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By the time a man develops a true thirst for knowledge he usually spends so much time in its quest that he doesn't get to try out what he has learned.

You aren't ever going to be able to stop people from talking about other people, so about the best thing to do is to try to get them to spend as much time talking about the good that's in their neighbor as the bad.

There are two reasons for staying in a rut: One is because you can't get out; the other because you are afraid to get out.

**Dodging The Dentist**

Well, we've been to the dentist again; so now (feeling very sanctimonious) we sit us down at the typewriter to tell others to do what we should have done long ago—but put off for the very same reasons that you and you and you are putting it off.

We made some pretty important discoveries during our most recent series of visits to our friend, the doctor of dental surgery. One of them is that your worst moments in a dentist's office are spent in the ante-room and not in the chair. Another is that it is possible for a man to practice this profession and still have consideration for human suffering. And another is that a can of toothpowder—judiciously applied—will save the pound of a drill.

And one more thing: There's really something to all this stuff about brush your teeth twice a day and see your dentist twice a year. You'll soon learn that the best money you ever spent will be to have him tell you that you don't need a thing.

**About Rabies**

The horrible death of a baby suffering from hydrophobia last week in Wilmington is no cause for hysteria with regard to dogs, but it is a very real reason why each dog owner in the county should be doubly sure that his pet has been innoculated against this dread disease.

As is always the case where there is a human element involved, there are residents of the county who have managed to evade the law requiring that they have their dogs vaccinated. As a result, they have managed to save the fifty-cent fee.

But one case like the one in Wilmington where an innocent child was sacrificed because somebody didn't have his dog made safe is enough to drive all slackers to cover.

**Friendly Publisher**

On several occasions Carl Goerch, either in print or over the radio, has said that when he is able to retire he'd rather come live in Southport than to live in any other place in North Carolina.

Now inasmuch as Mr. Goerch probably travels over this state more than any other businessman we know, his judgment of a peaceful, pleasant place to live is good enough for us.

But not content with this endorsement of Southport, the publisher of The State Magazine has given invaluable publicity to this section and its citizens through his publication, and we believe it is safe to say that no other town in North Carolina receives more consistently favorable notice from him.

That is fine for us, because The State Magazine goes into the offices and homes of the important people of our state.

**Defense Jobs**

In its characteristic straight-forward manner The Charlotte News places the challenge of the United Service Organizations before the public:

"Take a soldier walking aimlessly on the streets of this city, multiply him by a million or so, add three or four hundred thousand sailors and some regiments of

Marines, give them all nothing much to do in their spare time, but allow for the solicitous exploitation of that spare time by prostitutes of all races, the proprietors of clip joints, booze parlors and other low people—and you've got a real problem on your hands.

"Nobody, we take it, is so out of touch with young men as they are today and always have been to hope that groups of them, many away from home for the first time, subject to unaccustomed restrictions on their liberties and wanting to crowd all possible experiences into their off hours—nobody, we say, can reasonably expect these soldiers to be content with merely killing time and watching crowds of strangers.

"On the contrary, they have got to have something to do, without a doubt are going to find something to do. That much is certain. The practical question is whether it will be something wholesome (it still has got to be enjoyable) or vicious and damaging to their personality.

"The responsibility of providing the facilities for recreation, falls upon the American people, for whose protection these soldiers and sailors and Marines have been called into service. To shirk that responsibility would be worse than an exhibition of ingratitude.

"Fortunately, a way offers by which the American people as a whole may fulfill in part their obligations to the men in camps and cantonments all over the country.

"The United Service Organizations have set out to raise \$10,500,000 nationally, and have assigned to Brunswick county a quota of \$100.00.

**By Comparison**

People of the United States are aghast when they hear of hundreds of people in England being killed by bombing attack from the Germans. It's a safe bet that more people died in the United States by violence over the Memorial Day weekend than fell victims to the German blitz on the British Isles.

Some 450 persons in the United States were killed during the latter part of the week in highway accidents.

These are facts which are as astonishing as they are dreadful.

