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It isn't holidays that should be given off, its the day after a holiday.

Of some men we know it might well be said: "He's a walking autobiography."

If you laugh at your own joke while you're telling it, nobody is likely to when you've finished.

Public opinion derives most of its power from what we think other people are thinking.

Intemperance at the dinner table has killed more people than intemperance at a bar.

A critic is a man who sits around and waits for someone to open his mouth so he can put his foot in it.

One sure way to be unhappy is to be suspicious and distrustful of everyone about whom you know nothing.

The Church And Civilization

Even those who are not deeply religious will admit in their more serious moments that the church has been the important stabilizing influence upon the world during the past 1900 years, and that without it our civilization as we have known it would not exist.

If, as a result of the warring conditions which are now existent in Europe, Christianity is destroyed as an open influence upon mankind, then, indeed, is civilization doomed to destruction.

What, for instance, may Christian people expect from power-mad rulers whose only god is might; whose code of ethics is to lie and steal and kill? What is the future of the world if it is to be subjugated by men who addressed a plea to women of their nation to bear children for soldiers who were leaving for the war?

No time now for picking out the hypocrites in your local church congregation and saying "I'd rather be like I am than to be like them"; untrue and unrealistic to say that "Religion is fine—in its place, but it simply will not fit into my business life. I'll attend to the matter of mending my religious fences later when I shall have more time for unimportant things."

"If Christianity had been discussed about the conference tables where treaties and pacts of the past 10-years have been signed," said Bishop Darst Sunday, "the nations would not be at war today. If the Sermon on the Mount had been written into the constitution of every nation, and these constitutions had been adhered to, there would be peace throughout the world."

If decent living and ideals are to survive on this earth, if democracy is to continue to exist, then there must be unity in the ranks of good men. There needs to be an awakening, a rejuvenation of the conscience of men of good faith, for a battle lies ahead; and it is against a force whose might is exceeded only by the evil that motivates its purpose.

Development

When we think of development and improvement in Brunswick county most of us are want to figure in terms of millions instead of with smaller units. As a matter of fact, each million dollars of valuation now shown on our tax records was achieved not in a lump sum, but by a little bit at a time.

And that is how our future progress is

likely to be measured. Not that we wish to throw a damper upon anybody's ambitions or dreams, but while we are dreaming it might be a good idea to pay polite attention to the small details.

Right now we are thinking especially of Long Beach and Holdens Beach, where considerable building has taken place within the past twelve months. Although these two places have advantages of their own sufficient to recommend them to the public generally, in many cases civic minded citizens have done a lot to interest outsiders in coming here in the first place.

Remember that every new property owner is a partner in sharing the tax burden of the county, in addition to the qualities he may possess as a good neighbor.

Control Or Suicide

What the Raleigh News & Observer had to say Friday with regard to the proposed tobacco control program, certainly should prove of interest to every person in Columbus county:

"The News and Observer has always recognized the validity of objections to compulsory crop control as a permanent policy. At the same time it has been apparent for a number of years that the amount of land suitable for the production of flue cured tobacco is capable of producing a crop so far in excess of the demand that the size of the crop must be controlled in some manner if farmers are to receive a fair price.

"North Carolina growers have learned about all three methods through experience. The voluntary method, vastly preferable in theory to the other two, was last tried in 1939. Despite the advantage of government subsidies in the form of soil conservation payments, efforts to limit the crop to reasonable proportions through that method resulted in dismal failure. The crop was by far the largest on record and a surplus which has been held to reasonable proportions in previous years through compulsory control was increased to an unmanageable size in a single year.

"On the other hand, control has produced satisfactory, although not perfect results in each year in which it has been in operation.

"It seems clear that under normal conditions compulsory control for flue cured tobacco would be desirable so long as cotton and other cash crops adaptable to the same land sell at low prices—unless or until North Carolina farmers are educated to a general acceptance of the practice of balanced farming.

"But North Carolina tobacco growers are not now faced by normal conditions. In addition to the huge surplus created by their own acts, they have, through war conditions, been deprived of a large share of the usual demand for flue cured tobacco. In 1939, disaster for flue cured tobacco growers was averted by the action of the Federal government in financing the crop at reasonable prices. That aid was extended in consideration of a vote by the growers to apply compulsory control methods in 1940.

"On July 20, growers will again vote on control. This time the question of control for the next three years will be presented. Further extension of Federal aid hinges upon the result of that vote. Even without the loss of European markets, control would be desirable for the next three years because of other considerations.

