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Being the dust is just an old American custom. Pedestrians pick right up where the redskins left off.

Now they're selling cigaret butts in France—and despite the high price, business is picking up.

Unfortunately most of us are not like a steam kettle, which sings even though it is up to its neck in hot water.

The auto market may not have reached the saturation point but too many auto drivers have.

It is not so much how long we live but what we do while we are living that counts.

Diversified Farming

We have written before about the farming practices of Mr. Wallace Moore, and we hold up his methods as an example which may well be followed by farmers of Brunswick.

In the first place, the success or failure of his farming is not dependent upon any one of the so-called cash crops. He caters to the appetite of the public, and he rests his case upon the presumption that people must eat.

Therefore, his first crop each year is watermelons, and although some seasons are better than others, he usually manages to show a good return from the sale of melons.

Right back on this same land, then, goes a potato crop that finds a ready sale any normal fall. Sweet potatoes are becoming more and more a staple item in the average American family diet, and Mr. Moore is one of Brunswick county's largest producers.

Completing his cycle of four crops per year, Mr. Moore raises hogs, using, by the way, many of the culled sweet potatoes and slips as feed.

Now the reason Mr. Moore is probably the most successful farmer in the county, year in and year out, is not so much that he raises watermelons, sweet potatoes, pears and hogs. Rather is it that he plans his farm program ahead and makes his arrangements accordingly. And that is the lesson that is in this story for other Brunswick farmers: To choose some worthwhile program of diversified farming and stick to it year after year.

Good Advice

For the past three weeks we have been running a series of Open Forum letters from D. Sam Cox, recent visitor to Southport, who took such an interest in our community that he wanted to make a few suggestions to its citizens regarding its future.

Among the things he said this statement stands out: "If the citizens of your town do not recognize the things that need doing and do them, somebody is coming in who will."

Now there is a statement that may be worth remembering. We confidently believe that Southport faces a period of advancement and development, and it is our opinion that we have citizens in our midst thoroughly capable of playing a leading role. But the time for them to start is before, not after, outsiders have come in to take over.

Camp To Be Abandoned

Abandonment of the Civilian Conservation Camp 12 miles south of Bolton will arouse genuine regret among the people of Columbus and Brunswick counties, which have been the chief beneficiaries under this project.

It is entirely understandable that the men in the Civilian Conservation Camp at this moment of emergency may be put to more pressing business than that in which they are presently engaged. But it is to be hoped that when the present crisis is over, they may be returned to the business of preserving the natural resources of this nation.

It cannot be denied that one of Colum-

bus county's most valuable natural resources, if not its most valuable resource, lies in the forest lands which the CCC men have been protecting during the past several years. This work has been constructive, and has been valuable to the county as a whole.

For the CCC work to be abandoned permanently would be a blow to the nation as a whole, in that the business of the CCC during the past several years has been principally the protection of the country's vast natural resources and wild life.

But the most important phase of the CCC work has been the building of strong, sturdy bodies of young men, who might otherwise have been wasting themselves in idleness. Momentarily, the military is taking care in a large sense of this situation, but the day may come when the CCC will again have to be called upon to contribute its part toward this phase of our national life.

Too Early

The month of November is almost past, and with it has gone one-half of the open season for migratory fowl. It is needless to point out that there have been very few days since the first of the month fit for duck hunting.

We know there is nothing that can be done about it for this year, but we believe that if enough sportsmen get behind the movement we can bring about a change that will have the open season coincide more closely with the appearance of wild ducks along this section of the North Carolina coast.

Welcome, R. A.'s

Whiteville, during the week-end, is to play host to some 120 boys between the ages of 9 and 16 who will be here in attendance at the Baptist Royal Ambassador conclave of the Wilmington division, which will be held in the local church.

It has never been more truly said than that the hope of the American nation lies in its youth. It is such organizations as the R. A.'s that makes America what it is today.

Judge John J. Burney, speaking before the young people of Westminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, made the striking statement that during his years on the bench, he has never yet been called upon to sentence any young man who attended church regularly, and furthermore, he has never had to sentence but one young man who was at any time a member of a Boy Scout troop.

With such organizations as this flourishing in America, occupying the attention of the boys and girls, is it any surprise that America can be expected to withstand the tide, however strong it may be?

Shears And Paste

IN THE NEWS

It should be a source of gratification to all North Carolinians that the 1941 season of "The Lost Colony" at Manteo yielded the largest net profit in the history of its presentation. D. Bradford Fearing, president of the Roanoke Island Historical Association and executive manager of The Lost Colony production, in his report to the board of directors recently, said that there was a gross income of \$61,000, and that of the net profits \$10,000 had been used to pay back debts; and approximately \$600 remains on hand. The plegant drew visitors from the far corners of the nation and even foreign lands. The boost it has given to North Carolina is, of course, invaluable.—High Point Enterprise.

