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No More Than Gunpowder

When gunpowder was first invented the general public took the view that its use in warfare was cruel and inhuman. It was claimed that its power for destruction was so great that there would be no more wars. Societies were even formed for the purpose of working against the use of gunpowder in future wars.

Now come quite a number of scientists who claim that the use of the atomic bomb in warfare will be no more revolutionary than gunpowder was when it first became available.

Among such scientists, Sir George Padget Thompson, an Englishman who has been working on a study of the wartime development of atomic power, recently said:

"If there is another war and atomic bombs are used, I don't believe the number of people killed will be any greater than in this war and might be less, since it is easier to protect people than machinery from very violent explosions because it is easier to disperse them. The objectives in the next war, if atomic bombs are used, will be factories, not armies. Towns will be evacuated when relations between countries become strained, and atomic bombs are too valuable to be wasted on the countryside."

Same Speed Laws

While the average condition of tires and the North Carolina speed laws are still as they were several weeks ago it may be timely to caution motorists, as the State Highway Police are doing, that they cannot drive over 35 miles per hour.

The speed laws still hold you down to 35 miles per hour. To go faster may result in your being detained long enough to explain this to the judge and perhaps, make a contribution to the school funds.

It is still just as dangerous to drive over 35 miles per hour as it was while the war was on, and perhaps more so.

The newspapers are full of accidents which have occurred in the past two weeks. Some of these perhaps would not have happened had motorists kept down to the 35 mile speed limit instead of letting their joy of the war's ending spur them on to greater speeds.

Walked Into Pages

In an address last week President Truman spoke of the nation's home front in World War II as being "truly a battlefield where women bore a major part of the struggle."

"Women," he said, "walked into the pages of today's history as good citizens and good soldiers."

To our thinking, not only did the American women on the American home front walk into the pages of history during the war. In all countries where actual fighting went on women played a great part in the actual fighting. Credit for winning the war goes to the women as well as the men.

Knocking Off Points

Joyfully received by service men was the announcement by the war department on Monday that it had cut the number of points necessary to obtain a discharge from 85 down to 80. In addition to this, all enlisted men who are over 35 years of age can obtain their discharge at once.

It is reported that at least one million men will be needed to occupy Japan for the next several months. It is understood that in order to have men for the occupation forces, and at the same time have a regular size standing army at home, it is necessary to continue the drafting of some men of the 18 to 25 year-old group. The fact that some men are still being called means, for one thing, that many men who have seen strenuous service will soon get their discharge and be able to return to their families.

Stop The Speeding

The announcement that the State Highway Patrol will start a campaign against speeders, and drivers of vehicles not in proper condition to travel the highways is welcome news to citizens who try to live within the law.

Speeding has increased since the gasoline ban was lifted. That is plain to anyone who cares to look. It has been suggested that the next Legislature pass laws which would require all car owners to carry liability insurance. Many states have such laws, but while that protects the owners and pays hospital bills of the injured, it doesn't bring anybody back to life after a fatal highway accident, and they have increased at least 15 per cent since the rationing of gas was lifted.

Haymount, west of Highsmith hospital, appears to be one of the favorite "race tracks" for those who are always in great haste to get nowhere.—Fayetteville Observer.

Getting Demonstration

During the war there was fault-finding and complaining without end from people who failed to see the necessity of rationing. In some cases they failed to see because they had no wish to see.

Since the war has ended and some of the rationing lifted some of these folks, as well as the general public, are getting a small but practical demonstration of what the country would have been up against if there had been no rationing.

Up until a very short time ago distributors of soft drinks were rationed as to the number of crates of bottled drinks they could deliver to the retailers. While this rationing lasted, trucks from practically all bottling plants continued to reach country stores, cross road communities and small towns. Soft drink vendors at such places did not get much but they always got some and the public was satisfied at getting its favorite drink three or four times per week.

But the rationing by bottling plants has now ended. The bottlers have discovered suddenly that there is a great deal more profit in short hauls and big deliveries in the immediate areas of their plants. The result is that the cross roads, community and small town stores are not often called upon by the trucks that were at one time eager to sell to them. We have been over a great deal of this county in the past ten days and at only one place did we find bottled drinks of any sort except beer. The exception had only one sort of soft drinks, where it was formerly able to keep a dozen on hand.

Basic Principle Involved

"Private enterprise and its attendant political freedom will not endure in this country if people associated with each branch of industry defend only their immediate interests against socialistic attack . . ." says an editorial in Railway Age, February 17, 1945. "For this reason, not only ethical principles but far-sighted self-interest demand of railroad people that they give understanding attention to the political persecution being visited upon the privately-owned electric utilities."

