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Sometimes even a one-track mind has room for some racy ideas.

In a dynamite explosion its a case of better never than late.

A little authority makes such fools of some people that nobody is ever willing to try them with any more.

An ostrich sticks her head in the sand and thinks she is hidden; a woman sticks her head in a pan full of dye and thinks she has hidden her age.

Its bad enough to have a man think that you're a fool, but when he starts trying to prove it to you, that's going too far.

At Long Last

If nothing happens, most of the 1940 Brunswick County tobacco crop is going to be hauled to market over hardsurfaced roads.

That's a goal that has been a joint project of Columbus and Brunswick county officials for many years, and it is fitting that the final work on the last link of highway No. 130 will be completed by the time of the opening of the border markets.

There's no use recounting the history of the fight for this paving project. There have been countless delegations, committees and special meetings. A thousand promises have been made, and occasionally some of them were kept. Because of this the road came into being link by link until last fall, when the contract was let for the final connection.

The benefits to be derived from this paving are mutual for Brunswick and Columbus. The former has the beaches and other undeveloped facilities that needed opening up to the public. Columbus, on the other hand, has tobacco and produce markets and shopping centers that are sure to profit by being made more readily accessible.

So in the excitement and celebration over the opening of the tobacco market, lets add a 'hurrah' for the highway commission and its latest completed project, the Whiteville-Southport highway.

Turning To Livestock

We were talking to T. O. Goodman, veteran vocational agriculture teacher at Chadbourn, last week about the problem of diversified farming in this area. "Why don't the boys have more interest in purebred livestock?" we asked.

"Well," he said, "there are two reasons. The first is that this is a new thing to them, and they just don't have a love for livestock. That's necessary if they are to make a success. And the second is that most of them are too lazy."

We talked on, chiefly along the lines of a better balanced farm program. "As long as tobacco brings good prices," he said, "none but the most progressive farmers are going to turn to growing livestock. But with world conditions in their present state of unrest it may be that we are due to see more of our farmers go in for stock raising. When you do, I believe you'll find that we can raise just as good stock in Southeastern North Carolina as may be found anywhere in the state. It's just a matter of the farmers not being able to get around to trying it out."

Officer Training

To our desk this week has come the announcement of one of the most practical services for law enforcement officers that we've heard of in many a day. It's an officer's training school, to be conducted by a F. B. I. instructor, scheduled by the Institute of Government for Chapel Hill.

These will be 7-day courses, to be given one each month, beginning in October.

The training will be open to town and city police; county sheriffs, deputies and ABC officers, State patrolmen and SBI agents, and representatives of Federal agencies operating in North Carolina. Each department is requested to divide up its force and send a part of its officers each month. However, the first of October school is being limited to chiefs and department heads in order to secure their aid in shaping the training to the needs of their men in the schools to follow.

Rooms will be provided for the officers in the same building with a nominal charge for linen and service. Good meals will be available at the University Dining Hall at as low as 25 cents each or less than a dollar a day. In this way, the entire expense of attendance will be less than 10 dollars per man for a seven-day school, bringing the cost within the reach of every department and every officer in the State.

Counting lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and practice periods, the instruction will last a minimum of 10 hours per day. A regular examination will be given at the conclusion, certificates will be awarded to those successfully completing the course, and these will be presented at final exercises the last night.

We hope that arrangements can be made to send every officer in this county to one of the training schools.

We Can't Help

On an average of once a week we have a man come to us and ask very earnestly and confidentially "Say, how about keeping my name out of the Recorder's court write-up this week. You see—" and from that point his story will vary to suit the offense.

Many of the people who ask this of us are friends who have run afoul of the law for the first time. Most of the requests are made for social reasons, but some are made in order to avoid embarrassment in business. Most of the time we would be mighty happy to comply with the request, but we aren't permitted to do that.

In the unwritten code of newspapers there is something about not persecuting a person through malice, nor suppressing news for fear or favor. Well, this comes under that head. To keep out of our weekly write-up the name of one defendant in court would be laying ourselves liable to all other defendants for having given them unpleasant publicity.

There are two ways we know to keep out of the court news, and we give this advice free of cost to all who will heed. The first is to ask for a trial before a magistrate or a justice of the peace in all matters that are within their jurisdiction. We make no effort to cover the work of all their courts and so 80-percent of the cases written up in Recorder's court would never reach print at all if they were settled before they reach the courthouse.

The second way—and the best way—to keep out of the court write-ups is to stay out of trouble.

Heartening News

With reports from the Georgia tobacco markets that prices seem to be pretty well stabilized around and 18 to 20 cent average, Brunswick county farmers have reason to be heartened considerably.

The prospect of rock-bottom tobacco prices for the current year was forestalled, we believe, only by the action of the United States Government in stepping in and allowing the Commodity Credit Corporation to purchase the surplus normally bought for export to England and the other warring countries.

This surplus is being stored, and Great Britain will have the option of purchasing the tobacco when the war is over if it so desires. There seems to be no obligation on the part of England to take the tobacco, and the government may have to dispose of the weed in some different manner.

The present outlook for the tobacco season in Brunswick county is far from the picture which might have been facing the tobacco farmers without government intervention in this present crisis. The sudden loss of foreign markets at war put the tobacco farmer of this section in a rather hazardous position.

