtain rises on Rudy Smith (Donald St. George) falling down the The characters were:

Iris Newton, Catherine Mc- stairway, until the curtain falls the Hi-Smith's, Agnes William the Hi-Smith's, Agnes William the Hi-Smith's, Agnes William the Hi-Smith's, Agnes William the Hi-Smith's the Hi-Smith' McRacken, on the cry of "All Aboard for

The Smiths of Lulatown inherit Joseph some money and Mrs. Smith con-Salter, Robin Hood, G. W. Fisher, ceives the idea of making easy Kenneth Kinsler, Billie Dosher, money by selling her brother invention without his cond grade without the help of knowledge to a millionaire manuanyone. There was no one behind facturer who is vacationing at the stage besides the characters. Breezy Beach. The Smiths ar-It was enjoyed by everyone and rive at Breezy Beach and imalso the dance which was present- mediately change their name to "Hi-Smith" with accent on the

Following is the cast of char-

Smith; Mr. Hi-Smith, her band, "just plain old Rud ald St. George; Pann the ter, attractive and sen gett; Marguerite, a charm teacher, S. V. Russ: Uncle young Millionaire.

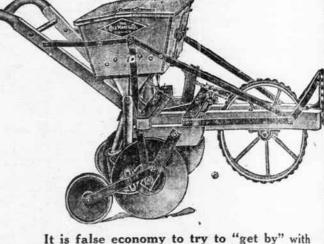
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Pete, a "fourflushing" negro

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I will be at the places cited below at the time designated for the purpose of collecting taxes. 3 Per Cent Penalty Begins on 1939 Taxes April 1, 1940. Pay Now and Save Costs!

Hickman's Cross Roads, March 26th, 3:00 to 3:30 P. M. Thomasboro, March 26th, 3:45 to 4:30 P. M. Grissett Town-Parker's Store, March 26th 4:40 to 5:30 P. M. Lockwoods Folly-Varnum's Store, March 27th 10:00 to 11:00 A. M. Lockwoods Folly-Roach's Store, March 27th, 11:30 to 12:30 A. M. Boone's Neck-Robinson's Store, March 27th 12:45 to 2:00 P. M. Lockwoods Folly-Kirby's Store, March 27th 2:30 to 4:00 P. M. North West-Lonnie McKoy's Store, March 28th .. 11:30 to 12:30 A. M. North West-Mrs. A. M. Chinnis' Store, March 28, ..1:00 to 2:00 P. M. Winnabow-Henry's Store, March 28th 2:30 to 3:15 P. M. Shallotte Post Office Square, March 30th 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.

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