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Well, at least the weather of the past week has afforded a hot topic for conversation.

A lot of folks had just as soon have the hand that feeds them be used to pat them on the back.

By believing only what they want to believe, some people try to preclude unpleasant truths.

Evidence to the contrary notwithstanding, you probably will be happier carrying a chip on your shoulder than wearing your heart on your sleeve.

A sucker is a fish who thinks he's the only one who sees a worm that has been dangling in plain view of his fellows.

There is an intriguing interest in the other fellow's business that seems strangely absent from our own.

Most of the money that has been made by our truly rich men came as a by-product of a business empire they were building.

Reason Enough

A friend of ours was telling us the other day about a friend of his who used to be pretty much of a drunkard. "You'd hardly know him now," he said, "if you had seen him the way I have seen him."

"I think what caused him to quit drinking," our informant continued, "was the way his boys were doing. They got so bad about drinking and cutting up that he simply became disgusted with liquor."

Well, Brother, there's a reason for renouncing liquor if we ever had one. The only trouble with it is that it came about twenty years too late.

Youthful Prisoners

Recently we were invited to attend a dinner given in honor of district highway officials at the state prison camp in Columbus county. The food was fine, and the fellowship was matchless, but it was from neither of these sources that we derived our lasting impression.

The meal was prepared and served by the inmates of the camp. Throughout the noon hour these boys passed back and forth through the crowd, and we had a splendid opportunity to observe them. Not one of them looked like a criminal.

For the most part the distinguishing characteristic of the group was the youthfulness of its members. We have attended similar occasions at CCC camps and around Army encampments, and you could have picked up any one of these fellows and set him down in the other group and he'd have mixed right in.

We have no way of knowing what it is that gets good, strong, clean-limbed young boys off on the wrong foot; nor why it is they sometimes seem so bent to take off in that manner. But we are glad of a prison system that seems to offer them clean and pleasant surroundings and a sort of invitation to take the road back.

In The Pacific—

You don't have to be an authority on international power politics to figure out why the Vichy government invited Japan to occupy and "protect" French Indo-China. The Machiavellian hand of Hitler can be clearly seen in this potentially explosive move. The Vichy government is completely a pawn of the Nazis. And Hitler, who is now fighting the two-front war which he always said he would avoid, may profit materially from trouble in the Pacific. So long as the Japanese saber rattlers remain in power and pursue their imperial policy, it will be necessary to keep much of the American Navy in the Pacific, and it will also be necessary to divert much of our Army and military supplies to our Pacific possessions. It is altogether likely that what Hitler would

like to see is a full-dress war between Japan and the United States, in order to keep us from giving maximum aid to Britain.

This government's reaction to Japan's move into Indo-China was precisely what was expected. We have long been criticized for permitting oil exports to the Nipponese—and it is an ironical fact that while we have been giving our moral support and some material support to China, we have also been supplying Japan with most of the gasoline that has made the war against China possible. President Roosevelt, queried at a press conference, said frankly that the government had permitted oil exports in the belief that if we shut off these vital supplies, Japan would at once attempt to seize Indo-China and other rich areas, and so cause a Pacific war of the first magnitude. In other words, the government was trying to localize conflict. That policy has now proven a failure. A start toward an embargo on all commerce with Japan has been made, and Britain and her possessions have followed suit.

From now on, a Treasury license will be needed to take any Japanese assets out of this country, or to send anything of any kind to Japan. As an AP dispatch said, "The asset 'freezing' order put the Treasury in a position to turn the economic screws on Japan. Just how hard they will be applied may depend on future events in the Far East."

It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of the economic whip we hold over Hirohito's empire. Japan buys the bulk of many vital supplies from us. On top of that, we have long been Japan's best customer. Most experts believe that if Japan loses the American market, she will be in a desperate economic position. So far as we are concerned, our sales to Japan are but a drop in the bucket compared with our total trade. We buy nothing from Japan we cannot do without. Mrs. America may have to forego silk stockings in the future, and use substitutes such as nylon, but that can hardly be considered a great hardship.

From the purely military point of view, Japan has quite a job on her hands. The war in China seems as far from conclusion as ever, and involves a tremendous drain on Japanese resources—men as well as materials. Britain is no weakling in the Far East, and the Churchill government is taking as fough a line with Japan now as we are. In the event of actual hostilities, full naval collaboration between England and the United States will undoubtedly be immediately effected. Some think that this country should base ships at the great Singapore base now. There is little doubt that Britain would give enthusiastic permission if the right to do this were requested.

