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ALMANAC

Speech was given to man to conceal his thoughts—Jeremy Taylor

JUNE

- 11—Comstock Lode of Silver discovered, 1859.
- 12—Baseball's Hall of Fame established, 1939.
- 13—Germans entered Paris, 1940.
- 14—Flag Day.
- 15—King John signed Magna Carta, 1215.
- 16—Texas agrees to annexation, 1845.
- 17—First air mail carried across Atlantic, 1919.

The Farmer And His Car

"A passenger car is not a necessity for a family living within a few blocks of a bus line or the shopping district," says the Dairywomen's League News of New York, "but it is vital to the farmer living many miles from a community.

"These facts should be considered by the government and special consideration should be given to farmers' need for gasoline."

In many small farming operations, a passenger car provides the entire transportation, and is the only means the producer has of reaching his market. Even in larger operations, use of trucks is often wasteful and uneconomical and absorbs unnecessary quantities of gasoline and rubber. The passenger car, in short, provides a farm service that nothing else can sufficiently replace.

Gas priorities for trucks alone will not solve the farmer's transportation

problem. His passenger car is often essential to his operation—and essential to the delivery of food the nation must have.

Bonds Fight The Axis

The American people will decide whether or not the nation will be forced to adopt and accept compulsory purchasing of War Bonds. According to Secretary Morgenthau, it will be necessary for us to buy \$1,000,000,000 worth of these bonds each month. If we do that voluntarily there will be no need for compulsion. If we don't, compulsion will be inevitable.

Some may wonder why the government can't pay for the war simply by selling more bonds to banks. Secretary Morgenthau recently pointed out that excessively heavy bank purchases are inflationary, "because when commercial banks buy Government Bonds they do not pay for them with actual cash taken from their vaults, but by placing on their books newly created deposits to the credit of the government. When the government draws upon these deposits to pay for the goods and services it buys, the purchasing power of those to whom these payments are made is increased without any decrease in the purchasing power of those from whom the money is borrowed."

Increased purchasing power combined with a decreased supply of goods is the certain road to disastrous inflation. The government wants you to buy bonds with every nickel you can spare—and it wants you to deny yourselves luxuries so you can buy more. No man can make a better purchase than the securities which buy weapons to fight the Axis.

ROPER

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Hassell and children of Norfolk, spent Sunday with J. J. Hassell.

Mrs. Osborne Marrow, Mrs. J. W. Marrow, Mrs. A. R. Hooker and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marrow, jr., in Plymouth Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, of Wilmington spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Latham, of Plymouth visited Mrs. C. J. Ainsley Sunday afternoon.

The Daily Vacation Bible School will begin at the Baptist church on Monday, June 22, at 9 o'clock. All the children of the community are cordially invited to attend.

The Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Poole Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Chesson and baby left last Thursday for Wilmington, Del., where they will join Mr. Chesson and make their home.

Mrs. B. F. Owens, of Edenton, who has been seriously ill in the Windsor hospital for some time, is now reported to be improving. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sexton, of Roper.

Phillip Sitterson, of Winston-Salem, spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Sitterson, and was accompanied on his return by Miss Phyllis Sitterson, who has been visiting here for some time.

Rambling R...About
By THE RAMBLER

The Year 1, AWSH—

Lawyer W. L. Whitley got himself a brand new straw hat one day this week, and the other members of the local bar thereby got themselves a new method of designating time, according to Carl L. Bailey, fellow member of the profession. According to Carl's allegations—and, to date, Mr. Whitley has filed no disclaimer—this was the first straw lid Mr. Whitley had "broken out in" since he began the practice of law here in 1918, some 24 years ago by dead reckoning, which is quite a considerable spell of time, as the crow flies. Mr. Bailey said, as a result, that all contemporary events in Plymouth could be dated from this week, either BWSH or AWSH—Before Whitley's Straw Hat and After Whitley's Straw Hat, respectively. In other words, this column is being prepared for publication on June 11, in the year 1 AWSH.

Spring Is Here—

Well, at long last, it can be officially entered upon the records that spring has arrived in Plymouth. Of course, by the calendar, summer will be here in a week or so, which would indicate that spring was somewhat delayed in reaching here this year, but, as a matter of fact, spring can never be said to have been officially recorded until after "Silas Green From New Orleans" and his traveling exponents of colored minstrelsy have come and gone. And they were here yesterday, in all their splendor and gaudy uniforms. Such struttin' and paradin' among the colored brethren you have seldom seen. But, lest you get the idea that this entertainment is exclusively for the colored folks, let it now be said that there are about as many dyed-in-the-wool Silas Green fans among the white folks as there are among those of his own race. Any number of prominent local folks cancel all other engagements and let nothing, not even a war and gas rationing, prevent them from being in their accustomed places when the curtain rises on Silas and his gang of blues-chasers when they play their one-night stand here.

Modern progress has left its mark on the big tented organization. Fluorescent lighting has taken the place of the smoky gasoline torches used in yesteryear. The sweeping red capes of the bandmen's uniforms has given way to sedate white pea-green military coats set off with a neat little military belt in a shade of shrieking chrome yellow.

