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### Patrons And Postmasters

In an interview last week the manager of the WB&S bus line, operating between Southport and Wilmington and Southport and Whiteville, stated that the transportation company was doing all it could to get mail contracts between Whiteville and Southport.

Such a contract would result in better passenger service between Whiteville and Southport. This angle, however, should hardly be considered in view of the fact that there is a real and pressing need for better mail service for the lower part of the county. Waccamaw, Shallotte and Lockwoods Folly townships have about the worst mail service of any townships in the state. To remedy this sorry condition the bus line is in fine shape to give real mail service.

The bus line probably will not get the authority and a contract to carry the mail until mail patrons and postmasters at Supply, Shallotte, Longwood, Exum and Ash get together and ask the post office department for a mail route between Whiteville and Southport.

### Plenty Of Power Available

With the end of the war Rural Electrification is slated to expand to the point where practically all sections, that boast any population at all, will get service. Such expansion is not feasible until the end of the war for several reasons.

There is not enough labor, and not enough wiring, poles and equipment. At the present time there is not even enough current available for even a small part of the extensive expansion that is planned.

Apparently Brunswick county will be one of the first to have current available to take care of expansion needs. During the past several months Southport has constructed a modern plant, capable of taking care of about three or more times the present demand. The REA buys its current from whatever source of supply is available.

Recently Dr. E. D. Bishop, president of the Brunswick REA, took note of this ample power available at Southport. He expressed the view that the purchase by the REA of some of the unused available current at Southport would be to the mutual advantage of both the REA and the Southport plant. It seems that if labor, poles and wiring becomes available, Brunswick people will not have to wait long for current.

### Now Let's Get To Work

One of the wonderful things about our democracy is that we can take time out, when we're engaged in a death struggle, to have a national election. No less wonderful is the ability of our people, regardless of party, to accept the decision of the majority and get back to the real business of winning the war.

We believe the election did us good and we believe it demonstrated to the other nations of the world that democracy works, even during a war. Ours is no peacetime idea of government which must be shelved at the sound of gunfire.

All of us in the United States do not agree on the way things should be done and that is a good thing. When we all follow blindly, then is the time to worry about our democracy.

We have indicated to the world that we are united on the fundamental issues.

We're not Republicans and Democrats now—we're Americans!

### Cooperation Is Needed

This year more than ever before cooperation is needed from post office patrons who desire that their gifts reach their destinations by Christmas.

Transportation facilities are always taxed during the month of December.

This year the facilities have become completely overburdened. The Post Office Department says: "In view of the congestion, the only way in which the delivery of parcels may be assured is to mail them before December 1st."

This year gift sending is expected to top all previous years, and in addition, due to the fact that people are widely scattered, parcels will have to travel two or three times the usual average distance. In notices to the post masters it is said that the only solution to the problem is the complete cooperation of the public in meeting the December 1 deadline for mailing parcels that are to arrive by Christmas.

### America Marches On

At this time three years ago Germany was over running Russia. At best, experts in warfare were united in believing that Russia could last but a few weeks longer. It was a brilliant setting for further world conquest by Germany.

Encouraged by the existing outlook for world domination, the Japs were carefully coached for their treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor. Germany was to soon finish off Russia and would take care of the Atlantic side of things while the Japs overran the Pacific and invaded from the west.

The Japs struck, according to plan. Also according to plan, Germany declared war on the United States immediately thereafter. With Russia sure to fall, the Axis looked for an easy course in conquering and looting America.

Two things they overlooked, and their oversight was fatal to them. These were the energy and resources of the American people. These resources had to be developed and developed they were. It took two years to get ready for any major blows. Meanwhile both England and Russia received all the aid they could reasonably ask for. We were holding things and training men so there would be the smallest possible loss of life when the blows came.

For things not going as planned, both Germany and Japan have acquired a deep and lasting hatred of President Roosevelt, whose administration has marshalled all the energy and resources that we are now putting into the war. Germany and Japan have now been told that we are in the war to the finish, and are united as Americans to win the war.

### No Reconversion—But

Few people realize that agriculture is one of Americas largest industries and employs approximately one-fifth of America's total workers. During wartime, our farm families have performed their difficult task supplying food for our armed forces and Allies, only by working long, hard hours, seven days a week, 365 days a year—coping daily with the shortages of farm machinery, equipment and manpower. While this industry will not need time for conversion of its processing plants at the end of the war—it still faces a tremendous responsibility of producing greater quantities of food than ever before in history . . . so that the people in these United States and throughout the world may have better food, better health, and a better life.

