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Someone has called dependant children weather strips—they keep dad out of the draft.

Some people have found that you can get a good brush-off somewhere else besides in the shoeshine parlor.

Having a bee in your bonnet is just a nicer way of saying you've got ants in your pants.

Are You A Pack Rat?

When it comes to accumulations of useless odds-and-ends which are found in profusion in many homes, here's an excellent motto: "Burn the junk up—before it burns you up!"

A good many of us have characteristics of the pack rat. We hate to throw anything away. Old clothes, old magazines, old furniture, even old newspapers—all go into informal storage in attic or basement or closet. They may stay there for years, collecting dust and mold, with nothing dangerous happening. Again, they may not—fire, which feeds on such accumulations, may find them. And then all your possessions, no less than the junk, may go up in smoke.

Once or twice a year it would be an excellent idea to make a little tour of your home to ferret out such hazards. Charities will be glad to have old clothes, furniture and reading matter. Anything that is useless can go to the junkman or be destroyed in the incinerator. Be especially alert in going through workshop and garage—it is a common habit to leave cans of paint, varnish and other inflammable liquids open. Cleaning rags should always be kept in closed metal containers. Spillage of gasoline or oil should be at once mopped up.

Perhaps your home is free of such dangers. If it is, it is very much the exception. The chances are that hazards exist of which you know nothing—hazards that can be easily eliminated once discovered. Look for them now. Don't put it off until tomorrow—for tomorrow could be too late. Fire can strike tonight as easily as next week or next year.

Japan's Place

The new Japanese-Italian-German axis agreement did not come as a complete surprise to experts in this country. And, by the same token, the President's embargo against shipments of scrap to Nippon was hardly unexpected. The vast weight of American public opinion is known to favor a strongly pro-Chinese and anti-Japanese policy. The embargo would probably have been effected some time ago, but a few dissenters in the state department delayed matters. It may be that the San Francisco speech of Wendell Willkie, in which he pledged himself to help China and to oppose Japan's empire building ambitions, was also a factor.

It was apparently a coincidence that these two events should have taken place within the same week. In one way, it is a good thing they did—coming together, they served to clear the air and put Japanese-American relations on a more realistic basis. There is no more pretense here of regarding Japan as a friendly power. Instead, we regard her as a potential enemy of American interests. And now the question is, What are likely to be the results of the scrap embargo and the axis military pact?

The embargo is without doubt a hard blow to Japan's militarists. We have provided her in the past with some 90 per cent of the metals she must have to keep her vast military establishment going and growing. She has no other possible source of an adequate supply now—her totalitarian friends, Germany and Italy, haven't enough for their own needs, to say nothing of exports. It is the American hope that, totally lacking as she will be from now on in essential scrap, her military activity will gradually bog down. And there are other steps we can take if this one does not prove sufficiently effective. We could, for instance, refuse to

admit Japanese silk into this country, and by that single act deprive Nippon of her biggest and most profitable foreign market.

The new axis agreement does not mention the United States by name. But it is obviously aimed at us—as fascist spokesmen have exultantly observed. The meaning of the agreement is crystal clear. If we should join England in war against Germany and Italy, Japan is pledged to immediately attack us, thus making it necessary for us to keep our fleet in the Pacific and away from European waters. And, on the other side, if we should go to war with Japan, the other axis partners are bound to help the Land of the Rising Sun with "all political, economic and military powers" at their command.

These are strong words, but some feel that there is considerable bluff behind them. At the present time we are helping England with everything we have. We could hardly do more if we were actually at war. But Japanese newspapers, which are government controlled and inspired, have said that she does not regard such American aid to Britain as the destroyer trade, as a belligerent act. In other words, Japan, despite the obvious anger of her military men, certainly hasn't shown an eagerness to fight. And if she did go to war with us, it would obviously be impossible for her to get significant aid from her allies so long as England is fighting on—and the military experts here are coming to the conclusion that England's position is getting stronger daily.

Unanswered question so far is what effects this new pact will have on Russian policy, and that may turn out to be the most important question involved. Unofficial Soviet spokesmen were shocked. For the differences between Russia and Japan are completely irreconcilable so far as anyone can see now, and Russia has favored China in the Far Eastern war. Some experts are hazarding the guess that this pact may negate the German-Soviet pact of last year. If that should happen, Germany would have lost far more than she has gained. She would be confronted with the possibility of another enemy—and an enemy which is potentially extremely strong, even though it is badly disorganized.

