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An opportunist is a guy who uses stumbling blocks for stepping stones.

A brass nerve is a poor substitute for an iron will.

Members of the rationing board and selective service board request that we remind our readers that they observe office hours; and they urge, that the public observe them, too.

Most people are satisfied as long as they fare like others, but a few object most strenuously when this rule is followed for them.

When a man gets too many chips on his shoulder he may soon find himself incapable of carrying much else.

If you don't like the gasoline and tire restrictions, just remember that Uncle Sam is offering some swell opportunities for travel with his soldiers, sailors and marines.

The Hog Crop

COUNTY Agent J. E. Dodson was telling us the other day that next to tobacco, the sale of hogs constitutes the largest cash crop for Brunswick county farmers.

Never before has the production of pork been more vital to the welfare of our people. Already there is an acute shortage of lard and bacon, and pork is one of the meats to be rationed under the new program which becomes effective about the first of the year.

All of which means that Brunswick county farmers must take the greatest possible care to see to it that their hogs do not fall victim of cholera. There are a few fellows, principally those engaged in agricultural extension activities, scattered over the county who can vaccinate hogs. The best time to have this done is before cholera strikes, for with hogs as well as men, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Hospitality

LATELY we have been much concerned over the preservation of Southport's reputation for hospitality. We have been thinking particularly about it's relation with the increase in population due to the arrival here of service men and their families.

The answer, it seems to us, lies in the churches of the community and the contacts which are brought about by invitations, extended and accepted, to attend worship services. There are various ways in which these beginnings may be carried forward.

A second way is through the Southport Woman's Club, which could serve no higher cause during this period of war emergency than to be one of the media through which a closer understanding may be developed between the older citizens of Southport and the new.

Sacrifice Necessary

WE can see now the American and British trucks, tanks, and other machines of war rolling over the cedar-covered hills that lead from Algeria into Tunisia. A hard fight is ahead for the men who man these machines, but they know their job, and they're ready.

They're perhaps singing, joking and jolly, though they know that at their destination many of them will undoubtedly be called upon to make a sacrifice.

The kind of sacrifice which these young men are called upon to make does not entail the giving up of one pound of coffee, nor yet the cutting down of their sugar consumption. If the occasion demands, these young men are going to give their very lives, their all for the freedom

which you and I now enjoy. We can imagine them looking over the landscape through the peep holes of a tank, or from the lumbering jeeps as they roll along toward new objectives. We are told that the landscape which lies along the route now at this writing being traversed by the Allied troops is altogether beautiful.

The young Americans who are fighting on the far-flung battlefronts are young men, on the threshold of life itself. They do not want to give up all that the world holds for them, but they are doing it without a complaint, without a whimper. They see clearly their duty, and they are doing their job magnificently.

By comparison, are not we little and petty to complain about the sacrifices which are being asked of us, no matter how much more exacting they become as time moves on.

Drug Store Admirals

THE United Nations offensive in North Africa has proved one thing. That our military leaders in Washington, London and the other capitals have not been idle during the months just past.

The magnificent feat of transporting thousands of troops over such an expanse of enemy infested waters, to catch the enemy so completely unawares, and carry out operations according to plan, naturally necessitated months of systematic, careful, and exacting planning on the part of the British and American leaders.

This is to have its effect on the home front. It serves to give notice to the drug store admirals and the street corner strategists that our military leaders, as someone has wisely put it, know just about as much about running the war as do the "Armchair strategists."

THANKSGIVING

(The Wilmington Star) We don't have much coffee or tea or cocoa for this year's Thanksgiving dinner. Many meats now are rationed. Assuming that our tires still are usable, there isn't gasoline for a very long trip back to the old home town, and the railroads can't carry us all.

The house or apartment isn't so warm as we would like. There's less wool in our new garments.

Wages are good, there is work for all, but prices are high, taxes are heavy, and we feel impelled to spend more for war bonds than we really can afford to have, so we can't buy the things we would like.

In many ways already we are worse off than in the depth of the great depression. New privations are in sight. Yet now comes Thanksgiving Day and again we are supposed to put on a cheerful face and try to think up some blessings.

Well, misery loves company, so let's resurrect one of the Massachusetts Bay Puritans of 1621, in the autumn of which year the first Thanksgiving Day was observed.

We can't take Governor Carver, because he was among the half of the colonists who died in the preceding winter from physical privations, including malnutrition. He never lived to give thanks in America.

William Bradford, second governor, will do. Presumably he had as many comforts as there were in the village of Plymouth.

Bring back the spirit of William Bradford, invite him to Thanksgiving dinner in the home of the poorest family in town, and watch his spiritual eyes pop at what he sees and what he has to eat!

