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Winds And Fire

Despite splendid cooperation on the part of the public in trying to prevent and fighting fires that broke out, this county suffered a heavy loss in the destruction of young timber during the past two weeks.

In some places well matured pulpwood and some saw timber was destroyed or badly damaged.

Other trees will arise from the ashes; they always do. But much time will have been lost.

Defense Work Diminishing

It is now being generally admitted that work at the North Carolina Shipyard in Wilmington will cease early in July.

Many men and women from this county have been working in the Wilmington yards since the work was first started.

When Two Fires Meet

There are few residents of the county who have not at some time or another, witnessed what happened when two great fires ran together.

Something like the above is inevitable in Germany during the present week.

It is not so much what army will arrive at Berlin first; there is now nothing left at Berlin to make it a great object of the Allied armies.

Russia Will Join

This paper has repeatedly expressed the belief that as soon as Russia accomplished the major object, the defeat of Germany, she would join in the war against Japan.

government accused Japan of giving aid and comfort to Russia's own mortal enemy, Germany.

Following up this official declaration of the Russian government, Russian newspapers have been assailing the Japanese government.

Destructive Operations

A well informed citizen of this county stated this week that with our great fresh water areas this county can well maintain wonderful fishing for this and following generations.

The use of explosives is especially destructive. It kills everything, large and small, in an area varying in size with the amount used.

In either case illegal fishing, whether with dynamite or nets, is a matter of community action.

Words Of Wisdom

"Whatever will be possible centuries ahead, it is not at this stage in our social evolution that we can dispense with the incentive of private enterprise.

For V-E Day

Victory in Europe Day is coming. It will doubtless not come with dramatic suddenness comparable to the conclusion of other wars.

An appropriate observance of that day should not only be by individual impulse; it should also be according to a concerted community plan.

We'd suggest eliminating the holiday until Victory Day marks the elimination of Japan also, but we'd enforce a holiday, probably more than one, upon beer joints and other businesses of a kindredike.

Whatever Columbus towns plan to do about it should be done now. Few now expect a mass surrender of the German army, but V-E Day is coming one way or the other, and plans should be in readiness for it when it comes.

Getting out a paper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other papers we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't print contributions we don't appreciate true genius.

If we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.

If we make a change in other people's writing we are too critical!

If we don't we are asleep.

Now, like as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other paper. Well—we did.

The criminals of the black market are on the home front: the woman who buys nylon stockings, the man who uses black market gasoline, the housewife who buys steaks at fancy prices, without ration points.

WISE AND Otherwise

Last week the Pilot had a short item about a fox which was killed by M. R. Sanders near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Starling Hewett on the Supply-Shalotte highway.

Rev. Hinson, pastor of Trinity church is quite a student of rhetoric and he came in on Saturday with the announcement that he couldn't find the word 'pikilated' in his dictionary and wanted to know what it meant.

For Mr. Hinson's information, the word is a product of the movies. In "Mr. Deeds Goes To Town" there were two old maid sisters who coined the word as their description of a man who was slightly off his nut—but not entirely crazy.

Since the time the picture came out the word has come into somewhat common usage, much the same as the word 'guising,' which you won't find in the dictionary, and the word 'quiz,' which originated as the result of a wager, we understand. A man once made the bet that he could chalk a meaningless word on a store window and before the next day everyone would want to know what it meant.

In this day of rapid word-coinage it is sometimes hard to keep up with the words that are used. We take 'globaloney,' 'pillbox,' 'cheeseecake,' and 'D-Day' in our stride, but when it comes to asking us to understand the double talk and unintelligible jargon in which we understand the jitterbugging age converses we have to confess that we're a little like Rev. Hinson, and 'want to know what it means!'

Charlie Lee has been the faithful janitor at Southport School for well, a great number of years.

He's been janitor since long ago when part of the school was over in the building which is now the City Hall. I know, because he started me off in school.

The other night Charlie was on hand at the schoolhouse when the senior play was presented. It was an awful night; everything was sloppy and it was a mighty good night to stay at home.

Charlie's right, because all the churches in town are down on their attendance, even in beautiful weather like we've been having.

Under modern factory methods, 40 separate operations on 40 different machines, linked with two miles of conveyors, are utilized to produce a single 155 mm. projectile.

The name "comet" is derived from the Greek and Latin words for hair from a fancied resemblance between the tails of comets and long hair streaming in the wind.

PACK OF HOUNDS KILLING FOXES

Getting around to tobacco planting, a crop of which he is said to be the largest producer in Brunswick, the Longwood man said he had never before known a crop to be planted as early as is the case this year.

LION'S CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE

(Continued from Page One) Swain; Third Vice-president, Lanier Purpiss; Lion Tamer, Paul Fodale; Tail Twister, Pierce Cranmer; Secretary-Treasurer, James Hewett; Board of Directors: Robert Willis, J. W. Ruark, William Jorgensen, and J. J. Loughlin.