If the axis friends thought the new agreement would throw a scare into this country, resulting in our reverting to a more neutral attitude, they were greatly mistaken. Washinton's response was that, if anything, the agreement would result in giving even more aid to Britain. And that policy will go on no matter who wins in November—both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie are strongly pro-English and anti-fascist. So one result of the pact may be to benefit England in her war with two of the pact's three signatories.

Next thing to watch for now is what Spain does. The axis is using every pressure to enlist her as their ally, but Franco, with a war-weary nation on his hands, is still dodging.

Exit For Bundsmen

The Charlotte Observer voices our sentiments precisely when it editorially calls for the exit from this country of German bundsmen and other fifth columnists. Says the Observer:

"Information of action by a New Jersey grand jury against members of German Bund in that State is inspiring, and we hope, prophetic.

"Prophetic of similar action that must be taken by the accredited agencies of the law and the courts not only against German organizations, but against associations of any other race or nationality hostile to the safety and defense of America in the present international crisis.

"As this country moves ever nearer to what may soon become a decisive breaking point in relations both with Germany and Japan, it is essential, as a first step to be taken for National defense, that unsympathetic citizens, no matter who they are, where they were born, at home or abroad, whether prominent or obscure, be compelled to show their colors and stand up and be counted.

"Not that a crusade of unintelligent and persecuting passion is to be defended! This sort of work should be accomplished with as little hysteria as possible and exceeding care must be exercised, lest in the heat of prejudice and passion, injustice might be meted out to the innocent and unoffending.

"But, even so, there can be no toleration of German Bundsmen or any other type of Fifth Columnists, even though they be found to be among the consuls of Germany in this country, in such a critical emergency as threatens.

"Protection from the disloyal within is as imperative as protection from the enemy without."

YOUR HOME AGENT SAYS

HOME DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE SCHEDULE

Thursday 17th, Winnabow club meets at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. A. P. Henry. The Home Agent will distribute Mattress Ticks to be stitched and Miss Mildred McDonald will speak on "Farm Security for Brunswick County". All members are cordially invited.

Monday 21st, Mrs. C. H. Zibelin will be hostess to Town Creek Club at 3:30 p. m.

Tuesday, 22nd, Lockwoods Folly Club will meet at 2:00 p. m.

Wednesday 23rd, Boons Neck Club meets at 2:30 p. m.

Thursday 24th, 2:00 p. m. Bethal Club meets 8:00 p. m. Southport Club meets with Mrs. Harold S. George.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE J. E. Dodson, farm agent, and Mrs. Marion S. Doshier, home agent, will attend a conference of the agents of Southeastern District, with district farm and home agents and extension specialists, in Raleigh October 18 and 19. 1941 plans of work will be discussed and requests for assistance from extension specialists in various subjects will be made.

MAKING MATTRESS TICKS Those families having qualified for a cotton mattress should secure their mattress ticking at an early date and do their stitching so they will be prepared when notified to come to the work center to make their mattress. Ticking may be secured at Bolivia work room from Mrs. Carl Ward or from the home agent, at local club meetings. Non-club members are asked to observe the club schedule and secure their ticking at the most convenient place for them.

HOME LAWS

(By John H. Harris) Extension Landscape Specialist Many farm homes in North Carolina, especially in the coastal plains section, have extremely poor soil in their yards. The soil has been allowed to blow and wash away out along with that swept out by energetic housewives. In most cases these folks do not have the facilities for watering nor do they have the money for buying improved grass mixtures. The best solution to their problem is the use of Bermuda grass. This grass should be propagated by planting the roots during the fall or early spring. There are a few farmers, however, that refuse to use this grass. In this case the following procedure is recommended. A one to two inch layer of barnyard manure should be used. The soil is then scarified as deep as possible and sown in peas. Topsoil should be hauled into any places that have been eroded. The peas should be turned or disced into the soil in August or September. After allowing the soil to settle for two or three weeks the soil should be raked level and some commercial fertilizer applied at the rate of five to six hundred pounds per acre. Immediately following this operation 25 to 30 pounds of Italian rye grass should be sown per acre. This should be followed in the spring with 20 pounds of common lespedeza per acre.

