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Just let a man get the idea that the world owes him a living and pretty soon he'll be expecting to have it served to him in bed.

The man who asks endless questions about things he wants to know is no nuisance at all compared to the man who asks them to see if you know the things he knows.

A critic is a person who has slight knowledge of the path leading to perfection, but who can detect the slightest deviation made by anyone from that path.

Before you grow too indignant over what somebody tells you he overheard about you, make him tell you the time and place it was said, and the tone and inflection that was used.

Everyone is so happy when a pessimist misses his prediction that these harbingers of evil events are seldom called to task for missing their guess.

In The Pacific

Whether or not this government will use the Navy as an active belligerent in the Battle of the Atlantic, is a question that no one but possibly the President can answer. Whatever the eventual decision, there are a number of important obstacles in the way of concentrating our fighting ships in the Atlantic—of which the most important is the strong Empire of Japan.

For many years, the American people have been accustomed to swift changes in the status of U. S.-Japanese relations. Both sides have done considerable diplomatic bluffing. Many times alarmists have said that the two nations were standing at the very brink of war. But, so far, nothing much has happened, outside of a few minor incidents which were swiftly settled, such as the sinking of the Panay some years ago.

Now, according to a number of responsible correspondents who know the Japanese character and Japanese conditions, there is a chance that matters will at last move from the talking to the shooting point. Here are the principal reasons they use to substantiate that position:

First, Japanese leaders are confident Germany will win this war, and they believe that, therefore, the future of Japan will depend on the future of Hitler's "new order." So they are determined to carry out their Axis commitments to the letter.

Second, they are convinced that this country cannot be frightened or argued out of its present position—a position which says, in effect, that if Japan moves into the South Pacific, we will use force to stop her. Inasmuch as the Japanese leaders are also convinced that Japan must dominate the lands and great resources of the South Pacific Islands if she is to survive as a first-class power, they have come to the point of view that eventual war is certain and there is little use in longer trying to prevent it.

Third, working on the assumption that war is inevitable, the Japanese strategists feel that this is the time to fight it, while the United States has its hands full in the Atlantic and must attempt to dominate two oceans with a one-ocean fleet. By 1946, the U. S. will have a formidable two-ocean fleet, and then, think Japanese naval men, Nippon's chances of winning a war would be extremely poor.

Fourth, Japan knows her position is precarious so long as she must depend for the bulk of essential supplies, such as steel and petroleum, on the United States. Therefore, it is reasoned, the thing to do is to strike out and obtain by conquest essential raw materials for herself.

This government is taking Japan plenty seriously. The bulk of our fleet is operating in the Pearl Harbor area. The Atlantic fleet is small and its few capital ships are mostly obsolete and slow. Large concentrations of aircraft, particularly Flying Fortresses, have been sent to Hawaii and even farther east. Air-raid shelters

have been built in the Philippines, and practice air alarms are set off periodically.

The cool heads in our naval high command do not discount the Japanese fleet. They think our ships are better, and our gunnery more effective. We have a definite edge in the quantity and quality of carrier-based aircraft. And we have a larger fleet. Even so, the navy men feel, it would be a considerable job to lick Japan, and would require all our energies for a considerable time.

It is significant that recent pronouncements of Japanese statesmen have become very blunt. Premier Matsuoka scarcely bothers any more to conceal his dislike for the U. S. and his admiration for the Axis. Germany's successes in Europe have stiffened Japanese spines, and encouraged Japanese saber rattlers. The result is that the Pacific can accurately be described as a tinder box today.

Warning To Motorists

With North Carolina already well on its way toward the worst traffic accident record in its history, the Fourth of July week end this year looms as a potentially murderous three-day period on the streets and highways of this state.

The celebration of Independence Day always brings about abnormal traffic conditions which result in many fatal accidents. Six persons were killed in this state last July 4.

