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Hard Work Continues

The hard work which has fallen to the lot of all farmers in this county since the day when the rains ceased and they were able to turn the first furrows in their fields, is still continuing. In the case of the tobacco growers the demand for continuous effort is more urgent than ever.

During a normal year with a normal supply of labor available, even during those years when only a moderate crop of tobacco is produced, the situation calls for a lot of work. This year the crop seems above normal and the supply of labor is hardly more than half the usual thing. From the time it is ripe and on the stalks in the field, until it is put on the sales floor, tobacco is a perishable crop. It must be given timely attention all of the way through, or producing it will have been a wasted effort.

Indirect reports from tobacco growers are indicative that they have a big crop and are turning out a good quality of the cured weed. To do this under existing conditions means continuous hard work for all on the farms.

Doing Fine Work

A report from the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital indicates that the Brunswick county institution is pretty well filled. Only two or three empty beds existed at the time the report was made.

The hospital has done extremely good and it is this good work, rather than any increase in sickness, that has kept it busy since it was first opened.

The high regard in which it is held by patients and former patients is often attested for and in many ways. Recently the crew of a government dredge, based at Wilmington, took up a voluntary collection among themselves. After passing the hat they sent the institution, in which a number of them have received treatment. It was their way of showing their appreciation of the hospital.

And Some Would Change Our System

In reviewing the record of production reported by the War Production Board up to May 25, last, the world has evidence of an industrial miracle wrought in the United States. E. M. Baruch puts the heart of the story in thirty-three words: "The war has been a crucible for all the economic systems of the world, for our own, for Communism, Fascism, Nazism—all the others. And the American system has outproduced the world."

For Greater Service

The Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, with offices at Shallotte, has done a wonderfully helpful work by supplying current for power and lights to hundreds of farmers and several small towns in Brunswick and Columbus counties. From the start, several years ago, the organization has functioned with the utmost smoothness under the direction of Dr. E. D. Bishop. There is no question that the patrons have been extremely well pleased.

With the good work that has been accomplished now generally known, hundreds of other residents of the two counties who have not been able to obtain will welcome the news that the corporation plans expansion. According to Dr. Bishop, the Unit plans to serve practically all sections of the two counties, where power is not now available. To carry out these plans Dr. Bishop recently obtained a loan of eight hundred thousand dollars.

It can be taken for granted that the news of this planned expansion will be received with pleasure in homes where electric current is not now available.

Just Cause For Pride

Brunswick county has just cause for pride in the response that was made in the 5th War Bond Drive.

The "E" series of bonds was for relatively small sums. It was for the man on the streets and on the farms, the folks with relatively small sums to invest. Reports made Saturday showed that only 3 of the 100 counties in North Carolina had reached their "E" Bond quotas. The final checking up will undoubtedly show some more counties over the top. Still, the fact that Brunswick went over on Wednesday of last week and that only three counties had made their quotas by Saturday indicates this county was among the very first, if not the first county to go over the top buying "E" Bonds.

It is a just cause for Brunswick county people to feel pride in the way they bought bonds. They not only went over their quotas with "E" Bonds, but they bought more than enough extra to make good a deficiency in corporation bond buying in Brunswick.

Hitler Reflects German Gloom

Hitler made a gloomy speech the other day, the gloomiest ever made by the once exultant fehrer. Hard times have befallen him, times of direst peril, times which even he, if there remains within him any semblance of clear thinking, must know are portent with inevitable collapse for the Nazis.

And gloomy he might well be. Not since November 1942, when British and American troops landed in North Africa and Rommel was thrown into reverse at El Alemain has he been able to claim a single major victory. On every front, the course of events has been the same. Reverses, retreats, defeats, catastrophes have dogged his trail. From Stalingrad and deep in the Caucasus to Odessa and across the Prut into Romania; from Moscow back along the road of Napoleonic doom to Minsk; from Leningrad to Latvia; from El Alemain to the outskirts of Leghorn; from London to Berlin—along these retreat roads, Hitler has found increasing bitterness, peril, catastrophe.

