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## Understanding Is Better

When the war ended many people expected the Selective Service to end just as quickly. Some were bitterly disappointed that it did not end and there has been plenty of criticism of the fact that men are still being called to service.

But with the passage of time and a better realization of the reason there has been less and less criticism. There now seems to be a much better understanding of the situation and a realization that men must still be called to the service, regardless of the fact that the country is not at war.

The understanding has come with seeing so many veterans returning from both the European and Pacific war theatres. These men, or most of them fought for many weeks and months; many saw two, three, four and five years of service and separation from their families. Now the fighting is over they have a right to return to their homes and they can not return unless others go to take their places. Armed men must still be kept in Germany and Japan.

## Learned Something?

On a recent Sunday afternoon while passing a prisoner of war camp we saw a foot ball team engaged in a spirited game. Not only were they spiritedly engaged, the entire list of prisoners in the camp seemed to be out, pulling for one team or the other.

It is probable that these Germans, most of them young, and probably never before having had the opportunity to engage in play during the dozen or more years when Hitler was training Germany for war, have learned a great deal regarding sports and their wholesome effect upon the human mind during Sunday, holidays and spare hours while in this country as prisoners of war. At any rate, such can be hoped for.

## Art Of Playing Must Be Learned

Many tired, middle aged business men are grouchy in their home and also their offices because they have never learned to play. In early youth, they decided to amount to "something" and went at business with a dead seriousness as though the making of huge sums of money were the only mission in life. They considered it a crusade and not a game, a means to an end and not the end itself. They didn't learn that rest periods were necessary.

They forgot to laugh, to relax and play with the result that now they are not even pleasant companions for themselves. They sense the futility of their existence and find themselves facing the end of life with years devoted to futile purposes. They long for social contacts no longer available. They are the loneliest of lonely men. They never learned to play and get along with their fellow men. (From "For Release".)

## No More Knocks

One of the casualties of peace praise, is that deathlike rattle from our high compression cars as they tried to accelerate on wartime gasoline. In an astonishingly short time, the gasoline makers stepped up octane ratings to and then beyond prewar levels, so that our cars started to purr again instead of snort.

That was an excellent accomplishment and one that made everybody happy. While we're at it, it seems to us, this would be as good a time as any to get rid of some of the other chronic knocks that have been infesting American scene lately.

We refer particularly to the "we have lost the peace" boys and the lugubrious headshakers over the returning veterans crowd.

It seems to us that the American people, by and large, have performed

creditably in this war. Our fighting men wrote a record for all the world to envy. The returning veterans we have seen have been tickled pink to be home, proud of their new civilian clothes, glad to be back on the job and would just as soon forget they are supposed to be problems.

The folks at home did what they were asked to do, put up with shortages, bought bonds and paid high taxes. All of us, soldiers, sailors and civilians alike, griped and grumbled. We always do and always will. That's an American privilege which the viewers with alarm apparently fail to understand. That's our national safety valve, like "kill the empire" or "throw the bum out". It doesn't mean a thing.

## Service To Veterans

Victory has brought a greater number of war veterans to be welcomed back to Brunswick county, and with them a greater need for Red Cross services. The man or woman returning to civilian life often has much business to transact, many decisions to make. No single agency can take care of all needs. But the Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross is doing more than ever to help the discharged serviceman and his family.

Able-bodied veterans eager to obtain work find the workers of the Brunswick Chapter always ready to consult with him about what he is best able to do and direct him to the best agency for employment or vocational training. Often a new job requires certain documents; the Red Cross helps secure marriage and birth certificates and other records.

When an ex-serviceman gets ready to present his claims, he often needs help in filling out forms. The Red Cross personnel in Veterans Administration offices are specialists in this work and will act as his representative in presenting these claims to the rating board.

The ex-serviceman himself is not the only member of his family eligible for this aid. His wife, his children, or any recognized dependents are welcome to this aid with almost all kinds of family and financial problems.

To the disabled veteran, the Red Cross offers all the services offered to the able-bodied veteran. In addition, the disabled man and his family can get emergency financial aid if they need it until the first payment on his pension claim is made. Food and fuel, clothing and shelter—the Red Cross provides the means of all these necessities to the disabled veteran in need during this period of waiting.

## Russian Policy—

There can be little doubt that the course pursued by the Soviet Union at the meeting of the Big Five Foreign Ministers at London has strengthened the ties between the United States and Britain. The alternative to universal world collaboration is formation of closely knit blocs. The aim of four diplomacy has been something different. We wanted to give free rein to the forces of democracy in all nations. Russia's insistence on the right to act unilaterally throughout eastern Europe nullifies the American concept and sets up a Russian sphere of influence. The limiting of a sphere of influence requires concerted action by other powers.

Relations between Russia on the one hand and the United States and the United Kingdom on the other are bound to be cool for some time to come. Russia hasn't helped the situation any by moving to restore diplomatic relations with Argentina at a time when Washington is trying to undermine the Farrell-Peron regime at Buenos Aires.