"This year, however, we may expect a heavier traffic toll than usual because of the fact that the Fourth falls on a Friday, and thousands of people will take advantage of the long week end holiday to make motor trips," says Ronald Hocutt, director of Highway Safety Division. "Then, too, the general traffic situation is much more acute this year. Already traffic deaths in North Carolina are running around 50 per cent above last year. This, together with the 4th of July celebration and vacation travel, threatens to bring the greatest July traffic death toll in the history of the motor vehicle."

The safety director pessimistically stated that he fears a toll of 15 to 20 deaths from traffic accidents in this state during Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4-5-6.

"Think of it," he continued, "15 to 20 of the worst tragedies that can befall us threaten to mar a joyous holiday—unless every person who drives makes it a personal and constant responsibility not to have an accident and not to cause others to have one."

This shameful situation need not be! Human actions—actions that we can control—are basic cause of nearly all our fatal accidents. We appeal to the motorists of this state to exercise a rigid control over these actions—thoughtlessness, carelessness, and recklessness—not only during the week end of the Fourth but throughout the remainder of the year.

Bring Them Here

We have heard reports of week-end convoys of soldiers to places where clean, wholesome recreation can be made available for them. It seems to us that these stories are worth checking, and if there is any chance to do it, a concerted effort should be made to make the most of the recreation facilities afforded by the coast of Brunswick.

If the government cooperates in this plan to the extent of affording transportation, and if housing problems are taken care of through the use of tents, there seems to be nothing in the way of bringing on the soldiers.

Although the possible points for entertainment are by no means limited to the immediate area of Southport, folks in this community remember from the World War period how to be nice to boys away from home in training; and there are certain physical properties—the Community Center Building, the Army-Navy Club, etc.—which could quickly be pressed into service.

Since residents of this county plan to cooperate actively with the United Service Organization program it seems that we may, as well, make the most of our natural advantages, and there is no better time for starting this than right away.

TURN ON THE HEAT

(From Charlotte Observer) Economic break-up in the Axis countries may be nearer than the outside world knows. Japan has been making desperate gestures toward the Dutch Indies, first threatening, then coaxing—like a bully suddenly weakened. Germany is gesturing toward the Ukraine, generally regarded as Europe's granary. Shortage of food as well as materials for warfare must be pinching the armies now as well as the civilian population.



Just Among The Fishermen BY BILL KEZIAH

This week The Free Lance-Star of Fredericksburg, Va., had more than two columns of fine stuff relative to Southport fishing. In his own comment the sports writer on The Star quoted Felix Soret and Judge Henry Dannell of Fredericksburg as saying that Southport had "the finest fishing of any place in the world". Thanks, old fellow. Your rating is 100 for saying that.

Down here some weeks ago, Bob Wilson, "Up The Stream Man" on The Washington Times-Herald, told us he could not go back on his old haunts, but Southport certainly had all fishing holes beat to the line. Bob is still saying things like that. His widely circulated paper makes it necessary for him to give attentions to all sections. Still, we are safe in saying that Southport is getting more mention in the hunting and fishing columns of The Times-Herald than any other fishing center in the United States.

Four corking good sport fishing stories relative to Southport appeared in the sport pages of the big Baltimore News-Post one day this past week. Our old friend, J. Hammond Brown, President of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, looks out for the outdoor stuff on that paper. When it comes to being a good fellow "Brownie" is natural. We are proud of his friendship and the regard in which he holds Southport and many of our people. We won't feel that this fishing season is going just right until Brownie has come in and has taken another whack at things at Southport.

Makers of high-grade fishing tackle are being rather nice to us this year. We have been acquiring quite a collection of jitter bugs, bass callers, minnows, spoons, etc. all through the "with our compliments," route. The latest offering that has fallen to us was a sure hooker in the shape of a no-snag plug that lives up to its name. You can toss it into waters that have growth resembling a haystack and it will come sliding blithely back as you reel in. But, let a bass rise and strike at that plug, and there will be a fish on the supper table. It is just the thing a fellow needs on a water lily bedecked pond like Orton. The makers, whom we have to thank, are the James Heidon's Sons, of Dowagiac, Michigan.