There is also talk to the effect that Hitler may persuade Japan to attack Asiatic Russia. That isn't regarded too highly by the military experts. However, those who know the Japanese character think it very possible that the Nipponese war lords may have finally decided to shoot the works, even if that eventually involved national suicide, and the reduction of Japan to the status of a third-class power.

The Gasoline Curfew

It now appears that Petroleum Coordinator Ickes plan to have gasoline stations all along the Eastern Seaboard observe a curfew, closing at 7 p. m. and remaining closed until 7 a. m. failed miserably of its purpose—that of reduction of gasoline consumption.

Figures showed that the first week of the gasoline curfew the sales of gasoline in the affected areas were considerably higher than in the preceding week.

Yet the curfew did accomplish one thing. It has showed an eager willingness on the part of the filling station owners and operators in this section to do their part toward aiding in the national defense. But it appears now that rationing of gasoline is not far in the offing.

Some people are asking why there is a possibility of the price of gasoline being advanced to 30 cents a gallon. From the best advices we have been able to obtain, this comes as a result of the prospect of rationing—the filling station operator, because of decreased volume of business, will have to claim a bigger profit in order to keep open. That's just one guess, however.

At any rate, it now seems that Mr. Ickes will have to resort to more drastic measures than the curfew before there's any real reduction in the gasoline consumption effected.

If you have an inkling of some choice bit of gossip, be sure you don't spill it in the wrong place.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Moore and children have returned to Morgan City, La., after visiting relatives here for several weeks.

Mrs. Wade Brown, of Smithville, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Doshier last week-end.

Mrs. Hazel Coker, of Kenely, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Doshier last week-end.

Dr. L. G. Brown, of Charleston, S. C., visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sellers, of Georgetown, visited friends here last week.

Dr. William S. Doshier visited his parents one day last week. Sidney Vazey visited his family this week-end.

Miss Dolores Hewett has as her guest her cousin, Miss Joyce Ramsey, of Wilmington.

Miss Helen Howard, of Charleston, S. C., is spending the week here with Mr. and Mrs. F. Mollychuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leggett and J. W. Leggett, of Scotland Neck, have been spending a few days here with Mrs. Viena Leggett and Ormond Leggett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nolan and children and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thompson and children, of Charleston, S. C., spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. F. Mollychuck.

Mrs. R. J. Anderson and Mrs. S. R. Skinner, of Shelbyville, Ky., have arrived to spend the remainder of the summer at Mrs. Skinner's summer home, the former Stuart House. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Skinner were formerly the Misses Mary and Vivian Pepper, of Southport.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham Melville, of Sykesville, Md., and Mrs. J. C. Melville, of Langley Field, Va., came in Monday for a few days of the Southport fishing.

Mrs. Wm. Jenkins has returned to Wilmington, Del., after spending the past three weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Woodside.

Edgar Finch, of New York, visited his mother, Mrs. B. P. Finch, last week.

J. S. Oliver, of Elizabethtown, spent the week-end here with his family.

Mrs. Robert Dickens, of Asheville, was called here last week on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Robert W. Davis.

Mrs. Sam Lees and daughter, Eleanor Lee, and son, Sammy, spent last week at White Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. George Manson and children, of Jacksonville, Fla., who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. George Y. Wooten, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Paul Messick has returned to her home in Morgan City, La., after spending the past two weeks here with relatives.

Mrs. A. D. Ruark, of Wilmington, visited her sisters, Mrs. Alfred Newton and Mrs. Eva Wolfe this week.

Mrs. Lillie Williams is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

L. G. Peachick, of Baltimore, Md., is spending a few days here with his family.

Mrs. L. Leiner and daughter, Miss Katherine Leiner, of Wilmington, spent the week-end here with Mrs. W. G. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dale, of Smithfield, spent the week-end at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown.

Harvey Brown, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown.

Mrs. A. E. Garrett, of Danville, Va., and Mrs. J. M. Sharpe, of Reidsville, were called here last week on account of the illness of their sister, Mrs. Robt. W. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tobiasen and little son, of Wilmington, spent the week-end here with K. Tobiasen.

Mrs. Melvin Lewis has returned home from Norfolk, Va., where she has been spending the past few weeks with her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hancock and daughter, Patricia Jean, and son, Charles, returned to their home in Baltimore, Md., Sunday after having spent the past three weeks here with Mrs. Lanie Southerland.

Bryant Potter returned to the U. S. Cruiser, St. Helena, in California, last week after spending his leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Potter.

Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Manson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Geo. Y. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Fulcher and daughter, Mary Sue, of Wilmington, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Mabel Marran has returned home from Straits, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claude Chadwick.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Smith and daughter, Doris, of Wilmington, spent Sunday here and at Long Beach with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dyer and children, of Wilmington, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt and son, Donald, of Clinton, spent Sunday here with Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown.

day. Dudley and Jimmie Sutton, Olaf Trosen and Glenn Jones spent the day in Whiteville.

