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There's nothing like mortality to immortalize a dog or horse.

It's no longer safe, Girls, to make fun of what another person wears; she may have on something so stylish you haven't heard about it.

About the best training for becoming a good conversationalist is to practice patience in being a good listener.

Live At Home

Over and over again we have attempted to drive home the doctrine of live at home farming for the citizens of our county, and now in this crisis in our national development, it appears to us that never before have there been so many things to recommend balanced farming to our people.

Despite every precaution, there is going to be a sharp increase in the cost of living. To say that there will not be is to deny the law of supply and demand. This being true, it stands to reason that the man with the least to buy and the most to sell is the man best off.

In following the accepted principles of live at home farming emphasis is placed not so much upon the gross income of the farm, but upon the net income for the farmer. In carrying out this plan of living on the farm, life may be enjoyed in its fullest despite the demands of the defense program for foodstuff and regardless of the loss of foreign markets for produce that is dependent upon an export market.

The Tournament

This week-end sports fans of Brunswick will have an opportunity to witness one of the most healthy developments of our Democracy—Young Americans at play.

Fifty clean-limbed, clear-eyed, enthusiastic young boys, and three score girls for which the same description is fitting, will do battle in Shallotte high school gymnasium to determine the basketball champions of their respective groups in this county.

This war will be fought under the rules of good sportsmanship, and the victims will neither have to be buried nor led away to a concentration camp. It is the healthful burning up of youthful energies in competitive sport.

And here's a friendly tip to sports lovers, regardless of whether you've ever seen a basketball game: Plan to attend one night of this year's tournament. We may be wrong, but we are of the opinion that you will have an opportunity to see the fastest, most closely contested competition ever afforded for county-wide supremacy.

Our Way Of Thinking

In future years, historians will record the swift changes that took place in the temper and attitude of the American people and their leaders during 1940 and 1941. Looking back now on the months that followed the outbreak of World War II, it seems as if we lived then in another world. The majority of the people wanted neutrality—and they wanted no part of Europe's newest mess. They wanted to avoid the risk of war at all costs. And the statesmen who represented them felt the same way.

Today the polls show that we still want to keep out of war—but that a considerable majority, despite that, favor helping England to the fullest extent even if it involves the risk of our being drawn into war. No one talks of neutrality—it is as dead as Moses. The cash-and-carry policy has been virtually forgotten—it is perfectly clear that every financial resource will be used to help arm Britain no less than ourselves. The American people, in short, are violently partisan, and the American nation is definitely and irretrievably involved in the war.

What has caused this change? It took

us almost three years to become really anti-German in the last war—it took us less than a year this time. Better communication, both verbal and visual, has been a factor. So has the amazing courage of the British people—the Americans like and respond to any display of bravery against odds. Most important, in all probability, has been the fast-growing feeling that our destiny and Britain's are intermixed and inseparable, and that if Britain falls we will be in grave danger.

There are those who stoutly belie this doctrine, but they are much in the minority. The President obviously thinks that Britain is fighting for us as well as for herself. So do most members of Congress. So do the bulk of the leading commentators. So do a long list of principal daily newspapers. That is why opposition to the lend-lease bill has made so little progress. There just isn't enough support behind it.

Last chance of defeating or seriously modifying the bill—and, at best, it was an extremely frail chance—died when Wendell Willkie took the stand. Mr. Willkie received 22,000,000 American votes last November, only 4,000,000 less than the President. His trip to England, in which he crammed months of visiting, talking and investigating, into a few days and nights, was a dramatic pilgrimage. He made a fine impression abroad. While he has lost some of his past supporters, he has gained new friends and followers. So when Willkie said he was 100 per cent in favor of the bill, with certain modifications, and went even farther than the President in some respects (by suggesting that we give Britain outright destroyers and Army bombers) the die was cast.

