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When The War Ends

Unless there is a great deal of real and sober planning, the folks who are now on the home front will find the war being brought home to them for the first time when the shooting stops over there.

In thousands of American homes there is already a sense of the meaning of war, coming in the shape of reports of relatives being killed, wounded or taken prisoner. For the most part, however, the war has never been felt in America. We have been riding on a very high tide of prosperity and many of us have been reckless in our riding.

The threats of war and the actual war when it came both brought great changes. These changes were easily taken in stride, even the harsh ones. We took them easily because of the accompanying prosperity. The end of the war will likewise bring changes and some of them may not be so easy to fall in with, especially in those places where no foresight prevails, and no careful planning is made for the future.

When the war ends will our boys come home and find that we have carried on conscientiously while they were away? Will we have plans and programs that will enable them to take up and carry on at the point where they left off when they went to defend their country and ours? Will they find their homes all they thought they were?

Should Do Job Early

For the past several years there has been no dredge attached to the office of the U. S. Army Engineers in Wilmington, equipped for work on the Cape Fear Bar. That situation has now been remedied with the assignment of the San Pablo to the District.

In an much as the command of the Wilmington office undergoes a change every few years, due to rotation, it may be timely now to mention one disturbing local factor in connection with dredging operations on the Cape Fear bar. The matter is mentioned purely in a spirit of cooperation with the Engineers Office and the Southport fishing industry.

Shrimping is well underway here by the middle of the summer. This seafood product congregates densely on the bar and at the dumping grounds at about that time. When dredging is carried on during the shrimping season it is very reasonable to suppose, as fishermen have often claimed, that thousands of bushels of shrimp are destroyed by the dredge daily.

At times in the past there has been irritation between local fishermen and Wilmington Engineers because of dredging operations usually being arranged for the Cape Fear Bar during seasons when the heaviest destruction of shrimp is entailed. It appears that with the resuming of dredging operations representatives of the fishermen should confer with the Engineers and endeavor to have the local work done at a time when the least damage will be done to a valuable seafood product.

A Needed Service

The W.B.&S. Bus Lines, Inc., has been giving splendid service between Wilmington and Southport, serving Supply, Bolivia and all other intermediate points in a manner that should be pleasing to the public.

The company, in addition to the Wilmington-Southport service, has a one-way each day service between Whiteville and Southport. It is hoped to add to the service between these points when conditions will permit.

For the future, the company has in an application for a line to Whiteville, via Grissetown and Longwood. Another contemplated route for which an application is on file is for the River Road, between Southport and Wilmington.

It appears to this paper that a River

Road service has potentialities for the future, as well as immediate possibilities. If service were in effect over the River Road between Southport and Wilmington at the present time a great many visitors would be using it right now for stops at Orton Plantation, Pleasant Oaks Plantation and Clarendon Plantation.

With an application for a franchise for this road now on file it is hoped that the bus company will make an effort to begin some sort of service over the River Road as soon as possible.

The Great Hope Gone

A lot of people wonder why the German people continue fighting and dying when, as an educated nation, they must realize that they have lost the war.

The answer is not so hard. The war was started and has been carried on by the Nazi party and defeat means a hard and sure punishment for their leaders. When rats are cornered they will usually fight to the death. The Nazis have been cornered and in carrying on to the finish they have elected to take the great mass of German people down with them. It matters little to them now if he destruction of Germany is included.

To arrive at this stage of conditions the Nazi have long hoped that something would intervene, something that might enable them to win, or at least obtain favorable peace terms.

Their greatest hope is that there would be disagreement among the three great powers that are arrayed against them. They counted on a break up and disagreement between the United States and Great Britain on one side and Russia on the other. If not that, they still had the hope that the United States and Great Britain would disagree in some manner.

That hope ended with the close of the meeting between Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt last week. The meeting left the three great powers more united, more determined than they have ever been to put an end to the Nazi in Germany. The meeting of the heads of the three great powers was one of the most complete accord and cooperation. Germany's last great hope concerning the war is gone.