Native grass, such as crab grass, foxtail grass and others, will automatically come up and if kept mown will furnish a fairly nice summer lawn. To encourage native grass, a mulch of hay made from native grasses spread over the seed area in the fall should be used. This hay should be removed after Italian rye grass begins to grow. In some sections where there is enough moisture carpet grass should be sown with the lespedeza. In this case about 15 pounds of carpet grass and about 15 pounds of common lespedeza should be sown. In closing I would like to quote the most important phase in obtaining an attractive lawn, "Constant and heavy fertilization plus constant and frequent mowing equal a nice lawn."

Approve REA Loan In County

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Serving This County, Granted Permission To Borrow \$29,000

Application of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation for a new loan was approved Thursday at a quarterly meeting of the State Rural Electrification Authority in Raleigh. The loan will be made by the federal government.

The corporation was granted permission to borrow \$29,000 for 36 miles of line serving 123 new customers. It operates in Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen and Robeson counties.

This REA division has just recently completed two projects for the construction of lines to serve several hundred customers in the four counties. It's headquarters are at Shallotte.

Zip: "How much is one and a half dozen?" Ziz: "Eighteen of course." Zip: "Nope, seven."

Why We Should Protect Our Forests From Fire

(By Roy Rabon)

Why should we prevent forest fires? This is a question which many people of North Carolina can not answer. There are few people who have ever stopped to think of the damage caused by forest fires.

If people who use matches or cigarettes carelessly will stop to think of the young trees which are growing in the forests that will make timber for the future, they will be more cautious of where they throw them down. Moreover, if the people would think of the number of things

Today's forestry essay was written by Roy Rabon, member of last year's junior class at Bolivia high school. It was second place winner in his high school contest. Roy lives right on the edge of Green Swamp and he knows about forestry and forest fires. No wonder that he is interested in the protection of the forests. When he finishes school he wants to be a forester.



which are derived from timber, it would help answer the question, "Why we should prevent forest fires?"

While we are riding along the highways or through the city, we see large buildings or pretty homes which are made of brick or stone; but the first material in building these comes from the forests. The framework of many buildings is made of wood.

When we sit down to write a letter or read a newspaper, we are using material which comes from wood. We go out on the farm and blow up a stump with dynamite, and that dynamite could have come from that same tree. A certain percent of dynamite is made from wood.

Not only do large forest fires reduce the timber production, but they also reduce the amount of game. Fire kills hundreds of young animals which are used for sport hunting and for food. It kills many of the young birds or destroys the eggs before they have hatched.

A hunter will go through the woods this year and find several coveys of birds on a small hunt. A large forest fire can sweep all through this territory before next hunting season and destroy all the birds that were left. The hunter will come back to the same place where he found the birds last season, to find none there. He will curse the fox or other animals which he thinks may have eaten or destroyed the birds, but the animals which walk on two legs throwing cigarettes or matches in the grass are the ones which are to blame for the loss.

Since nearly all forests are man-made, man can protect them by using thought and care. He can teach his children to love and protect the bush which will grow into the tree and which will be of so much value later. If the people want to see the woodland grow into greater value, give work and income; they can benefit their community and themselves by preventing careless fire setting and quickly stopping those fires that start.

Forest fires kill small trees, slow down the growth of saplings, and injure large trees. Good timber grows in thick stands and if given a chance, new crops of trees come in quickly. The future of the South is to grow what is suited to the land and can be sold. One of these cash crops is pulpwood timber from fast-growing pines. By preventing small fires from becoming large ones the loss will be held down. If everyone does his part as a good neighbor and citizen, the fire damage can be curbed. Fire prevention is mainly common sense in doing the things which we know we should do.

One way in which we can bring Brunswick county, or any other county, out of her financial hole is to protect the forest from forest fires and other defects.

BOLIVIA SCHOOL NEWS

BASKETBALL Basketball got off with a bang here Monday as two large squads of 32 boys and 33 girls reported to the coaches. Again, as last year, Mr. Rosser will coach the girls and Mr. Chadwick will coach the boys. Both coaches are looking for replacements, as well as a team which can settle a score or two in the county tournament next spring.