### True Freedom Of Enterprise

Ever since the merchants broke the back of the Middle Ages, the principle of freedom has been closely linked to the concept of trade. In legislatures, in law courts, on battlefields, men have debated, contested and bled for the privilege of working and trading where, when and as they would.

True freedom of enterprise is inseparable from the idea of democracy. It must be remembered that enterprise is shared by all who participate in it or partake of it. Enterprise includes the man who makes something, the man who helps him make it, the man who buys it and all those who make or buy something like it. Hence enterprise is not entirely free unless the manufacturer, the worker, the consumer and the competitor share equally in the freedom.

There is a simple method of assuring this equality of freedom. That is, of course, the method of control: reasonable price control, reasonable labor laws, reasonable exercise of consumer rights. Somewhere between the freedom which the robber baron enjoyed (and which meant slavery for millions who worked for them and bought from them) and the total restrictions of a corporatized state lies true freedom of enterprise.

### Roving Reporter

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hunting. About the middle of the morning we ran across I. E. Chadwick at Shallotte. He had been hunting on Lockwoods Folly River with a companion. Without even a dog to assist them they had killed 17 squirrels and 3 coons. That was far from being bad small game hunting.

Politics and potato digging went hand in hand last week and potato digging received the most attention. Several light frosts had about killed all potato vines except at points immediately on the coast and election week came around with a large portion of this year's crop still undug and unstored. As a result, about everybody devoted his energies to digging and storing, only taking time out to vote on election day. Reports are that the potato crop is a fine one.

This Christmas will find hundreds of Brunswick men scattered all over the world, many in very inaccessible places. Elbert Keziah, son of the writer, is with the Air Corps at Galena, Alaska. Two weeks ago the temperature at that point had already dropped to 3 degrees below zero and was working steadily down toward the 60 degrees below at which it hangs all winter. The place is 256 miles from the nearest town or village and the only way to travel is by plane or dog sledge. The Yukon is long since frozen over.

Clarence Jenrette, defeated candidate for the house of representatives, made one of the fairest, cleanest campaigns, according to all who saw and heard about it. He lost in the war-time strongly running democratic tide, but he has probably less reason for post-campaign regrets than any other man. So far as could be seen Mr. Jenrette neither criticized nor was criticized by any rabid party partisan. He got a big vote and his failing to win does not mean that he is short of having the respect and liking of hundreds who did not vote for him. He closed his campaign with a letter of sincere congratulations to his successful opponent, written just as soon as he learned he had lost.

London Lewis, who ran against Amos Walton and lost in the race for Register of Deeds, also made a good clean campaign. He has a lot of friends among the people who voted against him, as well as among those who voted for him. He appeared to take his own defeat in a far better spirit than many of his friends did. As a regular thing one would expect a candidate who lost out by only eight votes to raise a cry of fraud. Mr. Lewis did no such thing, he accepted the decision of the ballot boxes.

Herbert Rogers of Southport has always had a fondness for o'possum and coon hunting, especially for coons. This year he appears to be in luck in the matter of having coon dogs. He has a brace of them and they are said to be fine. Two or three hunts this past week netted 9 coons, the largest of which weighed fourteen and a half pounds. Coon hides are said to be bringing a good price and the folks who love coon hunting can sort of be credited with getting their cake and eating it. Folks in the country with a love of any kind of hunting are urged to report their exploits to this column. It is a time of the year when folks enjoy little hunting stories.

### Big Increase Allowed In Cigarette Tobacco

RALEIGH. — The amount of tobacco to be allotted for the manufacture of cigarettes has been increased from 578 million pounds to 624 million pounds, the State Department of Agriculture has been informed by the War Food Administration.

The new allocation is 96 per cent of the quantity used by cigarette manufacturers in the year ended June 30 and is only two per cent less than the quantity used from the 1939 record crop, according to the report.

September crop estimates which showed a much larger flue-cured tobacco crop than was originally indicated led to the increased cigarette allocation, said WFA.

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## CAPITAL LETTERS

By Thompson Greenwood

**SPEAKERS** — Among those scheduled to speak at the National Grange convention being held in Winston-Salem November 15-24 are Donald Nelson; Eric Johnston, of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Chester Bowles, head of OPA; and Ed O'Neill, of the National Farm Bureau.