While Germans listen hopefully for some word of victory somewhere, and find nothing to assuage their bitterness and boost their morale but the terror robot bombing of Southern England, the tide of war swings on and on against them with nothing save the spectacle of unconditional surrender remaining as escape from days and nights on end of mounting grief.

That is the picture written plainly in the skies over Germany. With the news of every day's events, the picture is sketched more indelibly upon the German horizon. Before the German people, there stands the enemy whose strength and destructive power has reached an overwhelming crescendo. With them stand only two alternatives—either to fight it out to the bitter end or to surrender to the Allies. Ahead of them, only one inevitable result looms up in ever enlarging certainty—unconditional surrender.

That is the background against which Hitler arose to speak the other day. Plainly absent was his old time frenzied oratory. Gone was the buffoonery, the acting, the satire, the wholesale attack on Jews and plutocrats, the breathing of threats of destruction and promises of certain victory.

Present only were the grim, sobering facts of mounting catastrophe. To the South the Allies were moving north; to the East the Russians were moving west; to the west British, Americans, Canadians were moving east. From north, south, east, and west were coming the planes, clouds and clouds of them, dumping destruction upon every part of the Third Reich which the Nazis once boasted would remain inviolate from enemy bombs. For the first time in generations, Berlin stood in mortal peril, that capital sounding board from which Hitler had announced to the world during the first dawn of September, 1939, that the German armies had moved across the Polish border and thereby incited a war which was to make all other wars trifling in their consequences.

In the undertones of Hitler's oratory could be heard the ominous thunder of doom. No mortal man, be he ever so fanatical, could listen to the rising thunder of Allied guns from east, west, and south, or hear the never-ending reverberations of Allied bombs blowing German industry into oblivion without accepting the fact that currently mounting disaster in Germany could mean anything short of complete disaster in the end.

North Carolina Schools Lead Nation In Bond Campaigns

Enough War Stamps And Bond Bought To Purchase 240 Planes Costing Total Of \$6,745,000

Allison James, Executive Manager, War Finance Committee, Greensboro, very proudly announced this morning according to figures received today from the U. S. Treasury Department, War Finance Division, Education Section, Washington, that North Carolina has exceeded all states in the Buy-A-Plane Campaign conducted by public schools for the period January 1 through June 15th, 1944 in the sale of war savings stamps and bonds for the purchase of planes during this campaign.

The North Carolina Schools, superintendents, principals, teachers and pupils purchased for the armed forces in the Buy-A-Plane Campaign: 211 Trainer Planes, \$15,000.00 each; 15 Mustangs, P. 51, \$75,000.00 each; 8 Douglas, C. 47, \$110,000.00 each; 3 Mitchells, B-25, \$175,000.00 each; 2 Liberator, B-24, \$300,000.00 each; and 240 Planes, costing total of \$6,745,000.00.

The State of California was second, with 4,890,000.00; The State of Pennsylvania was third, with 4,595,000.00; The State of Texas was fourth, with 3,705,000.00; and The State of Michigan was fifth, with 3,350,000.00.

Mr. James also stated that not included in the above figures released from Washington, that forty (40) more planes, costing \$1,780,000.00, or a grand total of 280 planes, have been contributed to our armed forces by North Carolina Schools.

He also stated that during the 1943-44 school year, the total amount of equipment purchased by schools, including the Buy-A-Plane Campaign, amounted to \$15,041,238.00

The miscellaneous equipment consisted of Farmous Jeep, Amphibian Jeeps, Flying Grasshopper Jeep Planes, Life Floats, Field Ambulances, Water Tank Trucks, Landing Barges, Motor Scooters, Motorcycles, Parachutes, Army and Navy Surgical Beds, Bombs, Bayonets, Machine Guns and other pieces.

