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Since God gave us two ears and only one mouth He must have meant that we were to listen twice as much as we talk.

Keeping on the level also keeps you out of a hole.

Adolf Hitler conquered a lot of Europe, but all he will be able to keep of it will be six feet.

No woman can make a fool of a man unless she has his cooperation.

The way to get to the top is to get at the bottom of things.

The bright driver will dim his lights when meeting another car.

Men, like pins, are useless when they lose their heads.

These Are Important Days

We were all wrong last year in predicting that V-Day would come on the German front, before the dawn of this year. The whole country became too optimistic, too over-confident, and this made things all the harder when our forces in Germany and Belgium met with reverses along about Christmas.

A month ago predictions regarding V-Day were few and far between. No one could see even hopes of it for many months to come.

The past month has changed the looks of things again and optimism is once more running high. Even the most conservative minds cannot fail to see that Germany is now the nearest to overwhelming disaster than she has ever been. Anything can happen now and it can happen any day. This week the Swedish press even declared that "the next 8 days may decide the war."

Strikes Good Average—But Something Is Lacking

According to County Agent Dodson, Brunswick county hits a pretty fair average in most farm products and falls behind in two things for which both our climate and soils are especially well adapted.

Here is the way the agent lists things: Corn, over-average; wheat, above average; tobacco, over-average; chickens and eggs, over-average; hay, away above the average; hogs, above average. The two things in which we fall below the average are milk cows and beef cattle.

It is obvious that there is something wrong in the above conditions. In the hay crop we are away above the average production. We could and should feed this crop to milk cows and beef cattle. The natural grass and long grazing season are factors which, added to the hay and other roughage should make the raising of milk cows and beef cattle a profitable venture in Brunswick.

Recently we were in the office of the county agent when a long distance telephone call came in. It was from a New Hanover county dairyman who wanted 100 tons of lespedeza hay, and wanted to know where he could get it. Mr. Dodson supplied the answer and the same day trucks began rushing the hundred tons to the dairyman, the entire hundred tons of lespedeza being supplied by one grower.

Practically all Brunswick farming lands are capable of producing around three tons of lespedeza per acre; this with very little work save harvesting. It is understood that the county has a number of growers who were easily able to supply orders for a hundred tons or more.

This past week Gilbert Reid, of Winabow, said he was planting 85 acres in the crop this year. Marketing the crop is not in his mind as the two car loads of registered Hereford heifers that he added to his herd two years ago, and the calves that have come to them since, will dispose of that hay next winter during the two months when there is not abundant pasture.

Are Getting Ready

Farmers are now in earnest about getting ready for preparations for the 1945 crops, especially tobacco. Most of the tobacco growers got their seed beds planted the first of the month, a very few have been planting this past week, and a still smaller number have yet to plant.

Except for a few days during the first part of January, the ground has been too wet for plowing. This is not holding back anyone from making other 1945 farm preparations. There is a great deal to do on all farms at any season of the year and this is especially the case at about this time. Last year the farmers were not able to do but very little plowing until along in April. They had everything else in shape when it got dry enough and then they kept continuously plowing and planting.

It was a late start in 1944, about the latest that any one can remember. In the long run this did no damage. The crops last year were about the best ever grown and certainly the best ever grown under such difficult labor conditions.

Now They Know How The Farmer Feels

Consumers who recently had the coupons in their food ration books summarily invalidated, can appreciate the problem that faces the farmer under 57 varieties of regulations and restrictions.

Ordinarily the farmer plans production schedules years in advance. Investments in crops are made on the basis of probable prices at harvest time. Long experience with the laws of supply and demand teach the farmer what he must grow if he is to stay out of bankruptcy. At least that is the way the farmer operated before the age of regulation and subsidies descended upon him. Now, like the consumer, he knows not what to expect next. A government directive may cut his acreage, reduce prices when his crop is ready to harvest, or put him out of business. It is not a pleasant way to live.

