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Committee Meeting

The meeting to be held at Supply next Wednesday is as near a general meeting of farmers as one could hope for in a case where it is desired to achieve real results.

The county has 51 communities. Recently these communities elected one of their number to be their representative. This representative is to attend next week's meeting, hear and join in the making of plans for the farm goals in 1945. He will then return to his own community and acquaint his neighbors with the plans that were made and what each is expected to do.

There is good system in that way of going about things.

If a general call were made for farmers to gather and make plans, a lot of confusion would inevitably result. Some communities would fail to have a representative present to learn what was planned. The farmers who did attend would feel that what they learned was sufficient for themselves, and very few of them would recognize any need of carrying the information to their neighbors. No real county-wide purpose could be achieved by just calling a meeting. There is a prospect of much good resulting from calling in the committees, forming plans and sending each man home to his community to spread the word.

In A Sensible Way

Farmers we have seen recently seem to be approaching the planting of their 1945 crops with a decided disposition to make the best of things. This seems to us to be a sensible thing to do.

Labor conditions will be bad this year. That much is certain. The weather this year may be good and it may be bad, but there is no use in worrying about what it may be.

Farm labor conditions cannot be improved by worrying over them in advance. The farmers must plan for what they know they can do with what they have and with little dependency being placed on being able to get additional help.

Hardwork and planning saved the day for the farmers last year, despite the labor shortage. Last spring found the farmers decidedly worried. Now they seem to have plenty of confidence and it is gratifying to find them feeling that way.

A Thank Offering

Brunswick county people have much to be grateful for in the fact that not a single case of polio developed here during the past summer and fall. Very few counties escaped the epidemic which swept the state at that time.

Now that the 1945 appeal for funds with which to combat infantile paralysis is about to begin, we suggest that contributions in this county take the form of thank offerings. If we had had polio in this county we would be more aware of the great need for providing treatment for those unfortunate children who have been stricken. Because of this very fact, let us all realize that our escape is a cause for thanksgiving and let us determine that we will do all within our means to see that those who are less fortunate are provided for in the proper manner.

The opportunity will be given to all citizens in the county to contribute to the fund. If you, by some chance, are not reached, send your thank offering to W. R. Lingle, Southport.

Remember, the need is great, and we have much to be grateful for.

Be On Guard, America!

If anyone still thinks, after what has happened in Belgium, that the war with Germany is about over, the landing and capture of two Nazi spies on the East Coast, and the possible landing of others in Japanese balloons in the West, should disillusion him. The fact that trained enemy saboteurs are still entering the United

States not only proves that Germany is fighting with every ounce of her strength, but that active collaborators are at large in American territory. The FBI has done a good job.

It is important, warns FBI Director Hoover, to report immediately suspicious activities of any character. It is important, as well, to keep a close mouth on matters the enemy shouldn't know about. Submarines still are operating in the Atlantic; the two captured spies were landed in Maine by U-Boat. Ships can still be sunk and troop trains wrecked. But each citizen can help to thwart the enemy.—The Christian Science Monitor.

Fight All The Harder—

When the Germans started their big drive on the Western Front, many people immediately began to take a decidedly pessimistic view of the turn of events.

As we see it, however, there is no need for pessimism. If we dish it out, we must expect to take it occasionally. We certainly cannot expect to have everything go out way. So far as we know, there never has been a major war where one side has won all the victories.

We may have some reverses in the Pacific. Also in other theatres of war. But any such happening should make us determined to fight all the harder.

The enemy may make gains from time to time, but these gains will be only of a temporary nature. There is absolutely no possibility of any permanent triumph. He doesn't have the supplies and he doesn't have the manpower—and he knows it. There is only one thing that Germany and Japan are hoping for, and that is a negotiated peace.

Which, incidentally, is one thing that they are not going to get. The United Nations announced at the outset of the present conflict that the only end of this war would be unconditional surrender. Our attitude in that respect has not changed. We still are working forward with that same goal in mind.

Over-optimism is bad. Over-pessimism is equally bad. We have a determined enemy to deal with and the only way to deal with him is to give him all we've got, and give it to him without any let-up.—Carl Goerch in the "State" Magazine.

Good News For Farmers

No one appreciates the telephone more than farmers. Therefore, the report that thousands of independent telephone companies have joined the Bell system in the creation of a joint committee of telephone men to work on extending and improving farm telephone service, comes as good news indeed to rural sections. Spokesmen for the committee said:

"As soon as war demands are reduced, we propose to resume and expand our research effort and, along with it, the intensive program for extending farm service which was being carried on before the outbreak of hostilities.

"Over one-half million miles of telephone pole lines serving rural areas have already been built so that more than two-thirds of all rural families in the United States can be served from existing lines. Since 1935, more than 500,000 additional families in rural areas have become telephone subscribers—an increase of 35 per cent. One of the major objectives is to continue this upward trend by making the service over existing lines increasingly valuable and attractive. This the industry intends to do to the limit of its ability.

"A second major objective is to extend service at reasonable cost to families not no reached by existing lines. Telephone industry research in the last several years has successfully developed new construction materials and methods which substantially lower the cost of building wire lines to areas not previously reached. In addition, work was started by the industry in 1938 to develop a practical system of transmitting telephone conversations over electric power lines. . . . Before this work was interrupted by the war, it was clear that a suitable system of this kind could be produced.

"The telephone companies also plan to study the possible application of microwave radio systems to rural telephone service and to make use of this and any other new methods which will be helpful in giving service to the farmer."

It has been said that good speech is like a well-dressed woman's skirt: long enough to cover important points, short enough to be interesting.

