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His Memory A Thing Of Beauty

Among the number of fine tributes which have been made to Captain Henry Churchill Bragaw, who was killed in action in Italy on January 22, the following lead editorial from *Outdoors Unlimited*, official organ of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, is fittingly reproduced here. The tribute was written by J. Hammond Brown of the *Baltimore News-Post*, president of the Outdoor Writers Association:

"News has just been received that Captain Henry Churchill Bragaw met his death on an Italian battlefield late in January. To those of you who have made one of the treks down to the southern part of the North Carolina coast and met him there, the news will come as a shock.

"It is hard to visualize Churchill as a soldier, but he must have been a good one, for twice was he given promotion on the battlefield for gallantry in action.

"I remember him as a smiling youngster, he was just twenty-eight at the time of his death, with pruning shears in hand, pottering around amid the great profusion of blossoms on the great Orton Plantation, just outside of Southport. He was a nationally known horticulturist despite his age and one of the last conversations I had with him, just before Pearl Harbor, was about some experiments he was carrying on. Indicating a row of small shrubs, he remarked:

"It will not be long now, before I will have fixed this pink gardenia and given a new flower to the world."

"He was an ardent student of bird-life and was also a herpetologist of some note. Wildlife photography was also one of his hobbies and he was a frequent contributor to the press on outdoor topics. And now he has given evidence that he was a fine patriot and a good soldier. Our North Carolina trips will not be the same without him."

An Impressive Experience

Those who ventured out in the quiet of the dawn on Easter to attend the sunrise service at the Section Base at Caswell had an experience which will remain in their memory for a long time.

They will long think of the impressiveness and solemnity of the occasion when they paused in the midst of a war-conscious existence to worship with the officers and men and to remember with them the Risen Christ.

They will remember also the kindness of Commander Campbell, who sent buses over to Southport to enable them to attend the services. They will remember, too, the fellowship of the breakfast hour when they were guests of the base. This made Easter happier for many of them.

Pulpwood Bag Saves Starving Troops

Every now and then there comes out of the combat zones a story of pulpwood's role in the war that means more to most of us than a carload of statistics on the uses of pulpwood for military purposes.

Such a story was buried in a recent dispatch on the heroic stand of a small band of Allied troops on Hangman's Hill, just above embattled Cassino.

For nine days and nights this brave band, separated from the main Allied force, fought off Nazis while their comrades tried vainly to supply them with food, water, and supplies. But strong winds blew supply parachutes into enemy territory.

The valiant soldiers were near starvation when one day a plane dropped two paper-mache gasoline tanks loaded with rations directly on their camp. Inside were enough K-ration units to give two to every three men. As a result the men survived and a few days later were evacuated.

Not only were the gasoline tanks

made of pulpwood, but the K-rations were packed in pulpwood-made packages.

Pulpwood has gone to war, but its function often is to save lives rather than to destroy them.

Fire Facts

The Jap attack on Pearl Harbor was a military disaster for this country. And yet losses in material were confined to a few hundred planes and comparatively few ships. If Pearl Harbor was a disaster, no words could possibly describe an enemy blitz that destroyed 27,618 medium tanks, 207,142 seventy-five mm. guns, 98 heavy cruisers and 6,183 heavy bombers. But in the years between 1918 and 1939 property to the tune of \$8,285,000,000 was destroyed in the United States by fire. These billions would have been sufficient to building the above fighting force.

This country has been prodigally careless with fire. Too few people realize that fires can start without the application of flame. Spontaneous ignition is a phenomenon that occurs in oily cloths, mops or waste and paint-stained rags or clothing. Chemical reaction causes the material to heat up until actual fire bursts forth. Common household dusts, both from waste material and food, may explode with terrific force. When either flour or dust from vacuum cleaners is thrown loosely into an incinerator or furnace, so that a cloud forms, a violent explosion may take place as soon as the dust reaches fire.

Another prime cause of fire is the ordinary match. Smokers strike 6,000 matches every second. Too many toss them away carelessly, not realizing that fire kills more persons in the United States each year than our country lost "killed in action" during the first year of the war. The annual death toll from fire approximates 10,000 lives annually.

These are a few of the facts about fire that everyone should know.