Sure, we are short of coffee and tea, spices and beef, gasoline and fuel oil and virgin wool in our store clothes. And how much of any of these do you suppose the Pilgrim Fathers had when in gratitude for their first matured harvest, which for the first time enabled them to eat a satisfying full meal of any sort, they established the institution of Thanksgiving?

They felt themselves fortunate to have some grain (we have a surplus) which they could make successively into flour and bread; some turkeys (fowls are not rationed) which they went into the Indian-infested forests and shot; crude houses in which 65-degrees of heat anywhere except in front of the fireplace would have seemed miraculous.

Our sons, our husbands, our brothers and our friends are away from home, a few dead and more facing death. Their sons, husbands, brothers and friends already were dead—one out of two of them—dead for lack of the food, clothing, shelter which the most underprivileged family in America possesses.

Yet the Pilgrims thought up the idea of giving thanks all by themselves, without benefit of presidential proclamation.

We should have no difficulty, once a year, in drumming up a little considered gratitude toward God, toward our forefathers, toward the rich land they won for us and the freedoms they established for us.

We should find it easy, even in such a year as this, to be genuinely thankful that we have inherited blessings of democracy that are worth preserving at far greater price than any that we may have to pay in this war.

THE HOME FRONT

The recent triphammer blows at the Axis — by the United States fleet in the Solomons and by the Allies in North Africa — again underline the immense value of unbroken lines of supply and support extending from the war plants clear to the fighting fronts. In both these large-scale operations there were lines of support which played a vital part in the outcome. In the Pacific area, General MacArthur's lanes damaged Jap naval concentrations in support of the Solomons action. In North Africa, invaluable support came from French sympathizers who helped pave the way for the American landing.

These (lines of support) to our active battle-fronts involve more than military actions. In one sense they include the sustaining morale of the entire civilian population at home. And civilian morale is more than war enthusiasm — with which it is often identified — more than satisfaction in victories and praise of military heroes, more even than buying war bonds or engaging in scrap drives. These and other war activities contribute to morale, they do not include all of it by any means.

"CONQUERED" PEOPLE'S MORALE HIGH

In many parts of occupied Europe the morale of the people is still high, according to reports, in spite of concentration camps, torture, starvation and firing squads. Not the least of the Axis terror is its oppression of education. The Nazis have shot and imprisoned teachers and students alike. The Czech higher educational institutions have ceased to exist, some 60 percent of all elementary schools have been closed. Thousands of Greek teachers have been sent to forced labor camps. Polish higher education has been destroyed, the great University of Warsaw closed. Poles are not admitted to institutions of learning re-opened for the use of translated Germans. A similar situation, with varying degrees of severity, is found in every occupied country. Yet the spirit of the people in most of these lands remains unbroken, and their undersigned resistance, which has seriously hampered the Nazis war plans, will be an increasing menace to the invaders as Allied advances promise future victory.

On the Home Front our morale is put to the test by discomforts and restrictions we must undergo for the sake of our single war aim—the destruction of those forces that threaten the very foundations of civilization, our homes and schools. Nation-wide gasoline rationing to save our precious rubber supply is one of these minor inconveniences. Standing in crowded vehicles may be another. By cutting down all forms of travel—by auto, bus, railway—we will not do away with over-crowding, but we lessen a far greater danger to our nation's security, of which the Baruch Committee warned—a breakdown of our transportation system. Our combined freight and passenger transportation has thousands of tentacles, each a part of the system. Delivery trucks of all kinds, from fuel oil to flowers, from laundry to ice, make up the web of services to which we have become accustomed. We'll get these services only once a day from the same source, and we'll have to do a great deal more bundle carrying, especially of Christmas parcels.

FUEL OIL SITUATION WORSENS

With fuel oil going overseas in larger quantities, the Eastern fuel oil situation continues to worsen. New restrictions have been placed on consumption of fuel oil and kerosene by space heaters other than furnaces. Those who use oil or kerosene stoves must apply for fuel rations on a basis of not more than 550 square feet of floor area per heater unless it can be proved that the equipment must actually heat a larger total area. And all those persons, except private homeowners, who apply for fuel oil rations for heating apartments, office buildings, institutions and the like, must prove that the furnaces cannot be converted to coal burning before they receive further fuel oil.