Government action could not have been accomplished without some co-operation from the growers of tobacco, who at the polls July 20th contributed their share toward solving their problem by voting three year control.

When government and people get together, and work together toward a common end, there seem to be few problems which cannot eventually be solved.

--- NOT EXATLY NEWS ---

We recently spoke of Mr. Keziah's snake as Rotten Joe the Ratsnake so we offer apologies, at his request. The name is Oscar . . . Deanna Durbin, the modern Jenny Lind, puts in an appearance here Monday night in another of her hit pictures, "Its A Date." This series gets better as it goes along and her cohorts this time are Walter Pidgeon and Kay Francis. Pidgeon shows up with the suaveness of Gable and takes most of the honors. The music as usual is the best . . . Those hot Cincy Reds seemed to have cooled over the week-end but by press time will probably be hotter than ever . . .

The stiff wind that prevailed here during Saturday and Sunday merely bears out the long standing belief that this is the best protected port in any storm. While Charleston and Beau-

fort were being reduced to a shambles and other ports were being seriously threatened the local edition of the storm never reached the forty-mile mark . . . The Charlotte Observer and other papers over the country that normally carry the famed Winchell column are finding a great reaction to the guest columnists he's using this year. Stars in all fields of entertainment have contributed to make up the thirty editions to be printed while he vacations . . . In spite of the blows over the week-end, we don't remember seeing the Comstock roll or toss a single time but the passenger liner Allgaheny and others that put in here were taking it on the chin . . .

The Hitler blitz still persists in the no longer Merry England. With the equinoxial gales sche-

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Hold Negroes For Superior Court

Five Southport negroes were bound over to Superior court under bond of \$500 each following a hearing Thursday before Judge Walter M. Stanaland. The state asked for jury trial.

Those being held for high court are Nelson Hankins, whose resistance to Chief of Police Mel Lewis started the free-for-all in which both officers were seriously hurt; Tippy Hankins, his younger brother; James Green, Cocky Bowen, and Snook Clemmons.

Robert Hewett is also being held for trial, but his bond has been reduced to \$100.

James Joyner and Douglas Swain were allowed to go free when an action of nol pross with

leave was taken as to them. Their trial probably will come up at the term of criminal court that convenes here the last day in September.

Peru has made voting compulsory for all males between the ages of 21 and 60.

Dairy products brought \$366,000 to Kansas farmers in 1939.

Ohio leads all other states in the production of hollow building tile and roof tile.

The more a man denies himself so much the more will he receive from the gods.—Horace.

From 1850 to 1890 over 2,000,000 immigrants came to United States.

CRUTCHFIELD'S WAREHOUSE IN WHITEVILLE

CONTINUES ITS POLICY OF SERVICE AND SATISFACTION THAT HAS MADE IT THE FARMERS' FAVORITE YEAR AFTER YEAR . . .





Gaither Crutchfield

FRANK A. BROWN

Raymond Crutchfield

First Sale Opening Day Tuesday, August 20th

SALES FORCE

One reason for the steady growth in popularity of CRUTCHFIELD'S WAREHOUSE is the fact that every year we line up the finest sales organization available. They have the best interest of the farmer at heart. Again this year we are proud to present for your approval our sales force:

Auctioneer Jimmie Morgan
 Floor Manager W. M. Williams
 Bookkeeper Raymond Beale
 Asst. Bookkeeper, Miss Inez Harrelson
 Bookman Tom Pettigrew
 Clipman John Dunn
 Ticket Marker Everette Love
 Weighman Charles Williamson
 Weighman Lacy Brame
 Weighman Frank Brown, Jr.
 Night Floorman Boss Coleman
 Traffic Manager Ed Maultsby

FIRST SALES Through Sept. 20

FIRST SALE
 TUESDAY, AUG. 20th
 THURSDAY, AUG. 22nd
 MONDAY, AUG. 26th
 WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28th
 FRIDAY, AUG. 30th
 TUESDAY, SEPT. 3rd
 THURSDAY, SEPT. 5th
 MONDAY, SEPT. 9th
 WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11th
 FRIDAY, SEPT. 13th
 TUESDAY, SEPT. 17th
 THURSDAY, SEPT. 19th

SECOND SALE
 WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21st
 FRIDAY, AUG. 23rd
 TUESDAY, AUG. 27th
 THURSDAY, AUG. 29th
 MONDAY, SEPT. 2nd
 WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4th
 FRIDAY, SEPT. 6th
 TUESDAY, SEPT. 10th
 THURSDAY, SEPT. 12th
 MONDAY, SEPT. 16th
 WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18th
 FRIDAY, SEPT. 20th

APPRECIATION

As we approach another selling season it is with grateful appreciation that we acknowledge the prominent part that our friends have played in the growth of CRUTCHFIELD'S WAREHOUSE . . . We have always endeavored to deal fairly and squarely with the farmers, and to give them the service and satisfaction which they deserve. Not only has this aided us in our business relations it has caused our customers to go out and tell others about us ;and this has contributed mightily to our success.

It has been a physical impossibility for us to get out to see each one of you in person. That is what we should have liked to do. But rest assured that the same cordial welcome awaits you this season at our warehouse.

Crutchfield's Warehouse

RAYMOND CRUTCHFIELD **GAITHER CRUTCHFIELD**