HITLER'S LATEST LIE

"I have commanded German ships, whenever they see Americans, not to shoot thereupon but to defend themselves as soon as they are attacked."

If this new lie were not completely refuted by the record of his U-boats alone, it would be refuted by all the rest of Hitler's record. When in his career has he deliberately allowed any one to attack him first? The "self-defense" of his U-boats is the same kind of "self-defense" that Nazi Germany made successively against the "attacks" of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Greece and Russia.—N. Y. Times.

ON ITS WAY

"After a period of doubt," says a trade item, "it seems the automobile trailer is here to stay." And there tomorrow.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.



Just Among

The FISHERMEN
 BY BILL KEZIAN

Maxie Cooker has been telling us that there are a lot of coons on Bald Head Island. He bases his conclusions on the fact that they have been eating fish, caught in his nets in the creeks on the northern side. The nets are set near the bank and the fisherman goes on to set another net or to wait for an hour or so before taking a net out. A fish comes along, gets caught near the top of the net and the coon slips out of the grass and needs to dive in, pull him to the bank and make a meal before the fisherman returns. This has been happening during the past week.

Maxie has also been reporting the presence of lots of ducks, and he is probably the best qualified man in Southport to report on their presence. Along with his father and sometimes another brother, Maxie gets up at around 3 in the morning, goes out to the creeks and sets his nets for fish. The nets are taken out at about sunrise and the ducks have grown so accustomed to the fishermen that they never bother about them. This is easily understood from the fact that the fishermen never carry guns.

While over at Fort Caswell Sunday we noticed one of the newly arrived gobs busily engaged at the task of cleaning a fishing rod and reel. This leads us to entertain the suspicion that when the new residents of this area get fully acclimated, good fishing stories from over across the bay will become quite common.

We had a note this week from Morris Ackerman, president emeritus of the OWAA. He is now down at Seabring, Fla., with Rex Beach. He just wrote to advise he had sent a good story on Southport to the Cleveland (Ohio) Press, for which he has been writing columns for the past 30 years. His son, Bill Ackerman, is outdoor editor of that paper and will send on a copy with the story.

C. L. Nash, of Goldsboro, was proudly showing us a two-and-one-half pound gray trout Saturday night. Mr. Nash took the trout with rod and reel while fishing from the bank of Walden Creek. With his brother, L. M. Nash, of Kinston, he was down here visiting his sister, Mrs. George R. Galloway. The two put in a bit of their time fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Mowery, of Salisbury, and their two sons, Arthur, Jr., and Billy Mowery, spent part of the past week here, hunting and fishing. About the first thing Mrs. Mowery asked us was, had we seen the big picture that Bob Wilson had in last Sunday's Washington Times-Herald? This led to our being informed that the Mowery family had been seeing something about Southport in the Times-Herald every week.

The local menhaden boats spent last week fishing off Morehead City, a rather usual procedure at this time of the year when the big schools of menhaden are moving up the coast to work on the advancing fish as they near here in their movement southward.

This week we had a letter from Ernest J. Carlson, of Reading, Pa. Mr. Carlson wanted to know if live shrimp could be procured here in quantity during the winter months. We had to advise him the shrimp were alive when taken, but we did not know of any method of getting them to Reading or any other point without their kicking the bucket en route.

We have been hoping for the past three years that the owners of Long Beach would see their way clear to constructing a fishing pier at the resort. After being there several times the past week with visitors from the north the hope has grown materially stronger. The beach has some wonderful fishing, but it is just a little too far out for casting from shore. If a pier was built there it would attract thousands of sportsmen.

At any other place than Southport, or else way down south below us, the problem of writing a fishing column in the winter months is just about as attractive as owning a prize bird dog in the summer time. There just ain't much to stimulate interest

Personals

Miss Wilma Barnett, student at E. C. T. C., Greenville, spent Thanksgiving holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Matilda Barnett.

Miss Marion Frink, student at Lenoir-Rhyne College, spent Thanksgiving holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hancock and daughter, Patricia Jean, and son, Charles, left Sunday morning for San Francisco, Calif., where they will reside. Mrs. Hancock and children have been spending the past three months here with Mrs. Hancock's mother, Mrs. C. F. Southerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Butler and children, of Rowland spent Thanksgiving holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Woodside.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Skeret, of Montgomery, Ala., spent Thanksgiving here with Mrs. Skeret's mother, Mrs. B. P. Finch.

J. G. Swan, of Wilmington, spent the week end here with his family.

Charles Southerland arrived home last week from Trinidad to visit his mother, Mrs. C. F. Southerland.

Mrs. Thompson McRacken and daughters, Ann, Rebecca and Catherine, spent Thanksgiving holidays in Monroe with Mrs. McRacken's mother, Mrs. Braxton Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dale, of Smithfield, spent Sunday with Mrs. Dale's parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown.