Mrs. J. S. Blair, State Chairman, Education Division, of the North Carolina War Finance Committee, is very much elated and grateful for the splendid cooperation and tangible evidence of the practical patriotism given by all those connected with and interested in the Educational System of North Carolina.

Mr. Clarence T. Leinbach, State Chairman, extends congratulations and appreciation to all the school children and school people for the magnificent support they have given to the war effort in North Carolina.

Farm Safety Week Set For July 23-29

National Farm Safety Week will be observed July 23-29—dedicated to emphasizing the need for year-round care in preventing the farm accidents which are hampering the nation's food production.

"Statistics prove that the entire wheat crop of the United States, or two-thirds of the potato crop, could be produced with the amount of labor lost through accidents to American farmers last year," Maynard Coe, director of the Farm Safety Division of the National Safety Council, said.

Mr. Coe pointed out that an estimated 4,000,000 extra farm workers will be needed to help produce food this year.

"Much of this help will be inexperienced. City boys and girls and men and women unfamiliar with farm hazards must be made conscious of rural safety," he said.

Among the agencies cooperating with the Council in National Farm Safety Week are the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Grange, the American Farm Bureau Federation and The Farmers' Union.

Livestock Dying Over County Now

During recent days reports have been made by various farmers of cattle and horses dying over the county.

In the Cedar Grove section J. J. Powell lost a valuable young milk cow.

In the Gapway area last Thursday Rex Lovette had a nice young mule to die.

A few miles out from town T. J. (Theidore) Thompson, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Thompson, lost a mule.

Although it has not been established it is believed that the workstock may have died from the excessive heat prevailing at the time.

Some five years ago farmers of the county lost large numbers of mules and horses from the heat. One dealer reported having interested in thirty-odd head that died from the heat in a single summer month.

Farmers Begin Canteloupe Sale

RALEIGH.—The canteloupe movement from the Laurinburg section began this week, according to an announcement from the State Department of Agriculture. Heavy shipments should begin next week. No price ceilings on this season's crop have as yet been announced.

The equivalent of approximately 167 cars moved out of North Carolina last year.

Shipments of canteloupes from the Ridgeway section of Warren County are scheduled to begin around July 10.

\$35.00 Per Ton Is Ceiling Placed On Watermelons

RALEIGH.—The producer ceiling price for watermelons grown in this State has been set at \$35 per ton, says Randal B. Etheridge, chief of the Markets division, State Department of Agriculture.

Etheridge said this price represents an increase of \$15 per ton over the tentative ceiling of \$20 per ton established several weeks ago. He said this should mean—on the basis of the sale of 2,000 cars—an increase of \$420,000 to watermelon producers of North Carolina.

The new price will go into effect July 5 and continue through the season.

Wingfield Is New Market Newsmen

RALEIGH.—J. A. Wingfield, principal of Angier High school for the past five years, has been appointed market newsmen with the State Department of Agriculture R. B. Etheridge, head of the Markets division, announced.

Wingfield, who for many years has worked with the Department as a fruits and vegetables inspector during the summer months, succeeds Bailey Rich, now agricultural representative with the Southeastern Chain Store Council.

Expert Says Pigs Being Over-Fed

RALEIGH.—Farmers are feeding their growing pigs too much rich and fattening feed, reports Dr. William Moore, State veterinarian.

"I frequently see 50- and 60-pound pigs carrying as much fat in proportion as would market hogs of 250 pounds," declared Dr. Moore. He added that "when pigs are kept fat from six weeks of age until market time, they are apt to be easier victims of infection."

"Growing pigs should receive balanced rations that will develop bone and muscle, and solid foundations—and then the heavier fattening rations can be fed to them later on."

Maximum Prices On Watermelons Issued

RALEIGH, July 6.—Maximum prices for watermelons, which will mean substantial reductions from last summer's high retail prices, have been issued by the Office of Price Administration, Theodore S. Johnson, district OPA director, announced.

The action establishes dollars and cent prices, F. O. B. country shipping points, and dollar and cent mark-ups for the various handlers including retailers.

