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CLONINGER AT GUAM

THE USS BON HOMME RICHARD — Bobby June Cloninger, 19, former first class, Kings Mountain, N. C., detached at Guam with more than 500 other marines from this big "carrier transport" for further assignment to duty in the Western Pacific.

The RICHARD, part of the Third Fleet during the war and now a unit of the Navy's "Magic Carpet" fleet transports high-point servicemen to the States for discharges and others to the Pacific to replace them.

SPENCER COMING HOME

Pearl Harbor, T. H. — 1st Sgt. Clarence S. Spencer, husband of Mrs. Louise S. Spencer, of Kings Mountain, N. C., is on his way home.

Spencer is one of 1,000 high-point Army and Navy veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" fleet is bringing back to the States aboard the USS AZILIA.

The USS AZILIA — one of more than 250 carriers, battleships, cruisers, and attack transports in the Navy's famed "Magic Carpet" fleet — left Saipan, Nov. 27, and is scheduled to arrive in San Pedro about Dec. 13.

Passengers will go directly to the Separation Centers nearest their homes to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges before returning to civilian life.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas program at the Mountain View Baptist church will be held on Saturday night, Dec. 22. A special invitation is extended to everyone. A candlelight service will also be presented.

About 350,000 Tar Heel farmers are eligible to cast ballots in the 1733 AAA community elections on November 30.

The N. C. State Mutual Hatchery Association will hold its annual meeting in Raleigh on Dec. 5, 6.

LOOKING AHEAD
 by GEORGE S. BENSON
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Sober Thought

Authority and alcohol influence the deeds of mortal man in ways that are strikingly similar. Apparently they both call for more from the very first taste. Too much of either goes to people's heads in a manner that is highly unbecoming. Both have a tendency to retard productive activity and both are enemies of straight thinking. No wonder despots so often are called power-drunk.

Not long ago I heard a story about a drunk man with a new car. It probably was not true but it was thought provoking. In an effort to back out of his home garage, so the story goes, he pushed over a neighbor's fence and sank nails in three tires. Using an axe to disengage the debris he bashed in a fender until it pressed against his only remaining tire that held air.

Wanted More Power

Unable to make the maimed car run, the inebriate got under it with a wrench and flattened the gasoline line so the engine could get almost no fuel; also emptied the brake fluid on the ground. Finally he lost his temper and assaulted the body with a pick until it was no longer a closed car. After that he orated loudly and eloquently on the mistakes of the engineer who designed it.

How like this story is the history of our country for the last decade. Instead of doing things to improve productive activity, men of authority viewed everything successful with suspicion and orated on its faults. Well established principles of good business were disregarded. Radical ideas were used, like holding land out of production to raise farm prices.

Work With An Axe

Shortening crops raised prices, to be sure, but it made men idle, as well as land. The landowners got compensation from the national treasury for crops they did not raise and idle workers stood in line for dole. To meet the resulting heavy expenses, corporation taxes grew so heavy that they discouraged investments, further retarding productive activity.

With jobs scarce and poorly paid, people on government relief rolls fared better than many who persisted in trying to earn an honest living by honorable work. This automatically discouraged thrift and efficiency. It retarded the accumulation of personal wealth and hindered the starting of new, individual owned enterprises. People with odds against them discouraged easily.

Drunk On Power

The case was more readily diagnosed than remedied. Economic tinkers in places of authority got a taste of power and drank of it too deeply. Then they quit thinking straight. Each new raid on the nation's economic strength called for a bigger one to hide it. Gradually thrifty people were being beggared by aims and American business bankrupt by taxes.

The only honorable way out of any kind of intoxication is to sober up. Destructive strategy will buy food and clothing for nobody. Letting land lie idle is not farming. Scared money builds no factories and makes no jobs. The most helpful thing our government can do this year is work to sober up. Sober the state men for the next year. They will sober up.

Six of the eight "top-priority" items most home owners intend to buy when they are available again in quantity are electrical. They are irons, ranges, refrigerators, radios, vacuum cleaners and washing machines, according to consumers surveys.