The New American Navy

Opportunity and responsibility, but no cause for complacency, may be read between the lines of the address James V. Forrestal, Undersecretary of the Navy, delivered to the Bond Club in New York Monday. Mr. Forrestal said the United States will possess at the end of this year a naval air and sea armada equal to the naval strength of the rest of the world.

Mr. Forrestal wisely refuses to regard this Navy as a reason for American aloofness from the rest of the world, however. He seems to regard it as a possible support for a world association of nations. That is realistic. Not even the Navy which Americans have now built up might do more than postpone another war a few years unless the United States took part in organizing peace under law.

The existence of this tremendous naval power should help Americans to rid themselves of fear that they will be in some way deprived of their proper influence by joining with other nations to maintain peace. The American factor is enormous in the eyes of other nations. It is usually the American himself who underrates the ability of his nation to hold its own in world councils.

The war potential is the peace potential. If the new American Navy convinces the average American of his nation's ability to make the most of the opportunities and responsibilities which await it in the post-war world, that Navy's power and usefulness will exceed any measurements which can be stated in tonnages of ships or number of planes.—*Christian Science Monitor*.)

When a hen cackles she's calling attention to a freshly laid egg. When a rooster crows he's calling attention to himself.

According to scientists the intrinsic value of a human body is about one dollar, but they have never discovered anyone who wants to buy one.

If a price level is ever established it will be on a plateau.

Buyers once did business over the counter. Now they do it over the ceiling.

Seeing ourselves as others see us doesn't mean much, for others scarcely give us a glance.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Congress has returned to the job. Small groups go into huddles in the cloak-room to exchange views on current problems as reflected in the reactions they ascertained during their trips back home for the Easter recess. First-hand contact with local political henchmen and representative groups of constituents often changes a legislator's own conception of policy in public affairs. Two top most topics in private conversations are the Willkie withdrawal from the Republican Presidential nomination contest and the Supreme Court opinion in the Texas case relating to the eligibility of Negroes to participate in party primaries. It is a little too early to do more than weigh the potentialities in these matters. It is expected that both subjects will figure prominently in the Congressional debates during the next few weeks. A number of legislators are still away on what is quaintly described as "absent on official business." The business happens to be that of obtaining a re-nomination in several primaries due this month and next.

High on the calendars for Congressional action are proposals to settle in a piece-meal fashion the various urgent manpower problems. Returning lawmakers were told that feeling among relatives or friends of men in the armed services is running at fever heat of indignation. Sentiment is apparently not full bloom for a national service act compelling all civilians to take jobs in vital industries. It has reached a stage, however, where the pressure of opinion calls for some program to utilize the services of men classified as 4-F. Many solons do not want to go so far as authorizing formation of labor battalions which would assign men to vital war jobs in lieu of active military service.

There are several manpower questions which must be solved. The trade unions are watching this manpower controversy with keen interest. They want to know whether these physically handicapped individuals should be required to serve at Army pay alongside of workers who earn and are paid established wage scales in accordance with their skill and ability to produce. The split between various government agencies over a solution to these questions may force Congress to take a hand. One thing seems certain. The draft boards will take appropriate cognizance of what Selective Service Director Hershey describes as "many who have used their classification in 4-F to quit work or work in jobs not contributing to the winning of this war. If they do not volunteer as replacements for drafted men then the government must tap this great pool of manpower by compulsory methods.

It is just rank speculation which characterizes the chatter on Capitol Hill as to the implications of Wendell Willkie's withdrawal from the Republican Presidential nomination race. Naturally, the biggest development in the political world, the candidate's retirement after a fiasco in Wisconsin primaries, is a favorite subject for gab fests among the politicians. There are assorted versions as to its significance on the aspirations of other Republican contenders and on Democratic campaign strategy. What Mr. Willkie will do as an individual is something which bothers the G. O. P. leadership. Cliques are raising the isolation and non-isolation issues because Willkie made a reference to it in his retirement statement. Others want more attention devoted to domestic matters. Obviously, the resolutions committee at the G. O. P.'s Chicago convention will be a badly harassed group.