Based In Citizenship

Let this basic fact be kept constantly in mind, that the community rises or falls upon the quality of its citizens. In community business, politics, civic interests, educational leadership, social conditions, quality citizens make a quality community. A community with adequate cultural opportunities is made so because a cultural citizenship demands it. A community with clean politics is made so because the moral convictions of its citizens demand it. A community with strong, intelligent administrative leadership is made so because its citizens are righteously indignant with anything short of it. A city with adequate law enforcement is made so because its citizens require it. A community with broad, progressive industrial and commercial opportunities is made so because of the constructive vision of its citizens.

The citizens, yes the CITIZENS, if they be of the quality type, then a quality community results. Back of strong government, a strong citizen. Back of cultural opportunities, a cultured citizen. Back of civic pride, a civic-minded citizen. Back of fair business practices, an honest citizen. Back of a quality city, a quality citizen.

Don't be discouraged. Spring always HAS come.

The girl who runs after a boy will lose him in the long run.

Women are always going in for new wrinkles, hoping they'll get rid of the old ones.

Laws are always more popular before they are enforced.

The most difficult thing to remember is what NOT to say.

You never know what you can amount to until you make the most of yourself.

The coordination of airplanes with existing methods of transportation, including trucks, express, railroads, steamships, and storage warehouses, is essential to give our nation the last word in transport service. The people of the United States are such great travelers and shippers that it will take the combined facilities of every agency to meet their needs.

WISE AND Otherwise

Ed. and Robert Marlowe were in the office on Tuesday afternoon and we had a most interesting conversation. They are just back after eleven months aboard a minesweeper in European waters. During those months they had many a chance to think about home and wish they were here.

Ed said that being away has made one important change in his attitude. Whereas he formerly resented people calling 'Southport a little dead old town he now doesn't mind a bit because he realizes that it is just the way he wants it.

"You don't know how much you love the place till you have to be away from it," said Ed.

"People can say what they please and I'm not going to say a word," put in Robert. "I love the place and the war can't get over soon enough to suit me. This is the place I'm heading for as soon as they tell me I can come home for good. I hope Southport stays just the way it is because it's home to me and I like it this way."

On Valentine night there came a great pounding on my door and it was so sudden and so late that it was frightening. After I gave myself a mental jerk of the shoulder and said to myself, "Come now, this isn't Germany where a nocturnal pounding on the door might mean something to be afraid of" I went to the door and realized that it was the young people around throwing Valentines just like I used to do.

Naturally they wanted something to eat, but unfortunately I had forgotten this phase of Valentine fun and had failed to "put in" anything special. I finally found some crackers and doughnuts, but knowing young people as I do, I know that only whetted their appetites. Fortunately they had been to other houses where they had received something else.

Next time, boys and girls, how about telling us you're coming around? You'll have a lot better chance of having something to eat.

With the arrival on Thursday of her ninth grand-daughter, Mrs. Helen Bragaw has completed her baseball team made up of girls. Both she and the other grandmother, Mrs. Frank Niernsee, are mighty proud of the little girl, and I have it from reliable sources that the mother is right well pleased too. I'll have to let you know what Billy thinks of his daughter later, because he is overseas and not immediately available for making a statement.

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR REA POSTWAR CO-OP EXPANSION

(Continued From Page One) leaving the remainder available for immediate use when line-building is resumed on a peacetime scale.

The Cooperative's first lines went into operation December 18, 1939 with 233 consumers. It now operates 477 miles of line serving 1,705 farms and other rural consumers.

The Cooperative has fulfilled all its obligation in making regular payments on its REA loans and, in addition, has also invested a substantial amount in War Bonds as a reserve for emergency and for later maintenance.

Forest Products Committee Plans War Effort Drive

(Continued From Page One) requirements for paper and paper board for the first quarter of 1945 are 4,400,000 tons. It is obvious that increased production in lumber and pulpwood is essential to the war effort. The only possible way to get this increase is not only to maintain the present labor supply, but to use every available means of increasing it.

