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Less Hasty Marriages

From now on there should be fewer and often ill advised, hasty marriages of North Carolina couples in South Carolina.

In other words, you now have to make application for a South Carolina marriage license 24-hours, or more before it will be issued to you.

In still other words, you cannot just drive over into South Carolina from this and other border counties, find a probate judge and get married.

A Vicious Weapon

The Japanese suicide plane is a vicious weapon in the hands of fanatics and the American people back here on the home front should make no mistake about that.

In short, the Japanese suicide plane is a tremendously lethal weapon. Loaded with a potent explosive and guided by a Japanese who is about to die and knows it, it is propelled at tremendous speed towards its target.

Takes Much Handling

A tobacco crop is almost entirely a handmade one. It takes many busy hands to make ready the many million pounds of tobacco that will shortly begin piling up on the warehouse sales floors.

In many cases this years crop was started even before the dawn of the year. By Christmas many tobacco beds in this belt had already been prepared.

It was then that some of the real work began. Transplanting the plants is in itself a big and arduous job. The planting was not all finished before cultivating began in many cases and the cultivating was not all done before labor was required for cropping and curing.

When they see those piles of tobacco being auctioned off, beginning late this month, very few people will pause to consider how much personal handling each leaf received by itself.

Don't Want To Talk

It is generally known that men who have passed through trying periods in the war, the fellows who have seen death all around them and often staring them in the face, are not inclined to talk about their adventures when they return home.

Perhaps it is better so. They should be allowed to forget, if they can. For many that will be no easy task, as their very souls have been seared by experiences through which they passed.

Recently we have interviewed a number of returned soldiers, some of them out of prisoner of war camps where hardships and cruelties inflicted upon helpless men defy all description.

As a matter of fact their truthful answer to inquiries revealed such things that we were a little less anxious to hear than they were to tell it. Naturally, the public want to know something of what the soldiers went through.

Putting A Bang In School

Things have changed, brother, since the days of manual training a couple of decades ago. Remember how we planned, mortised, glued and stained all winter, to come up in the Spring with a somewhat uncertain taboret for mother?

Thirty thousand schools and other educational institutions will be eligible in a few weeks to receive surplus aircraft, engines and parts for nonflight use from the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Let's Reverse Scarcity Philosophy

After reading the statistics and arguments relating to various phases of rationing and price control in the United States, one comes to the inevitable conclusion that the job of telling each family what it can eat and wear, and each farmer and manufacturer what he can produce, involves over-all planning of interlocking details that would stagger even the creator of all things.

The effort to make all phases of production and retailing a matter of statistics, has become a job beyond the conception of man. The factors that went into past production and selling costs, may have little or no bearing today because of entirely changed conditions that face producers and retailers.

Quoting statistics alone will not fill the bread basket. There must be developed in this country a friendly governmental attitude toward producers and retailers. Cooperation must be a two-sided affair. It is all right to hold down prices, but when necessary there must be a quicker adjustment in the cost of production and selling.

Instead of perfecting plans for more rationing of scarcities, why not put more emphasis on adopting policies which will produce plenty?

An Unsavory Term

Tokyo radio's reiterated declaration that Japan has not and never will make peace overtures to the United States and Great Britain suggests that Japan not only has invited the friendly service of neutral powers to present peace feelers but is itself feeling out the conditions on which it may surrender.

The more Tokyo says it does not seek peace the more reason to think peace terms are weighing heavily upon its military mind. They know they cannot win. Out-fought at every turn, with their Navy impotent, their air force dwindling, their industrial centers being ground to powder, the outcome of the conflict is obvious even to their fanatical understanding.—The Wilmington News.

The Rovin' Reporter

(Continued From Page One) matters beyond our control for the time being. We are just as interested and as proud of North West township being part of Brunswick county as we are of any other part. It may be that we will shortly get around to being able to show North West some more attention. We hope that will be the case. How about your helping us by sending us news matter that does not now reach us?

The small grain crop in Brunswick was noticeably high in yield this year, when it came to harvesting time. The best report on a crop that we have heard of was made by Henry C. Bennett, of the Exum community. He averaged 70 bushels of oats per acre, and that was fairly good for any year. George Danford, of Bolivia, got 30 bushels of wheat per acre.

