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The more you hammer at some people's faults the more you drive them in.

There's no difficulty in seeing through persons who make spectacles of themselves.

To a pessimist the gas tank is half empty, while to an optimist it is half full.

### Must Give Thought

Farming has always been a big gamble for the folks who fail to mix a lot of thought with their labor. The days of crude unimaginative efforts at farming are gone for those who wish to achieve steady and consistent success at farming.

Now and then a farmer will hit the jackpot without either much thought or effort. The same thing sometimes happens to those who engage in outright gambling. To be sure of things, especially during these war time years, farmers should form a mental analysis of what they have to go by and what they can do with it. Be sure of your ground this year before you put a crop on it.

In other words, it may pay to know just what your lands are suited to produce, what products are likely to pay best this year and whether you have enough labor to look after all of the land you plan to cultivate.

The old adage, "Be sure you are right and then go ahead," is applicable to farming more than ever before in 1945.

### On Way To Berlin

Following months of preparation for their great winter drive, the Russians have launched a full scale offensive. Their armies are now on the road to Berlin and, judging by the drives they have made in the past, no human power, certainly not the Germans, can stop them.

Hitler guessed wrong when he declared in the summer of 1941 that the Russian armies had been destroyed and that there remained but the final mopping up. It was this wrong guess that gained him an ally in Japan. With Russia out, the Japs thought it would be easy for them to come in from the Pacific. America, they thought, would be too busy defending itself in the Atlantic from the Germans who would turn from Russia.

Russia was not destroyed, but turned and became the destroyer. The all-out warfare to drive the Germans back gave both the United States and England ample time to arm and train.

With the Russian armies now less than 200 miles from Berlin, it will probably be terror of the armies that Hitler declared destroyed that causes the German people to lay down their arms and accept the unconditional surrender that the Allies demand.

### Unreasonably Long

While relatives of men killed or injured in action are notified within a reasonably short time, usually within about a month, the newspapers and the general public seem to be left out of this information.

The only way to get information of men killed or injured, while the matter is still news, seems to be for the newspapers to dig it up from the relatives who have been notified by the War Department.

To illustrate the general slowness with which matters are handled through the casualty lists, a case in point may be cited. About the middle of August, 1944, this paper was advised that a citizen of this county had been notified by the War Department that his son had been killed in action. A story was obtained from the family and published. On January 17, 1945, just five months later, the casualty lists in the daily papers had their first mention of this young man being killed.

### Hope in Many Cases

It is probable that during the next month or two relatives of a number of men in this county may receive news from the War Department that they are missing in action. Casualties were heavy during the German counter-attacks at Christmas, but it does not follow that "casualties" means that all were killed.

On the contrary, German claims are that no less than twenty thousand men were taken prisoner during one three-day period.

When a soldier or sailor is killed the fact is usually ascertained quickly. When he is missing in action much more time is required to ascertain that he is not merely lost from his company. It may be either that or he may have been taken prisoner.

A missing-in-action message should not cause relatives to wear the worst. There is still plenty of room for hope.

### A Lesson Learned?

Let us hope that Churchill's surrender demand is evidence that the Allies have learned their lesson. Surrender now and nothing that Germany will have to endure after the war will compare with the torture for Germany of a fight to the finish is the sum and substance of what the Prime Minister told the German people. That was an honorable request made in an honorable fashion and couched in no threats of destruction for Germany should Germany surrender. It made no boasts about what would be done with Germany. It said nothing about reducing industrial Germany to an agrarian state. It said nothing about partition of the Fatherland. It even made no threat of extinction to Nazi leaders. It was such a demand that even Dr. Goebbels might consider its advantages, though there was nothing about it to lend encouragement to the official German prevaricator that he would survive the Allied plan for post-war Germany.

The point is that there was within it none of the rancorous threats which stiffened German opposition along the Seigfried line. Doubtless Mr. Churchill himself, as is probably true also of other Allied leaders, has reasoned that the war might have ended in 1944 had the Allies approached surrender demands a trifle more tactfully.

### Back And Forth

The pendulum of this war has swung back and forth. First a wave of optimism, then a wave of pessimism, back and forth, back and forth. And with each swing of the pendulum has come joyous expectation or gloomy foreboding. Look at it since D-Day, for instance.

The success of the invasion brought universal Allied optimism. Then came the stalemate of the beachheads and the peninsula which dampened the ardor of the optimists. With the break through and the subsequent liberation of France came unbridled optimism. Then came the German resistance along the Seigfried line and the surprising German counter-offensive. With it gloom settled in again. Now comes the flattening of the Belgian bulge and the powerful Russian offensive to cause optimism to go all-out again.

Back and forth, back and forth, so has swung the pendulum. The moral of the whole thing should be drawn from a homely adage, "Don't count your chickens until the eggs are hatched." From henceforth, we'd prefer that policy, since optimism has backfired so many times.

Irving S. Cobb once said: "If I ever have the misfortune to go insane, I want to go live in Washington where I will not be noticed."

Revenge is sweetest when it can be, but isn't taken.

The grower who plants inferior seed needs no sermon on gambling; he is sure to learn his lesson.

A man seldom makes his money last if his father made it first.

Nothing makes more noise than a false report.

Many a woman loses her head while buying a hat for it.

Many men who wouldn't trust a woman in the driver's seat feel perfectly confident with a pint of whiskey at the wheel.

### V-C Acid Plant Operating Again

The acid plant of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, at Navassa, which was destroyed by fire two years ago, has been rebuilt. The plant has been operating for the past six months in connection with the rest of the factory. Curtis Cox, Bolivia boy who has been with the company for the past ten or twelve years, is labor foreman at the acid plant.