LONG CASE SET FOR MAY TERM OF CRIMINAL COURT

(Continued from Page One) a jury. The jury was obtained without great difficulty and after two days spent in hearing the evidence and speeches by defense and prosecuting attorneys the case went to the jury.

After a full day and part of a night spent in deliberation the jury advised the presiding judge that it was unable to agree. Accordingly, a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial was ordered.

TANK COMPANY IS COMMENDED

(Continued from page One) strongpoints with their 75mm guns and machine gun fire. The Citation mentioned several other conspicuous actions in which C Company led the way, over mined roads and facing heavy opposition and blinding snowstorms. The tankmen were credited with playing gallant and courageous

parts in the advance of the American forces.

EGRETS HATCH AT BATTERY ISLAND

(Continued from Page One) hatching periods. The crows are in greatly increased numbers this year and young Jones fears that if they continue to increase and destroy the eggs the egrets and herons may seek other nesting grounds.

STAR OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

(Continued from page One) borne; Warder, Mrs. Mary St. George; Sentinel, and Mrs. Anna Davis.

Lt. Garrett Writes Mother About His Part In Invasion

(Continued from Page One) plane came down, you can well imagine how rapidly it grew in size as it approached us. Our guns were blazing away and the lead was pouring into him. We must have hit the pilot fatally or knocked his plane out of control, because he failed to "lay his eggs" and crashed into the water just eastern of us and exploded. I mean that plane exploded into a thousand pieces, making rancid Hamburger of the Son of Nippon flying it. Our only casualties were one officer and one man who were slightly knicked by pieces from the exploding plane.

We arrived off Lingayen Gulf on the appointed day, proceeding with our mission which was for our planes to bomb shore installations and cover the approaching troop convoys and supply ships, and otherwise paving the way for the landing of our troops on "S" Day. The several days before and after the invasion were most trying on us physically, because there were Jap planes around continually, it seemed, and we were running up and down ladders to General Quarters at all hours of the day and night. Our planes did an excellent job in this operation as did everyone else on the ship. As a matter of fact, our Admiral has sent us the traditional Navy "Well Done" several times for the part we played. It was a Lunga Point that gave the signal, over the beach, for the Warships in Lingayen Gulf to lift their gunfire inland and for the invasion forces to head for the beach, where they landed at 0930 on "S" Day. We surely had a first-hand picture of it all. The night before the invasion, the troop convoy passed us, it being the largest in history and 70 miles long according to the Associated Press news release, and it was really a sight to behold. Our planes, over the invasion beachhead, radioed a word picture of the invasion to the controlling ships in the Gulf, and our radio intercepted, and passed it along to all hands over the Ship's general announcing system. It was just like watching a big parade pass in review. At 0930 on Jan. 9 (Jan. 8 to you) the first wave of troops hit the beach, with practically no opposition, which means that the withering gunfire of our ships and the bombing of our planes had made the Nips beat a hasty retreat, and we established a beachhead 15 miles long, with practically no casualties, much to our surprise. We put on the beach thousands of troops and vehicles the first 24 hours, and they continued landing them for several days afterwards.

Our Army has seen so little of the Japs that it has us all puzzled. We feel quite confident that they have a trick up their sleeve to pull on us, but we can't help but feel that they missed their best chance while Lingayen Gulf was literally full of American transports on "S" Day. It must be that the blasting the Army and Navy planes gave the entire Philippines area completely dazed the enemy. The road to Manila, 100 miles south, will not be an easy one. On the contrary, it will be stained with the blood of many a fine young American, but we, on board, do feel that the greatest obstacle in regaining the Philippines has already been achieved, and with practically no loss of life, and that was the establishment of the beachhead.

Our Captain has kept us all well-informed on developments, not only on "S" Day but most every night since, by giving us informal talks over the general announcing system, covering not only the naval strategy employed but also the Army strategy; so we will certainly be in a position to tell our grandchildren about the "Battle of the Philippines." Our Chaplain has followed the Captain's talks with prayers for our

success and safety, which have been both timely and comforting. I repeat that the Lunga Point has come through without loss of life thus far, but attendance at Divine Services has materially increased since that Jap bomber gave us that scare. It is still a long way to Tokio, and to do to Tokio what we have just done to Luzon will take not only the continued devotion to duty of the men in the Lunga Point and all other vessels, but, what is just as important, the 100 per cent backing of those on the Home Front. You continue to do your part, and we'll do our best to help make this a short war, in the hope that we will soon be re-united and enjoying everlasting peace-together.

As ever, JOSH PS: We are not coming back with our bridge undecorated; there are little Jap flags painted there now, representing the work of both our Ship's guns and our planes.

Brunswick Teachers Active In Work For Federal Aid

(Continued from Page One) from our own Seventh District. Congressman Graham A. Barden, Chairman Committee on Fed. Aid.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey, at present undecided. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, a friend of the bill.