Mrs. Stuart Ramsour and daughter, Linda, of Conway, S. C., is visiting her brother, Chas. M. Trotter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lelew, of Wilmington, Del., who have been visiting Capt. and Mrs. I. B. Bussells for the past month, have been spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shepard at their home in Smithfield.

Mrs. Pearce Cramer and son, Bill Finch, have been visiting relatives in Raleigh for the past week.

Mrs. John Fullwood visited relatives in Wilmington this week.

Mrs. Joseph Willetts and her sister, Miss Marjorie Potter, visited their uncle, Rev. J. W. Potter, at his home in Raleigh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Page Bussells and children, who have been visiting Capt. and Mrs. I. B. Bussells, have returned to their home in Florida.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dixon announce the birth of a son on Thursday, August 8, at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

THIRD CIRCLE

Circle number three met on Monday night with Mrs. M. R. Sanders and Miss Sophie McCracken in the home of Mrs. Sanders.

After the business was disposed of a memory contest was held. Miss Newton received the attractive prize.

LEGIONNAIRES TO ENJOY FISH FRY

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The meeting will begin at 5 o'clock, in order that target practice may be concluded before dark, and supper will be prepared and served on the banks of Town Creek.

BAXTER DURHAM EXPLAINS WORK OF NEW SYSTEM

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In the Retirement System die before retirement, the amount of his savings, plus interest, will be ated as beneficiary. Furthermore, payable to his estate, or to such person as he shall have designated a retiring member may provide protection for a loved one dependent upon him at the time of retirement, by accepting a monthly allowance somewhat smaller than what is provided for the regular allowance, with the provision that a stipulated amount will be paid to the dependent throughout life, or until the value of his savings has become exhausted.

The Retirement Law not only provides for protection against total loss of income in case of disability and affords protection, to some extent, against the risk that dependants be left penniless as a result of death, but it also affords protection against the hazard of loss of income in old age. A teacher or State employee may perform the duties required of him without having fear of worry about a destitute old age. It has been truly said "Prabably the most devastating emotion is the sense of insecurity". The provisions of this law go a long way toward freeing members of the system from anxiety about economic security in old age. It makes every year of service a step to economic security, and especially in old age. When a person has no protection against permanent loss of income, he can but worry as the years go by because of a certain feeling of insecurity. Worry, far more than work is an enemy of good health and physical peace of mind, contentment, freedom from worry are all conducive to good health and physical vigor, and health is essential to efficiency of the highest attainable level in almost any line of work. The peace of mind and feeling of security provided for by a sound retirement system goes far to promote happiness and continued good health. The administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the Retirement System is vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of seven members as follows:

The State Treasurer, Ex-Office, Serving as Chairman; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; Ex-Officio; five members appointed by the Governor, one of which shall be a member of the teaching profession of the State; one a general State employee; and three who are not members of the teaching profession or State employee.

The Board of Trustees shall appoint a secretary, whose duties will be to exercise general supervision over the operations of the System. The Board shall further provide for competent actuarial service in order to insure the soundness of the financial structure of the System in accordance with recognized actuarial practices and standard mortality tables. The Board of Trustees shall designate a Medical Board, to be composed of three competent physicians, who shall be charged with the responsibility

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

Last week there was a run on ladies silk hose (instead of a run in them) as women who had the ready cash sought to lay up a stock against the expected stocking famine. One Wilmington merchant told us about a nervous lady who paid him \$33.00 Monday morning for 2 dozen pairs. Well, don't get panicky, gals. They'll either have plenty of silk stockings for you, or will devise a good-looking substitute. The leg-show must go on . . .

One of the most faithful dog companions in town is Aunt Carrie Johnson's Black Jack. He ought to be faithful, though, because he owes her his life. Black Jack, who suddenly appeared as a canine citizen of this community several months ago, had the misfortune to resemble one of the meanest dogs that ever lived in town, and at one time he was the object of a shoot-on-sight order to Chief of Police Herbert Rogers. Then Aunt Carrie appealed to the mayor, who gave her full title to the big police dog. They have lived together happily ever afterward.

Continuing its uninterrupted three-weeks run of top-notch pictures, The Amuzu Theatre will show Country Bumpkin Hank Fonda and Sophisticated Barbara Stanwyck Friday and Saturday in "The Lady Eve." . . . When Lee Greer, judge of the Columbus County Recorder's Court, gets a day off he usually heads for Southport and the old quarantine station where he spent most of his boyhood vacations. Charlie Doshier is his only remaining companion of other years.