**Buy Defense Bonds**

When President Roosevelt the other night proclaimed in the United States a state of unlimited national emergency, it was no dramatic gesture on the part of the chief executive to stimulate the imaginations of a hundred and thirty million people.

President Roosevelt took this far reaching step because America faces such a crisis that such action was deemed necessary. That America must arm to the teeth is no longer a political theory subject to debate in Washington—it is a stark reality which every citizen of the United States must face.

Even the defeatists such as Lindbergh, Wheeler and Nye agree upon the necessity of the United States making itself invulnerable to attack. With the full cooperation of the American public, that can become an accomplished fact—we can become in actuality the "arsenal of democracy."

But America cannot become the "arsenal of Democracy" by American citizens simply reaffirming their faith in the democratic principles, or by speeches about liberty and freedom.

Our citizens now are being called upon to make sacrifices, to work, to "do or die" for democracy.

Right now, 1,300,000 boys and young men have given up their personal life to join the armed forces of the United States. More are being inducted into the service daily.

To put the tools of modern warfare at the disposal of these men will take money—lots of money. Uncle Sam today wants your dollars for national defense—not as a gift, but as a loan.

Moreover, Uncle Sam promises to pay you handsomely for your investment—A defense savings bond costing you \$18.75 now, the United States government promises to redeem in 1951 for \$25.00.


In this gigantic loan program by private citizens to the United States, there is a place for everybody. For as little as a few cents, defense savings stamps may be purchased, so every citizen may participate.

Uncle Sam needs your dollars for defense!

It must be hard on the German peoples' tonsils—having to swallow so much tripe.

Then Dumb Dora also thought breaking in a new car meant knocking out a window with a sledge hammer.

**Just Among The FISHERMEN**  
 BY BILL KEZIAH



Twice during the week we have had to pass the buck to Bob Thompson in Asheville or to Charley Parker in Raleigh. We don't mind supplying all inquiring sportsmen with all the information we know about the fishing at Southport and along the lower North Carolina coast. But when they begin to ask us about the fishing in Western North Carolina or in Albemarle Sound, we have to feel that they are getting out of our latitude and longitude.

A resume of the Gulf Stream fishing for the past seven days shows that 30 amberjack have been caught, the fish running up to as much as 34-pounds in weight; 24 barracuda, running up to 34-pounds, and 27 dolphin with the biggest weighing 18-pounds. A whole lot of other fish were, of course, taken by the parties bringing in the above. A bad factor, preventing a better showing, was that this week-end, like nearly all others this season, was marked by bad weather. Saturdays and Sundays see more parties here than on any other day. Likewise, these days also see the worst weather of the week.

Catches of blue fish and mackerel just offshore are daily growing better and with the prospects brightening up all of the time. Shrimp, a big attraction to all sorts of fish, are showing up more numerous. Schools of menhaden are also showing up and are contributing to attract game fish into the local waters where the anglers may get in their work. A little bit of hot weather and both Spanish mackerel and blues will be swarming thickly just offshore. And we seem to be having the hot weather now.

A few of the Gulf Stream fishing parties here the past week were not contacted and their places of residence not learned. This lack of information is still more marked in the case of the parties who went just offshore. A check-up on the parties contacted shows that two bunches came from Charlotte, two from Camp Davis, 3 from Salisbury, 2 from Wilmington, one from High Point, one from Winston-Salem, 2 from Lenoir, 2 from Burlington, two from Raleigh and one from Smithfield. Several out-of-state cities were also represented in addition to the above.

Although Southport is much better equipped for Gulf Stream fishing parties than was the case last year, a week or ten days from now and favorable weather will reveal a need for twice as many craft as we now have. In addition to the regular groups of sportsmen who come here each season, this year will see a big influx of sportsmen from northern and eastern points. National defense work in this area will also create a great demand for boats, especially on week-ends when the men are not working. It will be at such times that the supply of boats will be inadequate for the calls that are made.