More and More, the country's wholesalers and retailers are becoming a vital part of the war program of price control and commodity distribution under Government regulations. The fundamentals of coffee rationing will be simple and graphically explained in words and pictures in hundreds of thousands of food stores throughout the country. Storekeepers will be expected to see that their customers adhere to the rationing program, and count all coffee on hand November 28, as part of their ration. Restaurants, hotels, and institutions will be entitled to as much coffee, less stocks on hand, from November 22 through January 31, as they used in September and October. Coffee inventories of retailers and wholesalers at the start of rationing may be obtained from supplies through "purchase warrants" issued by the purchasers, instead of using purchase certificates is

sued by local boards as was done under sugar rationing.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Important public service suffers these days because of political, personal and other considerations. Legislative and administrative officials are at odds over policy-making in connection with wartime regulations. High Administration officials and lawmakers are, at the same time, importuned to use their influence to keep government employees intact in their jobs. Cancellation of draft deferments of several thousand Federal workers has provoked a scramble for political help to establish the prospective selectees as necessary government "experts." The fact that these civilian employees can only obtain deferment by establishing to the satisfaction of the President that they are actually irreplaceable has produced chaos among Uncle Sam's nephews not in uniform. Their sponsors among the solons are petitioned to help hold their positions in the civilian agencies. Meanwhile, the quality and quantity of their work is lowered by the uncertainty of their rating in the manpower picture.

Personal feuds developing in the Senate are likely to exercise a far reaching influence on the trend of legislation. The impact will probably be felt more in the new term beginning January 3. The filibuster on the proposed bill prohibiting the imposition of a poll tax bids fair to break down the high-touted "gentlemen's club" as the United States Senate considered itself in building a tradition of superiority. The technical "arrests" of several members to secure a quorum brought the wrath of the traitor Senators upon Majority Leader Barkley. The ensuing bitterness, publicly and privately expressed, undermined the Barkley leadership to such an extent that it may seriously impair the Administration's legislative programs. If the Democratic Senators refuse to re-elect the Kentucky solon to the majority post at the next session, the recently augmented Republican gains in the upper chamber may provide a practical coalition which would make hard sledding for White House proposals on a purely partisan basis.

A few Senators resented being placed in a category of school boy absentees brought to roll calls by warrants. Senate filibusters are not unusual as a means of wasting time and blocking votes on pending measures. It is a parliamentary and dilatory device which only invoking the cloture rule by a two-thirds vote can overcome. Somehow the forced attendance of men who ride themselves on dignity struck a raw spot. The controversy for a time has overshadowed the legislation. Advocates claim the measure is intended to offset alleged discriminations and disenfranchisement of large segments of the population in 8 Southern states. Opponents assert the fundamental issues, such as the right of the Federal government to dictate the qualifications of a state's voters and the constitutional question are overlooked in the flurry of argument.

As people look forward to the payment of heavy Federal income taxes next March on their 1942 revenue, few realize where the government money is spent in the war effort. Latest reports show monthly war expenditures are now hovering around \$6 billion. At the present rate Government war expenditures are nearly equal to the total consumer outlay for goods and services, and all Government expenditures account for roughly one-half of the value of the entire finished output of the country's economy. It is also revealed that income from investments of many persons fell off sharply. Cash dividend payments during the first 10 months of 1942 were 8.6 percent lower than during the same period of last year. Most of this decline was due to the drop in dividends paid by the manufacturing and heat, light and power groups. Recent Gallup poll found only one out of four taxpayers were saving to meet the first installment due March 15.

Though a powerful House bloc representing oil-producing states is waging a campaign against gasoline rationing, the Federal enforcement agencies are proceeding with their plans. O. P. A. Administrator Henderson stated specifically this week that a general extension of rationing covering many commodities is in the books for next year. The simplification and standardization program will probably wipe out distinctive brands and trade-marks of nationally-known articles of everyday use. Meat rationing will be speeded as Lend-lease shipments drain the food supply for civilians in this country. A major headache is the price control over scarce articles. Henderson predicts prices will rise in many instances despite the fact that both materials and labor have been stabilized. He figures that with less labor available, the new crop of workers will add to production costs because they are greener and less efficient. This official hints that the government may be forced to resort to subsidies to

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Clarence Ulrey, who is well known here, is now a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Army Air Corps... Kelly Singletary, the fellow who called the editor of this newspaper last spring from Philadelphia to register his protest of the reference to Southport as a "Little Fishing Village," was here Saturday, and among other things subscribed to this newspaper.

Billie Bragaw fought on the boxing bill last week at the shipyard and won his bout. Incidentally, Billie got a swell send-off in his career as a naval cadet several weeks ago when he traveled to Atlanta, to be sworn in, on the same train in which Betty Grable and her troupe were traveling from Camp Davis to Camp Jackson... They tell

me the problem of increased costs under a rigid control system.

Huntin' 'N Fishin'

By JOEL MOORE, JR. Squirrel hunting is getting better; in fact some of the hunters have even killed the limit on a few occasions.

The coon hunters gave good reports last week. One fur hunter reports having six coons in one tree. One of these coons weighed twenty-five pounds.

Rockfish are being taken in a number of the creeks and the river. Last week there were a few small drum and trout caught in Walden creek.

The ducks are getting here pretty good now. We have seen them in the canals, rivers, and ponds. We have a restricted area in which to hunt ducks, but we still have enough room.