CHAPEL PROGRAM The fifth grade gave a very interesting Columbus Day pro-

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Don't be surprised if Southport comes forth with a mounted police force ere long. Chief Rogers was off prospecting for a horse last week. . . . And speaking of horses, "Buck Benny Rides Again" at the Amuzu Friday and Saturday. Its an epic cowboy comedy.

There's some talk of staking a truly big dance on one of the nights that the boatmen from the "Southward-Ho" cruise are at Southport. Contact already has been established with an orchestra much more expensive than any engaged here in recent years. Even if the big effort fails, we'll settle for a good little dance. . . . With the reach he has, W. T. Fulwood, the new soda-joker at Watson's ought to make the best man they ever had. A step and a stretch and he can get to any corner of the store.

PIGSKIN REVUE:—The N. C. State-Carolina football game at Raleigh this week-end ought to be the best battle between those teams in a decade. The Wolves have a good chance to win this one. They rested last week-end while Carolina went all out to down Texas Christian 21-14 in a game they'd pointed for. . . . It took a good V. M. I. eleven to down Davidson, but again the Wildcats were too light for the tough going. . . . The manner in which the Clemson thunderbolt smashed Wake Forest leaves us unbelieving. We saw the Deacons the afternoon they spoiled Carolina's brand new football season, and the hirelings looked mighty good. Those home grown South Caro-

linians went to war when they defeated them 39-0 Saturday.

Add Chesapeake Bay retrievers; Robert Marlowe has one that is a dead ringer for the pup Robert Thompson received last week. Same size, same build, same color. The same, save for a little matter of sex. Marlowe's dog named Lady. . . . This is a funny election year. People from out in the county are mighty slow about telling you much political gossip. Every time they'll feel you are carefully to determine first where your sympathies lie. Everywhere, the war has the election playing second fiddle.

One of the finest animals in this county is the young Jersey cow that Charlie Matthews has one at Bald Head. She's from the State College herd and is as good as there is in Eastern Carolina. . . . It's a little late in the season to talk about flowers, but the ones that Mrs. H. Thomas raises over at Ft. Caswell are worth mentioning out of season.

If the tides do right, this week-end should be another good time for marsh hen hunting. This year, instead of the tides being best at full moon, the new moon tides have proven the ones for good hunting. . . . The resurfacing project between Southport and Wilmington, now nearing completion, is in charge of Charles Parker, of Southport. . . . It's an unusual profession for a woman, but Mrs. Eva Wolfe is an expert paper hanger. . . .

County Council of Parents' Teachers Thursday night, Oct. 11. Our own P. T. A. will meet the coming Thursday night, Oct. 18. Hope that everyone will be present.

4-H DEPT. Helen Willets entered the State Dress Review for 4-H club girls last Friday, Oct. 4. This was a contest for club girls who are carrying clothing projects and is held each year in Raleigh. There were fifty-four counties represented.

Helen Willets is a member of the Bolivia 4-H club for five years, sewing in various offices. We are very proud of her for winning our county contest, and to her we say—better luck next year in the dress contest. 4-H members are looking forward to having Mrs. Marion S. Doshier with them soon. The plan to have at least fifteen minutes at every meeting for their own demonstrations and programs.

We had several scientific films shown in our science classes during the past week. These were educational as well as entertaining. We feel that we received a great deal of value from these timely films.

"Clouds", a one reel film of the causes and formation of clouds, was shown to about one hundred twenty-five students on Wednesday. On Friday "March of the Microscope" was shown. This dealt with certain phases of tiny animals and plant life as well as some of our higher forms of life.

This week "Conquering the Jungle", the story of the rubber plant, and "The Story of the Airship" are to be shown in our science classes.

We are glad to be host to the Bolivia high school students.

NOTICE

Registration

The public is hereby notified that the registration books for the November election will be open on the following three Saturdays in October:

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Saturday, November 2, Will Be Challenge Day

Registrars will be at the respective polling places all day on these dates for the purpose of registering new voters and those who may have changed their precincts since the last election. Persons who have changed their residence from one precinct to another must register, and must present their new registrar a transcript from their previous registrar.

If you registered while the books were open before the primary last June, at which time a new registration was ordered, it will not be necessary for you to register.

J. J. HAWES
Chairman Brunswick County Board of Elections