We doubt if any place on the North Carolina coast has its sports fishing business anywhere as well set to go places as Southport has. We have the fish and are finding more and more of them. Added to that are conscientious boat skippers and other interests that give real attention to the sportsmen. We have some boatmen who look upon it as a personal disgrace if they bring a party back to port without a good catch of fish. It is very seldom, and then only during abnormal weather conditions, that a fishing party meets with disappointment if they know their boatmen, or are guided by those who do and who are also looking after the interests of the visitors.

It has never been the general practice to form pick-up parties, taking everybody who had the price and crowding the often uncongenial crowd off for what turns out to be nothing more than a boisterous boat ride. Boat rides can be taken almost anywhere if there is a pond of water. Neither our best fishing guides or the chamber of commerce are interested in just boat rides, unless it is distinctly understood that such is all that a party wants. The folks who wish to fish, those who are bent on having real sport and bringing in what they go out after, are usually people who know that a

**This Week In . . . DEFENSE**

Dr. Will Alexander of the OPM, speaking in Atlantic City, said defense industries will need 4,000,000 more workers by January. He said, as examples, the San Diego, San Francisco and Vallejo areas of California will need, 31,000; Detroit, 66,000 to 88,000; Philadelphia, 70,000; northern New Jersey, 30,000; Dallas and Fort Worth, 17,200; and Wichita, 7,000. He asked employers not to discriminate against persons with necessary skills because of race, religion or color.

Labor Secretary Perkins reported 324,000 workers will be needed in the shipbuilding industry, 408,000 in aircraft, 291,000 in machine tools and ordinance, and 384,000 in other defense industries. She said the greatest single need is for 156,000 skilled machinists and 139,000 semi-skilled assemblers.

War Secretary Stimson announced that skilled workers in the Army will be released, if required in key civilian jobs, upon the request of former employers. Sidney Hillman, OPM Associate Director General, again appealed to all unemployed, all persons not in defense industries, and all persons who can do more highly skilled work than required by their present job, to register at local public employment offices so they may be trained and placed in defense work.

Bureau of Labor Statistics reported food prices increased for the sixth consecutive month and are now about 8.5 percent above last November. Prices of all foods moved upward but the latest increase resulted from advances in prices for dairy products, fresh fruits, vegetables, pork and lamb, the Bureau said.

The Department of Justice announced Federal Grand Juries in San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Hartford, Denver, Dubuque and Washington have indicated 300 firms and individuals in a nation-wide drive to prevent unwarranted increases in food costs.

Agriculture Secretary Wickard asked for a one-third increase in Cheddar cheese production and a one-fourth increase in evaporated milk. He said an increase in total milk production, asked several weeks ago, has been made, but the milk supply must increase in areas surrounding cheese and evaporated milk plants. He said prices would be supported by Government purchases for lease-lend activities.

The OPM added cooper, cork and steel to vital defense materials under priority control to give defense needs and essential civilian needs first call on the materials.

L. Edward Scriven, Assistant Priorities Director, speaking in Chicago, said "you can walk through any large retail store today and see all around you commonplace objects—stoves, toasters, vacuum cleaners, typewriters, cameras, tools, and lots of other things—which cannot escape being hit by the demands of the defense program."

**--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---**

No news could have been more welcome than that Joe Leighton and his swell orchestra were scheduled for a return engagement. It's to be tomorrow night at Long Beach, and if this dance is half as much fun as the last it will be a real success. We commented last week on this group's virtuosity and this is to re-emphasize it . . . A little practice by the dancers on the Latin American rhythms will help a lot towards having a big crowd on the floor when the band plays in the 'Souise American Way' . . .

Johnnie Simmons, formerly a soda jerker here, has secured a job in Norfolk and it's our bet that he will be entertaining the Virginia Golden Gloves when '42 rolls around. Johnnie showed lots of class in the last Wilmington and Charlotte tournaments. . .