The F. O. B. ceiling (after July 4) is \$35 per ton. The maximum wholesale mark-up is 1.3 cents per pound and the retail mark-up is 1 1/2 cents per pound for Group I and 11 stores and one cent per pound for Group III and IV stores.

More Honey Seen In State This Year

RALEIGH.—The State honey crop this season is the best in several years, according to P. G. Craddock, apiarist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

He said production of honey in the central counties is "excellent," with that in the eastern area "far above average." No report was given on the mountain section, since bees in that locality must depend largely on sourwood, and it is not yet in full bloom. All colonies came through the winter and spring months in good condition, declared Craddock.

Pig Production On Decline, Says

RALEIGH.—There were 12 per cent fewer pigs farrowed in this State from December 1 to June 1 than during the corresponding period last year according to the Crop Reporting Service, of the State Department of Agriculture.

During the spring farrowing season just closed, 140,000 sows farrowed 854,000 pigs. This is 28 per cent larger than the 10-year average.

The number of sows to farrow this fall was forecast at 111,000, three-fourths as many as the 148,000 last fall.

Farmers Urged To Use More Nitrogen For More Cold Yield

RALEIGH, June 21.—The North Carolina Feed Committee has begun the distribution of placards throughout the State telling farmers they can increase their corn production this year 16 bushels per acre by the greater use of nitrogen, it was announced by D. S. Coltrane, chairman of the committee.

The 3,000 placards, which are two by three feet in size, give farmers the following advice: "Fertilizer corn. Your Experiment Station recommends more side dressing. Use 200 pounds of nitrate soda, or 155 pounds of Calcium Nitro, or 155 pounds of A. N. L., or 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate. Get 16 bushels more corn per acre."

Irregularities Found In Potato Weights In Weight Of Potato

RALEIGH, June 21.—Around 1,448 bags of Irish potatoes have been weighed on the various potato markets in Eastern North Carolina and a 25 per cent irregularity has been found, it has been announced by C. D. Baucom, superintendent of Weights and Measures division, State Department of Agriculture.

There is usually a 2 per cent overweight in each 100-pound bag to allow for shrinkage but last week 13.6 per cent were overweight from two to 10 pounds and 11.4 per cent underweight from two to six pounds, said Baucom.

The farmers in bagging the potatoes were somewhat of the opinion that the law of average would take care of these errors. However, Baucom explained that all bags found underweight were brought up to the proper weight.

PRICE CEILINGS SET

RALEIGH, July 6.—Raleigh and Charlotte OPA offices have established maximum prices which may be charged for beer and ale sold in retail outlets in North Carolina. These price ceilings become effective July 10.

The OPA order provides three price groupings—1B, 2B and 3B—and classification of retail outlets will depend upon prices charged during the base period April 4-10, 1943. All retail outlets who were not in operation during the base period will be classified in the lower priced group 3B until authority is granted by OPA for a higher priced group.

The National Poultry Improvement Plan will place greater emphasis on breeding for high egg production in addition to maintaining satisfactory requirements for good viability.

FIREWORKS!

ALLIED SUCCESS IN FRANCE

RUSSIAN VICTORY

SUCCESS IN ITALY

Centis C.F.I.

WACS Are Doing Good Job In Army Medical Outfits

With battle casualties mounting daily, more and more trained and skilled women are needed in our hospitals, states Miss Bettie A. Lamb of Whiteville Women's Army Corps Civilian Recruiter.

The Army is determined to give the best possible medical care to the injured soldiers, but we do not have enough nurses and technicians to do the job that lies ahead. The gap must be filled by women!

WAC medical technicians, especially trained in a U. S. Army school, are aiding medical officers and nurses to care for sick and wounded soldiers in many military hospitals.

So ably are these WACS filling the medical duties assigned to them that the Surgeon General hopes to secure 50,000 Medical WACs to aid Army doctors, dentists, and nurses in the actual care of patients, to fill vital jobs in hospital laboratories and to perform equally important administrative duties.