Cleaning out the channel at the Cape Fear Bar is a necessary every year or two. The San Pablo, a big dump type dredge, is now engaged in this undertaking. Probably without the U. S. Army Engineers knowing the fact that dredging at certain seasons is very damaging to shrimp, the month or more of dredging operations are always set for late June and July. At this time of the year the half grown shrimp are moving out from the creeks and rivers by the millions. The dredging operations scoop them up by the millions. Naturally, they are killed as they pass through the powerful suction pumps. If that was not bad enough, the dredge, once it is loaded, goes out on the shrimp trawling grounds and dumps hundreds of tons of mud, killing still more shrimp, caught underneath the load. As a final phase of destruction the soft mountains of mud on the bottom of the trawling ground is destructive to shrimp trawls. Let a big trawl and its net pass over one of these dumping spots and it is good bye to the net. The leaded bottom of the net cuts right through the mud, filling the net, breaking the tow line and losing the net before the boatman is aware he has become hung up. The dredging on the bar should be done some other time than June or July.

Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7th; two island on which the Japanese have recently suffered disasters each have their names spelled with seven letters; this is the 7th month of the year and we are now having the 7th war loan, which comes to an end on Saturday, July 7th. We did not think up all these ourselves. Our friend, Ike Reynolds of Shallotte, called the matter to our attention.

Over three years ago a begrimed English trawler, which had been engaged in minesweeping duties somewhere off this coast, put in at Southport for a few days. Having been at sea for a long time and their visit here coinciding with the worst days in England, the crew was as much begrimed as the vessel. Having at the time a surplus of pipes and smoking tobacco, which had come at Christmas presents from sportsmen all over

the country, we took about 30 of the pipes and a quantity of the surplus tobacco and divided it among the visitors. The mate of the ship had a brand new English briar pipe and he insisted on making us a present of it, by way of return courtesy. That pipe has stood by us and has seen heavy duty for ever three years. Frequently it has become lost, but only for short periods. Only this last Sunday it became missing and while we were still enjoying peace of mind, thinking we had left it at some of the places where we work, it showed up in the hands of Chief of Police Otto Hickman. In the course of his duties he had found it enjoying some well earned rest on the sidewalk. It was no trouble for him to identify it and return it to us.

In these days it is not unusual for friend to meet friend or for brother to meet brother in far distant parts. Recently there was an elaboration of such meetings when four young Shallotte men met each other on Leyte. They were R. D. White, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White; Billy Russ, son of Mrs. Ruth W. Russ and the late C. A. Russ; John Willie White, son of Mr. and Mrs. John White; and Bernard Bradshaw, a nephew of Mrs. E. Holden, whose parents have been dead several years. Two of the boys are in the Navy and two in the Army. None of them are on the same ship or in

the same branch of their respective service. Needless to say it was an interesting occasion when the four got together on the far away island.

When he left to begin duty on a new flat top to which he had been assigned, Ensign Billy Bragaw, pilot of a Helicat fighter plane, left with his mother a new G. I. knife for us. We did not know it at the time and neither did his mother or wife, that the knife had been in the big drink for three hours when the famed flat top Saratoga received her terrible injuries and lost about 350 of her men, three months ago. Ensign Bragaw said nothing about having been stationed on the "Sara" or taking off from her in his damaged plane and being forced down by a broken wing at the height of the fire and explosions on the ship. The information has since come to us by a roundabout way. Ensign Bragaw is now fighting from another flat top and the famed "Sara" will soon be back in service. Naturally, we prize the knife that stayed with the young Southport fighter during the attack on the "Sara".

Participated in Battles (Continued From Page One) Palaua, Yap, Ulithi, and Woleai; invasions of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam, the Philippine landings at Leyte, Luzon, and Mindoro; battle for Leyte Gulf, and sea-air action off northern Okinawa. Thomas was employed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co., of Wilmington, before entering the Navy in August, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Thomas of Route 2, Leland.

Big Docket Up In Court Monday (Continued from page one) Mrs. Sidney Holden, cursing in public place, continued to July 16th.

Stanley Brothers Doing Fine Work (Continued From Page One) There are six of the Stanley brothers, three of the youngest being in the service. Two are in France and the third in Texas. The three at home, forming the Stanley brothers combination for farming are H. C., M. C. and L. H. Stanley. They are colored and for hard work, honesty and good farming they are said to be hard to beat.

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farmers who lack such machinery. In all, parents and children and one or two adopted children, there are 28 persons in the three Stanley families. Most of the children are large enough to work on the farms and do work. The Stanley brothers, hard working as they are and with large families, have never known what a shortage of labor means. They produce fine crops of every description.

This year, inspired by the soil conservation program, the three men went down into their pockets for dynamite with which to blow out a 400 yard drainage canal through a boggy part of their farm.

Returns From 6 Years Service (Continued from page one) other members of the family arrived to welcome the returned soldier.

Farm Committee Is Discontinued (Continued from page one) C. O. Bennett, Chmn., G. F. Kirby, Starling H. Hewett and R. G. Maultsby.

Sgt. Redwine Had 2 Horrible Years In Prison Camp (Continued from page one) They simply fed us and made us one of them. We who were able fought side by side with them during the final days of the war in Europe.

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