The two men who were given the votes of close to 50,000,000 Americans in their race for the presidency, and who stand out head and shoulders above any other national figures of this day, believe that England's fate and our fate cannot be separated. There is no doubt of their sincerity—even as there is no doubt of the sincerity of some of those who still hold to a different and opposed point of view. And there is no doubt that this country is committed to the hilt to the policy for which Roosevelt and Willkie stand.

Today millions of Americans hate Hitler and what he represents with an almost personal hatred. For Mussolini they have contempt and laughter. These millions of Americans feel that the dictators are their enemies, just as they are England's enemies.

Shears And Paste

OBSCENE PRINTED MATTER

(Spartanburg Herald)
 Mayor LaGuardia's crusade against obscene literature in New York City finds an echo in Georgia's legislature in which a bill is pending to strengthen the existing law forbidding the sale and distribution of indecent or obscene pictures or printed matter.

At intervals, purveyors of this filth undertake to spread it throughout the country. A few years ago they were operating in Spartanburg but prompt action by the authorities forced them to seek other fields. It is never known when they may again appear and only unflinching vigilance will prevent.

Fulton and DeKalb representatives in the Georgia legislature introduced the bill to put additional teeth in the state statute against this evil. The law in South Carolina is not at hand and we are not acquainted with its provisions. The sale and distribution of this poisonous stuff in other communities is warning that South Carolina again may be selected as a field of operation by the filthy-minded and avaricious promoters of this dirty business.

A stitch in time saves nine and if the state law needs strengthening it might be done by the present legislature.

SAFETY ON HIGHWAYS

(Raleigh News and Observer)
 The bill of Senator O'Berry to require semi-annual inspection of all automobiles licensed in the State undoubtedly has merit. But safety on the highways cannot be insured by the passage of this or any other law. For that matter, a law requiring more careful and rigid examination of drivers of automobiles than is now on the statutes books, would be a longer step toward safety because statistics show conclusively that faulty drivers rather than faulty vehicles account for the bulk of accidents on the highways.

But what is needed more than the passage of any law is strict and impartial enforcement of the statutes already on the books. If more inspection is to be instituted it would seem to be a good idea to begin with the hundreds of thousands of North Carolina drivers, given licenses when the license system was introduced, who have never been examined at all.

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.

A REAL SPORT

Charlotte, N. C.
 Feb. 20-41

Mr. James M. Harper, Jr., Editor
 State Port Pilot
 Dear Sir:—

Am just asking for a small space in your sports column, for a word or two about Johnnie Simmons, a local S. P. boy who accompanied the Wilmington G. C. Boxing team, (as a member) to Charlotte for the Carolina G. G. To begin with Johnnie has always fought as a light wt.—and a novice, but here he was placed in the welterweight division in the open class. His opponent was heavier and more rugged, in addition he has been fighting here and elsewhere in G. G. competition for more than eight years, and but for the fact that Johnnie was caught coming out of clinch with a wildly swinging overhand punch he would surely have won. Certainly he gave the "other fellow" a boxing lesson and had the battle "in the bag" til that fatal punch according to the opinion of a majority of the spectators. However in losing Southport folks can well be proud of Johnnie, as he is a real gentleman, a good sport, a darn good boxer and but for a bad "break" would have certainly come home a winner. Thanking you for space in your valuable sheet I am
 Yours for sports
 Skeet James
 Team Coach

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR CLUBS

The Junior American Citizen Clubs have been busily employed for the past few weeks. Each club is making a scrapbook and from the looks of some they will be good.

PIANO RECITAL

On Monday night, March 10th, the music pupils are planning to give a piano recital.

RHYTHM BAND

The first four grades are enjoying their rhythm bands. They have been learning to play "Amaryllis".

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"A Fortunate Calamity" is the name of the play to be presented by the Senior class on March 28. The cast has been selected and is already at work on the three-act comedy which we believe will top all performances of the year. The comedy is designed to give a full evening of nothing but hearty laughs. Start making your plans to see it.

