

THE STATE PORT PILOT Southport, N. C.

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

JAMES M. HARPER, JR., Editor

Entered as second-class matter April 26, 1928, at the Post Office at Southport, N. C., under the act of March 3, 1879.

Subscription Rates: ONE YEAR \$1.50, SIX MONTHS 1.00, THREE MONTHS .75

NATIONAL EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION 1941 Active Member

Wednesday, November 4, 1942

If you stick a pin in a balloon it pops, and is of no more use. Let the air out slowly and you save it, as good as new.

Along with the need for folks who will not talk about their neighbor is a more pressing need for those who will not listen to malicious stories of this nature.

The proudest of us should remember that even the most humble servant in the town has knowledge that we do not possess.

No time spent in polite conversation should be considered wasted.

Too many people have the attitude that rationing may be a good thing if it saves enough material so the nation will not miss that part that they are hoarding.

Transition

WHEN we hear a businessman bemoaning his sad lot because of price ceilings, shortage of merchandise and the many other inconveniences that have been brought on by the war.

When we first began to feel the pinch of the war effort about one year ago, Mr. Braxton was one of the biggest automobile dealers in the town of Whiteville.

But not our friend Braxton. He reasoned that this was an era of prosperity, and that people, being unable to spend their money for the things they wanted.

You have to visit the former show room of the Braxton garage to understand just what we mean. For instance, who'd believe that you could buy pastel dishes in a place that formerly handed out bearings and piston rings.

Last week Mr. Braxton told us that he was on a buying trip. "I'm going to buy some of everything that I can still get and the people in this section can use."

Planned Housing

WE suppose that it would be something of an exaggeration to say that there is an acute housing problem here in Southport, but we know for a fact that much unpleasant inconvenience has resulted from the limited ability of this community to provide suitable quarters for newcomers.

This has been particularly true with regard to taking care of navy personnel, both enlisted men and officers. These fellows have been sent here on duty, and if

they can secure accommodations for their wives and members of their family, then their's is a happier existence, and their morale is the better for it.

The time has come when there are no more houses or apartments in easy reach of these men, but there still are untapped facilities for taking care of as many more as have found homes here thus far.

Most of these folks would prefer to continue to live just as they have been living; but this is no time for a selfish, "us four and no more" attitude. We have reached the point where the patriotic thing to do is to arrange to have roomers, or to have another family occupy an apartment in your home.

Farm Dangers!

THE Oxford Public Ledger sounds a warning note about the dangers which lie about the farm, when it says:

"The farm is a very dangerous place—not inherently so, but carelessness makes it so.

"Farm accidents during 1941 took 18,500 lives, 7,500 of them, or two-fifths of the total, were deaths resulting from home accidents. Work accidents accounted for 4,500 of the lost lives.

"The National Grange calculated that the work fatality total was the largest recorded for any of six major branches of industry, amounting to exactly one-fourth of all workers, so the indicated frequency of fatal accidents on the farm was above the average for the whole country.

The total of work hours lost from non-fatal accidents would reach a staggering total figure, for an estimated 225,000 farm workers were injured in accidents. Were it possible to use the time lost by these injured workers, they could have produced food enough to feed a substantial portion of the armed forces for a day.

"Along this trail of farm accidents which cost so many lives and resulted in thousands of man-hours going to waste is a story of carelessness. These are times in which one can ill-afford to be careless in action, thought or talk, and the farm ought to become the relatively safe place that it is."

Meeting Our Tax Obligations

THE Charlotte Observer wisely suggests that taxpayers begin thinking now about the time not long hence when they will be called upon to meet their tax obligations. If they fail to do so, there is going to be a serious problem created, and a lot of embarrassment caused somebody.

"Since the Administration and Congress have turned thumbs down on a measure that would have taken an individual's pro rata total tax bill out of that individual's earnings, as earned, such is the only wise course to be followed in facing this stupendous levy that is now to be applied against personal incomes.