### Took Parents By Surprise

Palmer Bellamy, SC 2-c, who has been serving on ships in the war zones for the past year, surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bellamy of Supply, by walking in on them Saturday night. He has a 30 days leave and instead of advising the folks that he was coming he just came and walked in.

### Ran Into Strike At St. Augustine

Capt. Herman Stanaland, who went from Shallotte to St. Augustine, Fla., two weeks ago for three of four months of shrimping in those more southern waters, is having a vacation. He found a strike going on among the shrimpers at St. Augustine when he arrived there and it is still going on. The boatmen down there are organized and it is understood that they are refusing to work for the price offered by the St. Augustine dealers.

**LT. JENRETTE IN INDIA**  
Lt. Addison Jenrette, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jenrette of Ash, is now serving with the Infantry in India. He is a graduate of the Waccamaw school and also of State College in Raleigh.

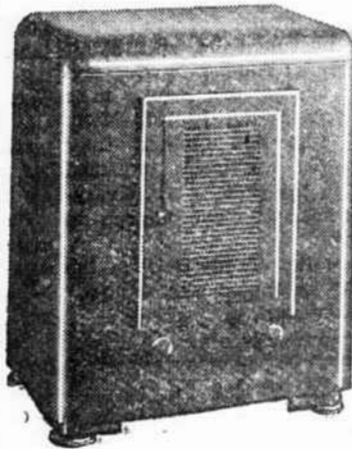
**WORK IS HEAVY**  
Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton reports an almost unprecedented rush of work for his office during the past two weeks. Real estate transfers, land deeds and almost all kinds of legal papers have been coming in at a fast clip.

**RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS**  
After nearly a year in overseas service with the Navy, Neils Jorgensen, Mo. M. 2-c, has returned to the States and is now spending a 30 days furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Cassie Jorgensen.

**HONORABLY DISCHARGED**  
Pvt. Bennie Clemmons, son of Mrs. Leonia Clemmons of Bolivia and Southport, has returned home with an honorable discharge after two years and four months overseas with the Army. He was wounded in France on the 22nd of July and also suffered shell shock. After several months in the hospitals he was returned home and mustered out.

**MEDICAL DISCHARGE**  
O. W. McLellan, who has been serving in the Navy for the past eight or nine months, has been given a medical discharge and has returned to his family at Bolivia.

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### Ceiling Prices On Cattle And Calves

Effective January 29, the OPA and the War Food Administration have been directed to establish an "Over-Riding" ceiling price on cattle and calves of \$18 per hundred weight, Chicago basis, according to information received by the County AAA Office. This ceiling price will remain in effect until July 2, at which time the ceiling price becomes \$17.50 per hundred weight, Chicago basis.

### MR. MINT IMPROVING

Wrent Mintz, well known resident of the Freeland community, was in town Monday for the first time in several months. Some months ago he suffered a facial stroke. Recovery has been slow but he is now about normal.

### The Rovin' Reporter

(Continued from page one) could run over everything else in the same manner and has not yet become disillusioned. Being a stallion did not help matters. He still has to learn a lot and this spring should bring him out as a beautiful horse. Star Garner and Rebel may become more or less acquainted this spring. Mr. Garner is planning to send Star to Southport this week or next for a month or so of gentling under the saddle. We have an idea this beautiful horse will be pleasing to the Southport horse lovers who see him.

Talking about horses, Rex, Dr. Roy Daniel's beautiful white horse still leads it over anything we have seen in the county that will wear a saddle. Rex is pretty large and heavy for a saddle horse, but he has the gait and grace that draws attention to him whenever Dr. Daniel gets him out.

Come to think of it, we go to Shallotte every Saturday and each Saturday the weather man selects that day to dish out the toughest weather he carries in his weeks bag of ricks. In spite of what we find in the weather at Shallotte on Saturdays we have never found Gene Russ wearing a coat.

It is not that he hasn't got one, it just seems that he is so red-blooded and fat that he does not need one. To our mind he is the heftiest person for his age in Brunswick county. When he laughs he shakes all over. Naturally, he laughs right much, fat people usually do. Gene, when not busy on his farm, may usually be found

around the Coast Road Station at Shallotte. His brother, Charlie, is one of the moving spirits there and Gene helps him to move. Other Coast Road spirits are Thomas Russ, who can usually be found in animated conversation with R. D. White; Herbert Russ, who is almost as fat as Gene, and Frank Holden, who usually finds time to be busy. We should also mention that Everett Holden can also be found there early each morning. He goes there to wait until the refreshment stand opens across the street.

### FREDERICK ARLINE GETS DECORATION

(Continued From Page One) at the Section Base here about two and a half years ago. While here he met and married Miss Jeanette Tindall. Nineteen months ago he was assigned to active duty and sent overseas. His little son, Joseph Frederick Arline, is 13 months old and has never seen his father. Mrs. Arline heard from her husband a few days ago and at that time all was well with

him.  
**OTTO McKEITHAN DIED WEDNESDAY**  
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Creek and Bolivia churches conducted the services. He was assisted by Rev. W. E. Lowe of Shallotte.

Active pallbearers were Charlie Knox, Venton Galloway, J. J. Hawes, Lee Clemmons, Herman Mercer and Foster Mintz.  
Honorary pallbearers were Hobson Kirby, Floyd Kirby, Elbert

Kirby, Ed Mercer, Alec Mercer, Frank Mintz, Oscar Knox, Curtis Cox, Agnew Moore, C. P. Willetts, J. J. McKoy and William Kopp.


**WALTER GRISSETT DIED ON SUNDAY**  
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of Fort Jackson, Robert E. of Mississippi, and Roy A. of Fort Bragg; and three sisters Mrs. Laura Gore, Mrs. J. S. Fuston and Miss Ilene Grissett, all of Shallotte.

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