"A small part of this industry was preyed upon by financial gangsters some years ago, a fact which has distorted by politicians . . . By the device of imputing to the whole utilities industry the sins assignable only to a part of it . . . socialistic politicians have been able to give a mighty impetus to development of government-owned electric power. As always with with government ventures in competition with private enterprise, the politicians have seen to it that the cards are stacked in favor of the socialist rival, through tax exemptions and other such arbitrary advantages, so that the customers of government-owned utilities do not have to pay rates to cover all the costs that a privately-owned power company would have to collect."

"This development is not opposed by a large part of the manufacturing industry and other users of power . . . because, while it is coercive and socialistic, the owner of utility property appear to the thoughtless to be only losers . . . These government ventures inevitably grow at a rate not justified by their comparative economic merit . . . A nation does not promote its economic welfare by indulging in uneconomic behavior."

Letter To Editor

LETTERS TO EDITOR
Editor State Port Pilot:

This letter is intended for the parents and all who are interested in the welfare of the school children—our boys and girls, of today, who will be our men and women of tomorrow.

As we all know, school will soon begin and what I and others want to know is, isn't there some way we can get lunch rooms or cafeterias at all our schools. This is badly needed to permit the children to have hot lunches. To catch their buses they have to get up so early that two-thirds of them do not get an adequate breakfast. For lunch, they take with them a few sandwiches and often these are eaten before the bus comes along. This leaves the child with nothing for lunch and in such cases they go without food for possibly eight hours until they return home at night.

A lot of Brunswick county boys were turned down by the army and navy during the past few years, for no other reason than that they went under nourished during their school days. We cannot afford to continue in the same way for the generations now coming on. Some means must be devised for their having adequate and nourishing lunches during their school days.

In many cases, I have learned, parents think they are meeting the needs of the lunch hour by providing the children with money with which to buy something at nearby stores. This is a great mistake. In nearly every case the child will use such money to buy candy and soft drinks, articles in which there is little or no food value. The mere providing of money does not provide the child with the healthy, needed lunch.

Science has proved that a healthy, well-fed child learns much more quickly than an undernourished one. Education is important but good health is even more important.

I am sending this to the paper in the hope that some one with better ideas than I have will evolve better plans than we now have for the feeding of school children, that they may have the healthy bodies that are so necessary to strong minds.

MRS. LENA ROBINSON
Supply, N. C.

OPEN FORUM

To My Relatives:

I am growing older and more feeble each day, and am only waiting for my summons which may come any time. I can hardly get about but I am glad to say that I am ready to meet Him at any time He calls me. I can also say that I hope to meet each one of you in Heaven and I hope and pray that if I have done any wrong to any one they will forgive me.

I wish to ask all my relatives, for my sake, please write me or come to see me soon. I am ready to go when the Master calls me and I would like to see all of you before I pass on to eternity. I appreciated every deed of kindness that has been shown me. I can leave a wonderful testimony

that I have nothing against any one. I love every one and am ready to meet my Maker.

S. B. Sellers
Brunswick County Home
Southport, N. C.

The Rovin' Reporter

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having great sport gigging flounders. They use a "prod" and when they have got something. They act accordingly and soon get their prize to shore.

Yesterday Cpl. Richard Mills (or was it Cpl. Knopka?) made a mighty thrust with his prod into about four feet of water. There was a tremendous upheaval all around him, something like a submarine breaking surface. But, instead of breaking to sea, carrying with it the prod and Cpl. Richard Mills, (or was it Cpl. Knopka?)

When the flounder, the prod and whichever Cpl. it was reached deep water, the Cpl. suddenly remembered that he had no orders to go to sea. With this being the case he released his hold on the prod which anchored him to the flounder and returned to shore duty. The prod and the flounder, which we suspect was a stingaree, continued out to sea.

One time someone, who was not immediately confronted with any possibility of being indicted for contempt of court, made the remark that "Justice is blind."

Now comes this weeks term of Superior Criminal Court and Judge Henry L. Stevens had not been in town sixty seconds before he arranged the Pilot's Rovin' Reporter on the charge that there were no bluefish off the coast of Brunswick. It was further charged that there were plenty further up the coast. The indictment was so unexpected that the Pilot's representative could do nothing at the moment except submit a nolo contendere.