During the past week all of the Gulf Stream boats have been on the railway getting scraped and new paint. It is gratifying to this columnist that letters are received several times each week, all speaking in the highest praise of the service that the local boat crews try to render their guests.

Charley Farrell of Greensboro writes us that following a recent fishing trip to Southport and the appearance of a news story covering the trip in the Greensboro Daily News, he was literally swamped with inquiries regarding the fishing at Orton Plantation and Southport. Not only did Charley get a lot of inquiries, there have been several bunches of Greensboro sports down at Orton since the story appeared in the paper.

With each fishing season the ladies appear to go in for sport fishing a little more strongly. There is no reason why this should not be the case. We have seen many instances where a woman proved conclusively that she was just as good, if not better, than her male companion in handling fish. This applies mostly to saltwater angling. We are not prepared to say how they make out when it comes to freshwater fishing.

Dick Shafto, C. C. Vogell and the party here Saturday from Columbia and other points were rattling good sportsmen. They ran into rain storms and had to anchor and loaf around for more than two hours. On top of that an east wind blew down on them during their entire trip offshore. Nevertheless, they brought in about 90 large blue fish and mackerel and a determination to come back and do things better under better weather conditions. Besides Shafto and Vogell, the following composed the party, Gus Kerlin and Herman Moore of Charlotte, H. F. Whitmore, Atlanta, Ga.; James Spann, Montgomery, Ala.; John Linton, J. Bannister Leck, James Dowe and

This Week In . . . DEFENSE

President Roosevelt, in a special message to Congress, said that Germany had tried to drive the U. S. off the high seas by the "ruthless" sinking of the U. S. merchantman Robin Moor in the South Atlantic and proclaimed this country will not yield to such "outrageous and indefensible" acts of an international outlaw. The President said if the U. S. yielded on the issue, "we would inevitably submit to world domination . . ."

The President froze all funds and other assets in the U. S. of Germany, Italy and all invaded or occupied European countries and the State Department directed the German Government to close all its consular establishments here not later than July 10.

The President said he froze German financial facilities here to prevent their use in ways harmful to national defense. The State Department said German consulates were ordered closed because their activities had become contrary to the welfare of this country.

The Justice Department, instructed customs officials and immigration officers to prevent Germans from evading the order freezing German assets by leaving the country. The State Department ordered U. S. diplomatic officials "in certain countries in Europe" to deny American entry permits to persons likely to become agents here for foreign powers.

SUB-CONTRACTING Donald M. Nelson, OPM Director of purchases, speaking in Pittsburgh, said the problem of plants faced with a shutdown because of shortages of materials for civilian goods can be met by the cooperation of local business, labor, government, civic groups and banks in seeking defense work. "No manufacturer is likely to get many defense contracts unless he is willing to display the same ingenuity, persistence and energy in going after them that he would in seeking normal business," Mr. Nelson said.

PRIORITIES The OPM Priorities Division announced establishment of regional offices throughout the country to advise businessmen on priority problems. Offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago were opened this week and others will be opened soon. The rationing of rubber was announced to cut down the amount going into civilian consumption in the form of auto tires, inner tubes, boots, garden hose, shoes, and 30,000 other consumer items. The OPM said there is a sufficient supply of rubber on hand but it wished to build a large reserve.

Weather, good and bad, marked the week end operations. At this a boat would report fishing blithely in calm waters and perfect weather while only three or four miles away other craft would be in blinding rainstorms. About all boats got a taste of the same thing Saturday. In addition to rain here and there the east wind blew all day.