Women who have a college degree or two years of college and experience in this field may be assigned directly to medical units attached to various Army stations, evacuation and general hospitals

after receiving their basic training at one of the WAC training centers.

Other Medical WACS, after a three months' course attending the Medical Laboratory Technician School, Dental Technician School, or X-Ray Technician School, fill assignments as pharmacist, pharmacist aide, psychiatric social worker, orthopedic technician (mechanic), orthopedic technician aide, laboratory technician, dental laboratory technician, dental technician, X-Ray technician, lip reading technician (instructor), hearing aid technician, braille and typewriting technician (instructor), vocation training of the blind technician (instructor) occupational therapist technician and occupational therapist technician aide.

Women who are between 20 and 50 years of age and who meet the physical and educational requirements may join the Women's Army Corps by contacting their Civilian WAC Recruiter, or they may write to Headquarters Charlotte Recruiting District, P. O. Building, Charlotte 2, N. C.

The first European known to have visited Alaska was Vitus Bering, a Dane in the service of the Russian Navy.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Matt Doorly Versus the Tomato

Funny how some people rush off to extremes like that. They take a wholesome thing and overdo it till it disagrees with them—or maybe find they don't happen to like it—and then they want it banned for everybody.

From where I sit, folks ought to realize there's a middle ground in everything—a middle ground of moderation on the one hand... and tolerance for our neighbors on the other.

Joe Marsh

W. B. & S. BUS LINES, Inc.

Southport, N. C.

BUS SCHEDULES
Effective June 16, 1944

SOUTHPORT TO WILMINGTON
Monday - Saturday

LEAVE				ARRIVE				
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
5:15	7:00	9:00	4:00	6:00	8:30	3:00	5:30	7:50
5:45	7:30	9:30	4:30	6:30	8:00	3:30	6:00	7:20
6:15	7:45	9:45	4:45	6:45	7:45	2:45	4:45	7:45
6:25	8:00	10:00	5:00	7:00	7:30	3:05	4:30	6:50
6:25	8:15	10:15	5:15	7:15	7:15	1:50	4:15	6:35
6:40	8:30	10:30	5:30	7:30	7:00	1:35	4:00	6:20

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

LEAVE	ARRIVE
7:30 10:45	4:15 6:00
8:00 11:15	4:45 6:30
8:15 11:30	4:55 6:40
8:30 11:45	5:00 6:45
8:40 11:55	5:05 6:50
8:55 12:10	5:15 7:00

SOUTHPORT TO WHITEVILLE

LEAVE	ARRIVE
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8:00	6:10
8:20	5:55
8:50	5:55
9:10	6:25
9:45	6:05
	6:40

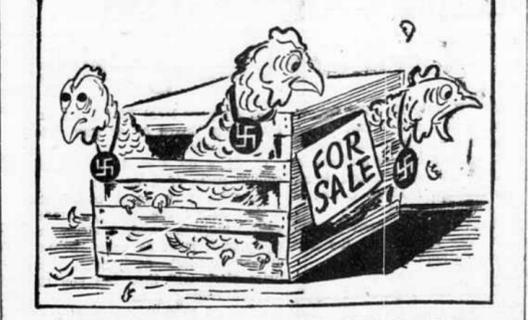
SOUTHPORT TO SHIPYARD

LEAVE	ARRIVE
5:00	1:30
5:25	1:55
5:45	2:05
6:00	2:20
6:30	2:50

SHALLOTTE TO SHIPYARD

LEAVE	ARRIVE
4:45	1:30
5:20	1:50
5:40	2:10
6:00	2:30
6:30	2:50

Sell the Slackers



SOME of the gals in every flock think they belong to pre-war aristocracy — they eat plenty but they won't lay much, if any. Wasting feed is a pretty bad offense now. The remedy is a quick trip to market. Weed out your culls, broody hens, and early moulters!

Buy War Bonds
TODAY
For Future Needs