And there were not as many young men in the parade this year, perhaps most of them are parading elsewhere in Uncle Sam's more sedate khaki. One of the trumpet players in particular commanded sympathy. Fat and about fifty, he manfully quick-stepped with the rest of the band for the block and a half from the center of town to where the parade broke up; then gave a great sigh of relief and started hobbling the remainder of the way back to the railroad car in a manner reminiscent of the "Duke of Paducah's" tag line: "I'm goin' back to the wagon, boys; my feet are killin' me."

Life in the Army—

It has remained for Shelton Ange, who left here sometime in April or May to enter the armed forces, to draw the finest analogy on Army life

Reception Given for Bridal Pair Friday

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Norman entertained on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Norman, at a cake cutting honoring their daughter, Miss Virginia Wood Norman, who was married Saturday to Edgar L. Spruill, jr., of Roper.

Miss Norman and Mr. Spruill received with Mr. and Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Elmer Turner directed the guests into the bride's book over which Mrs. R. W. Johnston presided. Mrs. H. A. Williford invited the guests to the punch bowl on the punch over which Mesdames E. H. McLean, C. W. Cahoon, C. McGowan, Ted Blount and S. A. Ward presided.

Mrs. M. W. Norman and Mrs. J. W. Norman received in the dining room. The table was covered with an Italian cut work cloth.

White roses, fever few and white snap-dragons and fern were attractively arranged in crystal bowls at the ends of the table. A three-tiered wedding cake flanked by tall white tapers in silver holders formed the centerpiece. Mrs. B. G. Campbell presided over the cutting of the cake after the bride-elect cut the first slice.

Bridal ices and decorated cakes, mints and nuts, accentuating a white and green motif were served by Misses Ann Buchanan of Newport News, Va., Claudia and Camille Burgess, Edith Edmondson, Emily Brinkley and Barbara Norman.

Lovely flowers decorated the entire lower floor of the home. Goodbyes were said by the host and the hostess. About 100 guests called.

Out-of-town guests were Miss Ann Buchanan, of Newport News and Miss Emily Ryburn, of West Virginia.

SKINNERSVILLE

Thomas White attended the compliance school held at the Agriculture building in Plymouth Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Margie White, student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, is home to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter White.

Mr. and Mrs. Stark Holton were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bell at Chowan River Bridge, Sunday afternoon.

C. T. White was in Columbia Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Owens.

Mrs. Noah Tarkington, Mrs. Norma Bird and Mr. Denver Tarkenton, of Suffolk called to see Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Everett and C. V. White last week.

M. T. Elliott, of Suffolk, was a visitor in the community last week. Mrs. Stark Holton attended the Spruill-Norman wedding in Plymouth last Saturday.

Mrs. Walter White and Richard Lucas, of Plymouth, were in Chapel Hill last week.

Mrs. Walter White and Miss Margie White were in Plymouth Tuesday.

HOLLY NECK

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Phelps spent the week-end in Norfolk with Mrs. Phelps' mother Mrs. P. B. Burt.

Lenwood Earl Riddick, of Elizabeth City is spending some time here with his uncle S. B. Davenport.

Miss Willie Davenport was the Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. S. B. Davenport.

Mrs. W. E. Phelps, and daughter, Margaret were the guest of Mrs. Edgar Barber Sunday.

D. W. Furlough, of the U. S. Coast Guard spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Furlough.

Mr. C. D. Swain, and daughter, Miss Margaret Swain, were in Washington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sawyer and

MACKEYS

Miss Elizabeth Chesson has returned from Norfolk where she has been visiting for the past month.

Miss Hope Vail, of Westover, and Mr. H. Everett were supper guests of Mrs. Woodrow Collins Thursday evening.

Master Carlton Davenport, of Hertford is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Everett, Mrs. Nan Everett and Mr. Hallett Everett attended the funeral of Mr. John Bateman, in Elizabeth City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Mayo of Norfolk spent Sunday with Miss Ludie May Griffin.

Mrs. Ed Skyles of Bertie County is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harris Chesson.

Miss Mamie Clyde Long, of Jamesville is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bunt Long.

Miss Hazel Bowen Honored Thursday At Shower

Miss Hazel Bowen, bride-elect, was honored Thursday night at a miscellaneous shower given by her grandmother, Mrs. Cottie Bowen and her aunt, Mrs. Edgar Bowen at the home of Mrs. Maggie Swain.

The honoree received many lively gifts.

Fruit punch, chocolate, orange, coconut and almond cake were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Davenport, of Norfolk, parents of Vernon Davenport, the bride-groom, elect; Mrs. Stark Bowen, mother of the bride-elect; Miss Mildred Stoyens, Mrs. G. W. Anse, Mrs. Ralph Armstrong, Mrs. Wilbur Swain, Mrs. Harry McNair, Mrs.

were in Plymouth Friday afternoon. Mrs. Paul E. Phelps spent the afternoon with Mrs. Howitt Wynne Wednesday.

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we have yet heard. It seems that Shelton had been at Fort Bragg, where he was inducted, for about a week when he ran into a group of Plymouth boys and told them that he was leaving there for another training camp. "Where are you going, Shelton," he was asked. "Listen," said Shelton, as he picked up his miscellaneous equipment and headed toward a troop train waiting on a siding. "When a farmer goes out into the lot, puts the harness on a mule and hitches him to a cart, he doesn't tell that mule where he is going, does he?" A perfect answer, if there ever was one.

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