**BEAR**—How fast can a bear run? Well, Jim Rea, resident superintendent of the Tidewater Test Farm in Washington County, found out last week. He was going from Plymouth out to the old farm at Wenona when he saw a bear weighing around 150 pounds sauntering leisurely down the old swamp road which is known as Pungo Turnpike. It was cut out of the deep swamp many years ago, and there is a deep canal on either side of it. Rea speeded up his car and the bear struck a trot straight down the middle of the road. He didn't want to hit that cold water so hurriedly and he didn't want the car to strike him. Jim said he chased him about three-quarters of a mile, getting up to 18 miles an hour before Bruin decided he would prefer the water to the car.

**OATS**—If you have ever done much farming, you know Fred Latham, breeder of fine corn and a long time member of the State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Latham is now 73 years of age, but he still keeps his 2,000-acre Hyde County farm top flight condition despite labor troubles. This year he has a 20-acre field of oats, but these oats are not doing well at all. Someone called Mr. Latham's attention to this last week. "Well," said Conservationist Latham, "I really planted them for my wild geese."

The back of the Latham farm is bounded by the Pungo River. Down there last Friday afternoon 2,000 beautiful wild geese lazed about in the water, a flock of them now and then flopping over into the Latham oat field for a good feed.

**MEMBER**—Fred Latham is not now a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He probably would be, but Lindsay Warren, who is now U. S. Comptroller liked Ivan Bissette, of Grifton, a little better, stronger recommended him to the appointers. Bissette, a big farmer and fertilizer salesman and Warren stalwart, is a good man. Latham will be recommended to Governor Cherry as a fine man for his State Board of Conservation and Development. Roy Hampton, of Plymouth, is now

the member from this section of the State. He will be in the Senate, and will resign before he goes in. Hampton knows North Carolina conservatism as it now exists, but if there is a new man from the Roanoke area, Latham may be the one.

**GARDNER** — O. Max Gardner played a behind-the-scenes role in the Wake Forest-Meredith merger controversy at Charlotte early in the week. He-it is said—pulled some strong strings for the merger last week-end. If he did, chances are he was for the merger for two reasons: One, he was a merger man when he was Governor, bringing State, the University, and Woman's College under one head; two, the Gardner-Webb College, old Boiling Springs school, is still under Baptist control, and the removal of Meredith from the scene would eventually add to the strength and prestige of Gardner-Webb. This may seem a long-range idea. Well, it is. But Max Gardner is nothing, if not a long-run man. Smart as a horse trader's whip, too.

**STRIKE** — Wake Forest folks said after the Duke-Wake game that the Blue Devils made a lucky strike when they halted the Deacons on their five-yard line in the early minutes of the football battle. If, they say, Wake had scored, the game would have been different. Well, maybe so, maybe so, but the difference was a good little school team against a good big school team. A losing team can do nothing right, while the winning outfit can do nothing wrong. That's football. It's hard to beat a lucky strike, or a lucky streak.

**BACK**—Well, in about six weeks now Governor Broughton

will move out of the mansion and back to his old home across town. In will come Governor and Mrs. Cherry. They will have a merry old time of it rattling around in that house of umpteen gables on Blount street. There are around three floors of it which they won't particularly mind. Mrs. Cherry will have to spend part-nigh all her time asweeping and dusting of that place.

No. 1—To Governor Cherry will go license plate No. 1; and wherever it goes, the folks will say, "Lookie, there goes Governor Cherry." At least one State official refuses to get a low license. As Commissioner of Agriculture, Kerr Scott, could have No. 15, but he won't have it, says it's silly, and his plate has just as large number as yours, maybe larger. "I don't go in for such things," says Commissioner Scott.

### Christmas Seal Sale Postponed

RALEIGH. — The opening of the 38th annual Christmas Seal Sale has been postponed from November 20 to November 27. This change was made to avoid conflict, with the opening of the Sixth War Loan Drive which was recently set for November 20. North Carolina's local tuberculosis associations and seal sale committees are now concentrating their efforts on putting this state over the top in its drive to sell \$215,000 in seals, despite the fact that the drive will last one week less than originally planned.

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**Fossils Used By Oil Companies**  
RALEIGH. — The 10,000 fossils owned by the State Museum have now become something more than rather dull attractions for visitors, according to Director Harry Davis. He said that these fossils—of which come from Eastern North Carolina—are now being used extensively by several major petroleum companies planning to drill for oil in the coastal plain area.

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