Hearings will be resumed on the Emergency Price Control Act which expires June 30. The unpopularity of these controls with many people has provoked a demand for revision along the lines of restraints on these officials. The Administration is fighting desperately to stave off the proposed tampering with the law. They claim that the operations of the O. P. A. has stabilized the national economy and extension of the authority without changing the language will help prevent inflation. The trouble has been found in the conflicts among O. P. A. interpretations of the statute. In an effort to persuade Congress to refrain from amendments, Economic Stabilizer Vinson asserted "if the Congress, by restrictive amendments to our stabilization law, should seek by a statutory straitjacket to correct every injustice, we could not longer hold the line." What the folks back home think of price control will probably influence the Congressional attitude.

Though the war has upset the trend, the Census Bureau's analysis of internal migration within the continental U. S. during the five pre-war years shows our folks are restless in many localities. In the period between 1935-1940, one eighth of the population migrated at least from one county to another. The figures do not reveal the causes for moving around. The great bulk of the population or 86.9 per cent stayed

"Zip The Lip" Campaign Is A Success At Fort Bragg

Slogan Adopted By Army To Help Citizens Not To Divulge Information That Would Help Enemy Is Success

FORT BRAGG.—"Zip the Lip"—a catch phrase that rivals and even surpasses in popularity many well established commercial slogans—is today associated with the fact that loose talk costs lives, by thousands of soldiers stationed at Fort Bragg and by thousands who have trained at other Army posts.

Placed in wide circulation by the Security Educational Advisor of the Military Intelligence Branch at Post Headquarters, "Zip the Lip"—together with many other security slogans and programs developed here to safeguard military information and to eliminate loose talk about military matters—is kept constantly before service men and civilians by use of the radio, press, theaters, schools, transportation services, training films, motion picture trailers, chaplains' services, booklets, civic and church organizations, posters, calendars, stamped material, outdoor signs and other media.

Inaugurated here at the largest of Army posts on November 17, 1942 by Brigadier General John T. Kennedy, Commanding General of Fort Bragg, the security educational program was placed under the direction of Captain Edgar R. Rankin, who had served in civilian life as head of the department of school relations of the University of North Carolina Extension Division at Chapel Hill.

Captain Rankin launched the security educational campaign on the assumption that the Army today is made up for the most part of men and women who in their recent civilian life were not accustomed to giving much advance thought to the safeguarding of military information. They were accustomed in many cases to "talking first and thinking afterwards." The Fort Bragg plan of Security Education was adopted to reverse this procedure.

"The continuous security educational campaign at Fort Bragg is designed—through the widest possible use of the fields of vision and sound—to cause military and civilian personnel, "to think before they talk," stated Captain Rankin.

Gardeners Will Be Granted Gas Rations By OPA

Growers Of Victory Gardens To Get Special Rations If Certain Requirements Met, Says Johnson

RALEIGH, April 10.—Victory gardeners will again be granted special gasoline rations to travel to and from their places this summer, Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the Raleigh Office of Price Administration, announced.

Special gasoline allotments up to 300 miles during the growing season may be granted for victory garden travel, provided the following conditions are met:

1. A regularly cultivated area of at least 1,500 square feet is devoted to the production of vegetables, and the labor of the applicant is necessary to the cultivation.
2. A ridesharing arrangement is made to travel back and forth to the garden, if such an arrangement is possible. In cases where the ride sharing involved the use of more than one car, all applications for the special rations must be presented to the board at the same time and the total ration issued for all cars in the group may not exceed 300 miles.
3. No alternative means of transportation is available.
4. The garden is near enough to the applicant's year-round home so that he can visit the garden about twice a week during the period when planting, cultivating and harvesting must be done, without needing more gasoline than for the 300 miles provided by his special ration together with whatever mileage is available in his basic "A" ration.

The 300 mile ceiling—the same as last year's—was adopted after consultation with the Department of Agriculture.

within the county. Rural-nomfarm areas had the largest proportion of migrants, with 16.5 per cent, as compared with 11.1 per cent in urban areas. These rural non-farm areas under census definitions are the villages under 2,500 population as all other communities above this level are classified as "urban." Migrants composed only 8.4 per cent of the population in cities of 100,000 or more, whereas this percentage for all other urban areas was 13.8. This pre-war study showed folks in large towns and cities stayed. Most of those moving took up residence within the same state and this was particularly true for farmers and farmworkers.