At a recent sale of purebred Guernsey heifers at Siler City in Chaaham County, many of the animals went to 4-H club members at an average price of about \$180 a head.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Rates are 30 cents for one insertion, 25 cents for the second insertion thereafter. This means that a classified ad can be run three times for 75 cents. To simplify bookkeeping the fees are payable in advance except to business firms carrying accounts. For this rate ads are limited to 25 words.

All classified advertising must be in the Herald office by 2 p. m. Wednesdays to insure publication in the following Thursday edition.

WANTED: Your order for your Christmas hen or turkey early. Call 233. McCarter's Grocery. d-13.

FOR SALE: One pre-war baby bed just like new. Mattress included. See Kyle Lynch or call 155-J. 999 Mountain st. d-13.

FOR SALE: Girl's pre-war bicycle. Good as new. Phone 225. d-13-20

FOR SALE: 1 lot 5 V Crimp 22 gauge aluminum roofing. 11 1/2 feet only. Bridges and Hamrick, Phone 187. d-13

FOR SALE: Estate Hestrola. Like New. Phone 225. d-13

FOR SALE: Four electric warming pads. Bridges and Hamrick, phone 187. d-13

FOR SALE: 20 rolls Barbed wire. Bridges and Hamrick, phone 187. d-13

BUILDING for light manufacturer. Wanted by New York Sewing Manufacturer. 15,000 to 30,000 sq. ft. on one or two floors preferred. Will employ about 150 women on sewing machines. Box T, c/o Herald, city.

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LOST: Gold and silver antique brooch, with emerald green central stone. Thought lost at Dixie Theatre Monday night, Nov. 26. For reward return to Mrs. Philip Padgett, 204 N. Piedmont ave or call 13. d-6-pd.

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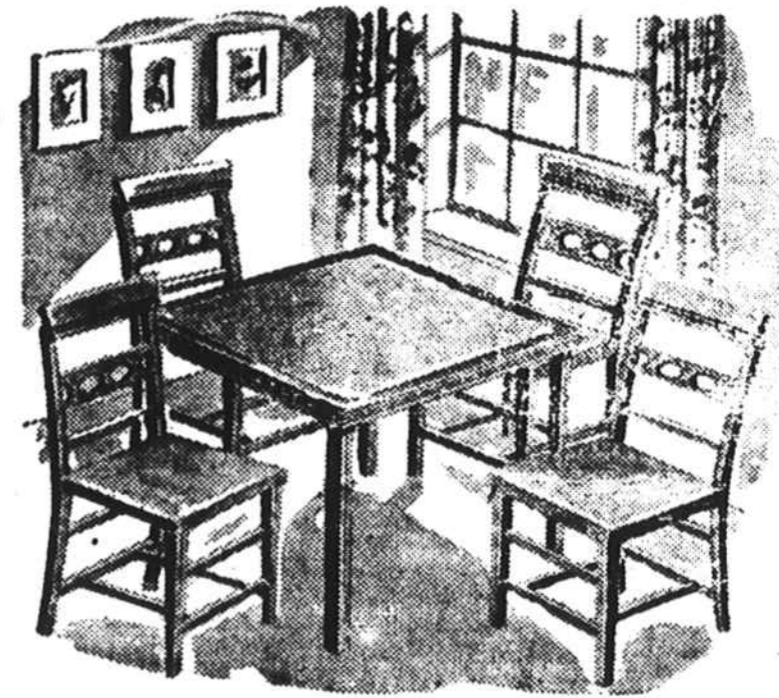
Local Markets
 (Corrected Dec. 12, 1945)

Eggs, grade A large	60c
Sweet Potatoes (bu.)	\$1.50 - \$2.00
Heavy Fryers	32c
Corn	\$1.50
Wheat	\$1.85
Roosters	15c
Light Hens, 3 lbs up	19c
Hens, heavy	23c
Barley (bu.)	\$1.90
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