Tribute To The Orphanage

Out of 304 at Thomasville Baptist orphanage examined for the Armed Forces, only three have been rejected, according to figures recently released. Compare that with the 56.8 percent rejected from the state as a whole for physical reasons and you have one of the finest tributes to orphanage training one could ask for. On the basis of the percentage of rejections in the state as a whole, Thomasville orphanage should have had more than 150 rejected instead of the three reported.

While one is directing his sympathy toward the orphans, let him withhold some of it for the children out of the orphanages whose home training and care do not fit them for life, as the 56.8 figure reveals.

The wholesome food, plenty of milk, physical activity, regular hours, wholesome physical contacts and moral and spiritual training given at the orphanage furnish an excellent pattern for children who are fortunate enough to have parents and a home with them.

The possibilities of the vast Russian offensive are enormous. It is difficult to restrain optimism in the face of it. How Germany can long continue organized resistance against such pressure staggers comprehension. The Russian tide has gained such momentum that it will take a well-prepared German defense system to stop it. And, if it isn't stopped, the Germans are under no delusions as to what the outcome will be.

We agree that there should be a liquor referendum in North Carolina and that it should wait until six months after the war. In the case of a victory for either side now, there would always be the come-back that had the boys overseas been at home, the result would have been different. The best way for complete victory for either side is to wait until that circumstance is eliminated.

Two United States soldiers, sightseeing in London, were walking down Whitehall. They wanted to see the war office but did not know on which side of the street to look. They hailed a passing Tommy and asked: "Which side is the war office on?" The Tommy thought for a startled moment and replied, "Gorblimey! Ours, I think!"—Wichita, (Kans.) Democrat.

The Rovin' Reporter

(Continued from page one) the time we were there, Mr. John Jenrette paid for four more subscriptions before we could get out of the Walton office. He was sending the paper to his daughters in Maryland and Washington, D. C., to his son, Lt. Addison Jenrette, who is overseas, and renewing his own subscription. Only his own subscription could be counted for Ash, and it was a renewal. However, there were plenty of Ash folks to run Free-land a close race towards swelling the Waccamaw township list of new readers of the Pilot.

Longwood also piled up a nice little list of new subscribers to help make Waccamaw township a real contender with Shallotte, where the number of new subscribers to the paper has grown to a very gratifying number. We have been going to Shallotte regularly every Saturday and it was a very bad day when we did not get a dozen subscribers, along with news matter. After one of these Saturday trips to Shallotte we added 34 new and renewal subscriptions to the list.

The present day terms of criminal court still have their Judge, Solicitor, Sheriff, Clerk, Lawyers, Defendants, Jurors and Witnesses. The court rooms, too, are still the same. But in spite of these unchanging regularities there is a vast difference between the terms of court of today and those that were held 20 years ago.

Take Southport, and the Brunswick county terms of court. In the old days, owing to the fact that the Steamer Wilmington, on which the judges came to town, did not arrive until noon, it was formerly the custom to open each term at noon on the first day. Ten o'clock in the morning would suit for other days; they usually held night sessions, anyhow.

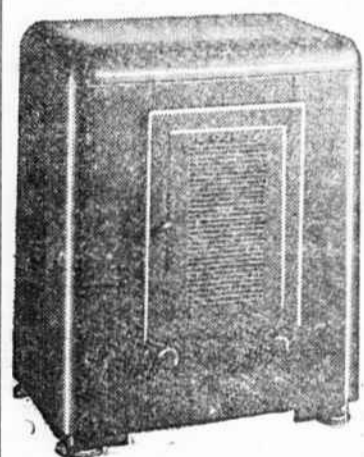
At the recent term Judge John J. Burney was about first to arrive. He opened court promptly at 9:30 each day and closed at five, except on those days when the jury had a stubborn case. Folks arriving for court last week usually marched straight up stairs, they circulated very little about town or the court house except during the one hour recess for lunch at one o'clock.

The medicine shows of other days were not here last week, neither were the horse traders or newspaper and magazine subscription solicitors. The nearest to a horse trader was Squire Afton Smith with his old dray horse which he kept hitched in a very conspicuous spot. That Hammerhead attracted considerable attention, even though it would not take any beauty prize at a horse show.