"The pay-as-you-go plan was decidedly preferable as an organic part of the new tax bill because, in that event, the Federal Government would have enforced a rule of easier, surer and less painful payment which, left to private option, will not be generally adopted.

"Those who are thrifty and forward-looking will, of course, take adequate care in advance of the load of taxes to be dumped on them at some given date in the future.

"But nine out of ten of the American people are not built that way.

"They will continue to spend their income for other things as it comes in, and then, when the date turns up for them to pay Uncle Sam the full amount of taxes as stipulated, their pockets will be empty and they will find themselves in the middle of an engulfing mess.

"It is far easier for an individual to pay his government \$1,000 in taxes in installments of \$20 per week before the bill comes due, than to wait until a given single date, or dates, months off, and face the necessity of forking up the total in four annual instalments as it now allowed."

THE HOME FRONT

The devastation of Europe by the Nazi hordes, like a destructive flood, begins to sap the foundations of the "new order" that Hitler has tried in vain to erect. Typhus, scourge of World War I, is on the increase in Nazi-held territory and in the Balkans. The German army is unvaccinated because of a reported mistake — German scientists tried to produce vaccines of superior quality, but failed to achieve mass production. There are reports, too, of decreased war output by the Nazis' enslaved workers. Those in occupied lands weakened by privations and sullenly resisting "cooperation" — also deliver far less products of all kinds, including foods.

Except for potatoes, this year's European harvest is below even last year's subnormal crops, but the effects of acute scarcities are less apparent to the Germans, who have added to their larders the foods stolen from their victims. By this means the Nazis are able to provide an average meat ration of 12 1/2 ounces per week of the types of meats restricted in the U. S. But in Norway, although the official meat ration is 7.1 ounces, actual consumption is far less on the average. In the Netherlands, the ration is fixed at 10.6 ounces, but a Hollander is lucky to get one-third of that amount, and for Belgians the allowance is only 4.9 ounces. Greece has no regular meat distribution, the Poles are starving. Italians get from 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 ounces of meat, 1 1/2 ounces of ration.

OUR RATION IS WEEKLY FEAST

The average adult Briton's ration of 31 ounces a week includes meat of all kinds. He gets 70 percent less fish and a third less poultry than before the war, and only one egg a month. Compared to meat allowances throughout Europe, our voluntary share-the-meat ration of 2 1/2 pounds of "red meat" per person, with no restrictions on liver, kidneys and other "variety" meats, is a weekly feast.

Ride-sharing is a most important part of the five-tire program for saving tire rubber. No extra gasoline rations will be issued to those who claim the need for additional gasoline to drive to work or for necessary business trips, unless they belong to a car-sharing group, or can prove that this is not possible and no other means of transportation is available. All members of group ride clubs among war workers, however, can get tires recapped, if recapping is needed, and if their tires are beyond recapping, they may buy new tires of reclaimed rubber. The number of those who may secure "preferred" or extra-mileage rations have been reduced, but among those who still have mileage privileges are farmers carrying products to market, farm workers, commercial fishermen and marine workers going to and from their work, doctors, veterinarians, nurses and ministers engaged in essential services away from their homes. Everyone, however, will have to give up for the duration all thought of driving from one vacation spot to another. The war is trimming off all such luxuries.

TO REALIZE WHAT TRIMMING MEANS

When we start paying next year's taxes, we'll begin to realize how far the trimming process can go. The Government's war expenditures will run to about 55 billion dollars this year, around 90 billion dollars in 1943. After deducting direct war needs, there will be left over for our use at home next year about 70 billion dollars worth of goods and services. By the last quarter of 1943 we'll have only about three quarters of our normal supply of civilian goods to buy and sell. In the scramble for scarce goods the small retailer is at a disadvantage compared with larger stores. Faced with dwindling stocks and loss of clerks to war service, small shopowners will have to work harder, cut out unnecessary services to customers, increase self-service wherever possible, be careful in granting credit.