"In the face of world conditions, tobacco growers will be confronted on July 20 by a simple choice. That choice is control or suicide."

Self-Sufficiency

Self-sufficiency seems to be the watchword of the hour in America.

A shrinking world market has forced upon the U. S. the alternative of choosing between drastic measures bent toward making this country self sustaining, or facing a serious economic situation.

America will continue to do all it can to foster and stimulate U. S. trade with foreign nations, but almost hourly for the past eight months, America has seen some of its most lucrative customers vanish into thin air.

Trade with Latin America and the 21 republics of South America is growing, but even that does not eliminate the dire necessity of the United States looking toward making itself more self sufficient as regards its agricultural production at least.

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

SCHEDULE Friday, July 12, Myrtle Head club will meet at 3:00 p. m. with Mrs. J. V. Simmons. Monday, July 15, Town Creek club will meet at 4:00 p. m. with Mrs. E. V. Evans. Tuesday, July 16, Leland, club will meet at 2:30 p. m.

NEWS BRIEFS

PATIENT George Campbell of High Point has been a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital since July 4.

HOSPITAL PATIENT Fred Burris of Southport entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Monday for treatment.

IN HOSPITAL Horace Woodside of New York City entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday night for treatment.

FOR TREATMENT G. A. Robinson of Shallotte entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Sunday for treatment.

OPERATION Miss Glennie Price of Southport underwent an operation for removal of her appendix Thursday at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

COTTAGE COMPLETED The S. B. Frink cottage at Long Beach was completed last week and Miss Marion Frink is hostess this week at a house-party over there.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hewitt of Shallotte announce the birth of a daughter, Martha Gail, in Doshier Memorial Hospital Sunday, July 7.

MARRIAGE LICENSE One marriage license was secured from Register of Deeds Harry L. Mintz, Jr., during the past week, the contracting couples being Miss Margaret Mills of Leland and Leonard M. Freeman of Winnabow.

FAMILY REUNION Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Woodside of Southport had a reunion of their children at their home here Sunday. They included Mr. and Mrs. Ira Butler and children of Rowland; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Woodside and son of New York; Mrs. William Jenkins of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Bryant; Miss Robbie Woodside, Southport; and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Keal and daughter of Westfield, N. J.; and Mrs. E. T. Keal, Wilmington.

SPORT STUFF BY DAVID WATSON

The old saying is that the team at the top on the 4th of July wins the pennant—Congratulations Brooklyn and Cleveland. We figure they will both have to "deliver the goods" in the home stretch.—In the American you can't count the Tigers, Sox, or the Yanks out yet. In the older circuit the Reds and the Giants will be battling with the Dodgers.

—Detroit really proved to be the "Dark Horse" in the American League.—Boston could use a couple of first class pitchers now—report to J. Cronin.—"Whitey" Whitehead is one of the main reasons why the Giants are going so good this season and Higgins, ex-Sox, is the sparkplug of the Tigers.—Don't ever count the Red Sox beat 'till the final out in the 9th is made. . . . They scored six runs in the final stanza to beat the A's 12-11—yes baseball—and Saturday scored 4 runs in the 9th to beat Washington 5-4—Hats off to big Paul Derringer for his one-hit shutout over the Cubs Saturday. He can really groove them.—Foxy is the only player to represent the A. L. in all eight all-star games—He is batting an even .400 for all of the games.—Pretty good, yes?—If Cleveland doesn't "fold" this year it will be orchids to Boureau and Mack.—They are really good.—Gomez missed this year's all-star game for the first time—arm trouble.—Southport's 2-1 victory over Leland here on the 4th was one of the best played games seen here in a very long time—Jim Woodson, UNC football co-capt. of last season, spent last week over at Long Beach—Nice fellow, good looking, too, and built O. K.—He was with a party from Salisbury.—Wade should have a "dream" team at Duke this fall.—Medwick is beginning to hit the ball for the Dodgers now—so look out all N. L. teams.—Three home runs last week.—All A. L. teams respect the Browns now.—Why? Ask Vitt, Cronin or McCarthy. The Cubs are in a jam—they can't pitch one Dean and can't hit another one of the Giants. We had better take a rest. So long—

Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire

(By Ernest Parker, Jr.)

The greatest menace to the forest is fire. The forests should be protected from such disastrous destruction since forestry is a great source of income to man.