The conference chairman, Dr. I. O. Schaub, Director of Extension at State College, appointed a committee of industry representatives and representatives of the public agencies to plan and promote a campaign among farmers, timber owners, and timber operators to increase the output of forest products, especially lumber and pulpwood.

The demand is urgent. Someone said, "Don't let our boys overseas down." Yet numerous cases were reported showing the shortage of shells and supplies reaching the front due to a shortage of lumber and pulp for making packaging material. It's the patriotic duty of every farmer, timber operator, woods laborer, and others to give every day possible to aid in meeting these timber needs. The boys at the fighting front have no waste or idleness have no absenteeism in the woods.

Goals for the first six months of 1945 call for North Carolina to produce 450,000 cords of pulpwood and 850,000,000 board feet of lumber by July 1. We can do it if everybody helps.

This call for help and cooperation is going all the way down to the man in the field and the forest. The county agricultural agent will call a county conference of the vocational teachers, farm forester, TPWP forester, chairman of the county war board, Soil Conservation and Farm Security representatives, county forest warden, local pulpwood contractors or buyers, lumbermen, farmers and timber owners, the local editors and other key people, and organize a County Forest Products Committee to carry on the campaign for "More Wood Products For Our Fighting Men Now."

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MANY STUDENTS MADE HONOR ROLL

(Continued from page one) titative, leadership, maturity, personal appearance and self control. With the first and second grades not judged the following students won places on this roll:

Third grade: Joe Cochran, Joan Ramsauer, John Johnson and Bobbie Swain.

Fourth grade: Virginia Mae Hazelton, George Robert Gallo-way, Nodine Clemmons and Nadine Kincaide.

Fifth grade: Patricia A. Adams, Joy Lynn Bell, Harriette Corlette, Lattia Hickman, Mary Ann Loughlin, Mary E. Lupton, Kay Moore, Bernice Phelps, Ada M. Simmons.

Sixth grade: Rudy Bell, Danny Harrelson, Ronald Hood, Edward MacEachern, Santa Charles Coleman, Janice Swan, and Nancy Swan.

Seventh grade: Edwin Nichols, Lena Ward, and Billie McDowell.

Eighth grade: Barbara Ann Price.

Ninth grade: Zeldia Evans, Sue Fredere, Betsy Galloway, Joyce Lancaster, Lottie Jane Sellers, Myrtle Singletary, Barbara Weeks.

Tenth grade: Franto Molly-check, Billy Wells, Agnes Evans, Evelyn Muncy, Dorothy Ward, Eunice Lewis, Lewis Newton, Ann McRacken, and Monroe Smith.

Eleventh grade: Sally Ann McNeill, Douglas Jones, Eleanor Lee Reese, Olive Dean Smith.

SAN PABLO SENT TO THIS DISTRICT

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The Comstock was usually manned by Southport and Brunswick county officers, with most of her crew also being Brunswick men. Some of these men are still serving aboard her while she is in the war service. It has not been announced who is in command of the San Pablo.

HOPES TO GET ON SHORE DUTY

(Continued from Page 1) of Japanese souvenirs, mostly from Saipan. These included portions of Japanese rifles and other guns, etc.

With more than four years of overseas duty to his credit he understood that when he reported back to his station he would probably be assigned to shore duty.

BROTHERS HOME FOR SORT TIME

The brothers joined the Navy

at the same time two years ago and have felt themselves fortunate to have been assigned to the same ship. They are the sons of Mrs. J. R. Marlowe of Southport. Ed married the former Miss Marion Normant and Robert married the former Miss Mary Cathene North-up.

The Rovin' Reporter


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going all the way to New York to sit in on a conference with some fellows whom we will know by their reputations when we see them.

During the next three months the State College Extension Service will hold pressure campaigns in all sections of North Carolina. Ask the county or local agent about the schedule. Subscribe to The News Reporter

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