An important wartime economy is brought about by reducing styles, types, and patterns of manufactured goods. Many lines already have been simplified. Production of cast-iron kitchenware has been cut from about 200 different items to a dozen or so, and similar action has been taken in regard to kitchen, medical and hospital enamelware. The number of sizes of railway and transit service car wheels has been reduced from 500 to 50. Men's and boy's rayon and cotton garments have also been simplified.

AUXILIARY MEETS

The Auxiliary of Doshier Memorial will meet at the hospital on next Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Taylor, of Southport, announce the birth of a daughter at James Walker Memorial Hospital Thursday, October 29.

With The Colors

VICTOR EARL COX, Southport boy, whose mother, Mrs. Mary Cox, now lives at Ash, is reported slightly ill or wounded in a hospital in Australia. He has been in the army nearly two years and was at home for a short time early in the year, just before embarking. In a recent letter to his mother he had not heard from her or his wife since early in July. This being the case, he has not yet learned that he has a baby daughter, born late in August. His wife resides at Ash while he is away in service. The young fellow seems to take an optimistic view of the situation. He expressed the belief that the war will be over soon.

LIEUT. FRED COVINGTON,

whose wife was Miss Roma Moore, of Southport, has been commissioned a Captain. He is now serving on the west coast. He was formerly in command of Camp Saponia at Southport.

WESLEY HOLDEN, injured in the attack on the Solomon Islands, who has been at home on leave for the past two weeks, will leave shortly to serve on another ship. The small destroyer he was on during the first attack on the Solomon Islands was sunk by a Japanese cruiser.

A large group of colored men were inducted into the service by the local draft board and sent to the training camp from here Friday morning. Congressman Claude Abernathy, who was present when they boarded the bus, remarked to a newsmen on the fine spirits these men were in. Without exception, they were joking and laughing. All were seemingly anxious to get into service.

studying radio operation and mechanics at the Army Air Force Technical School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Paden of Leland.

JAMES T. PADEN, has reported at Shaw Field, S. C., for basic training prior to being assigned to a squadron to train for aviation mechanic. He is another son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Paden of Leland.

OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A monthplace for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

Southport, N. C. October 27, 1942

SOUTHPORT COUNCIL OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE SOUTHPORT, N. C. GENTLEMEN:

A few weeks ago I received a new assignment, in addition to my work here at Southport. At that time I called a meeting of the local Defense Council, comprised of the County Co-ordinator, Mayor, Board of Aldermen, several local attorneys and other prominent Southport citizens and submitted my resignation as Commander of the local Civilian Defense organization, my term of office to expire on October 31, 1942.

At this time I wish to submit my resignation in writing, and would like to say that my reason for doing so is explained by my necessitated absence from the city of the first two weeks in each month. I believe that the nature of the work of our Civilian Defense organization is so vital to the safety and public morale of a community that it is imperative that the Commander be in close touch with his organization at all times.

It is with a feeling of personal regret that my professional duty necessitates my resignation from a work that I have grown to love, despite its distinctively passive characteristics. Yet I can feel that most of what has been accomplished here in Southport in the way of Civilian Defense, is largely the result of the untiring efforts of Mr. Charles Trott, County Co-ordinator; Dr. Roy C. Daniel, Chief Air Raid Warden; and the Rev. Howell, pastor of Zion A. M. E. (Colored) church. These men have been a source of inspiration to me and, I'm sure, to the other active Defense workers in Southport. Each of these gentlemen has given tirelessly of his energy and time so that the community might be prepared to meet any eventuality which might arise out of this present war. They deserve your praise and continued wholehearted support.

It should be a source of comfort to each of us here in Southport to know that we have a control center, properly equipped and "manned" with trained personnel twenty-four hours of each day. These women have volunteered their services as have all the others connected with our local Office of Civilian Defense, without pay or material remuneration, to receive and flash signals of warning to sleeping residents when enemy ships or planes are spotted in the vicinity or near our shores. They, too, deserve unfeigned thanks. I wish that I might mention the name of each defense-work-

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Thomas Russ finally landed in the horse-owner class when he purchased a fine looking saddle nag last week. . . . About the most stylish turn-out locally is the Plaxco poney pulling a buggy.