WAC Now Offers Variety Of Jobs

Women Now Enlisting In The WAC May Choose One Of 239 Assignments States Lt. Lenzer, WAC Recruiter

Members of the Women's Army Corps are today handling vital nerve centers of communications for the Army Air Forces, Army Ground Forces and Army Service Force, according to WAC Recruiter Lt. Lenzer, of Wilmington, who pointed out that this important mission is but one of the 239 Army classifications in which WACs are presented listed.

"Under a new directive," stated WAC Recruiter Lt. Lenzer "women enlisting in the Corps now have the privilege of choosing which one of these 239 assignments they prefer. If qualified, they may be so assigned. Women enlisting today also have additional choices—they may select that branch of the Service they prefer—Air Forces, Ground Forces or Service Forces—and serve at their choice of Army stations within the Service Command in which they enlist."

WAC Recruiter Margaret Lenzer said women were needed in the Air Forces to fill administrative and technical jobs, in the Ground Forces to serve in a variety of noncombatant assignments, and in the Service Forces for placement in the Signal Corps, Medical Corps, Transportation Corps, Ordnance Department and other services.

GETS DOZEN FOXES

Rod Sellers, of the Mill Creek section, has killed an even dozen foxes within the past few days, according to Deputy Sheriff Sheriff H. L. Willetts. The foxes were not mad.

FARM VALUE

Those who plan to buy farms now while land prices are on the increase should keep in mind that the true measure of a farm's value is the income it will return in crops and livestock. Present prices for these things will adjust themselves after the war, but that farm debt will remain.

SORGO

A new sorgo cane from Ethiopia may have possibilities for sugar production, say USDA officials. It will be tested in the Southern States and in the Canal Zone.

SEEDS

There is an acute shortage of most of the important legume and grass seeds. Any farmer who can produce these seeds is sure to be able to make a profit from their sale. The need is great for hay and pasture for the increased livestock population and many farmers are harvesting crops that should be left to produce seeds.



--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS---

Thompson McRackan, out on Walden's Creek, has about three acres of very pretty cabbage that will soon be heading up. Speaking of crops, the Pleasant Oaks Plantation on the River Road, above Orton, is said to have some of the finest grain fields in the county. The Ramsauer's, father and son, go in heavily for grain. The residence of a colored family at Marsh Branch was destroyed by fire this week. The name of the occupants and the amount of their loss has not been learned.

Closed season on fresh water fishing is now on. Only places in Brunswick county where fresh water fish may now be caught is on a portion of Brunswick River and on Lockwoods Folly River, below the bridge at Supply. You can resume your fresh water fishing anywhere after May 20th. Our neighbors over at the Section Base are looking forward to a new high in entertainments next Monday, April 17th, when Ferry Crew No. 1 will present a Minstrel with a cast of about 60 people. Another interesting bit of news from over at the Base is that the men have completed the work of constructing a splendid new soft ball diamond.

Daught Tripp, of Shalotte, and Supply remarked Saturday that there were still plenty of big fish to be caught without breaking the closed season laws, below the bridge at Supply. The use of saddle paths for horseback riding, near Southport, is unpopular just now as the riders do not fancy having a mad fox sneak up behind and bite the horse on the leg.

The waters in Orton Pond are about three feet lower than normal, owing to the dam spillway having washed out several months ago. Scarcity of labor has prevented the making of repairs. Regardless of the busy folks may be in the farming territory around the lotte a Saturday afternoon, out there will continue crop that the town is in a good thing territory.

Although he is now busy traveling with one of the major firms in Norfolk, Attorney Butler Thompson, just resist coming here this week for a visit with his family, two days of fishing before season closed on Monday. Judge Henry L. Stevens, who holding court here, and S. Clifton Moore, who assists in term when it happens to be final, are both adept at fishing on their fingers.

Included in the subscription added to the mailing list of the paper during the past week were seven persons named Hester. Now, can you guess what part of the county they live in? The demand for firewood has lessened off and this may be taken as another definite indication that spring is here. It is unusual to see dogwood blossoms killed by frost but such happened in practically every section of Brunswick county last week.

We've heard about synthetic tires and synthetic products but last Saturday we found out that Brunswick has something new—the synthetic line—synthetic tires. We understand that E. Stanaland and Gene Egan are farmers of the synthetic type. Herman explains it this way: "We're not quite the real thing."

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