Congressmen from back home (teachers from out of this Co.) Congressmen measure the sentiment of the voters back home by the number of letters, telegrams, and personal visitations received on any particular bill. All out effort should be made to get lay people to write, or wire. Anyone going to Washington should be asked to get appointments with Congressmen to discuss this topic. In Washington Congressmen are glad to see any person from home.

Federal Aid will mean much to every teacher who plans to remain in the profession. It will be allotted to the various states without strings attached, to be administered just as other state funds are administered.

Have you read the material on Federal Aid to Education in the March issue of Education, and the February issue of the Journal of the National Education Association? Please try to read these, and then write, write, write, and get others to write!

Woman's Club Flower Show Will Be Held On Friday

(Continued from page One) C. St. George. To receive guests, Miss Margaret Parkhill and Mrs. Clarence Crapon.

Shadow Boxes, Mrs. E. M. McEachern and Mrs. Fred Willing. Special Mantle Decoration, Mrs. L. C. Fergus. Advertising, Mrs. Pierce Cranmer and Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert. Prize Chairman, Mrs. Helen Bragaw.

Tea: Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Chairman, Mrs. D. E. Arthur, Mrs. Mary Bussells, Mrs. H. C. Corlette, Mrs. Prince O'Brien, Mrs. H. H. Thomas, Mrs. Murley Hood, Mrs. Velma Ward, Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, Mrs. S. B. Frink, Mrs. A. L. Lewis, Mrs. A. L. Brown, Mrs. Joel Moore, Mrs. Frank Niernse, Sr., Mrs. Fred Asburn, Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Mrs. G. Y. Watson, Mrs. Arthur Weeks, Mrs. Harry Weeks, Miss Susie Newton, and Mrs. G. E. Hubbard.

Classifications for the show are as follows: Class I Perfection of bloom. Class II Artistic Arrangement. A. Dining table (without dishes)

- B. Mantle C. Coffee table D. Porch E. Boudoir F. Wild flower G. Large table (living room) H. Small table (living room) I. Public building J. Miniature K. Seasonal arrangement (Easter Xmas, etc.) L. Dried material Class III Dining table with dishes Class IV Potted plants A. Flowering B. Non-flowering Class V Junior entries Class VI Shadow Boxes

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(Continued from page one) county viewed it with satisfaction. Every daylight hour that can be put in the fields this week is being devoted to the planting of tobacco. The plants are being set fully two weeks earlier than dur-



ing a normal year and three weeks or more earlier than they were planted last year. Last year the rains caused unusually late planting. In addition to being planted at about the earliest known time this year, all plants are of unusually large size, firm and stock. The fine plants, early transplanting should combine for a splendid crop of fine quality weed this year. Provided there is a good growing season.

Donie Robinson, Shalotte colored man, found a fox under his house one day the past week. The house one day in no way disposed animal was in no way disposed to come out, refusing all attempts to be frightened out, where kill- ing might be easier. As a last resort Donie proceeded to shoot it where and as was.

Reports of unfoxy doings of foxes are still bobbing up. The latest report of unusual behavior of these animals comes from Charlie Bryant, colored farmer of the Supply section. Wednesday Charlie was working in his garden, in the front of his house. A neighbor called out to him and told him there was a fox in the garden. Looking up he saw the animal trotting towards the house, carrying a cat squirrel in its mouth. Charlie seized his pitchfork and got in front of the fox, which paid no attention to his movements or call. As it was passing him he gipped it through the neck with the fork. He says it squaled pitifully until overcome by death. But it never once released its jaws from the squirrel.

Our good friend J. L. Henry of Winnabow has called us to task, can we blame him? We have repeatedly credited him with being a member of the board of well-fare in news stories. A repetition of the offense last week appears to have been a little too much. He sat down and wrote us that he did not belong to that board, it should have been A. P. Henry. (A. P. as in Associated Press, not J. L.) The error, while ours, was perfectly unintentional. We were entirely without bias or prejudice. There was absolutely no disposition on our part to reflect upon Mr. J. L. Henry by saying he was a member of the board of well-fare.

The six feet three inches of Dr. Fred Mintz of Shalotte proved very useful Sunday. The Dr. is more adept at mixing medicines than at piloting a speed boat. At the above mentioned time he was going down the Shalotte river at a lively clip and decided to pass the big shrimp trawler, Joan C., belonging to Captain Herman Stansland. While the Joan C. was kicking up plenty of backwash. The Mintz boat passed close by and ran into this backwash. Immediately it tried to go made during a bit of spare time seven ways at once, including up from his duties.

Among salt water fishing incidents of the week was the reporting of a catch of 10 beautiful trout by Roger Clemmons. All of the fish were large, the heaviest Stansland. While the Joan C. was kicking up plenty of backwash. The Mintz boat passed close by and ran into this backwash. Immediately it tried to go made during a bit of spare time seven ways at once, including up from his duties.

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