On the early maps of this county "Jackies" creek on the Wilmington highway was known as "Jacques" Creek. . . . If you want to know how optimistic some people have been in the past about the chance of development at Southport consider that at one time a good area of land lying west of Bethel church was divided into building lots.

Everybody who has been out in the county very much says that there are plenty of quail this season. In less than one month we hope to be among those who find out. . . . Incidentally, duck season came in Monday—but duck-hunting weather didn't. There's a real effort being made to get an orchestra for a dance here on Armistice Day. More later—we hope. . . . Use of bicycles is more than a fad locally, and included among the late purchasers are Rev. R. S. Harrison, Gus McNeill and

Roy Swain. In addition, many of these two-wheeled conveyances have been purchased out in the county.

With no interscholastic basketball schedule being followed in Brunswick this winter, it looks to us like a good time to convert the five gymnasiums of the county into indoor playgrounds for a center of community activity during the coming months. We know that there is a need for such a project here in Southport. . . . It was encouraging to see a large number of school kids who weren't ready to leave stand following the first show at the Amuzu Saturday night moment, the recording of "The Star Spangled Banner" began playing.

First there was a shortage of 22 calibre rifle bullets in this section; now shotgun shells are hard to get. . . . Charlie Hickman and his crowd have made a good crop this year on the farm at the county home. . . . Robert Jones is talking about sawing up his giant wooden silo into sections and converting them into modernistic chicken houses.

er on our fine and capable staff, but to write-out some three hundred names would take considerable time and space! Yet I do wish to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for your splendid and willing cooperation with me and my staff during the past months, and I urge you to continue steadfast at your hard days ahead. Those boys "out-yonder" have no rest, no warm homes, and no time for relaxation. With God's help we at home shall not fail them. . . . for we must and we shall protect and defend their most cherished possessions: their homes, their schools, and their freedom of worship.

In concluding let me inform you that the Rev. Russell Harrison has been chosen as my successor as Commander of the Civilian Defense Organization in Southport. This was a wise selection, for Mr. Harrison is a gentleman and leader with qualities of discretion. Let us give him our full support and enthusiastic cooperation!

Respectfully yours, C. L. ALLIGOOD

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

The outstanding event of the school season was the Halloween carnival given Friday night in the high school auditorium and the gymnasium.

The first part of the carnival made up of stunts given by each of the grades was held in the auditorium. All of the stunts were very good, but the most

outstanding was the negro minstrel presented by the third grade. These small boys and girls had worked very hard on their stunts, and under the supervision of Miss Kent, their teacher, this class won first place. Among the other classes who received honorable mention were the ninth and eleventh grades.

After the stunts, the costume parade was held, the winners being Jean Thompson, dressed as a negro mammy and Charles Parker dressed as a pumpkin.

SCRAP DRIVE We wish to thank the patrons of Southport, teachers and pupils for their unselfish cooperation in our recent scrap drive. Also we are indebted to the city officials and State Highway officials in

Teacher Resigns From Faculty

Miss Charlotte Young, member of the Southport high school faculty, has resigned and has accepted a position in the Whiteville high school. Her place here is being taken by Mrs. Fields.

BUSINESS APPRECIATED

Whether your order is large or small, whether you shop early or late, you can always be assured that you are welcome at our store and that we appreciate your patronage.

R. GALLOWAY General Merchandise SUPPLY, N. C.

THIS WEEK and EVERY WEEK

News about people, places and events in Brunswick County gathered and written primarily for the information of persons interested in Brunswick County.

Send in your subscription this week, so you will not miss another issue for a full year.

The Price Is \$1.50 A Year

THE STATE PORT PILOT "YOUR COUNTY NEWSPAPER"

Southport, N. C.