Miss Doris Corlette, student at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, spent Thanksgiving holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Corlette, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swain have returned home from Asheville and Florida where they visited relatives.

De Ormond Swain and his sister, Mrs. G. W. Fisher, are visiting relatives in Florida.

Miss Vera Jorgensen, of Wilmington, spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Cassie Jorgensen.

Mrs. C. C. Russ, of Bolivia, and her daughter, Miss Eleanor Russ, of Wilmington, visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whatley left Friday to visit relatives in St. Augustine, Florida.

Capt. Lee Hewett, of New Castle, Del., is spending this week here with his family.

Miss Marjorie Potter spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Willetts, at her home near Winnabow.

Mrs. H. G. McKeithan and son, Homer, Jr., who have been spending the past month here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, have returned to their home in Wilmington.

OCCUPY APARTMENT

Mr. and Mrs. M. Tolson have moved into the Hewett apartment.

1941 LOOKS AT 1916

THINGS have changed a lot in 25 years—yet there is much that is the same.

In 1916 it was Preparedness; in 1941, National Defense. But now the scale is bigger, the pace is faster. There was pressure on the telephone business then. The pressure is infinitely greater now. New training camps; new aviation fields; new munition plants; new shipyards and many other defense industries, all need telephones. Everyone is moving faster... and, when a nation hurries, it does so by telephone. Southern Bell spent about \$4,600,000 on new construction in 1916. It is spending over \$51,000,000 in 1941.

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--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

If Southport ever becomes a thriving metropolis we hope that his company will make Clyde Dyson, obliging bread truck driver, manager of the local branch. Clyde never asks: "When are you all going to get something down here?" He wants to know "When do you reckon WE are going to get something down here?" ... According to early reports from the bird hunters, the dogs stood the lay-off better than their masters. No bag limits were broken the first two days.

Just about everybody thought the Don Grimes dance Thanksgiving night was mighty good. The jitterbugs made merry until somebody tipped Don off that most of the sponsors who had made the dance possible were over thirty. From then on out the tunes were on the sweet side. The important thing, though, is that the band can play 'em either way—and good ... The rubber-banded pins at the bowling alley have added about twenty points to the average score, and although actual figures aren't available, Mack McGlamery seemed to be doing the best bowling last week. During one session he averaged 200 for five games.

Carolina served as a springboard for an all-America candidate Thursday for the second time

within a week. Bill Dudley, the fancy Virginia back, led his mates to their first win since 1920 over the Tar Heels. Looks like they'll have to make room for him and Steve Lach both on the mythical eleven ... Davidson poured it on the Citadel for her first win of the year on Thursday and Saturday Duke made herself eligible for somebody's invitation to a New Year's Day game by bouncing N. C. State.

We'll be glad to hear from our readers if we are wrong about this, but we believe that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spencer, of Southport, are the champion parents of the county, so far as the navy is concerned. They have two sons, Eugene and Linden, in that branch of Uncle Sam's service ... They say that "Fort" has been dropped in an official reference to the Caswell Section Base and that it is known as just that.

"The Singing Hills" is the latest Gene Ault hit that is headed for the Amuzi Theatre. It plays here Friday and Saturday of this week ... The Saturday night square dances at Doc Hutto's place on the waterfront are becoming increasingly popular.

Mr. Tolson is employed at Caswell Section Base.

Shalotte News

SHALLOTTE, Nov. 19—Messdames A. B. Willis, Warren Swain, Heywood Goley, Lester Edwards and Woodrow Formy Duval, spent Friday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russ and Misses Frances Pierce and Jessie Mae Russ spent Friday in Whiteville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lietch, Mrs. W. H. Lietch and Miss Alla Bess Allen of Wilmington were Sunday visitors here.

Elwood Mintz, student at N. C. State, Raleigh, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. H. L. Mintz.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Dolores Hewett very delightfully entertained some of her friends at her home on Thursday evening, November 20. The occasion being her fourteenth birthday.

The home was attractively arranged for the occasion with fall flowers and Autumn leaves.

After enjoying games and contests, the hostess invited her guests into the dining room where they were served delicious ice cream and cake as refreshments. The tables were centered with a lovely birthday cake upon which was placed fourteen candles. The color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the refreshments and decorations in the dining room.

Those winning prizes in the contests were: Miss Libby O'Brien, Miss Mary Helen Wescott and Dudley Sutton.

Those enjoying the evening were: Misses Marion Frederie, Bettie Lee Oliver, Patricia Hancock, Libby O'Brien, Elizabeth Davis, Ramona Salter, Eleanor Lee Rees, Lorraine Hewett, Mary Helen

Wescott, Gloria Lee Hewett, Ed and Glenn Jones, Newton, Dudley Sutton, Jimmy Miss Hewett received many gifts. Smith, Ralph Potter, W. A. Russ lovely gifts.

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