James Oliver Curwood says: "Human life is absolutely dependent upon wildlife and forests. Without these things we would become extinct as a race. If all vegetation, all wildlife, and all forests should disappear tomorrow, the human race would become extinct upon the face of the earth within one year." This quotation suggests the vital role

The boy who wrote this week's winning forestry essay

Mechanic and Mrs. Ernest Parker of Shallotte. He is an outstanding member of the rising class at Shallotte and has been prominent both in his classroom work and in extra-curricular activities. In the county-wide contest for high school students he tied for second place and was awarded a full prize of \$10.00. He also won second prize in his local school contest, bringing his prize earnings up to \$12.00.

played by our forests. Indeed they are deserving of protection.

Forests are the source of timber and timber by-products. They are the home of much wildlife, both plant and animal. Because of the capacity of roots to hold water, drainage on the earth's surface is greatly influenced by vegetation of this kind. Forest areas of the world cover over seven billion acres, some five hundred, fifty million of which are in the United States. We have over five hundred species of trees in our own country, most of which are valuable. Our trees are being conserved to some extent by the National Parks and Forest Reserves, and by the government's reforestation and afforestation projects.

Our own state of North Carolina has valuable timber areas, and they are not properly protected from fires, for each year the loss caused by fire reaches unbelievable figures.

In Brunswick County between eighty and ninety per cent of our land area is woods land and scarcely a man or woman, boy or girl who lives within its borders has not seen beautiful forests of pine go up in flames, leaving nothing of plant or animal life behind. Our trees are becoming more valuable, and because of fires are becoming scarcer, so it behooves us to do our part in helping to protect them from the fire hazard. A recent issue of "The Progressive Farmer" carried this statement: "I have before me a sheet cut from newspaper paper made by the Southland Paper Mills of Lufkin, Texas. I understand that this is the first newspaper ever to be made from yellow pine, and that in using roll No. 1 of newspaper from this mill, the Lufkin News was the first publishing company to print its paper entirely on yellow pine newsprint.

"This may portend the development of an important new industry in the South. With it comes the necessity of improved forestry practices. For as the President of a Florida Paper company warns, the expansion of the pulp paper industry in the South without careful forest management means a timber famine."

Moreover, the use of pine trees in the manufacture of newsprint is important from the point of view of income to farmers, because it utilizes a resource common to almost all sections of our country. This is particularly true of the South.

The national-forest system has made a conspicuous effort in the development of American forestry. They are crops; their real function is to add continuously to the permanent welfare of individuals, families, and communities; the people of the nation. This is the real purpose of public conservation policies. It is the objective toward which the Forest Service is directing ever-increasing efforts. So in normal times, as in emergency periods, forestry and the work of the Forest Service have definite meanings for all of us.

Farmers are catering more to forestry in recent years than ever before. They are deriving much income from this industry with brighter hopes for the future. They are beginning to make waste lands yield a profit by growing timber on poor soils, steep slopes, rocky lands, wet lands, unused corners, and eroded lands. In this way forestry gives employment to idle men and farm animals during the winter months. Products marketed at a profit are sawlogs, poles, piling,

NOT EXATLY NEWS

H. H. Thomas manager of Ft. Caswell, is being visited by his daughter, and those who've watched her in the pool say she's the best girl swimmer they've ever seen around here. . . . High spot of the veteran's dance at Long Beach last Tuesday night was the Jitter-Bug contest. Now youth may have its fling, but it took a lad of 44 summers to lead his lady through the jumping jives that won first prize. He was S. B. Muse, of Charlotte, one of the veterans here in reunion, and his partner was Miss Vern Maynard, summer resident at Long Beach.

From a gentleman's point of view, these turbans the gals are wearing this summer strike us as being the most sensible fad in many a day. In some cases they are actually flattering. . . . Add woman's real remarks: Mrs. C. E. Brown does her morning shopping rounds on her daughter's bike. . . . The Southport boys were plenty cocky Thursday because the winning run in their brilliant 2-to-1 victory was fashioned off Ray Brew. That's something to be pepped up over, for he's one lefty with plenty on the ball. By the way, if Bert Kite is serious about the help wanted note in a recent Wilmington sport column he might get the left-handed help he is seeking from young Brew who could chuck an extra game a week and never feel the strain.

Taint untimely, we trust, to say some more about the Jay Bee band. Fourth of July night they were hotter'n a firecracker, and only a trusty trumpet to nest among the saxophones is needed to get them fixed to conquer foreign fields. Personally, we'd like to see and hear Robert Willing change his present instrument for a bull fiddle. He'd have it whipped to a frazzle before intermission the first night out.