Twenty years ago one of the first things folks did after arriving in town for court week was to be sure they could find a place to eat and sleep. As a rule, they came expecting to have to spend the whole week here. In this expectation they were seldom disappointed. They also had to find stables for their horses or mules as automobiles were not so plentiful then.

C. Odell Bennett, of Exum, Waccamaw township, is credited by various of his neighbors with

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having the finest Austrian Winter fields in Brunswick county. He has six acres in the legume, planted early and thick and now has a dense mass of the vines that are almost knee high.

In the planting of this legume some of the Brunswick farmers are said to plant barely 25 or 30 pounds of the peas to the acre. This often results in a poor stand and much slower growth than would result if the seed was planted thicker.

Mr. Bennett is understood to have planted 65 pounds of the seed per acre and he started off the crop with 400 pounds of 18 acid per acre. When it comes time to plow under those peas to make way for this year's corn crop his tractor will have a job. Depending on the growing season, he is expecting to make 50 to 75 bushels of corn to the acre, following this legume.

Saw in the paper where a Columbus county man was down on Waccamaw River one day a couple of weeks ago. He carried home with him four fine large mouth bass, the four weighing sixteen pounds. His catch would have larger but his bait ran out. As most fishermen would have guessed it, he was using live minnows for bait.

At this season of the year nothing will approach live minnows as bait for either large mouth bass or perch. Despite the general belief, the bass will bite just as well or better during any mild winter day as they will in summer. Get a day when the wind is from the south and it is mild, be sure and have a supply of lively minnows and if the bass are there you will get your limit, if you know anything of fishing.

From now until late spring minnows will beat anything with which you could bait your hook. When fish have spawned in late April and the waters are full of minnows there is little use in using them for bait. From May until hot weather a plug or other artificial bait is best. Plugs are also pretty good for the big fellows in March and April. For June, July and August plain angle or earth worms are the best bait for bass and perch. Shrimp is also highly regarded during those months.

With February just around the corner, many Brunswick folks are getting a strong case of the family garden fever. With the soil and climate it is a pity that this fever does not last the whole year round. The general disposition is to plant everything in the spring and have so much stuff in the late spring and summer that most of it goes to waste. We should treat our gardening fever so as to produce some crop or other for the table every month in the year. It can be done.

For this section of the state onions sets, radishes, English peas and Irish potatoes may be safely planted after the middle of February, provided the ground is not too wet for preparing. March should see a continuation of onion, Irish potato and English pea planting. Other crops may also be put in the garden plots, viz: beets, carrots, collards, mustard, parsnip, radish, spinach, lettuce, etc. Many farmers plant corn in the fields during late March in the average year. They are unable to get about this last year because of the continued rains.

April brings weather that permits of the planting of practically every kind of garden crop, whether they are hardy or tender. In this climate anything that grows in a vegetable garden for use in the spring and summer can be planted in April. Even so, we have now reached the season of the year when any Brunswick home should begin the preparation of garden plots and the planting of the more hardy things.

A young lady out in the country was telling us the other day that she read everything in the Pilot. She complained of one thing, however. She said that everything in this Rovin' Reporter stuff was about men that we never mentioned the women and it was not fair.

Come to think of it, she may be right. Don't remember when we have written anything much about women folks in this column. When we had anything about them we always chucked it around somewhere else. This course was followed without any discrimination in mind, as most of what finds its way in here is bum stuff, anyway.

But, to please this young lady and others, if there are any, we aim to write a whole column in a week or two and in that column we will not mention a single bum. It will all be about the gentler sex and we aim to bestir ourself during the next week or two in the effort to find something interesting to say about the women. At the moment we have not a single girl or woman in mind to write something about, who and what we write about will have to be dependent on circumstances and happenings during the next two weeks.

