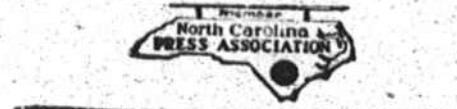


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GET TOGETHER
 Get together! Pull together.
 It's the spirit that will win!
 The odds of life you'd weather,
 You must buck them with a grin.
 Help yourself by helping others;
 Grab an oar, and help the crew!
 Pull together with your brothers,
 And they'll win the race for you.
 —Author Unknown.

Your Red Cross contribution
 should have been made by this time
 but if not, see B. S. Neff at once
 and give it to him.

Our best boy to Glee Bridges,
 now county commissioner. He will
 serve the county well.

Various organizations are beginning
 to make their plans for spreading
 Christmas cheer, and there are in-
 dications that a great deal of this
 kind of work will be done. While
 the need for it will likely not be as
 great this year as has been the
 case in the past, there will be some
 families who need help.

THE CONSCIENCE FUND
INCREASES
 In 1941 the Treasury at Washing-
 ton started an account called the
 "conscience fund" into which was
 placed a remittance from a remorse-
 ful citizen who had evaded a federal
 tax.

In the 129 years since the fund
 was started it has received nearly
 a million dollars, a considerable
 amount of balm from guilty consci-
 ences.

A recent check came from a for-
 mer doughboy who pilfered some
 chocolate candy bars from a govern-
 ment supply truck in France during
 the World War. He sent \$2 to pay
 for the stolen sweets.

The "conscience fund" would
 swell to enormous proportions if all
 Americans who have evaded their
 indebtedness to the Government
 would follow the example of those
 who have already repented of their
 sins against Uncle Sam.

Every year merchandise which
 would yield large sums in customs
 duties is sneaked into the country
 by tourists returning home from
 foreign vacations as well as by pro-
 fessional smugglers.

There is widespread evasion also
 of many federal taxes, particularly
 the income tax, for which many
 have been severely punished.

The Americans who have poured
 money into the "conscience fund"
 apparently decided after thinking it
 over, that one should be as honest
 with the Government as with his
 fellow citizens. Which is a thought
 many more could ponder with pro-
 fit.—Selected.

Here and There
 Haywood E. Lynch

Fred Plonk, the new Shell Oil Dis-
 tributor, has one of the most unusu-
 al watches I have ever seen. Glass
 crystals are both on the front and
 back, and every moving part of the
 watch is visible. Of course, it is lu-
 bricated with "Golden Shell Oil."

Ben Goforth and Bill Craig are
 coming up in the Kiwanis Club.
 They have been promoted from jan-
 itors.

Kennon Blanton, local Sterchi
 Representative, says it certainly pays
 to advertise in The Herald. Mr.
 Blanton sold five bicycles, following
 an advertisement in the last issue of
 the paper. Mr. Blanton was all
 smiles, and stated that besides the
 bicycles that were sold, his sales on
 toys were increased.

Since Charlie Warlick, the Mayor
 of Pine Knott, has traded cars, he
 believes in everything on wheels, so
 he has booked a moving picture en-
 titled, "The Army on Wheels" which
 will be shown at his place of busi-
 ness tonight at 8:30. The public is
 invited to the free movie, which is
 being shown by the Army Recruit-
 ing Department.

Sport of the Week
 There is no truth in the rumor
 that Sport of the Week Jimmy Har-
 ris fainted during the wrestling
 match in Charlotte Monday night.

All the men who heard Mrs. Mar-
 jorie Martin Tuesday night not only
 were loud in their praises for her
 speaking ability but also for her
 beauty. She was really lovely, if you
 don't believe me, ask Jim Herndon,
 Bill Souther, Glee Bridges or any of
 the other men who could hardly
 comprehend what she was saying
 for admiring her gorgeousness.

AMERICA
 America first — not merely in
 matters material, but in the things
 of the spirit.

America first — not merely in
 science, inventions, motors, and
 skyscrapers, but also in ideals, prin-
 ciples, character.

America first — not merely in
 the calm assertion of rights, but in
 the glad assumption of duties.

America first — not flaunting her
 strength as a giant, but bending in
 helpfulness over a sick and wound-
 ed world, like a Good Samaritan.

America first — not in splendid iso-
 lation, but in Christlike co-operation.

America first — not in pride, ar-
 rogance, and disdain of other races
 and peoples, but in sympathy, love
 and understanding.

America first — not in treading
 again the old, worn, bloody path-
 way which ends inevitably in chaos
 and disaster, but in blazing a new
 trail, along which please, God, other
 nations will follow into the new Jeru-
 salem where wars shall be no
 more.

Some day some nation must take
 that path — unless we are to lapse
 once again into utter barbarism —
 and that honor I covet for my be-
 loved America. And so, in that
 spirit and with these hopes, say
 with all my heart and soul, "Amer-
 ica first."

Wilson County's cotton crop is far
 above average this year, with most
 farmers reporting yields of a bale
 to the acre, says J. A. Marsh, assist-
 ant farm agent of the State College
 Extension Service.

Timely Hints Given On Curing of Pork

Recent cool days have ushered in
 another hog killing season. More
 hogs are being slaughtered than can
 be immediately consumed. There-
 fore, it is necessary to cure pork
 for future use.

Ellis Vestal, Extension swine spec-
 ialist of N. C. State College, offers
 timely hints for curing pork on the
 farm. To keep meat from spoiling,
 he says, it is absolutely essential to
 use clean containers. Oak barrels
 are more easily kept clean. Thorough
 and scalding are the proper meth-
 ods of cleaning the containers.

Salt is the basis of all meat cur-
 ing. Some people prefer the brine
 cure; some the dry salt cure. They
 are the same, except that water is
 used in the brine cure. The curing
 agents are salt, sugar, and saltpeter.

Salt is the preservative and it
 drives out the moisture and meat
 juices. Sugar is used to give the
 meat a sweet flavor and to aid in
 counteracting the action of salt
 which tends to make meat hard and

dry. Brown sugar gives the best fla-
 vor. Saltpeter, or potassium nitrate
 gives the red color to the meat.
 Without saltpeter, the meat is gray
 in color when it comes out of the
 cure.

Beginners usually get a more uni-
 form cure with the brine method.
 However, this method is not satis-
 factory when the temperature is a-
 bove 40 degrees F. Under warm con-
 ditions, the brine will sour, causing
 the meat to spoil. Baking soda is
 sometimes used to prevent the
 souring of the brine.

County farm agents are prepared
 to furnish full directions for curing
 pork on the farm.

An extension of the cotton stamp
 plan into a large number of cities be-
 fore the end of the year is being
 considered strongly by the U. S. De-
 partment of Agriculture.

In a recent meeting, community
 and county AAA committeemen of
 Forsyth County agreed that the
 1941 AAA program is the best yet,
 says Assistant Farm Agent S. R.
 Mitchner.

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