When U. S. Bryant, aged darkie, came in Monday to subscribe to The Pilot we asked what the letter "U" stood for. As we expected, it was Ulysees . . . If Bryant Doshier has any religion left after he gets through working that crew he has with him over on Fort Fisher rocks, then varily he is a pious man . . . As production closes

to determine the eligibility of applicants for retirement benefits under the disability provisions of this Act.

In order to protect the funds of the System, the Board of Trustees is limited in the investment of funds to the same restriction imposed for the investment of Sinking Funds of the State of North Carolina. This provision insures the safe-guarding of funds in that investments are limited to the highest type of gilt edge securities, such as, government bonds of the United States, the State of North Carolina and the best grades of municipal or county bonds. These limitations protect the contributions made by the member, as well as contributions made by the State or employing agency.

In conclusion, the Retirement Law is of benefit to the teachers and State employees of North Carolina in the following ways:

1. It provides for them a systematic and automatic plan of saving with a good interest credit on their saving;

2. It protects them against permanent loss of income in old age or in case of earlier disability;

3. It helps to safeguard their physical well-being by removing fear and worry about a destitute old age.

es on 1941 model cars ceases Southport citizens own a total of forty cars in the over-a-thousand-dollar class. Leaders are Buick, 11; Oldsmobile, 8; Packard, 6; Chrysler, 4; Mercury, 3.

Dick Brendle has been strangely absent from the tennis wars this summer, and Carey Esch has been badly missed by the tennis tourists who visit Caswell several times each week. And he reminds us to wonder if Banks Young will make his annual pilgrimage before the season closes.

Apparently tired of running a training school for clerks, C. G. Ruark, manager of J. B. Ruark Co. Inc., now has his store staffed with veterans. Honey Aldridge is the meat-chopper, while E. J. Holden presides over the grocery and hardware departments.

Wonder if, when Bremen Furless got in the lions den for the photographer, he wasn't afraid he'd be That Night In Leo. (Parson the postman the lot next to Smutty Potter's house was a mystery would it be called Potter's Field? . . . Charley Trott was a tap dancer would he be called "Fox" Trott? . . . Another name for Beulah Adeline—Bottle Hymn of the Republic.

How could Brother Christian, head jerk at Leggett's, possibly stray from the straight and narrow with such a name . . . The Amuzu has introduced a brand new screen; a big improvement to the pictures, as well as being much larger. Latest Wilmington from Southport transit Buster Northrup. He's working for Kresge. The popularity of bands at Long Beach has started a number of the younger boys to playing musical instruments . . . We are looking forward to having the management get Van Keys for a turn engagement soon. Now that people have heard his orchestra there should be no trouble drawing a big crowd.

AMONG FISHERMEN (Continued from page one)

To appearance of size than to actual big weight. Hubert Deans of Durham brought in a 34-pound specimen Saturday afternoon, and that was a pretty good size fish of its kind. The party also got one 35-pound amberjack. Those fishing were Deans, Robert Bell, I. G. Harris, Jack Poe and H. B. Clifton. They got 14 large barracuda's, 12 dolphins, 4 bonito and the one amberjack.

The shrimping season in Louisiana opened again Monday after being closed for 10 days. However, word from the is to the effect that about all of the boatmen are on a strike for higher pay. If the strike holds out there for any length of time the good prices that the boatmen have been receiving here all season will continue to prevail. So far, the boatmen here have been getting the best prices they ever got at this season of the year. And they and their friends will not mind if they continue to get high prices for awhile longer.

About every day we get inquiries regarding the possibilities of marlin and sail fishing off Southport. This is a kind of fishing that has never been exploited here for the reason that the cuds' have provided such an attraction that no parties have ever moved off the shoals to locate the marlin. They will be getting plenty of marlin and sails here some day. Among the many recent inquiries was one yesterday from George M. Ivey, secretary and treasurer of the big J. B. Ivey department store in Charlotte.

Sunday when Captain I. B. Bussells was illustrating the size of the trout that he caught at one of the old wrecks, (The illustrating being done for our benefit and that of our companions,

Tom Cobb of Shelby last week his companions described as a seven-foot sail fish, after a ten minute fight with it. Friday, Tom's companions included Dr. I. G. Groome and Dr. W. L. Jackson of High Point; John Campbell of Shelby; Earl Phillips, J. H. Washburn, Sr. and J. H. Washburn, Jr. of High Point. They made a fine catch of other fish, including a lot of barracuda.

WARNING

All persons now living on property for which Brunswick County holds the deed will be dispossessed on October 1, 1941, unless a satisfactory agreement has been reached with members of the Board of County Commissioners.

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