One tree will make a million matches. One match can destroy a million trees.

The Rovin' Reporter

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of drags and got 116 pounds of large roe shrimp. They sold at 30 cents per pound. He expects to continue his looking for shrimp when the weather permits. Speaking of Holden's Beach, we are reminded that we are expected to walk or hitch hike from Supply down there today. Some of the fishermen at the beach having promised us an oyster roast, with all the trimmings, free grattis for nothing if we showed up.

It is desired to remind readers of the Pilot that any time and anywhere when this part of the paper is out in the country his object is to get news items and anything that a paper uses. Little items about men in service, visitors, and things happening anywhere in the county, will always be appreciated. There are a lot of little things that makes good stories. Sometimes this is the case even when the person knowing of it does not realize the news value. We appreciate it when our friends tell us anything, even if it is just something for the personal column.

CARL S. WARD GETS COMMISSION

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there and sent on to Coleman Flying Field, Coleman, Texas, for preliminary flight training.

From Coleman Field he was sent for basic training to San Angelo, Texas, a point to which the pick of men are sent and known as "Good Fellow Field." Finishing there he was moved on to Lubbock, Texas, where he graduated less than a month ago.

The young officer is 19 years of age and will be 20 on the 26th of this month. During his first year after finishing school here he worked in the office of the engineers in charge of the N.C. Shipbuilding work at Wilmington.

While he was in training at Marshall College he met Miss Doraine Hall, of Huntington, West Virginia. They were married in the First Presbyterian church, Coleman, Texas, on the 6th of last May. Mrs. Ward will remain with him at Fort Worth until he finishes there and is sent for overseas service.

BRUNSWICK MAN ADDRESSES COLLEGE

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he quoted from Hebrews 10.

Colonel Bennett told the students that their contemporaries are giving their all, following careers "not of their own choosing, but those that were thrust upon them. They are running the race that was set before them, some wandering, as prisoners, in goat skins in the caves of the earth."

1944 History-Making Year American Merchant Fleet

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shore in the erection of the now famous portable harbors through which streamed Allied troops and supplies.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz stated that American merchant ships in the Pacific have been a great factor in recent naval victories. Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal characterized the Merchant Marine as our "Fourth Arm of Security" rating it with the Army, Navy and Air Forces. General Eisenhower and Marshall found occasion during the year to point out the decisive part being played by the Merchant Marine.

The past year has been a significant one for the American steamship industry. Charged with the management and operation of the largest fleet of merchant ships ever to fly the American flag, approximately 130 shipping lines, as agents of the War Shipping Administration, performed all the complex and intricate details that contribute toward efficient transportation.

In recognition of the American shipping industry's accomplishments in the war effort, Victory Fleet Day, September 27, 1944, was dedicated to America's private shipping companies who were honored by the award of War Service citations and pennants.

The great achievements of American shipping in 1944 were possible only through the harmonious cooperation of government management and labor. A bigger job is still to be done in 1945 and the American Merchant Marine will not fail in its task.

FILING DEADLINE APPROACHES FAST

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Taxpayers availing themselves of this special provision will be saved the double duty of filing and paying "estimated tax" on January 15 and filing and paying on the annual return March 15. March 15 remains the regular deadline for filing 1944 annual returns and 1945 Declarations of Estimated Tax.

FINAL DATE FOR TOBACCO ACREAGE

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that five percent of the national marketing quota would be made available for establishing new allotments.

"To be eligible for such an allotment either the farm operator or the person growing the tobacco, shall be living on the farm and largely dependent on the farm for his livelihood," Mr. Bennett stated.

FEWER TIRES For January

New tire quotas released by the Office of Price Administration for January reveal that fewer tires will be available for both passenger cars and trucks. For the next several months, no improvement is expected, as the military demands are greater than ever. The Army itself, is putting back into service hundreds of thousands of tires by repairing and recapping. We, on the home front, must take better care of our tires if we wish to continue driving. And that goes for EVERYONE!

HERE IS THE PICTURE— For Passenger Cars—

In this District there are 3,689 Passenger Cars—But Only 217 Tires Available in January.

For Truck Owners—

In this District there are 1,597 Trucks—But Only 7 Large Size Tires Are Allotted for January.

—Here Is What Col. J. Monroe Johnson, Director Office Of Defence Transportation Says:—

"Present indications are that all commercial motor vehicle operators will receive only about one-half of their estimated tire requirements during the first quarter of 1945. This presents a challenge to all truck, bus and taxi operators to make the greatest effort possible to continue and to step up their tire conservation activities. The present tire supply situation is the most critical since the war started. A Paris dispatch quoted General Eisenhower as saying that 'tire wear has exceeded all pre-combat estimates' and that 'the American armies fighting along the German border face a tire shortage so serious it threatens to tie up ten per cent of all Army vehicles by early February.' Conserve every ounce of usable rubber you now have. Retread and recap every usable carcass and eliminate wear and tear and tire abuse wherever possible. If tires aren't saved now, rubber borne transportation will be seriously affected, if not impaired months hence when the hot weather with its heavy toll on tires begins."

COL. J. MONROE JOHNSON, Director
Office of Defense Transportation.

Take Care Of Your Tires REPAIR - RECAP

Even those eligible for new tires may not be able to get them under the reduced quotas. Heed these simple instructions. Drive carefully. Keep tires properly inflated. Have tires inspected regularly and have all bruises, holes or breaks repaired quickly. When tread is worn smooth, RECAP PROMPTLY.

Do Your Part—We'll Do Ours To Keep You Rolling!

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