But Justice triumphed. That same evening commercial fishing boats returned from offshore work, with the ships loaded down with menhaden for the factories. Another and equally gratifying sight was to see the men composing the crews coming ashore. Each was carrying two to half a dozen huge bluefish and mackerel, all that they wanted to carry home. Those fish weighed all of the way from two to five pounds each, the biggest and nicest of their kind seen here in years.

In the sure knowledge that his eyes were not deceiving him and with an utter lack of faith in the time honored charge that justice was blind, the Rovin' Reporter promptly went before the Judge and withdrew the nolo contendere plea, submitting instead that, "the bluefish and mackerel are swarming out on Frying Pan shoals like all hell."

LeRoy Mintz, soil conservationist in Brunswick county for the Lower Cape Fear District, said this week that W. C. Gore, young Shallotte farmer, has the best hay crop he has seen. Contrary to reports of a few weeks ago the hay crop is bidding fair to turn out pretty well. Much natural

grass is combining with lespedeza, soy beans, etc., to produce a pretty good yield. Incidentally, in connection with Mr. Gore's fine hay crop, he also has perhaps one of the best hay saving outfits in the county. Using a large tractor and with his mowing machine having a seven foot blade, Mr. Gore is able to cut about 30 acres per day. In addition to cutting his own hay he does a great deal of custom work among his neighbors.

Captain Gurganus, who rents the Little Beach and has about the largest shore fishery in the county, had pretty good luck last week. One day his crew took fifteen thousand pounds of nice mullets that are reported to have sold at 15 cents per pound, wholesale. Other catches were made during the week and it is understood that Captain Gurganus and his crew all received a nice return for their week's work. With this week being ushered in with a north and northeast wind, it promises to be better than last for the fishermen at Little Beach and other fisheries along the coast of Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Reynolds, who have been renting and operating a filling station at Supply for the past several years, have decided to settle down on their own. Accordingly, they have bought some land on the highway near the Dunrovin Farm, at Winnabow. They will move there in a few days and in addition to their filling station and general store Mr. Reynolds will continue his poultry raising. He is a veteran of the first world war and as a result of his experiences he spent several years in a government hospital.

Shallotte's new movie theatre should be completed and ready for occupancy the last of this month, according to Ken Benson, owner and operator. The building is a large one of cinder block construction and cement floors. With a large balcony, it will be able to seat upwards of six hundred people. S. C. Tripp and Sons, of Shallotte, have had charge of the construction work. Mr. Benson owns and operates two other theatres in addition to the one at Shallotte.

Lumber and pulpwood people had good cause to be thankful for the sunny weather that prevailed last week, and so did farmers. With the ground as wet as it had been for many weeks the task of getting saw logs and pulpwood out of the woods to the mills and shipping points was almost at a standstill. Trucks were simply unable to enter the woods for a load without bogging down. A few days of sunny weather and practically all of the saw mills were able to find tracts of timber in which their trucks could be operated.

Some of the earliest blooming camellias at Orton came out in full dress late in August and the blooms were beautiful. With September now here more and more of these beautiful flowers will break into bloom each week and month. With more than 350 varieties of camellias the Orton Gardens are so situated that some variety of the camellias are blooming every month from August all through the spring and until the advent of summer. The largest number of varieties break forth in the spring.

With catches of shrimp just off Southport running to a rather small size, owing to the great volume of fresh water from the rains close inshore, the big shrimpers operating out of Southport this year have good opportunities to demonstrate their value. For the first time local shrimpers are able to go out and

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remain out two days with their boats. The craft range in waters all of the way from Georgetown, S. C., to above Southport. When they find good shrimp they are able to stay out, anchoring at night, and fish until they get a load.

About 1929 Brunswick county had a dry period extending over something like ten years. During this period very little rains fell during either winter or summer. Many of the largest and deepest lakes reached such a low level that it took two or three years of normal rainfall to get them full again. Many others dried completely up. It appears that during this dry period a number of people built new homes, some of them neglecting to allow for what might occur during years of normal or excessive rainfall. They located their homes and more often outbuildings in low places. This year with an excessive rainfall of many inches many of these homes and buildings are finding themselves in spots that are impossible to reach except by wading.

Owners of dogs, whether the animals be household pets or hunters, are responsible under the law for any damage the canines may do. Recently we saw a case where a two-year old boy narrowly escaped an attack from a large dog, and that the boy was entirely without fault. Owners of large dogs of breeds that are known to have vicious instincts should not allow these animals in a crowded public place, especially of them neglecting to allow for what might occur during years

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1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.
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7:30 A. M.	8:50 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	10:20 A. M.
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