FISHING PICTURE

"Let's Go Fishing", a new 2-reel sound motion picture starring Tony Accetta, U. S. professional all-around bait and fly-casting champion, was shown to an audience of some 340 students of the Science classes and Nature Study Classes of the Bolivia school, this week, March 3.

CHAPEL PROGRAM

The 4th grade gave an interesting chapel program last Friday on Health. A short play was given by members of the class and then several poems were quoted from memory.

Shallotte Village

Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick and Mr. and Mrs. James Chadwick and son, Billie Dale, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herring of Fayetteville last week. While there they toured around Fort Bragg. The most interesting thing at Fort Bragg was seeing the soldiers drill. After the tour they were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Newland Parker.

Mrs. James Spivey of Wilmington visited her sister, Mrs. William Usher, Friday and Saturday.

We are sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Phelps had to take their son, Roy, back to the hospital Friday.

Mr. Carl Ludlum from Fort Screven, Ga., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ludlum.

Miss Lena Chadwick from Wilmington spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pigott and little son, from Wilmington, spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Chadwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Register and baby from Wilmington spent Sunday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Register.

Mr. and Mrs. Newland Parker from Fayetteville visited Mr. and Mrs. James Chadwick Sunday afternoon.

HOSPITAL PATIENT
 Miss Annie Mae Doshier of Southport entered Doshier Memorial Hospital for treatment Monday.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
 The Hospital Auxiliary will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Doshier Memorial Hospital. All members are urged to be present.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, March 5.—

With the highly controversial lend-lease bill now taking the final hurdles in its legislative course, attention is turning to the administrative techniques when it becomes a law. It is an exciting guessing contest as the occupant of the White House is the only person with the correct answer. The situation is somewhat analogous to betting on a horse race on basis of estimating from the performances. The paths of action which Mr. Roosevelt will follow are not easily predictable for the legislation gives him untried opportunities which discounts older policy patterns.

The pending bill confers so much discretionary power that Congress will be hard pressed to hazard even a guess as to Administration policies in aid to Britain. It is expected that the first inkling will come with the issuance of a series of executive orders transferring certain authority to the Army, the Navy, the Defense Commission and other governmental agencies. No doubt exists that the Chief Executive has already drafted these orders in readiness for urgent situations which cannot be handled until the power is actually bestowed by the national legislature. Administrative leaders on Capitol Hill have consistently fought off all attempts to itemize what the President may and may not do under the measure. It is a general authorization plan which provides the White House with plenty of leeway.

The enactment of the lend-lease bill will not mean that Congress has finished its chore. Many legislators, including those voting for the plan, have publicly declared they intend to keep a watchful eye on the operations under the proposed statute. In reality their scrutiny of administrative acts under the authority vested will avail them little relief for pent-up feelings. Objections to the manner in which the executive branch construes the legislative grants of power are futile until the lawmakers are asked for money. The dissenters then have an opportunity to express their displeasure by curtailing appropriations. The current measure indicates little disposition for Congress to stint on money for British aid.

Grumblings of the solons about doings at the Defense Commission presage a spirited Congressional inquiry which will probably escape political controls. Those instigating the movement for a probe of this emergency agency thought it would be confined to activities of business men now temporarily in the government service. The epidemic of strikes in defense industries leaves the investigators with no alternative but to include union labor in their alleged fact-finding. Two separate probes are scheduled on the same subject which may confuse the reading public as to the true motives of the Senate and House. One of the major features to be explored relates to methods of letting defense contracts. The legislators want to know whether any scandal attaches to contracts obtained by companies whose former officials or employees have been drafted into key positions. Another series of questions will be directed to the unionism aspect primarily to ascertain whether trade union leaders have taken advantage of their Federal posts to force compulsory bargaining upon business seeking government defense jobs.