Basically, Russia does not believe in limitless sovereignty for small nations. Moscow is believed to feel it is foolish for small nations to be free to spend money and energy raising armies which can get into trouble with the armies of other small nations, starting quarrels which later involve other and larger powers. The Russian blueprint for world peace calls for a military alliance of the Soviet Union with the United States and Great Britain, leaving the policing of the world entirely to the Big Three. Wise statesmanship may be able to reconcile this aim with the objectives of the United Nations World Organization, but that remains to be seen.

## HOME COMING AT NEW HOPE CHURCH

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Mr. Coblenz in this service. Eight former and present elders of the church were present. These were, Bradford Reynolds and R. S. McKenzie, now of the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington; J. Mercer Taylor, of Pearsall Memorial church, Wilmington; F. M. Pridden, Rocky Mt.; Henry McKeithan, Florence, S. C.; and the three present elders, G. T. Reid, A. P. Henry, Sr., and D. R. Johnson.

Following the morning services a bounteous lunch was served on a long table underneath the oak trees in the church yard. This was followed by a happy time of reunion and reminiscence of past days.

In the afternoon F. M. Pridden led in the general song service, then came the wonderful time of reviewing the church and community in the days of old.

No memorial services were held this year. After singing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and a prayer offered by Rev. David Coblenz, the Fifty-First Home Coming Day came to a happy ending.

## LELAND BAPTISTS PLAN NEW CHURCH

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the community for the past dozen or more years and many more new homes are now under construction.

Mr. Rourk said that the next few years would undoubtedly see a great building up in the community around Leland. The plans for the new church are in keeping with these expectations.

## MUCH WORK IN COUNTY OFFICE

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in the office prior to 1913 have been established.

For some of the real estate papers the recording fees have run from 30 cents to as high as \$99.50.

Another rapidly growing source of work in the office is the recording of Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard discharges. Great numbers of such papers have already found permanent recording on the books. This is a work for which no fees are paid.

There has naturally been a large volume of other work, not listed in any of the above. Mr. Walton says that the handling of the large volume of business has only been made possible by the wholehearted cooperation of the public. Information from those having papers for handling is often necessary and the average person with such papers usually is able to quickly supply this information.

Quite a number of prominent sportsmen from all parts of this and other states have been here recently on fishing trips, and are coming in daily when the weather permits. But for the shortage of boats and absence of hotel facilities the town would be swarming with them.

## CHARLOTTE P. M. ON FISHING TRIP

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ere, aboard Captain H. T. Bowmer's boat. Today and tomorrow they are on the gulf stream with Captain Victor P. Lance and his Moja.

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## RIFLES OUTLAWED FOR DUCKS-GEESE

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hunting geese and ducks arises out of the fact that many persons, mostly young boys, make it a habit to use such weapons, shooting at the birds from a distance and often crippling them. In other cases the birds are killed but are too far from shore to be retrieved. This results in a big waste of birds and persons found hunting with rifles will be prosecuted.

There are various other regulations regarding hunting ducks and geese. Hunters would do well to acquaint themselves with the laws on the subject before they start out on their expeditions.

Very high tides with the last full moon period came in late and produced some excellent marsh hen hunting, the hunters often getting their full days limit of 15 birds before the tide got near its fullest point. Warden Bowmer states that he very much appreciates the cooperation of both up-state and local sportsmen during the above period. He and others kept close watch on the hunting and in no case did they find a hunter who exceeded the lawful limit on birds. The sportsmen during the above period. He and others kept close watch on the hunting and in no case did they find a hunter who exceeded the lawful limit on birds. The sportsmen quit and came in as soon as they got their limit, even when the best period for shooting was still ahead.

## Discharge Papers Show Bolivia Man Won Reward

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Purple Heart. WESLEY NED JOHNSON—Home, Southport. Entered service December, 1939. Discharged September, 1945. Served in Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe. Wears Eamet Campaign Medal with four bronze stars, American Defense Service Medal with one bronze

service star, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal.

## Widely Published Picture Stars Jane Shannon; Wac

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Herring of Washington, D. C., who received the clipping from a friend in New York; Mrs. Richard St. George of Penns Grove, New Jersey, who clipped it from the Philadelphia Bulletin; Benny Swain of Pensacola, Fla., who saw it in the local paper; Joe Cotton, former Superintendent of Mails at Petersburg, Va., who clipped it from the Richmond Times-Dispatch. A clipping from the Des Moines Tribune which was sent to Father Howard in Whiteville arrived at the Pilot desk via the editorial desk of the Whiteville News Reporter. The cut which is used was sent the Pilot by Miss Marion Frink, who works

on the Wilmington Star News.

## Roving Reporter

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Through a mistake happening some way and somewhere in a news item last week, it was said that Edward B. Register—when it should have been Edward B. Redwine—was now managing the Shallotte Drug Company. Mr. Redwine, back from long service with the army and with 704 days of combat duty to his credit, is one of the four or five sons of W. H. Redwine, of Shallotte, who saw active service with the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Herring of Supply announce the birth of a son on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hughes of Ash announce the birth of a daughter on Monday.

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