MOVIES: Bing Crosby, Mary Martin, Oscar Levant and Basil Rathbone are all in "RYTHM ON THE RIVER," playing here Monday at the Amuzu. Bing and Mary sing some swell tunes, and as usual, Basil Rathbone does the crooked work. This is the first glimpse local patrons will have of Levant, also a radio comic . . . We've counted more than thirty new automobiles in

town that have been purchased in the last months. If auto factories are changed in the manufacture of planes, Southport will be caught empty handed . . . Henry McLaughlin, sports reporter, has started writing a daily that appears in many papers. His recent one from Mussolini to the Duce of Croatia is a gem. The main thing worrying Benito is that Hitler's parole board will pick the option . . .

David Watson, who won 6 and lost 2 matches as a member of the tennis team at E.C.T.C. spring, is certainly the most improved player Southport this summer. Looks like he must have played the lads for their clothes, because time he takes to the court it's in a new pair of shorts and sweatshirt ensemble . . . We're turing to predict that Southport people are to be very much pleased with the management of long Beach Pavilion this summer.

Editor's Note:—Budding Genius O'Brien laid the corner stone for this column, "game" one day last week for Harriet Doar, of the lotte News. Modesty forbade his making more. He also wrote today's column.

Defense needs for power, aggravated by a drought in the mid-Atlantic and Southern areas. President Roosevelt asked Congress for \$285,000,000 to complete the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence seaway and power project to reach mid-ocean-going vessels to permit the Great Lakes and make available an additional 2,200,000 horse power of electric energy.

HOME DEFENSE New York's Mayor LaGuardia, Director of the Office of Civilian Defense, reported it will take at least a year to obtain equipment to protect the nation's cities during bombing raids. He said it would cost about \$43,000 each to equip the permanent fire companies in the country, and in many places auxiliary fire companies would be needed.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS Secretary of State Hull, said French-German collaboration threatens seriously to alter French relations with the United States. The President told his press conference rumors of German-English peace discussions were Nazi-inspired and not true.

SEIPTS President Roosevelt authorized the U. S. Maritime Commission to take over foreign ships in U. S. Ports. The Commission announced it has arranged with Britain for American ships to take over services from Canada and the U. S. to Australia and New Zealand to relieve English

vessels for war work. The Commission also announced purchases of 28 merchant ships for use as Army and Navy auxiliaries and ordered Atlantic and Gulf Coast line ship operators to make available 50 percent of their tonnage—between 60 to 70 vessels, totaling 375,000 tons—for the 2,200,000 ton emergency shipping pool for lease-lend operations.

Navy Secretary Knox announced competitions would be worked out to speed building of ships by awards to the fastest workers and the fastest shipyards.

NAVY Navy Secretary Knox announced the launching of the 35,000-ton battleship South Dakota five months ahead of schedule. He said he hoped the warship would be ready for service by January although this normally takes a year after launching. Mr. Knox said the Navy's 35,000-ton ships far exceed in power, guns and armor the sunken German warship Bismarck. The Navy announced that all Atlantic bases acquired from Great Britain are now available for limited operations and will be completely finished within a year.

ARMY AIR The War Department announced high school graduates without sufficient education to become officers may enlist in the Air Corps for training as pilots. Applicants between 19 and 22 will receive preference. The Army said even-

tually 20 per cent of its men may be enlisted men who were trained to fly and given rating of flight sergeant. Pay of \$108 to \$207 per month depending on length of service.

The War Department announced Army Air Corps cadets now receive the pay and allowances as Navy Marine flyers and receive a bonus for each year of duty of a year of active duty of \$10,000 in insurance.

SELECTIVE SERVICE Selective Service Deputy Director Hershey asked Congress approve legislation authorizing deferment of all men 27 or more years old last October 18. Headquarters amended regulations to permit review of classifications at any time prior to induction.

DEFENSE FINANCING The Budget Bureau estimates the Federal deficit for the next year would be \$74,000,000 less than previously estimated because of the higher tax collections and cuts in non-defense expenditures.

TONSILECTOMY Hilda May Sellers of the how underwent an operation removal of her tonsils at the Memorial Hospital Monday.

FOR SURGERY Prince O'Brien entered the Memorial Hospital Tuesday for surgical attention.

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