CAPT. WILLIAMSON TELLS OF DIVISION (Continued from page one) —which battered open a passage through the hedgerow country allowing American armor to fan out over France—by a series of successful offensives against the

face of the enemy. The 30th Infantry Division is commended by Major General L. S. Hobbs who has been twice decorated. Although it was originally built around troops from National Guard Units of Tennessee, Georgia and the Carolinas, and thus gets its name, Old Hickory, from President Andrew Jackson, who led troops in that sector, the 30th's officers and men represent all States in the Union.

The Division climaxed a colorful World War I history by cracking the Hindenburg Line, paving the way for Germany's ultimate defeat then. Will history repeat itself? The Division adopted a fine policy (Continued from page one) ployees on military leave of absence in the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine full credit, for all benefit and pension purposes, for time spent in these services.

Jury Unable To Reach Verdict In Tom Long Case; Orders Mistrial (Continued from page one) \$130,000 and defendant to be of good behavior for a term of five years.

Douglas Ballard, murder, continued for defendant.

Edward Young, murder, continued.

Joe Brooks and Pat O'Quinn, disturbance and assault, continued.

J. B. Carlisle, aid and abet in receiving stolen goods, continued.

Between criminal cases eight civil motions for divorces were heard by Judge Burney, the divorces being granted in all cases.

FARMERS USING MUCH DYNAMITE FOR DITCHING

(Continued from page one) for L. C. Babson, Bailey King and others in the Freeland community. Lonnie Evans, of Ash, stated that there was nothing like dynamite, either in these days of labor scarcity or at other times. Among the farmers of his community whom he mentioned as using it and liking it were Lester Babson, G. W. Cox, W. V. Sim-

This battle of the 30th against the best of the German armor started on the night of August 7-8 and a week later the Old Hickorymen again were forcing the retreat of the Germans.

The 30th Troop drove rapidly against the Germans to free Evreux and Louviers, then crossed the Seine at Mantes Cassicourt to enlarge the bridgehead there and prepare for the next breakthrough, this time into Belgium.

An opposed infantry speed march record was made and another commendation won when on August 31 and September 1 the 30th dashed to Journal, Belgium, covering 180 miles through enemy occupied territory in 72 hours. The march was motorized during the last two days and was screened by a task force of the Division. The 30th was the first allied infantry division to enter Belgium.

Still disrupting German efforts toward an orderly withdrawal, the Old Hickorymen drove on to become the first allied troops in Holland, arriving there on September 12, after having captured the famous border fortress, Eben Emael, on September 10. Maastricht, Holland, fell to the 30th on September 13 after which Old Hickory troops fought on into Germany, advance elements crossing the border at Horbach on September 14.

The attack on the Siegfried Line started October 2, continued for two weeks, to establish the bridgehead in what was reputed by the Germans to be their "impenetrable West Wall."

More than 1,500 battle decorations have been awarded officers and men of the 30th Infantry Division for gallantry in action and meritorious service in the

mons, G. V. Smith, Corbet Coleman, B. A. Milligan, F. D. Inman. There were plenty of others but he could not recall of them just who they were.

The demand for dynamite for farming purposes has become so great that M. C. Gore of Longwood, has built a storage house for the explosives and is marketing it extensively among the farmers of the county.

LOCAL CITIZEN DIED THURSDAY

(Continued from Page One) Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bertha McKeithan, one son, Eugene; and a daughter, Shirley; a sister, Mrs. Herman Catwady of Wilmington, and a brother, Philip McKeithan, of New York.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3:30. The services were conducted by Rev. O. I. Hanson, who was assisted by Rev. A. L. Brown. Interment was in the No. 14 cemetery.

Active pallbearers were John D. Eriksen, J. A. McNeil, Joe Lewis, Edwin Duzier, P. B. Thompson and LeRoy Swain. Honorary pallbearers were: E. R. Weeks, B. L. Furlless, G. E. Hubbard, J. E. Smith, W. F. Jones, James Carr, W. E. Bell and Richmond Fullwood.

Mrs. A. W. Detwiller and baby are visiting relatives in Jacksonville, Fla.

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