Everything that lays pretense to being a fishing craft went out Sunday and there was need for more boats. The real fishing season has hardly begun, and the great rush of parties certainly has not. July, August and September will bring sportsmen flocking to Southport in unprecedented numbers and there is bound to be a lot of trouble in supplying them with good boats. Don N. Carpenter of the Washington, D. C., Daily News, summed up the local situation in his paper Friday by saying that Southport was "in a dilemma, with plenty of sportsmen, plenty of big fish and not enough boats."

Only a few of the many who went over to Bald Head Island Sunday had fishing in mind. Along with the surf casters there were picnickers and sight-seers galore. Captain H. T. Bowmer, who looks after most of the island parties, had to shuttle back and forth all day, getting the folks on and off the island. In the number of visitors, Sunday was the biggest day the island has had recently.

Thousands of people have seen the Brunswick county folders. Among its illustrations is one showing a catch of fish and the five Chapel Hill men who made the catch. Sunday, four of the five men shown on the folder, came back to Southport and made a big catch. This time they got 4 barracuda, 5 amberjack, 10 albacore and 27 dolphin. Two of the amberjack were in the 36-pound class. The men on this trip were, Albert S. Tufts, Arthur Ward, Tom Goodrich and Everett Neal.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

The world will be saved a lot of trouble and misery if, like the gingham dog and the calico cat, Russia and Germany will just "eat each other up." . . . And, speaking of pets, Harold Aldridge has a Great Dane pup that's going to be a whopper if, and when, he ever grows to his feet . . . Little Charlene Newton has a Chow pup that's as perfect specimen of the breed as we ever saw.

Over on Bald Head Island peaches ripened two weeks ahead of the same variety that is produced in the sandhill section . . . There is a present craze among the young boys of the town for keeping pet cows. Their owners hope to be able to teach them to talk, but so far they have only taught them to take. (Cows are notorious thieves.)

Holt, Humphrey, booking agent for fourteen orchestras who serve most of the resort spots for the Middle Atlantic states, was here Sunday night and outlined a plan for furnishing some mighty fine bands for Long Beach during the remainder of the summer. Because he had been out of the office for several days he was unable to say Sunday who he'd send here for the July Fourth dance at the beach, but said that it probably would be Chan Chandler, Little Joe Hart or the Coquettes. Rossie Russell and Melvin Douglas will be seen fueling in "This Thing Called Love," feature attraction Monday and Tuesday at the Amuzu. 'Tis said to be good entertainment. . . Red Rogers,

OPACS Administrator Henderson announced he intends to hold bread prices "to the absolute minimum reflecting cost increases" and asked bakeries to consult with his office before raising prices. Mr. Henderson also stated rumors of ceiling prices for scrap iron and steel have caused some hoarding and unless this practice stops the OPACS will take "vigorous action". The Department of Justice announced a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago indicated 69 companies and individuals on charge of fixing prices in the pea canning industry. The Department said the indictments were the first in a nation-wide investigation of food marketing and pricing.

LABOR The President, in a memorandum to POM Directors Knudsen and Hillman, stated that "industry must take initiative in opening the doors of employment to all loyal and qualified workers regardless of race, national origin, religion or color . . . Our Government cannot countenance continued discrimination in defense production." The OPM Labor Division announced a two-year agreement by the Gulf shipbuilding industry to provide wage increases, a standard base rate of \$1.07 an hour for skilled mechanics; time and a half for overtime; double time on holidays; adjustment of wages at specified periods according to living costs; and no strikes and no lockouts. The OPM has also submitted a similar agreement to 55 Atlantic shipyards.

LIVING COSTS Labor Secretary Perkins reported average hourly earnings in manufacturing industry at a record of 70.8 cents, 7 percent more than a year ago. The Secretary also reported cost of living in large cities rose 0.7 percent between mid-April and mid-May, making an increase in living costs of moderate-income families of 2.4 percent since June, 1940, and 4.4 percent since August, 1939, with food costs more than 5 per cent higher than a year ago and 9 percent higher than two years ago.