MOVIES: Monday is opening for STRANGE CARGO starring Clark Gable and Joan Crawford. This is a tale of penal island horrors and tropic scenery. Ian Hunter, Edward Bromberg and Alan Hale are also in the cast. A two reel short will be featured with this, entitled "The Flag Speaks." It's an interesting and patriotic photoplay of our flag and history. . . . A little persuasion and we induced David Watson to give us a col'm of sport shorts—which will be a weekly feature now—we home. . . . J. B. and outfit are set for two nights per week at Carolina Beach and could have had four, but due to inconvenience they cut the schedule down. They will still have time to play for a weekly dance in these parts. Courtney, sax and clarinet specialist, will not be able to join them

at Carolina but will be available for local sessions. Tennis fever waxes hot. Folks are still streaming to the Fort for the sport and the Southport courts should be in operation ere long. Those who don't get in on the Tennis Club will be outside the fence, peeping through the knotholes. . . . Edward Taylor and Susie Sellers have begun to investigate a move to organize a Little Theatre group here and need the wholehearted support of everyone. Drama here has been vacationing since the close of school, and summer is generally considered to be the ideal time for acting troupes to succeed. Which calls for more interest being shown. Naturally, a lot of practice is needed before any of this group can be called experienced and the only way for them to get it is to give plays. . . . Reports persist that the English Royal family will move to Canada, but as yet there is no record of their landing. With the frequent sinking of ships they may have deemed it safer to stick out the German raids. . . .

Jim Woodson, co-captain of Carolina's 1939 football team, was among those present at Thursday night's dance at Long Beach. . . . They have another good man on the staff over at the aforementioned L. B. now in Neils Jorgensen, who is a temporary refugee from the drug business. . . . Chances are that nobody misses the bowling alley from the pavilion front porch so much as does Blanche Lewis, who is, week in and week out, about the most constant woman bowler in Southport.

The catcher for the Southport colored baseball team has this warning emblazoned across his sweatshirt: "Thou shalt not steal." . . . Tip-off department: Cape Fear coast guard station may soon be abandoned again—this time for the better. . . . Congratulations on the re-arranging and re-listing that has been done in the new telephone directory for Southport. . . . This is a funny year for farming. Last week we heard of one farmer who cropped tobacco in one field one day and who plowed out another patch the next. Out at the county farm, though, crops are plenty good—as usual.

W. B. Keziah said he tried some barracuda last week and found it very good. These fish are more famous for their gameness than they are for their flavor. . . . Another peculiar taste in seafood is that of Mr. Unger, summer visitor here, who goes out several times a week and catches himself a mess of eels. Well, Cap'n, you can keep our part

cooperage bolts, posts, pulpwood, firewood, spoke blocks, and tannin bark.

It is true that it takes a period of years for land devoted to timber to begin to pay; so it is all the more important that it be protected from fire. Once a forest starts paying it is a permanent profit, a perpetually renewable crop.

We should protect our forest from fire because it has been the greatest forest hazard for many years. Fire kills the little trees and weakens the grown ones so that they become subject to disease and insects. It also destroys the humus cover of leaves and twigs that ordinarily protects the trees against summer drought and heat, conserves water for the springs and streams, and enriches the soil by adding nitrogen.

Fire destroys the natural breeding place of birds and animals. Very often the nests, eggs, and even the young are burned up. Game experts say that fires often kill more game than hunters. Deer are an animal species of the forest. They are traditionally a part of the forest, and existence is dependant upon its presence because it is there that they obtain practically all their

food and their protection as well. Fish, as well as birds and animals, depend on the forest to a certain extent. They depend on plants and insects for food. Aquatic plants are affected indirectly by fires, because fires affect the floor of lakes and streams as they do the forest floor, though less suddenly. Ever since the beginning of time men have gone into the

forest to hunt and fish. For many centuries as a means of getting food and later as a sport, this occupation has been popular. . . . We allow forest fires to kill all the wild game and fish, the thousands who enjoy this sport would have to seek some other means of amusing themselves. Our love of beauty should be (Continued on page 3)

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NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS

All dogs within the City Limits must be registered at the City Hall and license fee of \$1.50 each must be paid before July 15th.

All who fail to comply will be prosecuted by law. By Order Of—

John D. Eriksen MAYOR