The Army's plans for defense airports are hitting snags in some localities. It seems that many groups imbued with ideas as to how to have a voice in the maturing designs have attempted to. Hard-boiled Army leaders insist that for practical reasons camouflage features should be utilized to screen the airports. In event of emergency, removable markers are necessary to prevent enemy flyers from spotting their location. Full camouflage would require such measures as providing uniform-looking surfaces for entire airports rather than the usual clearly delineated landing strips. The military will dominate as they have the last work in providing the money for airport facilities. The feasibility of landing strips along Federal-aid highways, especially at major intersections, is now under study. Private fliers would like to see smaller fields developed.

The thirst for knowledge in our youngsters is proven in the latest Bureau of Census reports this week showing that books and pamphlets written especially for this group were among the best sellers. The demand for juvenile publications far outranked the Bible and fiction. Over half of the total output of 150 million books in 1939 were used by youngsters either in private reading or in school work. The popularity of the radio apparently did not diminish interest in reading matter for the census reports tremendous increase in demand for books in the last two years.

Winter cover crops in Johnston County are just average, considering the dry fall and winter and the lateness of seeding in many instances, reports Assistant Farm Agent R. M. Holder.

A letter this week from Ernest Burris, renewing his subscription. Nobody in town has missed him more than we have since he moved to Georgetown about 6 months ago. He's a good sport, and an excellent traveling companion. . . . In unloading our papers last Wednesday night we overlooked the Supply bundle. Next morning when we took it in the post office Uncle Jim Lewis not only had missed a bundle, but knew what place it should have gone.

Tournament week, so we'll take a pick. Reason says that the boys champs should be either undefeated Bolivia or runner-up Leland, but we're walking the plank and choosing Southport (a horse of darkest hue.) Waccamaw may win for the girls, but we'll take Bolivia, believing that tournament competition will bring out the best that's in them. Now we've made the supporters of eight other teams mad, but next week this time they may have the last laugh. Anyway, we'll see you at Shallotte.

"Rangers of Fortune" plays Friday nite at the Amuzu and in it are Fred MacMurray, Patricia Morrison and Albert Dekker. It's one of the better pictures to come from one of the better companies. This Dekker is one of the best character actors in films. . . . One Holly Ridge worker tells that he worked two days and while on his way to collect his wages went over a railroad track and tore out the bottom of his car. The repair bill was equal to a week's work.

These people who take delight in picking flaws in the work of experts are reminiscent of a Winchell gag. Two tramps, former critics, stood outside a theatre one night and watched the star of the show leave his dressing room while the crowd all tried to congratulate him and get autographs. One tramp remarked to the other that the star had fine clothes, good home and plenty of money. The other drew himself up proudly and replied: "Yes, but can he act?"

Most everyone who listens to the radio hears the Spitalny All-Girl orchestra on Sunday nights. Two months ago one of the singers left the pro-

Unusual Method For Floundering

It has remained for Willie Cooker to catch fish in heretofore unheard of ways during the past two weeks. Twice, during this time, he has caught large flounders with oyster tongs while digging oysters over near Bald Head island.

Friday while working in water nearly five feet deep, his tongs brought up a good sized grab of oysters. Imprisoned with them was a two and a half pound flounder. The fish was in nowise

injured, it had simply been hovering over the oyster bed and was probably too fat and lazy to move when the tongs descended over it.

A check for this amount has been sent into state headquarters, and after expenses have been deducted, one-half the net amount will be returned to the county for control of the disease in this section.

"Last night the elite of our town gathered to witness a performance of 'Hamlet' There was considerable discussion as to whether the play was written by Shakespeare or Bacon. All can now be set at rest. Let the graves be opened. The one that turned over last night was the author."

Report Submitted On Paralysis Fund

A total of \$73.22 was raised this year in Brunswick county for the control of infantile paralysis, according to Mrs. L. C. Fergus, chairman of the Brunswick county committee for the celebration of the president's birthday.

The Early Bird Gets The Worm

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He Knows Just Where To Look!!

The Wise Bird Looks In The Classified Ads of the

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