AGRICULTURE Agriculture Secretary Wickard issued a statement that "to date we have been able to buy only half the amount of cheese we wanted by the end of June (for lend-lease activities) and less than two-thirds of the amount of evaporated milk. The output has increased but we need more." Mr. Wickard said increased prices for milk going into cheese and evaporated milk, supported by Government purchases, should yield farmers a higher return than any other dairy product. Speaking at Syracuse, N. Y., Mr. Wickard said the food situation in Europe is such that if the war continues for a long time the issue may finally be 'who can feed the people, the democracies or the dictators?' Therefore food reserves may be more important than munitions reserves.

OIL President Roosevelt placed all petroleum products under export licensing control. Defense Petroleum Coordinator, Ickes, working to overcome the shortage of oil on the East Coast due to shortage of transport facilities, requested oil shippers not to sell petroleum products for foreign shipment without consultation with him. He also ordered Cus-

manager over at Long Beach pavilion, four letterman at Atlantic Christian College, O'Brien (who did not write this) is getting on the trumpet. Maybe music is the art that fords his field for conquest.

Pessimistic Prediction Dept.: If somebody plunges through the stationary bridge (not floating menace) on the beach road this summer we won't be surprised . . . R. H. (Rob) Lewis, Wilmington, is one lot owner who wouldn't be much persuasion to build a cottage at Long Beach this summer.

We pulled as hard as anybody else did for Conn to stay out of harm's way long enough Wednesday night to take the heavyweight crown, which tethered for a time on the belt of brown of Joe Louis, and we are particularly pressed with Joe's later admission that "that might beat me some night." A lot of the story of that late blow he administered Buddy was wiped out during the Conn brawl when he stepped back and deliberately refused to take advantage of a break when Conn partially slipped and was completely off guard during one of earlier rounds . . . Jack Livingston, former school teacher here, was a Southport visitor last week and said that his draft number is near top of the shuffle. Thinks he'll be a soldier, too, fall.

toms officials to halt the shipment of 240,000 gallons of from Philadelphia to Japan in order to conserve oil in that area.

The Maritime Commission announced no American owned controlled tankers are carrying oil to Germany, Italy or Japan. Price and Civilian Supply Administrator Henderson asked petroleum refiners not to raise prices without prior consultation with his office.

The Census Bureau reports that if the 30,000,000 American motorists would reduce their driving speed 20 percent the annual saving in gasoline consumption would amount to 4,600,000 gallons.

ARMY Assistant Secretary of War Lovett, in a radio address at "within a year we shall be geared to turn out 50,000 planes a year for as long as the emergency lasts." Mr. Lovett said Air Corps is increasing the number of pilots in training from 12,000 to 30,000 a year and number of mechanics from 40,000 to more than 100,000. He said the Air Corps is already one-fourth of the entire Army and only the Infantry is larger.

The War Department announced trainees will be permitted volunteer as parachute troops. Heretofore, only Regular Army soldiers were chosen. The War Department authorized construction of field houses at 25 Army posts to provide facilities for baseball, boxing and wrestling. Each house will accommodate between 2,750 and 3,750 spectators at cost, approximately \$77,000.

WARNING DOG OWNERS Unless your dog has been vaccinated for Rabies before July 1, 1941, you are liable for prosecution. The penalty is 30-days on the roads or a fine of \$50.00, or both. The Following Men Will Vaccinate Your Dog: NORTHWEST GEORGE GAINEY TOWN CREEK T. W. SWAIN SMITHVILLE GOLEY LEWIS LOCKWOODS FOLLY S. O. HEWETT SHALLOTTE WARREN MILLIKEN WACCAMAW LAFAYETTE JONES A fee of 75-cents for each dog will be charged for vaccinations at regularly appointed clinics. Where the dog inspector is forced to call at residences the price is \$1.00 for each dog. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Brunswick County.