Quail hunters will be glad to know that there seem to be quite

as that "Butch Minds The Baby" is one of the surprise hits of the movie year, and it's playing Friday and Saturday at the Amuzu. Pauline (Mrs. Mangus) Tripp of Shallotte has an uncanny ability to remember every automobile license number in use by citizens around Shallotte so the other day when Mr. R. D. White needed to know something about his son's car, which was in another state, he looked her up and got the necessary information... Bobbie Jones has had a temporary halt in his career as one of the best kid football players in town, having broken his arm one afternoon last week while playing tackle instead of the touch variety.

Shallotte, announce the birth of a son at Doshier Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, November 18.

FOR TREATMENT Alfred Anderson, of Bolivia, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Friday for treatment.

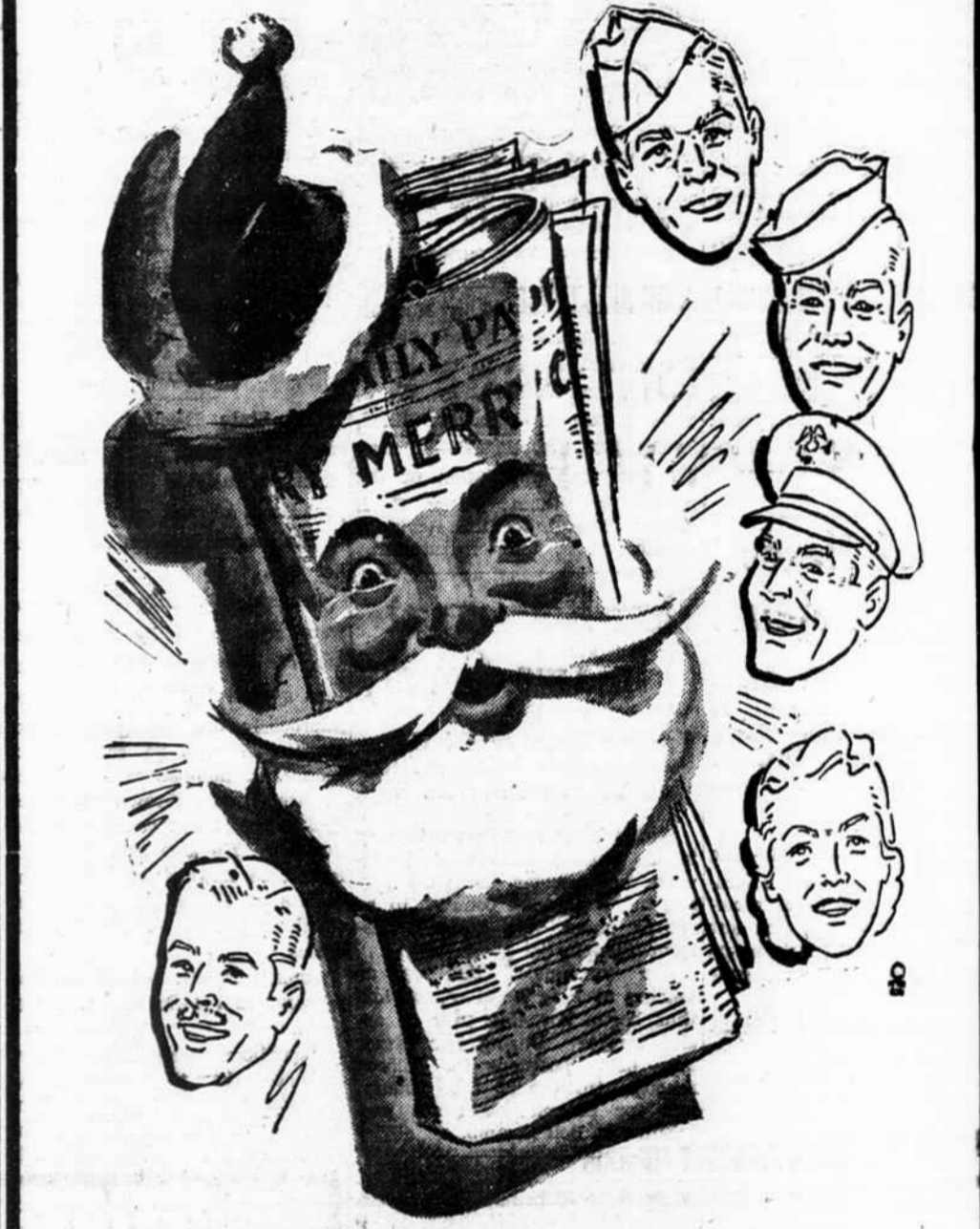
HOSPITAL PATIENT Mrs. Louis Creech, of Southport, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Friday for treatment.

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